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Attitudes, and Practices Regarding Their Reproductive Health**

Topline Results

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INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research of Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a confidential national opinion survey about some important health issues. So I can figure out who I should interview in this household, I first need to know how many **WOMEN** live in this household who are at least 18 years old, but no older than 44?

IF MORE THAN ONE WOMAN BETWEEN 18 AND 44: May I please speak with the
(**RANDOM SELECTION: oldest/youngest**) woman age 18 to 44?

IF ONE WOMAN BETWEEN 18 AND 44: May I please speak with this woman age 18 to 44?

1. My first question is . . . In general, how would you describe your own health? Is it excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

36	Excellent
53	Good
9	Only fair
2	Poor
0	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

2. Do you have a doctor or other health professional who you see for **GENERAL** health care that is, when you are sick, need a check-up, or want advice about your health?

85	Yes
15	No

*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

3. Do you have a doctor or other health professional who you see for gynecological care, that is for check-ups or treatment for female problems or reproductive care? **IF YES AND YES TO Q2:** Is this the same person as the doctor or health professional who you see for general health care, or is it a different person?

85	Yes, has gynecological care provider
31	Yes, same as health professional from Q2
54	Yes, different health professional
15	No
*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

THERE IS NO QUESTION 4

Based on those with a gynecological care provider; n = 856

5. Is the health professional who provides your gynecological care an obstetrician or gynecologist, or not?

82	Yes, is obstetrician or gynecologist
15	No
3	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those with a gynecological care provider; n = 856

6. Is the health professional who provides your gynecological care a man or a woman?

64	Man
35	Woman
1	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those with a gynecological care provider; n = 856

7. When you chose this particular health professional, how important was it to you that (he was a man/ she was woman)? Was it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

21	Very important
14	Somewhat important
15	Not too important
48	Not important at all
1	Don't know
*	Refused
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused to tell sex of gynecological care provider
100	

Based on those with no gynecological care provider; n = 145

8. Have you EVER had a gynecological exam, that is a pelvic exam? **IF NECESSARY ADD:** A pelvic exam is a medical examination of your female sexual organs.

79	Yes
21	No
0	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Summary: Gynecological Care

Based on questions 3, 5, and 8.

85	Has gynecological care provider
69	Has obstetrician/gynecologist for gynecological care
13	Has other kind of health professional for gynecological care
3	Don't know
*	Refused
12	Has had gynecological exam/No provider
3	Never had gynecological exam
0	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

9. How OFTEN do you usually have gynecological exams? Would you say more often than once a year, about once a year, less often than once a year, or is there no particular schedule you have for these exams?

16	More often than once a year
59	About once a year
7	Less often than once a year
15	No particular schedule for these exams
*	Don't know
*	Refused
<u>3</u>	Never had gynecological exam/Don't know/Refused
100	

Based on those who never get gynecological exams, or get them less than once a year; n = 243

10. What is the MAIN reason you do not get gynecological exams (more often than this/on a regular basis)?

31	Just haven't gotten around to it; no time; forgot
29	Not having any problems
9	Costs too much
7	Too embarrassed; uncomfortable about it
5	Don't have insurance
4	Don't have a regular doctor
2	Have had hysterectomy
2	Not sexually active; too young; don't need them
2	Health professional advises exams less frequently
1	Don't like going to the doctor/gynecologist
2	Other
6	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who receive gynecological care; n = 976

11. These next few questions are about your most recent gynecological visit. At that visit . . .

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>		
a.						
Did you feel you got all the information you needed?		94	6	*	0	=100
b.						
Did you feel you had enough time with your doctor or health professional?	94	6	*	0		=100
c.						
Were you treated with respect?	98	2	*	0		=100
d.						
Did you feel you could ask a question about anything that was on your mind?	95	5	*	0		=100
e.						
Did you talk about birth control?		48	51	1	0	=100

12. Have you EVER discussed birth control with a doctor or other health professional?

89	Yes, have discussed birth control
11	No, have never discussed birth control
0	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Before we go on, I want to say that we realize not everyone will be familiar with all of these issues. Please try to answer each question, but if you don't know the answer to a particular question feel free to say so.

