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Demographic characteristics

Minimum sample quotas were used to calculate the proportion of young people needed for school type, gender and year level based on 2019 census data [1]. The total population proportions were derived from Year 8 - 10 young people to provide the best estimates for Year 10 - 12 young people in 2021. Table S1 shows the minimum quotas based of the census data, the proportion for the obtained sample and the difference between the two.

Table S1. Sample composition of school type, gender and year level in relation to the 2019 census data

School type, gender and year level	2019 Census Proportions %	Survey Proportions %	Difference Survey % - Census %
Government			
Male			
Year 10	11.09%	4.71%	-6.38%
Year 11	10.59%	5.7%	-4.89%
Year 12	9.4%	4.4%	-5%
Female			
Year 10	10.13%	12.72%	2.59%
Year 11	9.68%	13.87%	4.19%
Year 12	9.17%	14.36%	5.19%
Catholic			
Male			
Year 10	3.74%	2.14%	-1.6%
Year 11	3.58%	2.12%	-1.46%
Year 12	3.22%	2.5%	-0.72%
Female			
Year 10	3.7%	3.67%	-0.03%
Year 11	3.49%	5.54%	2.05%
Year 12	3.28%	5.7%	2.42%
Independent			
Male			
Year 10	3.22%	1.88%	-1.34%
Year 11	3.16%	2.41%	-0.75%
Year 12	3.07%	3.27%	0.2%
Female			
Year 10	3.22%	3.62%	0.4%
Year 11	3.21%	5.12%	1.91%
Year 12	3.05%	6.27%	3.22%

Table S2. Sample composition of state in relation to the 2019 census data.

State/territory	Census Proportions %	Survey Proportions %	Difference Survey % - Census %)
ACT	1.84%	2.5%	0.66%
NSW	30.69%	25.43%	-5.26%
NT	0.92%	0.95%	0.03%
QLD	21.56%	23.08%	1.52%
SA	7.16%	8.46%	1.3%
TAS	2.05%	3.6%	1.55%
VIC	25.3%	25.71%	0.41%
WA	10.49%	10.27%	-0.22%

Table S3. Demographics by gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Age				
14	426 (9.6%)	204 (10.7%)	101 (20.8%)	731 (10.7%)
15	827 (18.6%)	361 (19.0%)	106 (21.8%)	1,294 (18.9%)
16	1,108 (24.9%)	493 (26.0%)	118 (24.3%)	1,719 (25.1%)
17	1,583 (35.5%)	625 (32.9%)	127 (26.1%)	2,335 (34.1%)
18	512 (11.5%)	216 (11.4%)	34 (7.0%)	762 (11.1%)
State				
ACT	91 (2.0%)	64 (3.4%)	6 (1.2%)	161 (2.4%)
NSW	1,183 (26.5%)	477 (25.1%)	114 (23.5%)	1,774 (25.9%)
NT	39 (0.9%)	19 (1.0%)	3 (0.6%)	61 (0.9%)
QLD	1,014 (22.8%)	442 (23.3%)	118 (24.3%)	1,574 (23.0%)
SA	374 (8.4%)	144 (7.6%)	38 (7.8%)	556 (8.1%)
TAS	165 (3.7%)	70 (3.7%)	12 (2.5%)	247 (3.6%)
VIC	1,134 (25.4%)	498 (26.2%)	143 (29.4%)	1,775 (25.9%)
WA	456 (10.2%)	185 (9.7%)	52 (10.7%)	693 (10.1%)
Remoteness categories				
Major city	2,035 (61.4%)	969 (64.8%)	240 (68.2%)	3,244 (62.8%)
Inner regional	886 (26.7%)	380 (25.4%)	79 (22.4%)	1,345 (26.1%)
Outer regional	341 (10.3%)	128 (8.6%)	30 (8.5%)	499 (9.7%)
Remote	40 (1.2%)	12 (0.8%)	2 (0.6%)	54 (1.0%)
Very remote	13 (0.4%)	7 (0.5%)	1 (0.3%)	21 (0.4%)
Sexual orientation				
Bisexual	1,147 (26.0%)	253 (13.4%)	186 (38.4%)	1,586 (23.3%)
Gay or lesbian	131 (3.0%)	178 (9.4%)	97 (20.0%)	406 (6.0%)
Heterosexual or straight	2,590 (58.6%)	1,353 (71.6%)	4 (0.8%)	3,947 (58.1%)
I use a different term	220 (5.0%)	46 (2.4%)	174 (36.0%)	440 (6.5%)
Not sure	332 (7.5%)	59 (3.1%)	23 (4.8%)	414 (6.1%)

