



**VITAL  
STATISTICS**  
MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2001

**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 2001.

It is being carried out 'on-the-spot' at Pride events in Birmingham, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Edinburgh, London and Manchester, and is being distributed in this booklet form by health educators and gay organisations.

**Please fill this survey in only once this summer, and return this booklet before 30 September 2001.**

**Thanks for your help.**



## ABOUT YOU

1 How old are you?

 years

2 What is your ethnic group? (Tick one)

White

- British  
 Irish  
 Any other white background  
*specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean  
 White and Black African  
 White and Asian  
 Any other mixed background  
*specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Asian or Asian British

- Indian  
 Pakistani  
 Bangladeshi  
 Any other Asian background  
*specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Black or Black British

- Caribbean  
 African  
 Any other Black background  
*specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Other ethnic groups

- Chinese  
 Any other ethnic group  
*specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Are you...** (Tick as many as apply)

- In full-time education
- Employed full-time or part-time
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Medically retired
- Other *specify* \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Are you circumcised?**

- No
- Yes
- Don't know



## ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

- 7 Over the last twelve months would you say your health has on the whole been:** (Tick one)
- Good?
- Fairly good?
- Not good?
- 8 Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or the work you can do?**
- No
- Yes → *Please describe* \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Have you EVER received an HIV test result?** (Tick one)
- No → Please go to question 11
- Yes
- 10 What was the most recent HIV test result that you received?**
- Positive
- Negative

## ABOUT THE SEX YOU'VE HAD IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

### 11 In the last 12 months, have you had sex with...?

- No one → Please go to question 30 (on page 9)
- Women only → Please go to question 30 (on page 9)
- Men only
- Both men and women

### 12 In the last 12 months how many MEN have you had sex with in total? (Tick one)

- One
- 2, 3 or 4
- between 5 and 12
- between 13 and 29
- 30 or more

### 13 In the last 12 months, have you had sex with a man...

(tick as many as apply)

- who you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?
- who you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?
- whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW at the time?



## DOING THE FUCKING AND WEARING CONDOMS

**14 Still thinking about the last 12 months, have you fucked a man (been active in anal intercourse)?**

- No → Please go to question 20  
 Yes

**15 Have you fucked a man (been active) WITH a condom in the last 12 months?**

- No → Please go to question 18  
 Yes

**16 Have any of the condoms YOU'VE worn SPLIT or COME OFF while you were fucking a man?**

- No  
 Yes

**17 All of the following contribute to condoms tearing or slipping. Which have you done in the last 12 months?**

(Tick as many as apply)

- Unrolling the condom before putting it on your cock  
 Not using any lubricant  
 Using saliva as a lubricant  
 Putting lubricant inside the condom before putting it on  
 Not using lots of water-based lubricant on the outside of the condom  
 Using a condom that's too short for your cock  
 Fucking for over half an hour without changing the condom  
 Other reason *specify* \_\_\_\_\_  
 None of the above



**18 Have you fucked a man (been active) WITHOUT a condom in the last 12 months?**

- No → Please go to question 20  
 Yes

**19 Have you fucked a man (been active) without a condom...**  
(tick as many as apply)

- who you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?  
 who you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?  
 whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW at the time?

## GETTING FUCKED

**20 Still thinking about the last 12 months, have you been fucked by a man (been passive in anal intercourse)?**

- No → Please go to question 23  
 Yes

**21 Have you been fucked WITHOUT a condom?**

- No → Please go to question 23  
 Yes

**22 Have you been fucked without a condom by a man...**  
(tick as many as apply)

- who you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?  
 who you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?  
 whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW at the time?



## COCK SUCKING

**23 Still thinking about the last 12 months, have you sucked a man's cock?**

No → Please go to question 26

Yes

**24 Has a man ejaculated (cum, spunked) in your mouth?**

No → Please go to question 26

Yes → How many men have ejaculated (cum, spunked) in your mouth?

One

2, 3 or 4

5 or more

**25 Has a man ejaculated (spunked, cum) in your mouth...**

(tick as many as apply)

who you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?

who you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?

whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW at the time?

## GETTING SUCKED

**26 Still thinking about the last 12 months, have you had your cock sucked by a man?**

- No → Please go to question 29  
 Yes

**27 Have you ejaculated (cum, spunked) in a man's mouth?**

- No → Please go to question 29  
 Yes → How many men's mouths have you ejaculated (cum, spunked) in?  
 One       2, 3 or 4       5 or more

**28 Have you ejaculated (cum, spunked) in the mouth of a man...**  
(tick as many as apply)

- who you knew at the time was HIV POSITIVE?  
 who you knew at the time was HIV NEGATIVE?  
 whose HIV status you DID NOT KNOW at the time?

**29 The last time you had an orgasm when having sex with a man, where did your semen (cum, spunk) go? (Tick one)**

- up his arse without a condom  
 in his mouth without a condom  
 elsewhere, not in a condom *specify:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 in a condom up his arse  
 in a condom in his mouth  
 in a condom elsewhere *specify:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 I don't remember

**30 Do you expect to have sex with a man in the future?**

- No → Please go to question 33  
 Yes  
 Not sure



## ABOUT YOUR ATTITUDES AND KNOWLEDGE

### 31 Tick a box to show whether you agree or disagree:

**"I'd expect a man with HIV to tell me he was positive before we had sex"**

strongly agree    agree    not sure    disagree    strongly disagree  
                                                                               

**"HIV is still a very serious medical condition"**

strongly agree    agree    not sure    disagree    strongly disagree  
                                                                               

**"I would sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom"**

strongly agree    agree    not sure    disagree    strongly disagree  
                                                                               

**"If my sexual partners don't mention HIV, I usually assume they are negative"**

strongly agree    agree    not sure    disagree    strongly disagree  
                                                                               

### 32 Which of the following would you like more information about?

(tick as many as apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to fuck safely                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Confidence in sexual situations      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to suck safely                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Where to find casual sexual partners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What different kinds of condoms are available | <input type="checkbox"/> How to get a boyfriend               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to stop condoms tearing or slipping       | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing relationships               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatments for HIV infection                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>specify</i>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Syphilis                                      | <hr/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A, B and C                          | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                    |