13. Do you happen to know what the MAIN purpose of a PAP SMEAR is? Is it a test for AIDS, for some other sexually transmitted disease, for cancer, for pregnancy, or for something else?

*	AIDS
5	Other sexually transmitted disease
81	Cancer
1	Pregnancy
7	Other
6	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

14. As far as you know, are any of the following tests AUTOMATICALLY included in a regular gynecological exam, that is without YOU requesting it? How about **(INSERT)**, is this automatically included **(IF NECESSARY ADD:)** in a regular gynecological exam?

	Yes, automatically <u>included</u>	No, not automatically <u>included</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a. A test for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS?	5	83	12	0	=100
b. Tests for ALL sexually transmitted diseases besides HIV?	26	55	19	0	=100
c. Tests for SOME sexually transmitted diseases besides HIV? ¹	42	39	19	0	=100
d. A pap smear?	87	11	2	0	=100

15. Do you happen to know the best time for a woman to have a gynecological exam? Is it right BEFORE her period starts, DURING her period, two weeks AFTER her period starts, or doesn't it matter?

8	Right before her period starts
1	During her period
45	Two weeks after her period starts
17	Doesn't matter
29	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

16. When a woman sees a health professional for reproductive health care or to choose a method of birth control, is the number of sexual partners she has had important information for her health professional to know, or is this private information her health professional doesn't need to know?

68	Important information for health professional to know
22	Private information health professional doesn't need to know
4	It depends (VOLUNTEERED)
6	Don't know

¹ "Yes" includes those who said that tests for some or all sexually transmitted diseases beside HIV are automatically included in a regular gynecological exam. Sixteen percent of those surveyed believe that some, but not all, sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV are tested for automatically in a regular gynecological exam.

0 Refused
100

17. Do you CURRENTLY have any particular health concerns or problems that relate to your reproductive health or sexuality?
18. Have you EVER had any particular health concerns or problems that related to your reproductive health or sexuality?

27 Currently has or has had reproductive health problems
9 Currently has reproductive health problems
18 Has had reproductive health problems
72 Never had reproductive health problems
1 Don't know
0 Refused
100

Based on those who currently have or have had reproductive health problems; n = 279

19. (Have you seen or spoken/Did you see or speak) with a doctor or other health professional about this concern or problem (when it first started to bother you)?

87 Yes
13 No
0 Don't know
0 Refused
100

Based on those who have not/did not see a doctor about this problem; n = 35

20. What is the MAIN reason you (haven't talked/ didn't talk) about this problem with a doctor or health professional (when it first started to bother you)?

37 Problem was no big deal; would go away by itself
24 Just didn't get around to it; no time
12 Cost too much
5 Didn't want anyone to know about it; worried about confidentiality
5 Didn't have a regular doctor
3 Didn't want bad news
2 Too embarrassed
6 Other
6 Don't know/Refused
100

21. As far as you know, is there any way that information about your gynecological concerns or problems might be made available to people like your employer, your insurance company, or to members of your family, OR do you think this information is completely confidential?

15	Information could be made available to others
81	Information is completely confidential
4	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who receive gynecological care; n = 976

22. Have you ever been too WORRIED about the confidentiality or privacy of your medical information to ask questions during a gynecological visit about a female-related problem that was bothering you?

6	Yes
94	No
*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who receive gynecological care; n = 976

23. Have you ever felt too EMBARRASSED to ask questions during a gynecological visit about something that was on your mind?

18	Yes
82	No
*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have felt too embarrassed to ask question ; n = 164

24. Thinking about the LAST TIME this happened to you, did you eventually get the information or help you needed, or not? **IF YES ASK:** did you get it from the same health professional who you saw during that gynecological visit, or from some other source?

52	Yes, got from same health professional
28	Yes, got from some other source
17	No
3	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

25. Are you now covered by ANY health insurance that pays for all or part of your medical expenses?
26. Do you know what kind of health insurance you have? Is it traditional fee-for-service insurance, also called indemnity insurance, OR do you have a managed care plan, such as an HMO or PPO?

