



# VITAL STATISTICS

MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2007

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

**VITAL STATISTICS** is a UK-wide survey that happens each summer. Please fill in this survey once only this summer and return it by the **end of August 2007**.

Your answers will be added to those of thousands of other men and the findings will be used to help plan safer sex campaigns and other HIV services.

It is possible to complete the survey online at:  
[www.vitalstatistics.org.uk](http://www.vitalstatistics.org.uk)

For more details about Sigma Research and the results from previous surveys go to:  
[www.sigmaresearch.org.uk](http://www.sigmaresearch.org.uk)

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**Thanks for your help.**



## ABOUT YOU...

### 1. Are you ...

Male

Female → *This survey is for males only.  
If you are not male, please do **not** complete it.*

### 2. Which country do you currently live in?

England

Wales

Scotland

Northern Ireland

Elsewhere → *This survey is for men living in England,  
Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland. If you are  
**not** currently living in one of these countries  
please do **not** complete this survey.*

### 3. Which local authority do you live in?

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The local authority bills you for the council tax. If you don't know your local authority, write in your **home postcode** or the city / town you live in.

### 4. Are you currently...

In a civil partnership with a man

In a relationship with a man and not civilly partnered

In a marriage with a woman

In a relationship with a woman and not married

In none of these

Other **say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. How old are you?  years

6. What is your ethnic group?

- Asian or Asian British
- Indian
  - Pakistani
  - Bangladeshi
  - Any other Asian background

**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Black or Black British
- Caribbean
  - African
  - Any other Black background

**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Mixed
- White and Black Caribbean
  - White and Black African
  - White and Asian
  - Any other mixed background

**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

- White
- British
  - Irish
  - Any other White background

**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Other ethnic groups
- Chinese
  - Any other ethnic group

**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT HIV and OTHER INFECTIONS...

### 7. Have you ever received an HIV test result?

- No, I've never tested → *Please go to question 9*
- Yes, I've tested positive
- Yes, my last test was negative

### 8. At your last HIV test, were you given the opportunity to talk about your sex life? (tick as many as apply)

- No
  - Yes, but I did not want to talk about it
  - Yes, I had a discussion BEFORE taking the test
  - Yes, I had a discussion AFTER taking the test
  - Other **say what:**
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### 9. Do you have a regular male sexual partner who has a different HIV status to yourself (where one of you has HIV and the other does not)?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

### 10. Have you ever approached an organisation or service for help or advice about HIV?

- No, and I've had no need to
- No, but I might benefit from doing so
- Yes, but I needn't have bothered
- Yes, and it was useful to do so

**11. In the last 12 months, have you PICKED UP a sexually transmitted infection?**

- No
- Yes → say what: \_\_\_\_\_
- Maybe → say what: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Have you been vaccinated against Hepatitis B?**

- Don't know → Go to question 14
- I'm naturally immune to Hep B → Go to question 14
- No and I don't know if I'm immune → Go to question 14
- Yes, and I completed the course of vaccinations
- Yes, but I did not complete the course
- Yes, but I did not respond to the vaccinations

**13. When did you have your last Hep B vaccine injection?**

\_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year

**14. Have you been vaccinated against Hepatitis A?**

- Don't know → Go to question 16
- No, but I'm naturally immune to Hep A → Go to question 16
- No and I don't know if I'm immune → Go to question 16
- Yes, and I completed the course of vaccinations
- Yes, but I did not complete the course
- Yes, but I did not respond to the vaccinations

**15. When did you have your last Hep A vaccine injection?**

\_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year

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

### 16. In the last 12 months have you had sex with...

- No one → *Go to question 22*
- Women only → *Go to question 21*
- Both men and women
- Men only

### 17. In total, how many MEN have you had sex with in the last 12 months?

- None
- One
- 2, 3 or 4
- 5 to 12
- 13 to 29
- 30 or more

### 18. In the last 12 months, how often have you asked casual sex partners about their HIV status?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- I had no casual sex in the last 12 months

