

BASS Line 2007

The African Health and Sex Survey

South Central Strategic Health Authority data report (n=215, July 2008)

This document reports data from BASS Line 2007, an assessment of the sexual HIV prevention needs of Africans in England, conducted by Sigma Research in collaboration with health promoters throughout England. This data supplements the main report which describes the survey methods and sets the context. That report is available free at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/go.php/reports/report2008b

The survey

BASS Line 2007 used two data collection methods, a self-sealing, Freepost addressed booklet distributed by health promotion agencies and online via a dedicated website. The survey was available in English and French. This report contains data from both methods and both languages. To be included here respondents had to: consider themselves African; be aged 16 or over; be in England; and have completed enough questions.

Data reports

Data reports provide HIV health promotion planners with information about their local population in as much detail as is possible given the number of people who took part in the survey. This report contains data from African people who live in the South Central Strategic Health Authority. Respondents are grouped according to the Primary Care Trust in which they live. To access other Strategic Health Authority reports, and an all England report showing data by SHA of residence, see: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/go.php/local/african

The tables

Groups of respondents living in the same Primary Care Trust appear as a line in the tables. The bottom line of each table gives the result for the entire South Central sample. Tables 1a and 1b show the number of Africans recruited to the survey living in each PCT and the size of the sub-samples in the rest of the tables. The tables show the proportions (%) of each PCT sub-sample in each category of the variable (less missing data). Rows (lines across) add up to 100%.

The contents page identifies the question number (Q) each table is derived from. The questionnaire is available at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/go.php/quests/african

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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

1a. Primary Care Trust (PCT) of residence

	Frequency	Percent
Berkshire West	77	35.8
Oxfordshire	49	22.8
Berkshire East	26	12.1
Milton Keynes	18	8.4
Hampshire	17	7.9
Buckinghamshire	14	6.5
Berkshire East / Berkshire West (PCT unknown)	8	3.7
Portsmouth City Teaching	5	2.3
Southampton City	1	.5
Total	215	100.0

1b. PCT areas with 20+ respondents (for remainder of report)

	Frequency	Percent
Berkshire West	77	35.8
All other South Central	63	29.3
Oxfordshire	49	22.8
Berkshire East	26	12.1
Total	215	100.0

2. Method of recruitment

Count

	Method of recruitment		Total
	online	booklet	
Oxfordshire	10	39	49
Berkshire West	15	62	77
Berkshire East	5	21	26
All other South Central	29	34	63
Total	59	156	215

3. Gender

% within PCT of residence

	Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
Oxfordshire	40.8%	59.2%	100.0%
Berkshire West	48.1%	51.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East	42.3%	57.7%	100.0%
All other South Central	49.2%	50.8%	100.0%
Total	46.0%	54.0%	100.0%

4. Gender of sexual intercourse partners in the last year by gender

% within PCT of residence

	Gender of sexual intercourse partners in the last year by gender						
	MEN who had no sex	MEN who had sex with women only	MEN who had sex with men & women	MEN who had sex with men only	WOMEN who had no sex	WOMEN who had sex with men only	WOMEN who had sex with men & women
Oxfordshire	4.1%	40.8%	14.3%		6.1%	30.6%	4.1%
Berkshire West	10.4%	29.9%	10.4%	1.3%	11.7%	35.1%	1.3%
Berkshire East		50.0%	3.8%	3.8%	11.5%	30.8%	
All other South Central	1.6%	44.4%	3.2%	1.6%	11.1%	36.5%	1.6%
Total	5.1%	39.1%	8.4%	1.4%	10.2%	34.0%	1.9%

5. Age groups

% within PCT of residence

	Age groups					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
Oxfordshire	6.3%	29.2%	47.9%	12.5%	4.2%	100.0%
Berkshire West	6.5%	29.9%	41.6%	18.2%	3.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East		26.9%	38.5%	23.1%	11.5%	100.0%
All other South Central		28.6%	39.7%	25.4%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	3.7%	29.0%	42.1%	19.6%	5.6%	100.0%