READ IF NECESSARY: Health maintenance organizations, or HMOs, charge a monthly fee that covers nearly all health and medical care, instead of billing you for each service or visit to the doctor separately. In an HMO, you get health care only from a group of doctors who work with the organization and only use a hospital when they refer you.

READ IF NECESSARY: Preferred Provider Organizations, or PPOs, give you a list of doctors who they prefer you to use. If you use these doctors, you must pay only a small amount, but if you visit a doctor who is NOT on the list, you must pay all or most of what that doctor charges.

82 Insured
 17 Traditional fee-for-service insurance
 52 Managed care
 29 HMO
 15 PPO
 8 Managed care -- type unspecified
 5 None of the above (VOLUNTEERED)
 8 Don't know
 * Refused
 17 Uninsured
 1 Don't know
 0 Refused
 100

27. As far as you know, does your health insurance pay ANY of the cost for . . .

		Yes, insurance pays at least <u>part of the cost</u>	No, insurance pays none <u>of the cost</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref</u>	Uninsured/ <u>DK/Ref.</u>	
a.	A gynecological check-up	69	8	5	0	18	=100
b.	Birth control	35	25	22	*	18	=100
c.	An abortion	8	23	51	*	18	=100

28. These next few questions are about your own sexual behavior. First, have you had sexual intercourse within the last THREE MONTHS?
29. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
- | | |
|----------|---|
| 93 | Have had sexual intercourse |
| 78 | Currently sexually active |
| 15 | Not currently sexually active but have had sexual intercourse |
| 4 | Never had sexual intercourse |
| * | Don't know |
| <u>3</u> | Refused |
| 100 | |
32. Have you been sterilized, or do you have any condition that makes it impossible for you to EVER get pregnant?
- | | |
|----------|---|
| 26 | Yes, have been sterilized OR can't get pregnant |
| 66 | No |
| 4 | Never had sexual intercourse |
| <u>4</u> | Don't know/Refused/Sexual history unknown |
| 100 | |

Summary: Respondent now at risk for unplanned pregnancy
Based on questions 28-33

28. These next few questions are about your own sexual behavior. First, have you had sexual intercourse within the last THREE MONTHS?
29. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
30. Are you currently pregnant?
31. Are you currently TRYING to get pregnant?
32. Have you been sterilized, or do you have any condition that makes it impossible for you to EVER get pregnant?
33. Has your current sexual partner been sterilized, or does he have any condition that makes it impossible for him to EVER get you pregnant?
- | | |
|----|---|
| 50 | At risk for unplanned pregnancy |
| 47 | Not at risk |
| 36 | Respondent or partner sterilized (unable to impregnate) |
| 4 | Pregnant |
| 3 | Trying to get pregnant |
| 4 | Never had sexual intercourse |

3 DK/Ref -- Sexual history unknown
100

Based on those at risk for unplanned pregnancy; n = 502

34. When you have sexual intercourse, how often do you use birth control or do anything else to try to prevent pregnancy? Would you say all of the time, most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all?

73 All of the time
9 Most of the time
4 Only sometimes
12 Not at all
0 Don't know
2 Refused
100

Based on those at risk for unplanned pregnancy who do not always use birth control; n = 127

35. Which of the following, IF ANY, are reasons you (sometimes) don't use birth control -- just say "yes" or "no" for each one. How about, (INSERT) -- is this a reason YOU (sometimes) don't use birth control?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a. You can't always plan ahead for when you're going to have sex		25	75	0	0 =100
b. Birth control interrupts the moment	23	77	0	0	=100
c. Sex doesn't feel as good with birth control	14	84	2	0	=100
d. Your partner doesn't want to use birth control	14	86	0	0	=100
e. You only have sex during the "safe" time of the month	26	73	1	0	=100
f. It's too embarrassing to talk about birth control with your partner	0	100	0	0	=100
g. You can't afford birth control	3	97	0	0	=100
h. You or your partner don't like the side effects of certain kinds of birth control	28	71	1	0	=100
i. You wouldn't mind if you got pregnant	39	61	0	0	=100
j. You don't know how to use birth control		2	98	0	0 =100

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|----|--|----|----|---|---|------|
| k. | You sometimes have sex when you're using drugs or drinking | 12 | 88 | 0 | 0 | =100 |
| l. | Birth control is against your religious or moral beliefs | 7 | 92 | 0 | 1 | =100 |

Based on those at risk for unplanned pregnancy who ever use birth control; n = 441

36. I am going to read a list of birth control methods. Please tell me which of these you or your partner use MOST OFTEN by saying "yes" when I mention it. You can say "yes" to more than one type of birth control if you usually use more than one method at the SAME TIME. Here's the list.