### 19. In the last 12 months, how often did you tell casual sex partners about your HIV status?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never
- I had no casual sex in the last 12 months



**20. Where have you met NEW male sexual partners in the last 12 months?** (tick as many as apply)

- I've NOT met any new sexual partners in the last 12 months
- At a regular social group
- Through ads in magazines and newspapers
- At a backroom / sex club
- In a cottage (public toilet)
- At a cruising ground
- On the Internet
- In a bar, pub or club
- At a private party
- At a sauna
- At work
- At the gym
- At a sex cinema
- Other **say where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Have you had sex with a risk of HIV transmission in the last 12 months?**

- No
- Yes



**THE NEXT 10 QUESTIONS ASK HOW RECENTLY YOU HAD ANAL SEX UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. If you do not know the exact answer, please give an approximate answer.**

**FIRSTLY, ABOUT PASSIVE ANAL SEX (GETTING FUCKED)...**

**22. How long has it been since you had receptive / passive anal intercourse (you got fucked by a man), with or without a condom?**

- Within the last month  
→ **How many days since** \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ **How many months since** \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ **How many years since** \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER → *Go to question 26*

**23. How long has it been since you had receptive / passive anal intercourse (got fucked) WITHOUT A CONDOM?**

- Within the last month  
→ **How many days since** \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ **How many months since** \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ **How many years since** \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER → *Go to question 26*

**24. How long has it been since you had receptive / passive anal intercourse (got fucked) without a condom with a man WHOSE HIV STATUS YOU DID NOT KNOW?**

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER

**25. How long has it been since you had receptive / passive anal intercourse (got fucked) without a condom with a man with a DIFFERENT HIV STATUS TO YOURSELF?**

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER



## NOW, ABOUT ACTIVE ANAL SEX (DOING THE FUCKING)...

**26. How long has it been since you had insertive / active anal intercourse (you fucked a man), with or without a condom?**

- Within the last month  
→ **How many days since** \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ **How many months since** \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ **How many years since** \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER → *Go to question 32*

**27. How long has it been since you had insertive / active anal intercourse (you fucked) WITHOUT A CONDOM?**

- Within the last month  
→ **How many days since** \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ **How many months since** \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ **How many years since** \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER → *Go to question 30*

**28. How long has it been since you had insertive / active anal intercourse (you fucked) without a condom with a man WHOSE HIV STATUS YOU DID NOT KNOW?**

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER

**29. How long has it been since you had insertive / active anal intercourse (you fucked) without a condom with a man with a DIFFERENT HIV STATUS TO YOURSELF?**

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER



## NOW, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WEARING CONDOMS...

### 30. How long has it been since you had insertive / active anal intercourse (you fucked) WITH A CONDOM?

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER → Go to question 32

### 31. How long has it been since a condom you were wearing SPLIT OR CAME OFF during intercourse?

- Within the last month  
→ How many days since \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Over a month but within the last year  
→ How many months since \_\_\_\_\_ months
- Over a year ago  
→ How many years since \_\_\_\_\_ years
- NEVER

## ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE...

32. Please answer the following **FOUR** questions (A to D) for each of the following **FOURTEEN** drugs... (tick the box if the answer is yes)

- A. Have you heard of the drug?
- B. Have you ever taken it (even if just once)?
- C. Have you taken it in the last 12 months?
- D. Are you currently concerned about your use of this drug?

	A. Heard of it?	B. Ever taken?	C. Last 12 months?	D. Concerned about it?
Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amphetamines (speed, billy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amyl nitrite (poppers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannabis (marijuana, spliff)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crystal meth (tina)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cocaine (coke)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crack (rock, stones)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecstasy ('E')	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GHB / GBH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heroin (smack, 'H')	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ketamine ('K')	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LSD (acid)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magic mushrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tranquillizers (Valium etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## ABOUT POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)...