6. Top 10 countries of birth (2 part table)

% within PCT of residence

	Top 10 countries of birth						
	Republic of Congo	Ghana	Kenya	Nigeria	Republic of South Africa	Somalia	Uganda
Oxfordshire		8.7%	17.4%	4.3%	6.5%	2.2%	8.7%
Berkshire West	1.3%	13.3%	22.7%	2.7%	2.7%	1.3%	2.7%
Berkshire East	3.8%	11.5%	19.2%				7.7%
All other South Central	1.6%	1.6%	18.0%	4.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Total	1.4%	8.7%	19.7%	3.4%	2.9%	1.4%	4.3%

6. Top 10 countries of birth (2 part table)

% within PCT of residence

	Top 10 countries of birth					Total
	United Kingdom	Zambia	Zimbabwe	elsewhere in Africa	elsewhere in World	
Oxfordshire	10.9%	4.3%	6.5%	23.9%	6.5%	100.0%
Berkshire West	2.7%	4.0%	6.7%	36.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Berkshire East	3.8%	7.7%	15.4%	26.9%	3.8%	100.0%
All other South Central	6.6%	1.6%	45.9%	14.8%		100.0%
Total	5.8%	3.8%	19.2%	26.0%	3.4%	100.0%

7. Length of time living in the UK

% within PCT of residence

	Length of time living in the UK					Total
	less than 1 year	over 1 year, less than 3 years	over 3 years, less than 6 years	over 6 years, less than 10 years	10 years or more	
Oxfordshire	4.1%	2.0%	26.5%	28.6%	38.8%	100.0%
Berkshire West			33.8%	31.2%	35.1%	100.0%
Berkshire East		7.7%	7.7%	53.8%	30.8%	100.0%
All other South Central	1.6%	14.8%	42.6%	24.6%	16.4%	100.0%
Total	1.4%	5.6%	31.5%	31.5%	30.0%	100.0%

8. Educational level

% within PCT of residence

	Educational level			Total
	Low	Medium	High	
Oxfordshire	8.3%	33.3%	58.3%	100.0%
Berkshire West	3.9%	10.4%	85.7%	100.0%
Berkshire East	15.4%		84.6%	100.0%
All other South Central	7.9%	19.0%	73.0%	100.0%
Total	7.5%	16.8%	75.7%	100.0%

9. Religion

% within PCT of residence

	Religion						Total
	Christian	African traditional	Islam	Buddism	other	none	
Oxfordshire	77.1%	2.1%	16.7%	2.1%		2.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	77.9%	2.6%	13.0%	5.2%		1.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	72.0%	12.0%	12.0%			4.0%	100.0%
All other South Central	85.7%		6.3%		1.6%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	79.3%	2.8%	11.7%	2.3%	.5%	3.3%	100.0%

HIV and STI TESTING and DIAGNOSIS

10. HIV testing history

% within PCT of residence

	HIV testing history			Total
	Never tested	Last test negative	Tested positive	
Oxfordshire	59.6%	25.5%	14.9%	100.0%
Berkshire West	68.8%	29.9%	1.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	76.0%	20.0%	4.0%	100.0%
All other South Central	38.7%	50.0%	11.3%	100.0%
Total	58.8%	33.6%	7.6%	100.0%

11. Desirability of, and access to, HIV testing

% within PCT of residence

	Desirability of, and access to, HIV testing		Total
	Wants HIV test, doesn't know where to get one	Does not want test (or knows where to get one)	
Oxfordshire	4.7%	95.3%	100.0%
Berkshire West	13.2%	86.8%	100.0%
Berkshire East	8.0%	92.0%	100.0%
All other South Central	8.2%	91.8%	100.0%
Total	9.3%	90.7%	100.0%

12. Most recent STI diagnosis (other than HIV)

% within PCT of residence

	Most recent STI diagnosis (other than HIV)						Total
	In the last month	In the last 12 months	1 to 5 years ago	More than 5 years ago	Never	Don't know	
Oxfordshire	8.7%	10.9%		15.2%	65.2%		100.0%
Berkshire West		6.5%	15.6%	5.2%	72.7%		100.0%
Berkshire East		7.7%	3.8%	3.8%	84.6%		100.0%
All other South Central	4.8%		1.6%	12.7%	79.4%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	3.3%	5.7%	6.6%	9.4%	74.5%	.5%	100.0%