Table S4. School characteristics by gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Year level				
Year 9	683 (15.5%)	349 (18.7%)	124 (26.6%)	1,156 (17.2%)
Year 10	932 (21.2%)	405 (21.7%)	109 (23.4%)	1,446 (21.5%)
Year 11	1,124 (25.5%)	469 (25.1%)	117 (25.1%)	1,710 (25.4%)
Year 12	1,206 (27.4%)	462 (24.7%)	79 (17.0%)	1,747 (25.9%)
Not in school	457 (10.4%)	185 (9.9%)	37 (7.9%)	679 (10.1%)
School type				
Catholic	826 (20.9%)	379 (22.4%)	78 (17.5%)	1,283 (21.0%)
Government	2,287 (57.8%)	893 (52.7%)	267 (60.0%)	3,447 (56.5%)
Independent	811 (20.5%)	410 (24.2%)	92 (20.7%)	1,313 (21.5%)
Home school	36 (0.9%)	12 (0.7%)	8 (1.8%)	56 (0.9%)

Table S5. Cultural characteristics of the sample by gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Born in Australia	4,023 (92.4%)	1,694 (91.5%)	447 (93.5%)	6,164 (92.3%)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	248 (5.8%)	91 (4.9%)	31 (6.7%)	370 (5.6%)
Language other than English ¹	136 (3.1%)	66 (3.6%)	16 (3.3%)	218 (3.3%)
Mother born in Australia	3,479 (81.0%)	1,460 (79.9%)	383 (81.5%)	5,322 (80.7%)
Father born in Australia	3,384 (78.9%)	1,420 (77.8%)	369 (78.3%)	5,173 (78.5%)
Religion				
No religion	3,065 (71.2%)	1,317 (72.0%)	332 (72.2%)	4,714 (71.5%)
Catholic	618 (14.4%)	252 (13.8%)	21 (4.6%)	891 (13.5%)
Anglican	137 (3.2%)	48 (2.6%)	9 (2.0%)	194 (2.9%)
Other Christian religion	318 (7.4%)	130 (7.1%)	15 (3.3%)	463 (7.0%)
Islam	23 (0.5%)	15 (0.8%)	0	38 (0.6%)
Buddhism	33 (0.8%)	11 (0.6%)	5 (1.1%)	49 (0.7%)
Hinduism	16 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)	0	23 (0.3%)
Sikhism	2 (0.0%)	2 (0.1%)	1 (0.2%)	5 (0.1%)
Judaism	15 (0.3%)	10 (0.5%)	5 (1.1%)	30 (0.5%)
Other religion not listed	76 (1.8%)	36 (2.0%)	72 (15.7%)	184 (2.8%)
CaLD ²	636 (15.2%)	291 (16.4%)	64 (14.3%)	991 (15.5%)

¹ Language other than English spoken at home, ² At least one parent or young person was born in non-English speaking countries or speaks a language other than English at home

Table S6. Disabilities, neurodiversity, or physical or mental conditions, by gender

	Female n = 4410 n(%)	Male n = 1882 n(%)	Non-binary n = 476 n(%)	Total N = 6768 n(%)
Physical	161 (13.2%)	56 (15.2%)	37 (12.8%)	254 (13.5%)
Intellectual	170 (14.0%)	85 (23.0%)	81 (27.9%)	336 (17.9%)
Mental illness	1,016 (83.5%)	221 (59.9%)	271 (93.4%)	1,508 (80.4%)
Sensory	234 (19.2%)	72 (19.5%)	140 (48.3%)	446 (23.8%)
Neurodiversity/Autism	503 (41.3%)	212 (57.5%)	210 (72.4%)	925 (49.3%)
Acquired brain injury	10 (0.8%)	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.3%)	13 (0.7%)
Any disability	1,218 (27.6%)	368 (19.6%)	290 (60.9%)	1,876 (27.7%)