- | | |
|----|---|
| 57 | Condoms |
| 50 | Birth control pills |
| 16 | Withdrawal or "pulling out" |
| 14 | The rhythm method, or having sex only during the safe time of the month |
| 14 | Contraceptive jellies or creams |
| 6 | Depo-Provera, or contraceptive shots |
| 4 | A diaphragm or cervical cap |
| 1 | An IUD, or intrauterine device |
| 1 | Contraceptive sponge |
| * | Norplant |
| 1 | Some other method |
| * | Don't know |
| 2 | Refused |

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

37. If a woman has just had sex and thinks she might become pregnant, is there anything she can do in the next few days to prevent pregnancy, or not?

- | | |
|-----|---|
| 37 | Yes, there is something (NET) |
| 26 | Yes, there is something (UNSPECIFIED) |
| 5 | Yes, there is something -- RU-486 (VOLUNTEERED) |
| 2 | Yes, there is something -- birth control pills (VOLUNTEERED) |
| 2 | Yes, there is something -- morning after pill (VOLUNTEERED) |
| 2 | Yes, there is something -- other (VOLUNTEERED) |
| 42 | No, there is not anything/Too late to prevent pregnancy (VOLUNTEERED) |
| 21 | Not sure/Don't know |
| — | * Refused |
| 100 | |

Total for sub-categories exceeds net category due to multiple responses

38. Have you ever heard of morning-after pills, also called emergency contraceptive pills, or not?

66	Yes, have heard of it (NET)
63	Yes, have heard of it (UNSPECIFIED)
2	Yes, is RU-486 (VOLUNTEERED)
1	Yes, is birth control pills (VOLUNTEERED)
*	Yes, is other (VOLUNTEERED)
34	No, have not heard of it
*	Not sure/Don't know
*	Refused
100	

Total for sub-categories exceeds net category due to multiple responses

Based on those who have heard of morning-after pills; n = 675

39. Are morning-after pills currently available to women in the United States, or not?

27	Yes, are available
37	No, not available
36	Don't know
0	Refused
100	

Based on those who believe morning-after pills are currently available; n = 184

39a. Can a woman just buy morning-after pills at a drugstore, or does she need a prescription from a doctor or other health professional?

3	Can buy in drug store
85	Needs prescription
12	Don't know
0	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse and believe morning-after pills are currently available; n = 174

40. Have you ever taken morning-after pills, or not?

7	Yes, have taken
93	No, have not taken
0	Don't know
0	Refused
100	

41. Do you think the average woman today is more likely to have an unplanned pregnancy, or more likely to be unable to get pregnant when she wants to?

65	Unplanned pregnancy more likely
21	Unable to get pregnant more likely
2	Neither (VOLUNTEERED)
12	Don't know
*	Refused
100	

42. To the best of your knowledge, do any of the following factors affect a woman's ability to get pregnant? (First) how about **(INSERT)** does this affect a woman's ability to get pregnant, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a.	Her age		79	19	2	0 =100
b.	Whether she smokes	41	47	12	0	=100
c.	Long-term use of birth control pills	66	23	11	0	=100
d.	Whether she has had an abortion		51	34	15	0 =100
e.	Whether she has had a sexually transmitted disease	71	18	11	0	=100

43. At what point in a pregnancy do you think a woman should FIRST see a doctor or other health professional?

74	As soon as she thinks she might be pregnant
15	During the first month of pregnancy
8	During the second month
2	During the third month
0	During the fourth month or later
1	Don't know
*	Refused
100	

44. Have you ever had any “pre-conception counseling” where you talked with a doctor or health professional about the things a woman should do BEFORE becoming pregnant to ensure a healthy pregnancy?