SEXUAL HIV RISK BEHAVIOURS

13. Current regular sexual partnerships

% within PCT of residence

	Current regular sexual partnerships				Total
	NO regular partner at present	one regular partner (monogamous)	one regular partner (but NOT monogamous)	more than one regular partner	
Oxfordshire	29.2%	43.8%	8.3%	18.8%	100.0%
Berkshire West	69.7%	26.3%	2.6%	1.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	76.9%	7.7%	15.4%		100.0%
All other South Central	30.2%	47.6%	19.0%	3.2%	100.0%
Total	49.8%	34.3%	10.3%	5.6%	100.0%

14. Total number of sexual intercourse partners in the last year

% within PCT of residence

	Total number of sexual intercourse partners in the last year								Total
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	6 to 12	13 +	
Oxfordshire	10.2%	51.0%	10.2%	2.0%	2.0%		14.3%	10.2%	100.0%
Berkshire West	22.1%	58.4%	10.4%	3.9%	1.3%	2.6%	1.3%		100.0%
Berkshire East	11.5%	76.9%	7.7%	3.8%					100.0%
All other South Central	12.7%	57.1%	20.6%	4.8%		1.6%	3.2%		100.0%
Total	15.3%	58.6%	13.0%	3.7%	.9%	1.4%	4.7%	2.3%	100.0%

15. Regularity of condom use in the last year

% within PCT of residence

	Regularity of condom use in the last year						Total
	Always	More than half the time	About half the time	Less than half the time	Never	Not had intercourse	
Oxfordshire	8.3%	8.3%	22.9%	8.3%	41.7%	10.4%	100.0%
Berkshire West	2.6%	3.9%	2.6%	16.9%	51.9%	22.1%	100.0%
Berkshire East	3.8%	3.8%		11.5%	69.2%	11.5%	100.0%
All other South Central	27.4%	12.9%	4.8%	12.9%	27.4%	14.5%	100.0%
Total	11.3%	7.5%	7.5%	13.1%	44.6%	16.0%	100.0%

16. Experienced condom breakage or slippage in the last year

% within PCT of residence

	Experienced condom breakage or slippage in the last year		Total
	No	Yes	
Oxfordshire	87.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Berkshire West	97.4%	2.6%	100.0%
Berkshire East	100.0%		100.0%
All other South Central	93.5%	6.5%	100.0%
Total	94.4%	5.6%	100.0%

17. Likelihood of sero-discordant unprotected intercourse in the last year

% within PCT of residence

	Likelihood of sero-discordant unprotected intercourse in the last year					Total
	I definitely have	I probably have	I don't know	I probably have not	I definitely have not	
Oxfordshire	7.3%	2.4%	22.0%	2.4%	65.9%	100.0%
Berkshire West	2.6%	1.3%	15.6%	11.7%	68.8%	100.0%
Berkshire East			34.6%	3.8%	61.5%	100.0%
All other South Central		4.8%	11.1%	4.8%	79.4%	100.0%
Total	2.4%	2.4%	17.9%	6.8%	70.5%	100.0%

HIV PREVENTION NEEDS

18. AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV

% within PCT of residence

	AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	91.8%	4.1%	4.1%		100.0%
Berkshire West	92.2%	7.8%			100.0%
Berkshire East	96.2%	3.8%			100.0%
All other South Central	92.1%	4.8%	1.6%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	92.6%	5.6%	1.4%	.5%	100.0%

19. You cannot be sure that some has NOT got HIV by looking at them

% within PCT of residence

	You cannot be sure that some has NOT got HIV by looking at them				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	71.4%	18.4%	8.2%	2.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	39.0%	41.6%	14.3%	5.2%	100.0%
Berkshire East	30.8%	50.0%	11.5%	7.7%	100.0%
All other South Central	85.7%	11.1%	3.2%		100.0%
Total	59.1%	28.4%	9.3%	3.3%	100.0%

