Topline

The Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Gay and Bisexual Men on HIV

## METHODOLOGY

The Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Gay and Bisexual Men on HIV was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), and was conducted July 17-August 3, 2014, among a nationally representative sample of 431 men ages 18 and older who self-identified as gay or bisexual. The survey was funded by M•A•C AIDS Fund. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish using GfK's KnowledgePanel, an online research panel. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods and include both those with internet access and those without (KnowledgePanel provides internet access for those who do not have it and, if needed, a device to access the internet when they join the panel). A combination of random digit dialing (RDD) and address-based sampling (ABS) methodologies have been used to recruit panel members (in 2009 KnowledgePanel switched its sampling methodology for recruiting panel members from RDD to ABS). The panel comprises households with landlines and cellular phones, including those with only cell phones, and those without a phone. Both the RDD and ABS samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). KnowledgePanel continually recruits new panel members throughout the year to offset panel attrition as people leave the panel.

Panel members complete an annual profile survey that includes a range of demographic, attitudinal and behavioral questions, including questions about sexual orientation. Men who identified as gay or bisexual on the profile survey were eligible for the KFF survey sample and were sent an invitation to complete the survey. Respondents were asked to reconfirm their sexual orientation using the following question: Do you consider yourself to be 1) Heterosexual or straight, 2) Gay, 3) Bisexual, 4) Other? Men who had previously identified as gay or bisexual but selected something other than one of these options in the screening interview were asked: In an earlier survey, you identified as gay/bisexual. Do you still consider yourself to be gay/bisexual, or not? The vast majority of respondents in the final sample ( 97 percent) re-confirmed their identity as gay or bisexual on the first question, and 3 percent reconfirmed on the second question. Respondents who did not reconfirm as gay or bisexual on either question were thanked for their time and told that the interview was over.
The survey data were weighted to be representative of gay and bisexual men nationwide. Weighting took place in several stages. First, all members of the panel carry a weight designed to produce a nationally representative sample of the U.S. adult population. This weight matches gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, region, household income, homeownership status, metropolitan area, and Internet access to parameters from the March 2013 Supplement of the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS). ${ }^{1}$

In the second stage, the sample of gay and bisexual men was weighted to match known national parameters where available, and to match the full sample of panel members who identify as gay and bisexual men on characteristics for which no national parameters are available. The sample was weighted using an iterative technique to match age, race/ethnicity, region, and education to parameters for gay and bisexual men from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), and to match primary language, Internet access, metropolitan area, and household income to targets derived from the weighted sample of all gay and bisexual men in the panel.

Margins of sampling error and tests of statistical significance take into account the effect of weighting at each of these stages. The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample of 431 gay and bisexual men is plus or minus 7 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margin of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margin of sampling errors for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

[^0]| Group | N (unweighted) | M.O.S.E. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total gay and bisexual men | 431 | $\pm 7$ percentage points |
| Gay | 299 | $\pm 8$ percentage points |
| Bisexual | 132 | $\pm 12$ percentage points |
| Racial/ethnic minorities | 142 | $\pm 12$ percentage points |
| Whites | 289 | $\pm 8$ percentage points |
| Ages $18-34$ | 101 | $\pm 12$ percentage points |
| Ages 35 and over | 330 | $\pm 8$ percentage points |

Some of the same questions that were asked on the Survey of Gay and Bisexual Men on HIV were also asked of the general public as part of the July 2014 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll, a nationally representative telephone survey. More detail on that survey's methodology, along with the full question wording and results, are available at http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/8618-t.pdf.

## TOPLINE RESULTS:

Q1. Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, gay, bisexual, other?
(If Respondent picked an option other than "gay" or "bisexual", Q2 was shown)
Q2. In an earlier survey, you identified as [gay/bisexual]. Do you still consider yourself to be [gay/bisexual] or not?

## Summary of Q1/Q2

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Gay | 70 |
| Bisexual | 30 |

This survey is about topics related to men who consider themselves to be gay or bisexual. For purposes of keeping the questions succinct, we will sometimes use the more general term "gay men" to refer to this group.

