

Just how many gay men are **pierced**
and other more important facts



National Gay Men's

Sex SURVEY

Result highlights

HuNting hiGh and loW

What's the most unusual place you've ever found a shag?

Survey statistic:

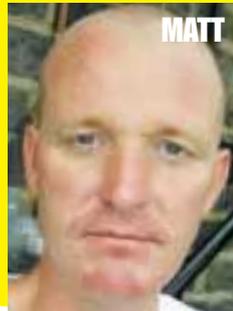
Where you've met new sexual partners in the last year.

- Pub/club 62%
- Internet 51%
- Sauna 34%
- Cruising area 28%
- Backroom 21%
- Private party 19%
- 'cottage' 17%
- work 11%
- social group 11%
- gym 7%
- personal ads 6%
- sex cinema 3%



"A police station, by a young policeman after I'd been charged with 'soliciting for immoral purposes' ...that's cottaging!"

"On the M25 while repairing a broken down truck."



"I was asked to wear tights while being fucked. I declined the offer!"

"A bloke asked me to sit in a Black Forest gateau and let him clean me up with his tongue."

BuMp 'n' grIND

What's the strangest thing sexually a man has ever asked to do with you?

Survey statistic:

In the last 12 months have you ...

- Sucked a cock 96%
- Been sucked by a man 94%
- Had a man cum in your mouth 60%
- Fucked a man 78%
- Been fucked 74%
- Fucked a man without a condom 39%
- Been fucked without a condom 39%
- Pissed on a man 13%
- Been pissed on by a man 12%
- Fisted a man 10%
- Been fisted by a man 6%

StiCks 'n' stOnEs

Been on the receiving end of homophobic abuse or violence in the past year?

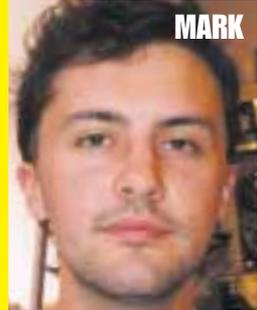
Survey statistic:

In the last year have you been, because of your sexuality, ...

- verbally abused 34%
- physically attacked 7%

Being abused/attacked becomes less common the older men get.

If you've been verbally or physically attacked because of your sexuality here's where you can turn to for help: **GALOP** (free help with homophobic harassment and police responses to it). 020 7704 2040 www.galop.org.uk The **Community Safety Unit** of your local police force (specially trained to deal with homophobic or racist abuse). **LAGER** (work-related harassment) 020 7704 6066



"Walking through Soho a guy came up and gave me anti-gay verbal abuse, then hit me in the face. The police did all they could but never found him."

"Nothing to my face but people have commented as they passed by."

Open All hours?

Who knows that you're gay/bi?

Survey statistic:

Friends.

- 64% of men are 'out' to all or almost all of their friends

Family.

- 51% are 'out' to all or almost all of their family

At work.

- 46% are 'out' to all or almost all of their workmates



"All my friends and most of my family know - except my grandparents. Everyone at work knows - but I work in the theatre."

"I was married for 7 years and came out 3 years ago. Now everyone knows. I've become a lot closer to my father as a result."

Men who also had sex with women were much less likely to be open about their sexuality than men who only had sex with other men.

Men in their 30s were the age group most likely to be 'out'.

Men who'd tested HIV positive were more open about their sexuality than untested or HIV negative men.

Black and Asian men were less likely to be open, especially to their families.

Around the country, men in Northern Ireland were least likely to be 'out' (and men in London most likely to be).

FFLAG (020 7791 2854) and **Parent's Friend** (0113 267 4627) offer help with problems with family members.

What is the National Gay Men's Sex Survey?

Each year since 1997 gay men have been asked about their sex lives. It's the biggest survey of its kind in the world, with over 16,800 UK men surveyed through the internet and questionnaires in 2002. It's carried out by **Sigma Research** as part of the **Terrence Higgins Trust** co-ordinated **CHAPS** programme.

