



**VITAL
STATISTICS**

MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2000

Sigma Research has been carrying out community-based sex research for more than ten years. We are the UK's leading social research group specialising in the policy aspects of sexual health and HIV. Sigma Research is based in Brixton, South London and is affiliated to the University of Portsmouth.

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The survey is about sex between men and HIV. It is being distributed all over the country by health educators and gay men's organisations. The findings will be used to inform HIV education at National and local levels.

This survey is **anonymous** – please do not write your name on this booklet. The questions are **frank** and **explicit**. Please answer honestly.

VITAL STATISTICS is a national survey happening throughout the summer of 2000.

It is being carried out 'on-the-spot' at Pride events in Birmingham, London, Leeds, Manchester and Brighton, and is being distributed in this booklet form all over the country by health educators and gay organisations.

Please fill this survey in once only once this summer, and return this booklet before 30 September 2000.

Thanks for your help.



1 What term do you usually use to describe yourself sexually?

(Tick one)

- Gay
- Bisexual
- I don't usually use a term
- Any other term – specify: _____

2 How old are you? _____ years

3a What is your ethnic group? (Tick one)

- Chinese
- Asian/Asian British Indian
- Pakistani
- Other – specify: _____
- Black/Black British Caribbean
- African
- Other – specify _____
- White Irish
- British
- Other – specify: _____
- Mixed (ethnic group) Specify: _____
- Other Specify: _____

3b What country were you born in?

4 Which of the following educational qualifications do you have?

(Tick as many as apply)

- I have no educational qualifications
- O-Levels/CSEs/GCSEs or equivalent
- A-Levels or equivalent
- Degree or higher
- Other – specify: _____

5 Which Local Authority do you live in?

(who sends your household the Council Tax bill?)

If you don't know your local authority, write in your **home postcode** or the city/town you live in. If you live outside the UK, write in your country of residence

6 In the LAST YEAR, have you had sex with: (Tick one)

- No one → Please go to question 10
- Women only → Please go to question 10
- Men only
- Both men and women

**7 In total, how many DIFFERENT MEN
have you had sex with in the last year?**

_____ men

**8 In the last year, how many different REGULAR
MALE partners have you had sex with?**

_____ men

**Of those, how many did you FUCK WITH
EITHER WAY, with or without a condom?**

_____ men

**How many of those did you fuck with
WITHOUT a condom (even if it was just once)?**

_____ men



9 In the last year, how many different
CASUAL MALE partners have you had sex with? _____ men

Of those, how many did you **FUCK WITH**
EITHER WAY, with or without a condom? _____ men

How many of those did you fuck
with **WITHOUT** a condom? _____ men

10 Are you happy with your sex life?

- Yes → Please go to question 12
 No

11. Why are you not happy with your sex life? (Tick as many as apply)

- I'm not having any sex
 I'd like more sexual partners
 I'd like more sex with the man/men I have sex with
 I want a regular relationship with someone
 My health problems interfere with sex
 My partner's health problems interfere with sex
 I have problems getting or keeping a hard-on (erection)
 I have problems in my relationship
 I'm not as sexually confident as I want to be
 My sex drive is too low
 I worry too much about HIV / safer sex
 I worry about having too many sexual partners
 Other reasons – specify: _____

12 Have you EVER received an HIV test result?

- No → Please go to question 15
 Yes

13 What was the most recent HIV test result that you received?

- Positive → Please go to question 16
 Negative

14 Have you received an HIV test result in the last year?

- No
 Yes

15 Do you personally know anyone who is HIV positive?

- No
 Yes

16. What do you believe your HIV status is currently? (Tick one)

- Definitely HIV positive
 Probably HIV positive
 Couldn't say / don't know
 Probably HIV negative
 Definitely HIV negative

17. Do you currently have a regular male sexual partner?

- No
 Yes → Please go to question 19

18 Have you EVER had a regular sexual relationship with a man?

- No → Please go to question 27
 Yes → Please go to question 21



19 How long have you been in your current regular relationship?

(If you currently have more than one regular relationship give the longest)

_____ years _____ months

20 Do you and your regular partner have the same HIV status?

(Tick one)

- Yes, we have the same HIV status
(either both positive or both negative).
- No, one of us is positive and the other is negative.
- Don't know whether we have the same status or not.