Q3. What do you think is the most important issue facing gay and bisexual men today?/ [asked if Q3 response was anything other than "refused"] Q3a. Is there another issue facing gay and bisexual men you think is almost as important? (OPEN-END)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Discrimination/Stigma/Lack of acceptance | 43 |
| Equal rights (general) | 26 |
| Marriage equality | 24 |
| HIV/AIDS | 20 |
| Employment/Discrimination in the workplace | 8 |
| Health (general) | 7 |
| Violence/Hate crimes/Bullying | 7 |
| Sexually transmitted diseases (other than HIV) | 5 |
| Health care/insurance | 5 |
| Dating/Relationships/Finding a partner | 4 |
| Self-acceptance | 3 |
| Mental health | 2 |
| Stereotypes | 2 |
| Drug use | 2 |
| Aging | 1 |
| Religion | 1 |
| Conservatives | 1 |
| Nothing/Nothing in particular | 1 |
| Adoption | 1 |
| Other | 11 |
| Don't know | 2 |
| Did not answer | 3 |

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

Q4. Thinking specifically about health and health care, what do you think is the most important HEALTH issue facing gay and bisexual men today?/ [asked if Q4 response was anything other than "refused"] Q4a. Is there another health issue facing gay and bisexual men you think is almost as important? (OPEN-END)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| HIV/AIDS | 52 |
| Sexually transmitted diseases (other than HIV) | 28 |
| Safe sex | 9 |
| Mental health | 8 |
| Drug use | 8 |
| Health insurance issues/Benefits for spouses/kids | 6 |
| Access to health insurance/care | 6 |
| Cost/Affordability | 4 |
| Finding an accepting doctor/provider | 3 |
| Smoking | 2 |
| Cancer | 2 |
| Health/Diseases (general) | 2 |
| Hepatitis | 2 |
| Diabetes | 1 |
| Aging | 1 |
| Eating well/Nutrition | 1 |
| Affordable Care Act/Obamacare | $*$ |
| Fitness | $*$ |
| Violence | $*$ |
| Other | 6 |
| Nothing/Nothing in particular | 4 |
| Don't know | 3 |
| Did not answer | 4 |

Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.

Q5. Thinking about some policy issues affecting gay and bisexual men, how much of a priority do you think each of the following should be? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1)

|  | Top <br> priority | Very important <br> but not top <br> priority | Somewhat <br> important <br> priority | Not a <br> priority <br> at all | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Equal employment rights for LGBT people | 47 | 36 | 14 | 2 | $*$ |
| b. Legally sanctioned marriages for same-sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| couples |  |  |  |  |  |

Q6. How concerned are you, personally, about becoming infected with HIV?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very concerned | 16 |
| Somewhat concerned | 19 |
| Not too concerned | 31 |
| Not at all concerned | 25 |
| Already have HIV | 8 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q7. How concerned are you, personally, about each of the following? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1, anchor 5)

|  | Very <br> concerned | Somewhat <br> concerned | Not too <br> concerned | Not at all <br> concerned | Already <br> have | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Becoming infected with a |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sexually transmitted disease <br> other than HIV | 20 | 23 | 31 | 23 | 4 | $*$ |
| b. Developing cancer | 27 | 34 | 29 | 8 | 2 | $*$ |
| c. Having a heart attack | 23 | 35 | 29 | 12 | 1 | $*$ |
| d. Developing diabetes | 15 | 29 | 31 | 14 | 10 | $*$ |

Q8. Thinking about the impact of HIV/AIDS in the United States today, which comes closer to your view?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| The U.S. is making progress | 64 |
| The U.S. is losing ground | 12 |
| The problem is about the same as it has been | 24 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q9. And thinking more specifically about the impact of HIV/AIDS on gay and bisexual men in the U.S. today, which comes closer to your view?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| The U.S. is making progress | 58 |
| The U.S. is losing ground | 13 |
| The problem is about the same as it has been | 28 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q10. For each of the following people and groups, please indicate if you think they are doing enough to address the problem of HIV/AIDS in the U.S., are not doing enough, or if they should not be involved at all in this issue. (items randomized)

|  | Doing enough | Not doing enough | Should not be involved | Did not answer |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | President Obama and his administration | 36 | 55 | 8 | 1 |
| b. Congress | 15 | 74 | 10 | 1 |  |
| c. Pharmaceutical companies | 33 | 62 | 4 | 1 |  |
| d. Public schools | 17 | 68 | 14 | $*$ |  |
| e. Religious leaders and institutions | 13 | 52 | 34 | 1 |  |
| f. LGBT organizations | 71 | 27 | 1 | $*$ |  |
| g. The media | 29 | 59 | 12 | $*$ |  |
| h. Businesses that target gay consumers | 33 | 51 | 16 | $*$ |  |