20. People can have HIV without knowing it

% within PCT of residence

	People can have HIV without knowing it				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	71.4%	14.3%	12.2%	2.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	28.6%	36.4%	26.0%	9.1%	100.0%
Berkshire East	28.0%	32.0%	32.0%	8.0%	100.0%
All other South Central	87.3%	1.6%	7.9%	3.2%	100.0%
Total	55.6%	20.6%	18.2%	5.6%	100.0%

21. There is a medical test that can show whether or not you have HIV

% within PCT of residence

	There is a medical test that can show whether or not you have HIV				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	79.2%	10.4%	8.3%	2.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	48.7%	30.3%	13.2%	7.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East	30.8%	34.6%	30.8%	3.8%	100.0%
All other South Central	85.7%	7.9%	4.8%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	64.3%	19.7%	11.7%	4.2%	100.0%

22. Africans are NOT deported from the UK just because they have HIV

% within PCT of residence

	Africans are NOT deported from the UK just because they have HIV				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	55.1%	24.5%	16.3%	4.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	40.3%	31.2%	20.8%	7.8%	100.0%
Berkshire East	19.2%	50.0%	19.2%	11.5%	100.0%
All other South Central	71.4%	15.9%	11.1%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	50.2%	27.4%	16.7%	5.6%	100.0%

23. There is no cure for HIV infection once someone has it

% within PCT of residence

	There is no cure for HIV infection once someone has it				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	91.8%	6.1%		2.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	55.3%	23.7%	15.8%	5.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	73.1%	3.8%	15.4%	7.7%	100.0%
All other South Central	88.9%	6.3%	1.6%	3.2%	100.0%
Total	75.7%	12.1%	7.9%	4.2%	100.0%

24. At least 1-in-20 of all Africans living in England have HIV infection

% within PCT of residence

	At least 1-in-20 of all Africans living in England have HIV infection				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	34.7%	44.9%	14.3%	6.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	6.5%	50.6%	35.1%	7.8%	100.0%
Berkshire East	15.4%	23.1%	42.3%	19.2%	100.0%
All other South Central	30.2%	46.0%	17.5%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	20.9%	44.7%	26.0%	8.4%	100.0%

25. There are HIV medicines that can help people with HIV to stay healthy

% within PCT of residence

	There are HIV medicines that can help people with HIV to stay healthy				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	65.3%	8.2%	22.4%	4.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	28.6%	27.3%	36.4%	7.8%	100.0%
Berkshire East	26.9%	19.2%	34.6%	19.2%	100.0%
All other South Central	81.0%	11.1%	6.3%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	52.1%	17.2%	24.2%	6.5%	100.0%

26. HIV medicines work better if people with HIV take them before they become ill

% within PCT of residence

	HIV medicines work better if people with HIV take them before they become ill				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	40.8%	32.7%	22.4%	4.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	27.6%	34.2%	27.6%	10.5%	100.0%
Berkshire East	19.2%	53.8%	15.4%	11.5%	100.0%
All other South Central	61.9%	20.6%	11.1%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	39.7%	32.2%	20.1%	7.9%	100.0%

27. HIV is never passed on through shaking hands or touching people

% within PCT of residence

	HIV is never passed on through shaking hands or touching people				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	83.3%	2.1%	12.5%	2.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	90.9%	3.9%	3.9%	1.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	92.3%	3.8%		3.8%	100.0%
All other South Central	96.8%	1.6%	1.6%		100.0%
Total	91.1%	2.8%	4.7%	1.4%	100.0%

28. A person with HIV can pass it to a partner during sexual intercourse

% within PCT of residence

	A person with HIV can pass it to a partner during sexual intercourse				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	75.5%	10.2%	12.2%	2.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	67.5%	16.9%	11.7%	3.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East	69.2%	19.2%	11.5%		100.0%
All other South Central	95.2%		3.2%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	77.7%	10.7%	9.3%	2.3%	100.0%

29. Condoms are free from sexual health clinics, family planning clinics and some community organisations

% within PCT of residence

	Condoms are free from sexual health clinics, family planning clinics and some community organisations				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	51.0%	18.4%	26.5%	4.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	26.3%	38.2%	27.6%	7.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East	26.9%	7.7%	61.5%	3.8%	100.0%
All other South Central	79.4%	17.5%	1.6%	1.6%	100.0%
Total	47.7%	23.8%	23.8%	4.7%	100.0%

