



**VITAL
STATISTICS**
1999 MEN'S SEX SURVEY

Sigma Research has been carrying out community-based sex research for the past 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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This questionnaire has been distributed by:



This survey is **anonymous** – please do not write your name on this booklet. The survey is about sex between men and the questions are **frank** and **explicit**. Please answer honestly. The findings will be used to inform HIV education at National and local levels.

VITAL STATISTICS is a National survey happening throughout the summer of 1999. 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 the survey in once only this summer, and return this booklet before 30 September 1999.

Thanks for your help.



1 **How old are you?** _____ years

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

(Tick one)

Gay

Bisexual

Any other term – specify: _____

I don't usually use a term

3 **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 Specify: _____

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 bills your household for Council Tax?)

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 Who do you live with? (Tick as many as apply)

- I live by myself
- Male partner
- Female partner
- Children
- Other family members – specify: _____
- Friends
- Other – specify: _____



7 Do you agree or disagree with the following:

- “The sex I have is always as safe as I want it to be”
 - 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 worry about HIV when I have sex”
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - not sure
 - disagree
 - strongly 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

8 All of the following statements are TRUE.

Did you know this already?

- Condoms are less likely to break if you use a water based lubricant.
 I knew this I wasn't sure I didn't know this
- You can go to any sexual health/GUM clinic, it doesn't have to be your local one.
 I knew this I wasn't sure I didn't know this
- Wearing two condoms for fucking (one on top of the other) increases the likelihood of them breaking.
 I knew this I wasn't sure I didn't know this
- Using oil based lubricants with condoms increases the likelihood of condoms breaking.
 I knew this I wasn't sure I didn't know this



9 Have you ever received an HIV test result?

- No → Go to question 11
 Yes

10 What was your most recent test result?

- Negative → Was your most recent negative result within the last year?
 No Yes
- Positive → When were you first diagnosed with HIV?
_____ month _____ year

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

- Couldn't say/don't know
 Definitely HIV negative
 Probably HIV negative
 Definitely HIV positive
 Probably HIV positive
 Other – specify: _____

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

- Neither men nor women
 Women only
 Both men and women
 Men only

13 In the LAST YEAR, how many different MEN have you had sex with? (If you don't know, please estimate)

_____men

How many of these men were regular sexual partners?

_____men

14 In the last year, how many different WOMEN have you had sex with? (If you don't know, please estimate)

_____women

How many of these women were regular sexual partners?

_____women

15 In the last year, have you fucked a man (been the active partner in anal intercourse) OR been fucked by a man (been passive)?

No → Go to question 24

Yes

16 In the last year, have you fucked or been fucked WITHOUT a condom (with a man)?

No → Go to question 21

Yes



17 In the last year, how many different MEN have you fucked or been fucked by WITHOUT a condom?

(If you don't know, please estimate)

_____men

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

No

Yes

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

No

Yes

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

No

Yes

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

No → Go to question 24

Yes

22 Have any of the condoms YOU have worn in the last year TORN OR SPLIT while you were fucking?

No

Yes → How many times has this happened? _____ times

23 Have any of the condoms YOU have worn in the last year SLIPPED OFF while you were fucking?

No

Yes → How many times has this happened? _____ times

24 In the last year, which drugs have you used recreationally?
(tick as many as apply)

alcohol

speed

ketamine

poppers

ecstasy

crack cocaine

cannabis

acid

heroin

Viagra

cocaine

GHB/GBH

steroids

other – specify: _____

I haven't used any recreational drugs



25 Do you disagree or agree with the following:

- “I sometimes feel lonely”
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - not sure
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree

- “I wish I wasn’t attracted to men”
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - not sure
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree

- “I sometimes worry about how much I drink”
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - not sure
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree

- “I would like more control over my recreational drug use”
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - not sure
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree

26 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"/>



27 Which three gay pubs/clubs do you go to most often?

Name of pub/club

Town/city

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

No Yes

29 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

Other – specify _____

30 What's the name of the place you got this questionnaire from?

31 Who's the sexiest man on earth?

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

Do you have any comments or suggestions about this survey?