Q11. Compared with other issues, do you think leaders in the gay community currently pay [too much] attention, [too little] attention, or about the right amount of attention to the issue of HIV? (items in brackets rotated)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Too much | 9 |
| Too little | 34 |
| About the right amount | 56 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q12. How significant an issue is HIV/AIDS for you personally?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very significant | 25 |
| Somewhat significant | 24 |
| Not too significant | 31 |
| Not a significant issue in your life | 20 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q13. How often would you say the subject of HIV/AIDS comes up in discussions with each of the following? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1, anchor 5)

|  | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | Not applicable | Did not answer |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Your family | 5 | 9 | 35 | 44 | 7 | $*$ |
| b. Your friends | 6 | 25 | 40 | 25 | 4 | $*$ |
| c. Your casual sexual partners | 14 | 20 | 20 | 13 | 33 | $*$ |
| d. Your long-term sexual partners | 9 | 22 | 28 | 20 | 21 | $*$ |

Q13 Results based on those who did not select "Not applicable" for each category

|  | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | Did not answer | $n$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Your family | 5 | 10 | 37 | 47 | $*$ | 394 |
| b. Your friends | 6 | 26 | 42 | 26 | $*$ | 414 |
| c. Your casual sexual partners | 20 | 30 | 30 | 20 | $*$ | 263 |
| d. Your long-term sexual partners | 12 | 28 | 35 | 25 | $*$ | 330 |

Q14. In the past 12 months, how much information have you gotten about HIV from each of the following sources? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1)

|  | A lot of <br> information | Some <br> information | Not much <br> information | No information <br> at all | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Mainstream media, such as radio, | 2 | 20 | 37 | 40 | $*$ |
| television, and newspapers | 6 | 29 | 22 | 43 | $*$ |
| b. Media targeted at LGBT audiences | 13 | 32 | 21 | 34 | $*$ |
| c. The Internet | 2 | 11 | 30 | 57 | $*$ |
| d. Your friends and family | 10 | 19 | 29 | 43 | $*$ |
| e. Doctors and other health professionals | 6 | 24 | 27 | 41 | 40 |
| f. Gay/LGBT community organizations | 9 | 24 | 26 | 4 |  |
| g. HIV/AIDS organizations |  |  |  |  |  |

Q15. And which of these would you say is your MAIN source of information on HIV/AIDS?

Summary Q14/Q15 based on total, includes those who said they got "a lot of information" from only one source

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| The Internet | 8 |
| Doctors and other health professionals | 7 |
| HIV/AIDS organizations | 3 |
| Gay community/LGBT organizations | 2 |
| Media targeted at LGBT audiences | 1 |
| Your friends and family | 1 |
| Mainstream media, such as radio, television, and newspapers | $*$ |
| Other | $*$ |
| Did not get a lot of information from any of these sources | 78 |

Q16. As far as you know, is the number of new HIV infections each year among gay and bisexual men [increasing] [decreasing], or staying about the same? (items in brackets rotated)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Increasing | 32 |
| Decreasing | 22 |
| Staying about the same | 26 |
| Don't know | 20 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q17. Here is a list of some things that may or may not be reasons why it has been difficult to reduce the spread of HIV among gay men. For each, please say whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason. (items randomized)

|  | Major <br> reason | Minor <br> reason | Not a <br> reason | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a.The stigma <br>  <br> that surrounds HIV $^{3}$ about HIV in the gay community$\quad 56$ | 32 | 12 | $*$ |  |
| b. Complacency | 62 | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| c.Lack of understanding about how to prevent HIV <br> transmission | 31 | 41 | 27 | $*$ |
| d. Too many gay men not knowing their status | 75 | 20 | 4 | 1 |
| e. Not enough focus on HIV by LGBT organizations | 17 | 53 | 29 | 1 |

Q18. Given what you know about antiretroviral medications ${ }^{4}$ for HIV available to people in the United States, how effective do you think the current treatment options are in terms of each of the following? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1)

|  | Very <br> effective | Somewhat <br> effective | Not too <br> effective | Not at all <br> effective | Not <br> sure | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Helping people with HIV live longer | 57 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 13 | $*$ |
| b. Improving the health of people with HIV | 44 | 33 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| c. <br> Preventing the spread of HIV to sexual <br> partners$\quad 14$ | 22 | 21 | 20 | 23 | 1 |  |

Q19. As far as you know, if someone who is HIV-positive is taking consistent antiretroviral treatment, does this significantly reduce the risk of passing HIV on to their sexual partners, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, significantly reduces risk of passing HIV on | 25 |
| No, does not significantly reduce risk | 39 |
| Don't know | 36 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

[^1]Q20. In your opinion how effective are condoms, if used consistently and correctly, at preventing HIV transmission between gay men?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very effective | 60 |
| Somewhat effective | 36 |
| Not too effective | 2 |
| Not at all effective | 2 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q21. As far as you know, is there a prescription medication that people who are HIV-negative can take to lower their risk of getting HIV, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 26 |
| No | 31 |
| Don't know | 43 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q22. As far as you know, what is the current recommendation for HIV testing for gay and bisexual men? Is it recommended they get tested:

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Every month | 8 |
| Once every 3-6 months | 55 |
| Once a year | 15 |
| Less often than once a year | 1 |
| Don't know | 20 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q23. As far as you know, when someone is diagnosed with HIV, when is it recommended that they begin antiretroviral treatment? (items randomized, anchor 4-5)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| As soon as they are diagnosed | 46 |
| When their CD4 count falls below a certain level | 17 |
| When they begin to feel sick | 1 |
| Other | $*$ |
| Don't know | 35 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q24. [Do you personally feel you have all the information you need about each of the following, or would you like to have more information?/ Do you personally feel you would like to have more information about each of the following, or do you feel like you have all the information you need?] (items randomized; response options rotated 1-2/2-1)

|  | Have all the information <br> you need | Would like to have more <br> information | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Where to go to get tested for HIV | 72 | 28 | $*$ |
| b. How to bring up the topic of getting an HIV test | 69 | 31 | $*$ |
| with your partner | 60 | 39 | $*$ |
| c. How often you should get tested for HIV <br> d. How to talk with a health care provider about | 68 | 31 | 1 |
| HIV/AIDS | 70 | 30 | $*$ |
| e. How effective condoms are in preventing HIV <br> f. Medication to prevent the transmission of HIV <br> among HIV negative persons | 39 | 60 | $*$ |
| g. When to begin treatment if HIV positive <br> h. How risky different sexual behaviors are in terms <br> of HIV transmission | 50 | 50 | $*$ |

The next part of the survey asks questions about HIV and sexual behavior, including questions that some people may find embarrassing or uncomfortable. We would like to remind you that your responses are confidential and that you have the ability to skip any questions that you do not wish to answer. Your responses will be combined with the responses of others and no identifying information about you will be released with your answers.

Q25. In general, how comfortable would you be, personally, with each of the following? How comfortable would you be... (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1)

|  | Very <br> comfortable | Somewhat <br> comfortable | Somewhat <br> uncomfortable | Very <br> uncomfortable | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. having a roommate who is HIV-positive <br> b. having casual sex with someone who is | 46 | 26 | 18 | 10 | $*$ |
| HIV-positive | 11 | 11 | 16 | 61 | $*$ |
| c.being in a long-term sexual relationship <br> with someone who is HIV-positive <br> d. being in a non-sexual relationship with <br> someone who is HIV-positive 18 | 15 | 25 | 41 | $*$ |  |

Q26. Do you personally know anyone, including yourself, who is currently living with HIV, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 49 |
| No | 43 |
| Not sure | 7 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q27. Who do you know that is currently living with HIV?

Based on those who report that they personally know someone currently living with HIV ( $n=238$ )

|  | Yes | No | Did not answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Yourself | 21 | 76 | 3 |
| b. A current sexual partner | 14 | 80 | 6 |
| c. A past sexual partner | 43 | 52 | 6 |
| d. A family member | 9 | 83 | 8 |
| e. A close friend | 55 | 42 | 3 |
| f. An acquaintance | 75 | 21 | 4 |
| g. Someone else | 8 | 61 | 31 |

Summary Q26/Q27 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, know someone living with HIV | 49 |
| Yourself | 10 |
| A current sexual partner | 7 |
| A past sexual partner | 21 |
| A family member | 4 |
| A close friend | 27 |
| An acquaintance | 37 |
| Someone else | 4 |
| No, do not know anyone living with HIV | 43 |
| Not sure | 7 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q28. Has anyone close to you ever died from HIV/AIDS, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 32 |
| No | 62 |
| Not sure | $*$ |

Q29. How often do you ask a person's HIV status before having sex with them for the first time?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 27 |
| Most of the time | 18 |
| Just some of the time | 12 |
| Never | 16 |
| Not applicable | 26 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q29 Results based on those who did not select "Not applicable" ( $n=303$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 37 |
| Most of the time | 24 |
| Just some of the time | 16 |
| Never | 22 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q30. Have you ever been in a sexual relationship with someone who is HIV-positive, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 25 |
| No | 63 |
| Not sure | 12 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q31. Have you ever decided NOT to pursue a sexual relationship with someone specifically because they were HIV-positive, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 35 |
| No | 65 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q32. How accepting do you think each of the following groups are towards people living with HIV? (items randomized; response options rotated 1-4/4-1)

|  | Very <br> accepting | Somewhat <br> accepting | Somewhat <br> unaccepting | Very <br> unaccepting | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The general public | 3 | 19 | 53 | 24 | 1 |
| b. Gay men | 34 | 46 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| c. Your social circle | 32 | 42 | 16 | 8 | 1 |
| d. Your family | 16 | 39 | 28 | 17 | 1 |
| e. The medical community | 33 | 51 | 12 | 3 | 1 |

