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## sexsmarts

A Series of National Surveys of Teens About Sex: Relationships (10/02)

Q1. How many of your friends would you say are in relationships where they consider each other to be boyfriend and girlfriend, or going out? A lot, some, a few, or none?

| Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| $(15-17)$ | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $65 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $61 \%$ |

Q2. Please tell me how often each of these are part of a relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend. First (INSERT), would you say almost always, most of the time, rarely, or almost never?

Percent responding almost always or most of the time

| Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(15-17)$ | Boys | Girls | Yes |  |

a. Kissing
b. Touching
c. Oral Sex
d. Sexual Intercourse

Q3. In a sexual relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend how often would you say people you know (INSERT) - would you say almost always, most of the time, rarely, or almost never?

|  | Percent responding almost always or most of the time |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  | (15-17) | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| a. Use condoms | 81\% | 84\% | 79\% | 84\% | 81\% |
| b. Cheat or do something sexual with someone else | 24\% | 20\% | 30\% | 34\% | 19\% |

Q4. How many people you know would you say have been involved in casual relationships? A lot, some, a few, or none?

A lot or Some

| Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| $(15-17)$ | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $66 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $61 \%$ |

Q5. Please tell me how often each of these are part of a casual relationship such as a hook-up. First (INSERT), would you say almost always, most of the time, rarely, or almost never?
a. Kissing
b. Touching
c. Oral Sex
d. Sexual Intercourse

| Percent responding almost always or most of the time |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| 70\% | 66\% | 74\% | 75\% | 68\% |
| 58\% | 58\% | 58\% | 69\% | 52\% |
| 23\% | 23\% | 23\% | 40\% | 14\% |
| 24\% | 22\% | 28\% | 39\% | 18\% |

Q6. Still thinking about casual sexual relationships, how often would you say people you know use condoms - would you say almost always, most of the time, rarely, or almost never?

|  | Total <br> $(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Yes |  | No |
| Almost Always or Most of the Time | $79 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $78 \%$ |

Q7. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that (INSERT)?

Percent responding strongly or somewhat agree

| Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(15-17)$ | Boys | Girls | Yes |  | No

a. It is more important to use a condom in a casual sexual relationship than with a boyfriend $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\text { or girlfriend } & 71 \% & 74 \% & 69 \% & 74 \% & 70 \%\end{array}$
b. It is easier for girls to ask to use a condom with their boyfriend than in a casual sexual relationship $72 \% \quad 73 \% \quad 71 \% \quad 67 \% \quad 75 \%$
c. People in sexual relationships with boyfriends and girlfriends don't use condoms as often as they do in casual sexual relationships
d. Talking about STDs and birth control is harder when the sexual relationship is casual

| $58 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $73 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $75 \%$ |

Q8. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. The longer you are in a sexual relationship (INSERT). Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

|  | Percent responding strongly or somewhat agree |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  |  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| a. The more likely you are to use condoms | 69\% | 67\% | 70\% | 69\% | 69\% |
| b. The more likely you are to use birth control pills | 85\% | 83\% | 86\% | 84\% | 86\% |
| c. The more likely you are to talk about your sexual history | 84\% | 85\% | 83\% | 90\% | 82\% |
| d. The more likely you are to talk about STD testing | 77\% | 76\% | 78\% | 78\% | 78\% |

Q9. In your opinion, what makes someone trustworthy? Please tell me how important each is in determining whether someone is trustworthy. Would you say (INSERT) is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
a. Someone your friends know
b. Someone your parents know
c. Someone you have known for a while
d. Someone whose sexual history you know
e. Someone you can tell your secrets
f. Someone who is not messing around, being sexual with other people

| Percent responding very or somewhat important |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| 68\% | 66\% | 71\% | 63\% | 72\% |
| 71\% | 63\% | 79\% | 62\% | 76\% |
| 90\% | 86\% | 94\% | 85\% | 93\% |
| 90\% | 85\% | 94\% | 92\% | 89\% |
| 96\% | 94\% | 97\% | 96\% | 96\% |
| 91\% | 89\% | 92\% | 88\% | 92\% |

Q10. If you trust someone who you are having a sexual relationship with are you more likely or less likely to (INSERT), or does it make no difference?
a. Use a condom

More Likely Less Likely No Difference
b. Talk about YOUR sexual history

More Likely
Less Likely
No Difference
c. Talk about THEIR sexual history

More Likely
Less Likely
No Difference
d. Talk about contraception

More Likely
Less Likely
No Difference
e. Talk about STDs

More Likely
Less Likely
No Difference
f. Ask them to get tested for STDs

More Likely
Less Likely
No Difference

| Total | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(15-17)$ | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $70 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $64 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $25 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $68 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $22 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $60 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $27 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $70 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $72 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

Q11. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that (INSERT). Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

|  | Percent responding strongly or somewhat agree |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  |  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| a. If you trust somebody you are more likely to use birth control pills than condoms | 60\% | 59\% | 61\% | 69\% | 55\% |
| b. If you trust someone it is not important to use a condom | 15\% | 17\% | 15\% | 19\% | 13\% |
| c. If you know someone's sexual history it is not important that they get tested for STDs | 31\% | 38\% | 23\% | 35\% | 29\% |
| d. If you know someone's past sexual history it is not important to use a condom | 18\% | 20\% | 16\% | 24\% | 15\% |

Q12. How much influence do each of the following have on what you might do sexually with someone, including but not limited to sexual intercourse. First (INSERT), would you say they have a lot of influence, some influence, not too much, or no influence at all?
a. What your parents might think
b. What your friends might think
c. What your friends are doing sexually
d. What you have done sexually
e. What the other person wants to do
f. Whether you have been drinking or using drugs
g. What your religion says about sex and relationships
h. How much you trust your partner
i. How well you know the other person

| Percent responding a lot or some influence |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| 68\% | 65\% | 73\% | 53\% | 78\% |
| 44\% | 41\% | 48\% | 42\% | 45\% |
| 34\% | 36\% | 31\% | 33\% | 34\% |
| 63\% | 67\% | 60\% | 67\% | 61\% |
| 71\% | 85\% | 56\% | 76\% | 68\% |
| 69\% | 72\% | 66\% | 74\% | 66\% |
| 60\% | 60\% | 59\% | 43\% | 69\% |
| 89\% | 88\% | 88\% | 90\% | 88\% |
| 90\% | 88\% | 91\% | 90\% | 90\% |


|  | Percent responding yes |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total$(15-17)$ | Gender |  | Sexually Active |  |
|  |  | Boys | Girls | Yes | No |
| a. Had sexual intercourse | 36\% | 39\% | 32\% | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a |
| b. Done anything sexual in a casual relationship | 34\% | 44\% | 23\% | 50\% | 25\% |
| c. Had sexual intercourse in a casual relationship | 14\% | 19\% | 8\% | 38\% | n/a |
| d. Been in a relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend | 88\% | 88\% | 87\% | 97\% | 83\% |
| e. Done anything sexual with a boyfriend or girlfriend | 54\% | 61\% | 46\% | 93\% | 32\% |
| f. Had sexual intercourse with a boyfriend or girlfriend | 31\% | 34\% | 28\% | 88\% | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

## Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation and seventeen magazine National Survey of Teens: Relationships is a random-sample survey of 505 teens, ages $15-17$. The survey was designed by the Foundation and seventeen and conducted by telephone by International Communications Research (ICR) between July 11-17, 2002 as part of their monthly teen Omnibus survey. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus $5 \%$ for the total sample and may be larger for certain subsets presented in this analysis.

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