

BASS Line 2007

The African Health and Sex Survey

South East Coast Strategic Health Authority data report (n=152, 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 East Coast 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 East Coast SHA 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
Surrey	66	43.4
Medway	46	30.3
West OR Eastern and Coastal Kent (PCT unknown)	14	9.2
West Sussex	10	6.6
Eastern and Coastal Kent	9	5.9
Brighton and Hove City Teaching	5	3.3
PCT area unknown	1	.7
West Kent	1	.7
Total	152	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Surrey	66	43.4
Medway	46	30.3
West + Eastern and Coastal Kent (merged)	24	15.8
All other South East Coast	16	10.5
Total	152	100.0

2. Method of recruitment

Count

	Method of recruitment		Total
	online	booklet	
Surrey	12	54	66
West + Eastern and Coastal Kent PCTs (merged)	8	16	24
Medway	7	39	46
All other South East Coast	9	7	16
Total	36	116	152

3. Gender

% within PCT of residence

	Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
Surrey	69.7%	30.3%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	37.5%	62.5%	100.0%
Medway	34.8%	65.2%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	43.8%	56.3%	100.0%
Total	51.3%	48.7%	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
Surrey	1.5%	25.8%	3.0%		13.6%	53.0%	3.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	12.5%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	29.2%	
Medway	8.7%	47.8%	6.5%	2.2%	6.5%	21.7%	6.5%
All other South East Coast		37.5%		18.8%	18.8%	25.0%	
Total	5.3%	34.9%	4.6%	3.9%	11.2%	36.8%	3.3%

5. Age groups

% within PCT of residence

	Age groups					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
Surrey	3.1%	25.0%	43.8%	21.9%	6.3%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	8.7%	13.0%	43.5%	26.1%	8.7%	100.0%
Medway	8.7%	34.8%	32.6%	6.5%	17.4%	100.0%
All other South East Coast		42.9%	28.6%	21.4%	7.1%	100.0%
Total	5.4%	27.9%	38.8%	17.7%	10.2%	100.0%

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

% within PCT of residence

	Top 10 countries of birth						
	Ghana	Kenya	Nigeria	Republic of South Africa	Somalia	Uganda	United Kingdom
Surrey	3.0%	4.5%	7.6%	12.1%		7.6%	3.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)		8.7%	21.7%			4.3%	4.3%
Medway	4.4%	4.4%	42.2%	8.9%	2.2%		15.6%
All other South East Coast		12.5%	6.3%			12.5%	6.3%
Total	2.7%	6.0%	20.0%	8.0%	.7%	5.3%	7.3%

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

% within PCT of residence

	Top 10 countries of birth				Total
	Zambia	Zimbabwe	elsewhere in Africa	elsewhere in World	
Surrey	7.6%	39.4%	15.2%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	4.3%	34.8%	17.4%	4.3%	100.0%
Medway	4.4%	11.1%	6.7%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	6.3%	43.8%	12.5%		100.0%
Total	6.0%	30.7%	12.7%	.7%	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	
Surrey	3.1%	15.6%	29.7%	29.7%	21.9%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	4.5%	4.5%	27.3%	36.4%	27.3%	100.0%
Medway	10.9%	6.5%	28.3%	23.9%	30.4%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	6.3%	6.3%	50.0%	18.8%	18.8%	100.0%
Total	6.1%	10.1%	31.1%	27.7%	25.0%	100.0%

8. Educational level

% within PCT of residence

	Educational level			Total
	Low	Medium	High	
Surrey	1.5%	27.3%	71.2%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)		18.2%	81.8%	100.0%
Medway	6.5%	32.6%	60.9%	100.0%
All other South East Coast		18.8%	81.3%	100.0%
Total	2.7%	26.7%	70.7%	100.0%