Q33. There are many reasons why people living with HIV might be reluctant to tell others about their status. In your opinion, is each of the following a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason why some gay men living with HIV don't tell others they are HIV-positive? (items randomized)

|  | Major <br> reason | Minor <br> reason | Not a <br> reason | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Fear of discrimination in housing, jobs or other situations | 76 | 18 | 6 | $*$ |
| b. Fear of rejection by intimate partners | 76 | 18 | 6 | $*$ |
| c. Fear of rejection by family and friends | 79 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| d. A general desire for privacy | 62 | 30 | 7 | $*$ |

Q34. As you may know, there is a new prescription medication that people who are HIV-negative can take to lower their risk of getting HIV, sometimes called pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), or by the brand name Truvada. How much have you heard about this new medication?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| A lot | 9 |
| A fair amount | 11 |
| Only a little | 25 |
| Nothing at all | 55 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q35. Have you, yourself, ever taken this new prescription medication (known as PrEP or Truvada) for HIV prevention, or not?

Based on those who say they have heard at least a little about PrEP or Truvada ( $n=199$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 11 |
| No | 88 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

## Summary Q34/Q35 based on total

|  | Total |
| :---: | :---: |
| Have heard at least a little about PrEP | 45 |
| Yes, have ever taken PrEP | 5 |
| No, have not taken PrEP | 40 |
| Did not answer | ${ }^{*}$ |
| Have heard nothing at all about PrEP | $*$ |

Q36. Do you personally know anyone else who has ever taken this new prescription medication (known as PrEP or Truvada) for HIV prevention, or not?

Based on those who say they have heard about PrEP or Truvada ( $n=199$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 19 |
| No | 67 |
| Not sure | 14 |
| Did not answer | -- |

Summary of Q34/Q36 based on total

|  | Total |
| :---: | :---: |
| Have heard at least a little about PrEP | 45 |
| Yes, know someone who has ever taken PrEP | 9 |
| No, do not know anyone who has ever taken PrEP | 30 |
| Not sure if know anyone who has ever taken PrEP | 6 |
| Have heard nothing at all about PrEP | 55 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Summary of Q34/Q35/Q36 based on those who say they have heard about PrEP or Truvada ( $\mathrm{n}=199$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, know someone who has ever taken PrEP (including self) | 10 |
| No, do not know anyone who has ever taken PrEP (including self) | 90 |

Q37. Still thinking about the new prescription medication that people who are HIV-negative can take to lower their risk of getting HIV (also known as PrEP or Truvada), which comes closer to your view of how widely this medication should be used?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| It should be used as widely as possible among gay men because every available prevention | 56 |
| tool should be used to limit the spread of HIV in communities at risk |  |
| It should be used on a more limited basis among gay men because people using it may be less | 43 |
| likely to use condoms consistently, putting them at risk for other sexually transmitted diseases |  |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q38. Now thinking about your own medical care, is there a place that you usually go to when you are sick or need advice about your health, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 78 |
| No | 22 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q39. What kind of place is it that you usually go?

Based on those who report that there is a place that they usually go when they are sick ( $n=361$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| A doctor's office or HMO | 70 |
| A general clinic or health center | 18 |
| An HIV clinic | 5 |
| A hospital outpatient department | 2 |
| A clinic or health center that serves the LGBT community | 1 |
| A hospital emergency room | 1 |
| An urgent care center | 1 |
| Some other place | 2 |

Summary Q38/Q39 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, have a place you usually go when sick/need health advice | 78 |
| A doctor's office or HMO | 54 |
| A general clinic or health center | 14 |
| An HIV clinic | 4 |
| A clinic or health center that serves the LGBT community | 1 |
| A hospital emergency room | 1 |
| An urgent care center | 1 |
| A hospital outpatient department | 1 |
| Some other place | 1 |
| No, do not have a usual place to go when sick/need health advice | 22 |

Q40. Do you have a regular personal doctor that you see at the place you usually go for health care, or not?