30. Some people with HIV have been imprisoned in the UK for passing their infection to a sexual partner

% within PCT of residence

	Some people with HIV have been imprisoned in the UK for passing their infection to a sexual partner				Total
	I knew this before today	I didn't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	
Oxfordshire	47.9%	25.0%	25.0%	2.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	26.0%	29.9%	37.7%	6.5%	100.0%
Berkshire East	26.9%	15.4%	46.2%	11.5%	100.0%
All other South Central	65.1%	25.4%	4.8%	4.8%	100.0%
Total	42.5%	25.7%	26.2%	5.6%	100.0%

31. I sometimes have a problem getting hold of condoms

% within PCT of residence

	I sometimes have a problem getting hold of condoms					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	25.0%	25.0%	20.8%	12.5%	16.7%	100.0%
Berkshire West	7.8%	29.9%	41.6%	18.2%	2.6%	100.0%
Berkshire East	7.7%	11.5%	61.5%	11.5%	7.7%	100.0%
All other South Central	8.3%	13.3%	25.0%	16.7%	36.7%	100.0%
Total	11.8%	21.8%	34.6%	15.6%	16.1%	100.0%

32. If I carried a condom I would worry about what people thought of me

% within PCT of residence

	If I carried a condom I would worry about what people thought of me					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	28.6%	24.5%	14.3%	20.4%	12.2%	100.0%
Berkshire West	22.1%	16.9%	39.0%	18.2%	3.9%	100.0%
Berkshire East	15.4%		61.5%	15.4%	7.7%	100.0%
All other South Central	11.5%	14.8%	23.0%	18.0%	32.8%	100.0%
Total	19.7%	16.0%	31.5%	18.3%	14.6%	100.0%

33. I can use condoms with a sexual partner if I want to

% within PCT of residence

	I can use condoms with a sexual partner if I want to					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	28.6%	30.6%	30.6%	8.2%	2.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	9.1%	22.1%	58.4%	9.1%	1.3%	100.0%
Berkshire East	15.4%	11.5%	73.1%			100.0%
All other South Central	55.9%	15.3%	20.3%	3.4%	5.1%	100.0%
Total	27.5%	20.9%	43.1%	6.2%	2.4%	100.0%

34. I would find it easy to talk about safer sex and HIV with new sexual partners

% within PCT of residence

	I would find it easy to talk about safer sex and HIV with new sexual partners					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	32.7%	22.4%	36.7%	4.1%	4.1%	100.0%
Berkshire West	13.0%	15.6%	64.9%	3.9%	2.6%	100.0%
Berkshire East	7.7%	7.7%	80.8%	3.8%		100.0%
All other South Central	41.7%	18.3%	31.7%	6.7%	1.7%	100.0%
Total	25.0%	17.0%	50.9%	4.7%	2.4%	100.0%

35. I do not want to get HIV [among those who had NOT tested HIV positive]

% within PCT of residence

	I do not want to get HIV					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	62.5%	27.5%	5.0%		5.0%	100.0%
Berkshire West	32.9%	27.6%	39.5%			100.0%
Berkshire East	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%			100.0%
All other South Central	85.7%	4.1%	6.1%	2.0%	2.0%	100.0%
Total	51.9%	21.2%	24.9%	.5%	1.6%	100.0%

36. I am in control of whether I get HIV [among those who had NOT tested HIV positive]

% within PCT of residence

	I am in control of whether I get HIV					Total
	strongly agree	agree	don't know / doesn't apply	disagree	strongly disagree	
Oxfordshire	20.0%	17.5%	57.5%	2.5%	2.5%	100.0%
Berkshire West	7.9%	9.2%	71.1%	11.8%		100.0%
Berkshire East	4.2%	4.2%	83.3%	4.2%	4.2%	100.0%
All other South Central	49.0%	22.4%	18.4%	8.2%	2.0%	100.0%
Total	20.6%	13.8%	56.1%	7.9%	1.6%	100.0%

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