21 Have you EVER suffered physical, sexual or mental abuse or violence from ANY regular male sexual partner? (Tick one)

- No, never → Please go to question 27
- Yes

22 Have you ever been in a relationship where you have suffered abuse MORE THAN ONCE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME? (Tick one)

- No → Please go to question 25
- Yes, the relationship I'm in now
- Yes, in the last year
- Yes, in the last five years
- Yes, over five years ago

23 In how many different regular relationships have you repeatedly suffered abuse?

(If this has happened to you in more than one relationship, please answer the following questions for the most recent relationship it occurred in)

24 Over what length of time did you suffer abuse in that relationship? (please write in the number of days / months / years)

_____ days _____ months _____ years

25 In that relationship, were you... (Please tick as many as apply)

- Sexually abused / forced to have sex
- Physically attacked or hit
- Physically injured, including bruising
- Physically injured, needing medical attention
- Regularly insulted, put down or belittled
- Isolated from friends and/or family
- Monitored or checked-up on all the time
- Ever in fear of your life
- Other types of abuse – please specify _____

26 Have you reported any of the abuse in that relationship to the police?

- No, never
- Yes, I reported it once
- Yes, I reported it more than once



27 All of the following statements are TRUE. Did you know this already?

(Tick one box for each statement to indicate whether you knew this already, you weren't sure if you knew this, or you didn't know this before now.)

	knew	not sure	didn't know
AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men can have HIV without knowing it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is no vaccine against HIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is no test to tell whether or not someone is immune to HIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gonorrhoea is caused by a bacteria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men can have gonorrhoea without knowing it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gonorrhoea is easily treated with antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No one is immune to gonorrhoea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 Tick a box to show whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- "I find it easy to say 'no' to sex I don't want"

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- "I sometimes have a problem getting hold of condoms"

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- "I sometimes feel lonely"

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- "The sex I have is always as safe as I want it to be"

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree



29 In the last year, have you avoided same-sex affection in public because of fear of the consequences?

No

Yes → **What were you afraid of happening?**

30 In the last year have you fucked or been fucked WITHOUT a condom?

No → Please go to question 34

Yes

31 In the last year have you fucked (either way) without a condom with a man you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?

No

Yes

32 In the last year have you fucked (either way) without a condom with a man you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?

No

Yes

33 In the last year have you fucked (either way) without a condom with a man whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW?

No

Yes

34 Have you fucked a man (been active) WITH a condom in the last year?

- No → Please go to question 36
 Yes

35 Have any of the condoms YOU'VE worn in the last year SPLIT or COME OFF while you were fucking?

- No
 Yes → How many times? _____

36 In the last year have you been forced to have sex when you didn't want it?

- No
 Yes → How many times? _____

37 In the last year, have you PICKED UP a sexually transmitted infection?

- No
 Yes → What? _____
 Maybe → What? _____

38 In the last year, have you PASSED ON a sexually transmitted infection?

- No
 Yes → What? _____
 Maybe → What? _____



39 Have you filled in this survey already this summer

(either in this booklet or on a clipboard at a Pride event)?

- No
 Yes

40 Where did you get this questionnaire from? (Tick one)

- In a cruising ground
 In a cottage
 A gym / fitness club
 From my GP
 From a sexual health clinic
 From an AIDS organisation
 In the HIV positive press
 In the gay press
 In a gay pub
 In a gay club
 At a gay social group
 In a gay community centre
 In a gay sauna
 At a gay Pride event
 Other – specify: _____

***Thanks very much for taking part –
please remember to seal and post this booklet.***

Do you have any comments or suggestions about this survey?