Based on those who report that there is a place that they usually go when they are sick ( $n=361$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, have a regular doctor | 89 |
| No, do not | 11 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Summary Q38/Q40 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, have a place you usually go when sick/need health advice | 78 |
| Yes, have a regular doctor | 69 |
| No, do not | 9 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |
| No, do not have a usual place to go when sick/need health advice | 22 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q41. Have you ever discussed your sexual orientation with [your regular doctor/a doctor or other health professional], or not? (If Q40="yes" insert "your regular doctor"; if Q38="no" or Q40="no" insert "a doctor or other health professional")

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 52 |
| No | 47 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q42. Which of the following is the main reason you haven't discussed your sexual orientation with [your regular doctor/a doctor or other health professional]? (If Q40="yes" insert "your regular doctor"; if Q38="no" or Q40="no" insert "a doctor or other health professional")

Based on those who have not discussed their sexual orientation with a doctor or other health care provider ( $n=196$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| You don't think it's important for them to know | 21 |
| lt just never came up | 37 |
| You're uncomfortable raising the topic | 15 |
| Your doctor never asked | 17 |
| Some other reason | 9 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Summary Q41/Q42 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| No, have not discussed sexual orientation with doctor | 47 |
| You don't think it's important for them to know | 10 |
| It just never came up | 17 |
| You're uncomfortable raising the topic | 7 |
| Your doctor never asked | 8 |
| Some other reason | 4 |
| Did not answer | 52 |
| Yes, have discussed sexual orientation with doctor | 1 |

Q43. How comfortable do you feel discussing topics related to sexual behavior with [your regular doctor/a doctor or other health professional]? (If Q40="yes" insert "your regular doctor"; if Q38="no" or Q40="no" insert "a doctor or other health professional")

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very comfortable | 35 |
| Somewhat comfortable | 36 |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 23 |
| Very uncomfortable | 5 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q44. When you visit a doctor or other health care provider, how often do you discuss the topic of HIV?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Every time | 12 |
| Only some of the time | 18 |
| Rarely | 24 |
| Never | 37 |
| Never visit doctors | 9 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q45. The last time you discussed HIV with a doctor or other health care provider, did you raise the topic or did your doctor bring it up?

Based on those who report that they have ever discussed the topic of HIV with a doctor or other health care provider ( $n=242$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| You raised the topic | 33 |
| Your doctor brought it up | 31 |
| Both/neither | 36 |
| Did not answer | -- |

Summary of Q44/Q45 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Have ever discussed HIV with a health care provider | 54 |
| You raised the topic | 18 |
| Your doctor brought it up | 17 |
| Both/neither | 20 |
| Did not answer | -- |
| Never discuss HIV with health care providers | 37 |
| Never visit doctors | 9 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q46. Has a doctor or other health care provider ever suggested that you be tested for HIV, or not?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 44 |
| No | 56 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q47. Have you, yourself, ever been tested for HIV?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 72 |
| No | 27 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q48. When was the last time you were tested for HIV?

Based on those who report that they have ever been tested for HIV ( $n=341$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Within the last 3 months | 16 |
| At least 3 months but less than 6 months ago | 11 |
| At least 6 months but less than 12 months ago | 15 |
| 12 months ago or longer | 52 |
| Can't remember | 6 |
| Did not answer | -- |

Summary Q47/Q48 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, ever tested | 72 |
| Within the last 3 months | 12 |
| At least 3 months but less than 6 months ago | 8 |
| At least 6 months but less than 12 months ago | 11 |
| 12 months ago or longer | 37 |
| Can't remember | 4 |
| No, never tested | 27 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q49. How often do you USUALLY get tested for HIV?

Based on those who report that they have ever been tested for HIV ( $n=341$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than once a year | 41 |
| About once a year | 26 |
| Two or three times a year | 11 |
| Four times a year or more | 6 |
| Other | 15 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Summary Q47/Q49 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, ever tested | 72 |
| Less than once a year | 30 |
| About once a year | 19 |
| Two or three times a year | 8 |
| Four times a year or more | 4 |
| Other | 11 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |
| No, never tested | 27 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q50. The last time you were tested for HIV, did you go to a doctor or clinic SPECIFICALLY to get an HIV test, or did you decide to get an HIV test as part of another health visit, such as a routine check-up?

Based on those who report that they have ever been tested for HIV ( $n=341$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Went specifically to get an HIV test | 33 |
| Got tested as part of another health visit | 60 |
| Other | 7 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Summary Q47/Q50 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, ever tested | 72 |
| Went specifically to get an HIV test | 24 |
| Got tested as part of another health visit | 43 |
| Other | 5 |
| Did not answer | ${ }^{*}$ |
| No, never tested | 27 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q51. Thinking about the most recent time you were tested for HIV, please indicate whether each of the following was a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason why you decided to get tested. (items randomized)