34	Yes
66	No
*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse; n = 938

45. About how many times, if ever, have you taken a pregnancy test because you thought you might be pregnant but you did NOT want to be pregnant?

50	Never
22	One
13	Two
7	Three
2	Four
1	Five
1	Six
3	Seven or more
1	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse; n = 938

46. Have you ever become pregnant unintentionally?

42	Yes
58	No
*	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

47. In the last twelve months, have you been tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS?

48. Have you EVER been tested for HIV?

47	Have been tested for HIV
27	Tested in last 12 months
20	Tested, but not in last 12 months
50	Never tested for HIV
3	Don't know

<u> *</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have been tested for HIV; n = 468

49. Where did you get this test done?

36	Doctor's office or HMO center
20	Hospital
15	Public health clinic; AIDS test site
10	Family planning clinic, including Planned Parenthood
10	Blood donation center, such as the Red Cross
2	Respondent's home (reason unspecified)
1	Clinic/Medical center
1	For insurance purposes (at respondent's home or elsewhere)
1	Laboratory
*	Health department
3	Someplace else
*	Don't know
<u> 1</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have been tested for HIV; n = 468

50. What was the MAIN reason you got tested? Was it because you thought you might have been EXPOSED to the virus, because you were beginning a sexual relationship with a NEW PARTNER, because you wanted to stop using CONDOMS, or was it because of some other reason?

10	Might have been exposed to the virus
6	Beginning a new sexual relationship
*	Wanted to stop using condoms
19	Just thought it would be a good idea (VOLUNTEERED)
18	Pregnant (VOLUNTEERED)
16	It was part of routine care (VOLUNTEERED)
10	Tested for blood donation purposes (FROM PREVIOUS QUESTION)
6	Insurance physical (VOLUNTEERED)
4	Surgery/Blood transfusion/Blood tests (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Job related reasons (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Getting married (VOLUNTEERED)
1	Illness (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Some other reason (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Don't know
<u> 2</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have never been tested for HIV; n = 508

51. People have many reasons they might decide NOT to get tested for HIV. As I read the following list of reasons, please tell me if each one WAS or was NOT a reason YOU have decided not to get tested? (First/Next), how about . . (INSERT)

		Yes, a <u>reason</u>	No, not <u>a reason</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a.	You don't think you are at risk of getting infected with HIV	67	32	1	*	=100
b.	The test costs too much		5	91	4	* =100
c.	You don't have health insurance		10	90	*	* =100
d.	You haven't gotten around to it	19	81	*	*	=100
e.	You feel there is no point in knowing whether you are infected with HIV	9	89	2	*	=100
f.	You feel embarrassed to ask for a test	6	93	1	*	=100
g.	You are afraid you might find out bad news	10	90	*	*	=100
h.	You're worried someone else might find out you had the test done	5	95	0	*	=100

52. An HIV test you can give yourself in your own home has been developed and is available in a few cities. To use this test, you buy a kit in a drug store, take a blood sample from your finger, and send your sample to a laboratory. Then, you get the results by calling a confidential telephone number. IF you thought there was a chance you might have been infected with the HIV virus, how likely would you be to use this home test -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

45 Very likely
 18 Somewhat likely
 10 Not too likely
 25 Not likely at all
 * Not applicable/Would never be exposed (VOLUNTEERED)

2	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those not too likely or not likely at all to use a home test; n = 356

53. What is the MAIN reason you feel you would not want to use this home test?

53	Prefer to see a doctor about this
28	Test might not be accurate/Lab might make mistakes
5	Not applicable/Would never be exposed
3	Too difficult to do test
2	Can't be sure of confidentiality when getting results
2	No confidentiality when buying the kit
1	Free, cheaper, easier to test elsewhere
1	Fear of needles, pain
1	Lack of counseling
2	Other
2	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse; n = 938

54. Have you and your current or most recent sexual partner ever had a conversation about your risk of infecting each other with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS?

44	Yes
56	No
*	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had a conversation about HIV; n = 401

54a. What was the main reason you had this conversation? Were you thinking about STARTING a sexual relationship, STOPPING the use of condoms, did you think you might be infected with HIV, or was it some other reason?