9. Religion

% within PCT of residence

	Religion						Total
	Christian	African traditional	Islam	Buddism	other	none	
Surrey	89.2%	6.2%	1.5%			3.1%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	83.3%				4.2%	12.5%	100.0%
Medway	71.1%		8.9%	2.2%		17.8%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	75.0%	12.5%	6.3%			6.3%	100.0%
Total	81.3%	4.0%	4.0%	.7%	.7%	9.3%	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	
Surrey	35.4%	26.2%	38.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	21.7%	56.5%	21.7%	100.0%
Medway	62.2%	33.3%	4.4%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	37.5%	43.8%	18.8%	100.0%
Total	41.6%	34.9%	23.5%	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)	
Surrey	6.2%	93.8%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	4.5%	95.5%	100.0%
Medway	11.4%	88.6%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	12.5%	87.5%	100.0%
Total	8.2%	91.8%	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	
Surrey	4.7%	4.7%	10.9%	21.9%	50.0%	7.8%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)		4.3%	17.4%	4.3%	56.5%	17.4%	100.0%
Medway		8.7%	10.9%	8.7%	71.7%		100.0%
All other South East Coast		6.3%		12.5%	75.0%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	2.0%	6.0%	10.7%	14.1%	60.4%	6.7%	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	
Surrey	27.3%	56.1%	15.2%	1.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	34.8%	52.2%	4.3%	8.7%	100.0%
Medway	37.8%	31.1%	15.6%	15.6%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	43.8%	37.5%	12.5%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	33.3%	46.0%	13.3%	7.3%	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 +	
Surrey	15.2%	65.2%	6.1%	7.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	20.8%	54.2%	12.5%	4.2%				8.3%	100.0%
Medway	15.2%	39.1%	6.5%	13.0%	4.3%	10.9%	6.5%	4.3%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	18.8%	37.5%	18.8%	6.3%				18.8%	100.0%
Total	16.4%	52.6%	8.6%	8.6%	2.0%	3.9%	2.6%	5.3%	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	
Surrey	31.8%	4.5%	4.5%	12.1%	30.3%	16.7%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	12.5%	12.5%	8.3%	16.7%	29.2%	20.8%	100.0%
Medway	29.5%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	27.3%	15.9%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	37.5%			12.5%	31.3%	18.8%	100.0%
Total	28.7%	6.7%	6.0%	12.0%	29.3%	17.3%	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	
Surrey	87.7%	12.3%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	87.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Medway	77.3%	22.7%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	87.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Total	84.6%	15.4%	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	
Surrey	8.6%	3.4%	12.1%	5.2%	70.7%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	8.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	79.2%	100.0%
Medway	2.2%	8.9%	17.8%	11.1%	60.0%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	12.5%	6.3%	6.3%		75.0%	100.0%
Total	7.0%	5.6%	11.9%	6.3%	69.2%	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	
Surrey	98.5%			1.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	91.7%		4.2%	4.2%	100.0%
Medway	87.0%	8.7%	4.3%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%				100.0%
Total	94.0%	2.6%	2.0%	1.3%	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	
Surrey	86.2%	10.8%	3.1%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	87.5%		4.2%	8.3%	100.0%
Medway	90.7%	2.3%	4.7%	2.3%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	93.8%		6.3%		100.0%
Total	88.5%	5.4%	4.1%	2.0%	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	
Surrey	95.4%		4.6%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	95.7%			4.3%	100.0%
Medway	89.1%	8.7%	2.2%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%				100.0%
Total	94.0%	2.7%	2.7%	.7%	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	
Surrey	95.4%	1.5%	3.1%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	95.8%			4.2%	100.0%
Medway	93.3%	4.4%		2.2%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%				100.0%
Total	95.3%	2.0%	1.3%	1.3%	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	
Surrey	56.9%	15.4%	21.5%	6.2%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	58.3%	8.3%	25.0%	8.3%	100.0%
Medway	69.6%	15.2%	10.9%	4.3%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	75.0%	6.3%	6.3%	12.5%	100.0%
