



**VITAL
STATISTICS**
MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2006

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 Vauxhall, South London and is affiliated to the University of Portsmouth.

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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 September 2006**.

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.sigmasurvey.org.uk

The results from previous surveys can be found at www.sigmaresearch.org.uk or by phoning Sigma Research on 020-7820 8022.

Thanks for your help.



ABOUT YOU...

1. **Are you ...?** (tick one)

- Male
 Female
 Intersex

2. **Is that the sex you were born into?**

- No
 Yes

3. **Are you a Trans-person? (Transexual / Transgender)**

- No
 Yes → **How do you describe yourself?**
-

4. **Which country do you live in?** (tick one)

- England
 Wales
 Scotland
 Northern Ireland
 Another country, **Where?** _____

5. Which Local Authority do you live in?

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.

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

(tick one)

- Gay
- Bisexual
- I don't usually use a term
- Any other term, **What?** _____

7. How old are you? years

8. How many years of full-time education have you had since the age of 16? (tick one)

- None
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 to 5 years
- 6 or more years



9. What is your ethnic group? (tick one)

White

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background

What? _____

Mixed

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

What? _____

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background

What? _____

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background

What? _____

Other ethnic groups

- Chinese
- Any other ethnic group

What? _____

10. Who do you live with? (tick as many as apply)

- I live by myself
- Male partner
- Female partner
- Children
- Other family members, **Who?** _____
- Friends
- Other, **Who?** _____

11. Do you have a REGULAR MALE sexual partner at the moment
(one or more)?

- No → GO TO Question 13
- Yes, one regular male sexual partner
- Yes, more than one regular male sexual partner

12. How long have you and your regular male partner been together
(if you have more than one, tell us about the longest)?

_____ years _____ months



13. Do you have a REGULAR FEMALE sexual partner at the moment (one or more)?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 15
- Yes, one regular female sexual partner
- Yes, more than one regular female sexual partner

14. How long have you and your regular female partner been together (if you have more than one, tell us about the longest)?

_____ years _____ months

15. Are you currently... (tick one)

- In a Civil Partnership with a man
- In a Marriage with a woman
- In neither of these
- Other, **What** _____

16. Have you ever... (tick as many as apply)

- Had a civil partnership dissolved
- Been divorced from a woman
- Survived a civil partner who has died
- Survived a wife who has died
- None of the above

ABOUT YOU AND HIV...

17. 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

18. Have you ever received an HIV test result?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 25
- Yes

19. What was your most recent HIV test result?

- Negative (I don't have HIV)
- Positive (I do have HIV) → GO TO QUESTION 22

20. When was your MOST RECENT negative result? (tick one)

- Within the last 12 months
- Between one and five years ago
- Between five and ten years ago
- Over ten years ago

21. How many times have you been tested for HIV?

_____ → NOW GO TO QUESTION 25



22. When were you diagnosed with HIV? (tick one)

- Within the last 12 months
- Between one and five years ago
- Between five and ten years ago
- Over ten years ago

23. Following your HIV diagnosis, what or who was your main source of social and emotional support?

24. Following your HIV diagnosis, how would you rate the support you received from... (tick one box on each line)

	Very unsupportive	Unsupportive	Neither	Supportive	Very supportive	Not applicable
Your GUM/HIV clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your GP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Authority social services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other people with HIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary agency / charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. Have you ever had a test for HEPATITIS C?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 28
- Yes
- Don't know → GO TO QUESTION 28

26. Have you ever been diagnosed with HEPATITIS C?

- No, never → GO TO QUESTION 28
- Yes, but I no longer have it
- Yes, and I still have it
- Don't know → GO TO QUESTION 28

27. When were you first diagnosed with HEPATITIS C?

- Within the last 12 months
- Between one and five years ago
- Between five and ten years ago
- Over ten years ago



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

28. In the last 12 months have you had sex with...? (tick one)

- No one → GO TO QUESTION 31
- Women only → GO TO QUESTION 31
- Both men and women
- Men only

29. In total, how many MEN have you had sex with in the last 12 months? (tick one)

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

30. In the last 12 months have you...? (tick as many as apply)

- Sucked a man's cock
- Had a man cum in your mouth (whether or not you swallowed)
- Been sucked by a man
- Been fucked by a man with a condom
- Been fucked by a man without a condom
- Fucked a man with a condom
- Fucked a man without a condom
- Fisted a man
- Been fisted by a man
- Pissed on (or in) a man
- Had a man piss on (or in) you
- None of the above

31. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

(tick one box for each statement)

- *“HIV is still a very serious medical condition.”*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *“The sex I have is always as safe as I want it to be.”*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *“I’d expect a man with HIV to tell me he was positive before we had sex.”*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree



32. In the last year, have you used poppers (nitrite inhalers)?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 36
 Yes

33. In the last year, have you used poppers DURING PASSIVE ANAL INTERCOURSE (when getting fucked)?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 36
 Yes

34. In the last year, have you used poppers during passive anal intercourse WITHOUT A CONDOM?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 36
 Yes

35. In the last year, have you used poppers during passive anal intercourse without a condom, with a man whose HIV STATUS YOU DID NOT KNOW OR WAS DIFFERENT TO YOUR OWN?

- No
 Yes

ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION AND THE LAW...

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

- Laws that can be used against the sexual behaviour of people with HIV are different in different countries.

I knew this

I wasn't sure

I didn't know this

I don't understand this

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

I knew this

I wasn't sure

I didn't know this

I don't understand this

- People with HIV have been imprisoned in the UK for passing their infection without intending to do so.

I knew this

I wasn't sure

I didn't know this

I don't understand this

- No HIV positive person has been imprisoned in the UK for having sex with a negative person who did not get HIV.

I knew this

I wasn't sure

I didn't know this

I don't understand this



37. Do you think it is a good idea to imprison people who know they have HIV if they pass it to sexual partners who do not know they have it?

- No, never
- Yes, only if they do it on purpose
- Yes, always
- Not sure

38. Would you know how to get expert legal advice about HIV transmission if you needed it?

- No
- Yes
- Other, **What:** _____

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT
HIV TRANSMISSION AND THE LAW VISIT
www.avert.org/criminal-transmission.htm**

OUT AND ABOUT...

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

(tick one box for each statement)

- *"I'd know where to go if I wanted to make some new friends."*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *"I'd like more ways of meeting other Gay men that don't revolve around sex."*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *"I would like to be more involved in promoting the health of Gay and Bisexual men."*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither
- disagree
- strongly disagree

40. What one thing would improve the quality of your life?

41. Which three GAY web-sites do you visit most regularly?

I never visit any Gay web-sites

42. Have you filled in this survey already this summer?

No

Yes

*Thanks very much for taking part
Please remember to seal and post this booklet*

The results of this survey will be available next summer at www.sigmaresearch.org.uk where you can also find the results from previous surveys.

Do you have any comments or suggestions about this survey?