30	Starting a sexual relationship
3	Stopping the use of condoms
10	Might be infected
29	No particular reason (VOLUNTEERED)
5	Concerned about possible exposure -- sexual (VOLUNTEERED)
5	Getting married (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Concerned about possible exposure -- professional/health professional (VOLUNTEERED)
9	Some other reason (SPECIFY)
3	Don't know
<u>4</u>	Refused
100	

INTRO NOTE BEFORE Q 55: These next few questions are about sexually transmitted diseases, OTHER than AIDS. The names of some of these other sexually transmitted diseases are gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, and chlamydia.

55. In the last 12 months, have you been tested for ANY sexually transmitted diseases?

56. Have you EVER been tested for any sexually transmitted diseases?

45	Have been tested for any STD
24	Tested in last 12 months
21	Tested, but not in last 12 months
53	Never tested for any STD
2	Don't know
*	Refused
<u>100</u>	

Based on those who have been tested for any STD; n = 454

57. The last time you were tested, what was the MAIN reason? Was it because you thought you might have been EXPOSED, because you were beginning a sexual relationship with a NEW PARTNER, because you wanted to stop using CONDOMS, because you were having some SYMPTOMS of disease, or was it for some other reason?

11	Thought had been exposed to an STD
6	Beginning a new sexual relationship
*	Wanted to stop using condoms
19	Having symptoms
34	Part of routine care (VOLUNTEERED)
17	Pregnant (VOLUNTEERED)
4	Getting married (VOLUNTEERED)
3	Just thought it would be a good idea (VOLUNTEERED)
1	Insurance physical (VOLUNTEERED)
*	Surgery (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Some other reason (VOLUNTEERED)
2	Don't know
<u>1</u>	Refused
100	

58. Have you ever been worried that you might have a sexually transmitted disease, but NOT gotten yourself tested?

4	Yes
96	No
*	Don't know

$\frac{*}{100}$ Refused

Based on those who were worried that they had an STD and did not see a health professional; n = 35

59. I'm going to read a list of reasons some people say they decided not to get tested for a sexually transmitted disease, even when they thought they might have been exposed. As I read each one please tell me if it WAS or was NOT ever a reason why YOU decided not to get tested?
(First/Next) how about . . .

		<u>Yes, was a reason</u>	<u>No, was not a reason</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a.	The test costs too much =100	28		72	0	0
b.	You did not have health insurance	18	82	0	0	=100
c.	You just didn't get around to it	43	57	0	0	=100
d.	You felt the problem would go away by itself	28	72	0	0	=100
e.	You felt embarrassed to ask for a test	28	72	0	0	=100
f.	You were afraid you might find out bad news	31	69	0	0	=100
g.	You were worried someone else might find out you had the test done	16	84	0	0	=100
h.	You felt there's just no point in knowing if you have a sexually transmitted disease	10	90	0	0	=100

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse; n = 938

60. Have you and your current or most recent sexual partner ever had a conversation about your risk of infecting each other with a sexually transmitted disease?

27 Yes
73 No
* Don't know
0 Refused
100

Based on those who have had a conversation about STDs; n = 253

61. What was the main reason you had this conversation? Were you thinking about STARTING a sexual relationship, STOPPING the use of condoms, did you think you had the SYMPTOMS of a sexually transmitted disease, or was it some other reason?

40	Starting a sexual relationship
3	Stopping the use of condoms
10	Had symptoms
21	No particular reason (VOLUNTEERED)
8	Concerned about possible exposure (VOLUNTEERED)
5	Getting married (VOLUNTEERED)
1	Respondent infected (VOLUNTEERED)
6	Some other reason (VOLUNTEERED)
4	Don't know
<u>2</u>	Refused
100	

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse; n = 938

62. As far as you know, has your current or most recent sexual partner ever HAD a sexually transmitted disease?

6	Yes
92	No
2	Don't know
<u>0</u>	Refused
100	

63. Have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease?

11	Yes
88	No
1	Don't know
<u>*</u>	Refused
100	

64. Did you receive any medical treatment for this disease?

11	Yes
*	No
*	Don't know
0	Refused
<u>89</u>	Never had an a sexually transmitted disease/DK/Ref.
100	

65. Please tell me which of the following MIGHT be a way someone could get a sexually transmitted disease. Can a person get a sexually transmitted disease from . . .