Based on those who report that they have ever been tested for HIV ( $n=341$ )

|  | Major reason | Minor reason | Not a reason | Did not answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. You were concerned that you might be infected | 22 | 27 | 48 | 3 |
| b. A doctor or other health care provider suggested it | 24 | 17 | 58 | 1 |
| c. A partner suggested or asked that you get tested | 10 | 11 | 77 | 2 |
| d. It's something you do regularly | 35 | 22 | 42 | 1 |
| e. It just seemed like a good idea | 50 | 25 | 22 | 2 |

Q52. Please indicate whether each of the following is a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason why you have not been tested for HIV [if Q48=4; in the past year]. (items randomized)

Based on those who report that they have never been tested for HIV or last test was 12 months ago or longer ( $n=273$ )

|  | Major reason | Minor reason | Not a reason | Did not answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. You don't think you're at risk | 55 | 14 | 30 | -- |
| b. You're afraid to find out the results | 15 | 14 | 71 | -- |
| c. You Don't know where to go to get tested | 12 | 8 | 80 | -- |
| d. Your doctor hasn't brought it up | 10 | 16 | 74 | - |
| e. You're worried about the cost | 10 | 8 | 82 | -- |
| f. You just haven't gotten around to it | 19 | 22 | 59 | -- |

Q53. When having sex, how often do you use condoms?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| All of the time | 21 |
| Most of the time | 17 |
| Only some of the time | 13 |
| Rarely | 12 |
| Never | 20 |
| Not applicable | 16 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q53 Results based on those who did not select "Not applicable" ( $n=353$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| All of the time | 25 |
| Most of the time | 21 |
| Only some of the time | 16 |
| Rarely | 14 |
| Never | 24 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q54. For each of the following, please indicate whether or not it has happened to you because you are, or were perceived to be, [gay/ bisexual]? If yes, was that in the past 12 months, or longer ago than that?

|  | Yes, happened in the last 12 months | Yes, happened, but more than 12 months ago | No, has not happened | Did not answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Been threatened or physically attacked | 3 | 23 | 74 | * |
| b. Been treated unfairly by an employer in hiring, pay, or promotion | 3 | 12 | 84 | * |
| c. Been rejected by a friend or family member | 5 | 27 | 67 | 1 |
| d. Been discriminated against in trying to get housing | 2 | 5 | 93 | 1 |
| e. Received poor treatment from a doctor or other health care professional | 3 | 12 | 84 | 1 |

Q54a. Has someone ever attempted to force you to have sex or engage in a sexual act against your will? If yes, was that in the past 12 months, or longer ago than that?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, happened in the last 12 months | 4 |
| Yes, happened, but more than 12 months ago | 14 |
| No, has not happened | 81 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q55. Which best describes you:

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Married | 20 |
| Living with a partner (including a civil union) | 22 |
| Divorced | 5 |
| Separated | 1 |
| Widowed | 1 |
| Never been married | 51 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

Q56. Are you currently in a committed relationship, or not?

Based on those who say they are divorced, separated, widowed or never been married ( $n=243$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 19 |
| No | 81 |
| Did not answer | -- |

Summary Q55/56 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Married/living with a partner/in committed relationship | 53 |
| Divorced/ separated/ widowed/ never married/ not in committed <br> relationship | 47 |
| Did not answer | $*$ |

Q57. Would you say you live in a neighborhood known for being an LGBT neighborhood?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 13 |
| No | 86 |
| Did not answer | 1 |

QINS1. Below is a list of the different kinds of health plans or health insurance people have, including those provided by the government.

Please indicate whether or not you are currently covered by each type of insurance or not.

|  | Covered | Not <br> covered | Not <br> sure | Did not <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health insurance through your or someone else's employer or union <br> Medicare, a government plan that pays health care bills for people aged 65 | 52 | 43 | 4 | 2 |
| or older and for some disabled people |  |  |  |  |
| Medicaid or any other state medical assistance plan for those with lower <br> incomes | 16 | 78 | 4 | 2 |
| Health insurance that you bought through [INSERT NAME OF STATE HEALTH <br> INSURANCE EXCHANGE] | 4 | 77 | 7 | 5 |
| Health insurance that you bought directly, but not from [INSERT NAME OF <br> STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE] <br> Health insurance from some other source | 6 | 84 | 7 | 5 |

Insurance Combo

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Insured | 82 |
| Uninsured | 13 |
| Unknown | 4 |

PARTY ID. PARTY1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Another party please specify, No preference?/ PARTY2/PARTY3. [asked of those who identify as "Republican" or "Democrat" in PARTY1] Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat), not very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?/ PARTY4. [asked of those who identify as "Independent" "Another party" "No preference" or skipped PARTY 1] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, Democratic Party?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strong Republican | 4 |
| Not Strong Republican | 5 |
| Leans Republican | 8 |
| Undecided/Independent/Other | 2 |
| Leans Democrat | 23 |
| Not Strong Democrat | 20 |
| Strong Democrat | 36 |

IDEO. In general, do you think of yourself as...