Total	62.9%	13.2%	17.2%	6.6%	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	
Surrey	98.5%	1.5%			100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	91.7%		4.2%	4.2%	100.0%
Medway	91.1%	6.7%	2.2%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%				100.0%
Total	95.3%	2.7%	1.3%	.7%	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	
Surrey	34.4%	23.4%	18.8%	23.4%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	37.5%	33.3%	12.5%	16.7%	100.0%
Medway	46.7%	40.0%	8.9%	4.4%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Total	38.9%	31.5%	14.1%	15.4%	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	
Surrey	75.4%	9.2%	13.8%	1.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	79.2%		16.7%	4.2%	100.0%
Medway	84.4%	8.9%	6.7%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	68.8%	25.0%	6.3%		100.0%
Total	78.0%	9.3%	11.3%	1.3%	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	
Surrey	61.5%	15.4%	20.0%	3.1%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	73.9%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	100.0%
Medway	73.3%	13.3%	13.3%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%		100.0%
Total	68.5%	13.4%	15.4%	2.7%	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	
Surrey	87.5%	3.1%	6.3%	3.1%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	91.7%	4.2%	4.2%		100.0%
Medway	86.7%	4.4%	6.7%	2.2%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%				100.0%
Total	89.3%	3.4%	5.4%	2.0%	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	
Surrey	98.4%		1.6%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	100.0%			100.0%
Medway	90.9%	4.5%	4.5%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%			100.0%
Total	96.6%	1.4%	2.0%	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	
Surrey	70.3%	12.5%	17.2%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	83.3%	8.3%	4.2%	4.2%	100.0%
Medway	75.6%	15.6%	8.9%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	81.3%	6.3%	12.5%		100.0%
Total	75.2%	12.1%	12.1%	.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	
Surrey	68.3%	12.7%	15.9%	3.2%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	62.5%	25.0%	12.5%		100.0%
Medway	63.6%	20.5%	11.4%	4.5%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	81.3%	12.5%		6.3%	100.0%
Total	67.3%	17.0%	12.2%	3.4%	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	
Surrey	3.2%	3.2%	24.2%	33.9%	35.5%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	16.7%	25.0%	29.2%	12.5%	16.7%	100.0%
Medway	4.4%	11.1%	15.6%	33.3%	35.6%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	18.8%	6.3%	25.0%	18.8%	31.3%	100.0%
Total	7.5%	9.5%	22.4%	28.6%	32.0%	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	
Surrey	23.8%	11.1%	12.7%	23.8%	28.6%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	20.8%	12.5%	25.0%	20.8%	20.8%	100.0%
Medway	8.9%	13.3%	17.8%	35.6%	24.4%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	31.3%	12.5%	18.8%	18.8%	18.8%	100.0%
Total	19.6%	12.2%	16.9%	26.4%	25.0%	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	
Surrey	43.5%	37.1%	14.5%	1.6%	3.2%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	37.5%	29.2%	16.7%	8.3%	8.3%	100.0%
Medway	39.5%	34.9%	18.6%	7.0%		100.0%
All other South East Coast	31.3%	37.5%	18.8%	6.3%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	40.0%	35.2%	16.6%	4.8%	3.4%	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	
Surrey	33.3%	26.7%	25.0%	10.0%	5.0%	100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	33.3%	25.0%	25.0%	12.5%	4.2%	100.0%
Medway	25.0%	34.1%	25.0%	2.3%	13.6%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	25.0%	37.5%	25.0%	6.3%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	29.9%	29.9%	25.0%	7.6%	7.6%	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	
Surrey	100.0%					100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	94.4%				5.6%	100.0%
Medway	76.7%	7.0%	4.7%	4.7%	7.0%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	100.0%					100.0%
Total	90.4%	2.6%	1.8%	1.8%	3.5%	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	
Surrey	27.5%	32.5%	32.5%	7.5%		100.0%
W + E&C Kent (merged)	50.0%	16.7%	11.1%	22.2%		100.0%
Medway	38.1%	33.3%	11.9%		16.7%	100.0%
All other South East Coast	46.2%	15.4%	23.1%		15.4%	100.0%
Total	37.2%	28.3%	20.4%	6.2%	8.0%	100.0%

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