		Yes, can get an STD <u>this way</u>	No, can not get an STD <u>this way</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
a.	Kissing	28	65	7	*	=100
b.	Oral sex	82	10	8	*	=100
c.	A toilet seat	21	70	9	*	=100
d.	Vaginal intercourse	99	*	1	*	=100

66. As far as you know, what are the signs or symptoms that a woman might have a sexually transmitted disease? Can you name any other symptoms?

45	Vaginal discharge and odor
33	Sores, growths, warts, bumps, rash in genital area
31	Itching
23	Painful urination; Burning
20	Pain in stomach, back, pelvic or genital area
10	Fever; Flu-like symptoms; Fatigue
5	Menstruation irregularities; Bleeding
4	Painful sexual intercourse
2	Frequent urination
8	Other
23	Don't know/Refused

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

67. As far as you know, would a woman always be able to tell if she had a sexually transmitted disease, or are there some sexually transmitted diseases that have no symptoms?

9	Would always be able to tell
79	Some have no symptoms
12	Don't know
*	Refused
100	

68. As far as you know, are there any LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS a woman might suffer if she has had a sexually transmitted disease?

68a. Can you tell me what some of these long-term effects are? Can you name any others?

87	Yes, are long-term health effects
54	Infertility/sterility/difficulty getting pregnant
16	Death
8	Pregnancy and birth-related complications
7	Blindness
6	Increased risk of cervical cancer
5	Recurrence of symptoms
3	Mental illness; Brain damage; Neurological damage
3	Increased risk of HIV infection
2	Scarring (of reproductive organs)
1	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
1	Depression
10	Other
17	Don't know
1	Refused
4	No long-term health effects
9	Don't know
<u> </u>	* Refused
100	

Total for sub-categories exceeds "yes" category due to multiple responses

69. Do you think the average woman today is more likely to get a sexually transmitted disease, or more likely to have an unplanned pregnancy?

56	Get an STD
31	Have an unplanned pregnancy
2	Neither (VOLUNTEERED)
11	Don't know
<u> </u>	* Refused
100	

These last few background questions are for statistical purposes only.

D1. Have you ever had a child?

67	Yes
26	No
*	Refused
<u>7</u>	Never had sexual intercourse; sexual history unknown
100	

D2. Since you became sexually active, about how many sexual partners have you had? Would you say more than twenty, eleven to twenty, seven to ten, three to six, two or one?

5	More than 20
7	11 to 20
13	7 to 10
29	3 to 6
15	Two
22	One
*	Don't know
2	Refused
<u>7</u>	Never had sexual intercourse; sexual history unknown
100	

D3. Are you currently married, LIVING AS married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

59	Married
7	Living as married
1	Widowed
7	Divorced
2	Separated
23	Never married
<u>1</u>	Refused
100	

D4. What is your exact age?

22	18-24
17	25-29
42	30-39
18	40-44

1 Refused
100

D5. What is the LAST grade or class you completed in school?

1 None, or grade 1 to 8
9 High school incomplete (Grades 9 - 11)
35 High school graduate (Grade 12), GED
3 Business, technical or vocational school after high school
29 Some college, no four-year degree
17 College graduate, four-year degree
5 Post-graduate or professional schooling, after college
0 Don't know
1 Refused
100

D6. Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish background?

D7. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

78 White non-Hispanic
12 Black non-Hispanic
7 Hispanic
2 Other or mixed race
1 Don't know/ Refused
100

D8. Last year, that is in 1995, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

8 Less than \$10,000
15 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
18 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
17 \$30,000 to under \$40,000
18 \$40,000 to under \$60,000
13 \$60,000 to under \$100,000
3 \$100,000 or more
4 Don't know
4 Refused
100

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer the questions on this survey. We really appreciate it.
Have a nice day/evening.

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