The information collected is used to plan sexual health promotion and HIV prevention for gay men.

A big 'ThAnK You' if you took part in last year's sex survey.

The results you've seen here are just some from the survey. For the complete findings contact **Michael Stephens** at **Sigma Research** on 020 7737 6223, email michael@sigmaresearch.org.uk or visit www.sigmaresearch.org.uk



You still have a few weeks left to take part in the **2003 survey!** Just visit www.sigmasurvey.org.uk or pick up one of these booklets in your local gay venue.

You can talk to someone about anything on your mind to do with sex, relationships or HIV at **THT Direct 0845 12 21 200** (10am-10pm weekdays, midday til 6pm weekends)

Figures in this article have been rounded up or down and come from the **2002 National Gay Men's Sex Survey**.

Ever wanted to volunteer for a local gay men's health project? These organisations are always looking for new volunteers.

Leicester
TRADE 0116 254 1747

London
GMFA 020 7738 6872

Manchester
Lesbian & Gay Foundation 0161 235 8035

Yorkshire
Yorkshire MESMAC 0113 244 4209

And Terrence Higgins Trust centres in: **Midlands, Brighton, Bristol, London, Oxfordshire, Cardiff and Swansea** (call THT Direct for details).

HeAVY mEtAl

So, who's got a piercing ... and where?

Survey statistic:

Who's ...

- Pierced 36%
- Not pierced 64%

... and where?

- Ears 26%
- Nipples 11%
- Eyebrow 6%
- Belly button 4%
- Tongue 4%
- Cock head 3%
- Nose 2%
- Lips 1%
- Perineum 1%*
- Foreskin 1%
- Other 1%**

*Fold of skin joining ball sack to arse hole

**including ball sack, neck, chin, cock shaft

Eyebrow, belly button, lip and tongue piercings are most popular among men under 20. Cock piercings are most popular with men in their 30s and 40s.

Here's just some of the facts we found out about you from last year's sex survey.



KELVIN

"Piercings are a real turn on. The way they look and feel. The pain aspect is a biggie for me - the sensations are mind blowing!"



JAKE

"Piercings are OK. Too many isn't - why make yourself look like an extra from Hellraiser?"



MANUAL

"My left ear's pierced and that's as far as I'll go. Water comes to my eyes when I see piercings on a nice dick."



MARTIN

"I was vaccinated - all 3 jabs - 2 years ago. My boyfriend had had hepatitis B and it made him very ill."



CAMPBELL

"I think all gay men should be vaccinated against hepatitis B. It allows men to be a bit freer in their sexual experiences and not have to worry as much."

BeSt PrICKs eVer

Have you been vaccinated against hepatitis B? It's a sexually transmitted virus that can damage your liver - you can get free vaccinations at your local sexual health clinic. After the third injection you're fully protected. Check out www.hepinfo.org for more on hepatitis and how to protect yourself.

Survey statistic:

CAN'T get hepatitis B

- because completed the vaccination course 47%
- because already had hepatitis B so now immune 5%

COULD get hepatitis B

- because not vaccinated, didn't complete vaccine course, not sure if immune 48%

KiSS and tElL

How would you react if a man you wanted to shag told you he had HIV?

Survey statistic:

If a man you were going to have sex with told you he was HIV positive, would you ...

- Not want sex with him 44%
- Still want sex but be extra careful 45%
- Have the kind of sex you would've had anyway 7%
- Other* 4%

*Includes 'not sure' 'it depends' 'would need more time to think it over'. Men in London were least likely to turn a man down who said he had HIV. Men under 20 were most likely not to want sex with an HIV positive guy.



PHILIP

"I'd have the sex I would have had anyway"



MATT

"Being honest, I'd be extra careful."



JACK

"I'd say 'I'm HIV positive too!'"

**Question only put to men who had not been diagnosed HIV positive.