## HIV PREVENTION AND 'SAFER SEX' MATERIALS

If you are out on the gay scene or at home reading the gay press you may see written materials concerning HIV and 'safer sex'. Advertisements are common in the gay press and are also sometimes used as posters in gay venues or even in public spaces, such as billboards, telephone boxes and on trams or in tube stations. You might also see information leaflets, stickers, postcards or smaller (credit card sized) cards. The following questions ask whether you remember seeing some of these materials.

- 33. Here are two of a series of ten adverts and posters from a campaign called *What are your reasons*. They appeared in the gay press.**



**Do you remember seeing any *What are your reasons* adverts in the gay press? (tick one)**

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts in the gay press.
- I recognise them but have never looked closely at or read them.
- I've seen copies of the adverts and have read most or all of them.



34. Below are two from a series of nine adverts and posters from a campaign called *Facts for Life*. They appeared in the gay press, as posters in some gay venues, and on some phone boxes in London.



Do you remember seeing any *Facts for Life* adverts or posters?

(tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters.
- I recognise them but have never looked closely at or read them.
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them.

35. The *Facts for Life* campaign also included a sealed booklet called *All the f\*\*\*ing facts* which you might have seen on the gay scene.



FRONT



BACK

**Do you remember seeing the booklet called *All the f\*\*\*ing facts*?**  
(tick one)

- No, I have not seen the booklet called *All the f\*\*\*ing facts*.
- I recognise it but have never looked closely at it or read it.
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail.
- I've read most of it.
- I've kept a copy of it.



36. Below are two of a series of ten adverts and posters from a campaign called *In Two Minds?* They appeared in the gay press, as posters, postcards, stickers and cruise-cards in some gay venues, and were displayed in some London Underground stations.



**Do you remember seeing any *In Two Minds?* adverts or posters?**  
(tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters.
- I recognise them but have never looked closely at or read them.
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them.



37. Below are both adverts and posters from a campaign called *Assume nothing in backrooms and saunas*. They appeared in the gay press and in some saunas and backroom venues.



Do you remember seeing either of these *Assume nothing in backrooms and saunas* adverts or posters? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen either of these adverts or posters.
- I recognise them but have never looked closely at or read them.
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them.



38. Below is a single gay press advert from a campaign called *How much would you tell on a first date?* It appeared in the gay press, and as posters and postcards in gay venues.



Do you remember seeing this *How much would you tell on a first date?* advert or poster? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen this advert or poster.
- I recognise it but have never looked closely at it or read it.
- I've seen copies of the advert and/ or poster and have read most or all of it.

39. Below is the cover of a small booklet that has been distributed in gay venues. It is called *The Manual*.



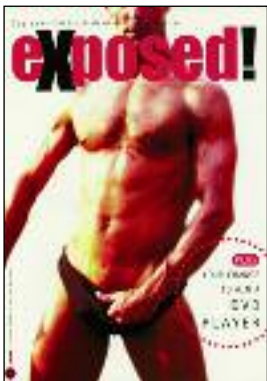
**Do you remember seeing this small booklet called *The Manual*?**

(tick one)

- No, I've never seen it.
- I recognise it but have never looked closely at it or read it.
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail.
- I've read most of it.
- I've kept a copy of it.



40. Displayed below is a large format 'magazine' that has been distributed in the gay press and in some gay pubs. It is called *Exposed*.



Do you remember seeing this 'magazine' called *Exposed*? (tick one)

- No, I've never seen it.
- I recognise it but have never looked at it or read it.
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail.
- I've read most of it.
- I've kept a copy of it.

## WHERE YOU GO

41. When was the last time you: (put one tick on each line)

	<i>in the last month</i>	<i>in the last year</i>	<i>over a year ago</i>	<i>never</i>
Went to a cruising ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a cottage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a backroom/sex club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gym/fitness club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to your GP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a sexual health clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to an AIDS organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Looked at the HIV positive press	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay Pride/Mardi Gras type event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Looked at the gay press	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay social group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay community centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a gay sauna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Used the internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phoned a gay helpline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phoned an HIV/AIDS helpline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteered for a gay or HIV/AIDS organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**42. When was the last time you were on the Internet?**

- Today or yesterday
- This week
- This month
- Over a month ago
- Over a year ago
- Never

**43. What do you regularly use on the Internet?**

- Chat room/s
- Email
- World wide web
- Bulletin boards
- Other, (say what) \_\_\_\_\_

**44. In the LAST MONTH which of the following gay publications have you read or looked at ? ... (tick all that apply)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attitude                          | <input type="checkbox"/> NOW UK          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AXM                               | <input type="checkbox"/> The Pink Paper  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boyz                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Nation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DNA                               | <input type="checkbox"/> QX              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid                             | <input type="checkbox"/> +ve             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay Times                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Homosex         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local gay press, (say what) _____ |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (say what) _____            |  |

**45. Have you filled in this survey already this summer (either in this booklet or on a clipboard at a Pride event)?**

- No       Yes

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

**Do you have any comments or suggestions about this survey?**