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Extremely liberal | 16 |
| Liberal | 39 |
| Slightly liberal | 12 |
| Moderate, middle of the road | 20 |
| Slightly conservative | 4 |
| Conservative | 5 |
| Extremely conservative | 3 |

QPP10003. Are you currently registered to vote?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, I am registered to vote at my present address | 77 |
| Yes, I am registered to vote at a different address | 8 |
| No, I am not registered to vote | 13 |
| Not sure | 2 |

## REL1. What is your religion? [Do not rotate]

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Baptist—any denomination | 8 |
| Protestant (e.g., Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal) | 15 |
| Catholic | 17 |
| Mormon | 1 |
| Jewish | 3 |
| Muslim | $*$ |
| Hindu | -- |
| Buddhist | $*$ |
| Pentecostal | 3 |
| Eastern Orthodox | $*$ |
| Other Christian | 7 |
| Other non-Christian | 3 |
| None | 42 |

QPPP20071. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Based on those who say they are Baptist, Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Pentecostal, Eastern Orthodox, or Other Christian ( $n=230$ )

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 32 |
| No | 68 |

Summary of REL1 and QPPP20071 based on total

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Baptist/ Protestant/ Catholic/ Mormon/ Pentecostal/ Eastern | 50 |
| Orthodox/ Other Christian |  |
| Born-again or evangelical Christian |  |
| Not born-again or evangelical Christian | 16 |
| Jewish | 34 |
| Muslim | 3 |
| Hindu | $*$ |
| Buddhist | -- |
| Other non-Christian | $*$ |
| None | 3 |

REL2. How often do you attend religious services?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| More than once a week | 5 |
| Once a week | 10 |
| Once or twice a month | 5 |
| A few times a year | 12 |
| Once a year or less | 20 |
| Never | 46 |

AGE.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| $18-24$ | 11 |
| $25-34$ | 26 |
| $35-44$ | 20 |
| $45-54$ | 19 |
| $55-64$ | 16 |
| $65-74$ | 5 |
| $75+$ | 3 |

## HOUSEHOLD SIZE.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1 | 29 |
| More than one | 71 |
| 2 | 39 |
| 3 | 20 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 |
| 8 | 2 |

ANY CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 IN HOUSEHOLD

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 12 |
| No | 88 |

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS 18 OR OLDER.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1 | 30 |
| More than one | 70 |
| 2 | 44 |
| 3 | 19 |
| 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 |
| 6 | $*$ |
| 8 | 1 |

RACE/ ETHNICITY.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| White, non-Hispanic | 69 |
| Hispanic | 12 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 11 |
| Other, non-Hispanic | 4 |
| 2+ Races, non-Hispanic | 4 |

EDUCATION.

| Some college or less | Total |
| :---: | :---: |
| Less than high school | 60 |
| High school | 7 |
| Some college | 17 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 36 |
| Bachelor's degree | 40 |
| Master's degree | 25 |
| Professional or Doctorate degree | 10 |

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Working | 67 |
| Working- as a paid employee | 61 |
| Working- self-employed | 6 |
| Not working | 33 |
| Not working- on temporary layoff from a job | -- |
| No working- looking for work | 10 |
| Not working- retired | 9 |
| Not working- disabled | 10 |
| Not working- other | 4 |

INCOME.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 35,000$ | 31 |
| $\$ 35,000-\$ 74,999$ | 28 |
| $\$ 75,000$ or more | 40 |

HOME OWNERSHIP STATUS.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household | 60 |
| Rented for cash | 36 |
| Occupied without payment of cash rent | 3 |

REGION.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Northeast | 17 |
| Midwest | 17 |
| South | 37 |
| West | 39 |

METRO STATUS

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Non-Metro | 11 |
| Metro | 89 |

LANGUAGE OF INTERVIEW.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| English | 96 |
| Spanish | 4 |

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[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Survey respondents were able to click on certain words in the survey to obtain a definition. The definition provided for stigma was: "Stigma is a set of negative and often unfair beliefs that a society or group of people have about something"
    ${ }^{3}$ The definition provided for complacency was: "Complacency is the feeling of being satisfied with how things are and not wanting to try to make them better"
    ${ }^{4}$ The definition provided for antiretroviral medications/Antiretroviral treatment was: "A combination of three or more antiretroviral medications (sometimes referred to as antiretroviral therapy, or ART) is currently the standard treatment for HIV infection."