### 33. Have you heard of Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)?

- No  
 Yes

### 34. All of the following statements are TRUE. Did you know this already? (tick one box for each statement)

- ***PEP attempts to stop HIV infection taking place after a person is exposed to the virus.***

I knew this already  
 I didn't know this already  
 I wasn't sure about this  
 I don't understand this
- ***PEP is a one month course of anti-HIV drugs.***

I knew this already  
 I didn't know this already  
 I wasn't sure about this  
 I don't understand this
- ***PEP should be started as soon as possible after exposure, preferably within hours.***

I knew this already  
 I didn't know this already  
 I wasn't sure about this  
 I don't understand this



- ***PEP should be available in most UK hospitals for people exposed to HIV during sex.***
  - I knew this already
  - I didn't know this already
  - I wasn't sure about this
  - I don't understand this
  
- ***In practice, PEP may be hard to get hold of.***
  - I knew this already
  - I didn't know this already
  - I wasn't sure about this
  - I don't understand this
  
- ***PEP may be particularly hard to get hold of at the weekend.***
  - I knew this already
  - I didn't know this already
  - I wasn't sure about this
  - I don't understand this



**35. Have you ever tried to get PEP?**

- No  
 Yes

**36. Have you ever taken PEP?**

- No  
 Yes

**37. Do you know anyone who has received PEP?**

- No  
 Yes

*MEN WITH DIAGNOSED HIV PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 39*

**38. If you thought you had been exposed to HIV would you consider trying to get PEP?**

- No  
 Yes  
 Maybe

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PEP TRY  
[www.pep.chapsonline.org.uk](http://www.pep.chapsonline.org.uk)*

## HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT SAFER SEX...

### 39. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- ***I would sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom.***
  - strongly agree
  - agree
  - don't know
  - disagree
  - strongly disagree
- ***I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV.***
  - strongly agree
  - agree
  - don't know
  - disagree
  - strongly disagree
- ***I have someone to talk to if I'm worried about safer sex and HIV.***
  - strongly agree
  - agree
  - don't know
  - disagree
  - strongly disagree
- ***If I wanted to know something about safer sex or HIV, I'd know how to find the answer.***
  - strongly agree
  - agree
  - don't know
  - disagree
  - strongly disagree



**40. How easy do you find it to decline sexual contact from other men?**

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

**41. How easy is it for you to have safer sex during sexual encounters?**

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

**42. How easy is it for you to negotiate the sex that you want?**

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

**43. How easy is it for you to maintain condom use in your sexual encounters?**

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

## ABOUT SAFER SEX PROMOTIONS...

**44. When was the last time you saw an ADVERT about HIV or safer sex?**

- In the last month
- In the last year
- Over a year ago
- Never

**45. When was the last time you took away a CARD, BOOKLET OR MAGAZINE about HIV or safer sex to read in your own time?**

- In the last month
- In the last year
- Over a year ago
- Never

**46. When was the last time you read anything about HIV or safer sex on the INTERNET?**

- In the last month
- In the last year
- Over a year ago
- Never

**47. When was the last time you got a FREE CONDOM and lubricant pack?**

- In the last month
- In the last year
- Over a year ago
- Never



**48. What term do you usually use to describe yourself sexually?**

(tick one)

- Gay
- Bisexual
- I don't usually use a term
- Any other term **say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

**49. Have you filled in this survey already this summer?**

- No
- Yes

*Many thanks for taking part.  
Your answers are completely anonymous.  
Please remember to seal and post this booklet.*

The results of this survey will be available next summer at [www.sigmaresearch.org.uk](http://www.sigmaresearch.org.uk) where you can also find the results from previous surveys.

Sigma Research is running two other surveys this summer.

If you have HIV please take part in our survey at [www.WhatDoYouNeed.org.uk](http://www.WhatDoYouNeed.org.uk)

If you are African and living in England please take part in [www.bass-line.org.uk](http://www.bass-line.org.uk)

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