Table S7. Young people's responses to mental wellbeing questions, by gender

	Female n = 4239 n(%)	Male n = 1830 n(%)	Non-binary n = 454 n(%)	Total N = 6523 n(%)
Excited about the future				
No, never	394 (9.3%)	167 (9.1%)	90 (19.8%)	651 (10.0%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	695 (16.4%)	267 (14.6%)	90 (19.8%)	1,052 (16.1%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,513 (35.7%)	628 (34.3%)	123 (27.1%)	2,264 (34.7%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	1,637 (38.6%)	768 (42.0%)	151 (33.3%)	2,556 (39.2%)
Overwhelming anxiety				
No, never	332 (7.6%)	430 (23.2%)	6 (1.3%)	768 (11.5%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	162 (3.7%)	123 (6.6%)	11 (2.3%)	296 (4.4%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,562 (35.8%)	587 (31.7%)	119 (24.9%)	2,268 (33.9%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	2,307 (52.9%)	710 (38.4%)	341 (71.5%)	3,358 (50.2%)
Very sad				
No, never	261 (6.0%)	332 (18.1%)	5 (1.1%)	598 (9.0%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	271 (6.3%)	195 (10.6%)	16 (3.4%)	482 (7.3%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,634 (37.8%)	651 (35.4%)	140 (29.5%)	2,425 (36.6%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	2,155 (49.9%)	660 (35.9%)	314 (66.1%)	3,129 (47.2%)
That life feels very meaningful				
No, never	526 (12.5%)	221 (12.1%)	110 (24.0%)	857 (13.2%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	746 (17.8%)	211 (11.6%)	99 (21.6%)	1,056 (16.3%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,682 (40.1%)	674 (37.1%)	146 (31.8%)	2,502 (38.7%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	1,241 (29.6%)	713 (39.2%)	104 (22.7%)	2,058 (31.8%)
So depressed that it was difficult to function				
No, never	1,114 (25.9%)	818 (44.3%)	31 (6.6%)	1,963 (29.7%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	450 (10.5%)	204 (11.1%)	29 (6.1%)	683 (10.3%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,486 (34.6%)	463 (25.1%)	165 (35.0%)	2,114 (31.9%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	1,250 (29.1%)	360 (19.5%)	247 (52.3%)	1,857 (28.1%)
Very lonely				
No, never	633 (14.7%)	513 (27.6%)	17 (3.6%)	1,163 (17.5%)
Yes, but not in the last 12 months	502 (11.6%)	250 (13.4%)	32 (6.8%)	784 (11.8%)
Yes, in the last 12 months	1,581 (36.7%)	564 (30.3%)	158 (33.5%)	2,303 (34.7%)
Yes, in the last 30 days	1,596 (37.0%)	535 (28.7%)	265 (56.1%)	2,396 (36.1%)

COVID

Table S8. Experiences during COVID-19, by gender.

	Female n = 4430 n(%)	Male n = 1890 n(%)	Non-binary n = 480 n(%)	Total N = 6800 n(%)
Someone in household was tested for COVID				
Yes	2,574 (58.1%)	1,157 (61.2%)	306 (63.7%)	4,037 (59.4%)
No	1,786 (40.3%)	697 (36.9%)	158 (32.9%)	2,641 (38.8%)
Unknown	70 (1.6%)	36 (1.9%)	16 (3.3%)	122 (1.8%)
Someone in the household was positive for COVID				
Yes	50 (1.9%)	19 (1.6%)	5 (1.6%)	74 (1.8%)
No	2,510 (97.6%)	1,134 (98.0%)	300 (98.0%)	3,944 (97.7%)
Unknown	6 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)	0	8 (0.2%)
Waiting for results	6 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)	1 (0.3%)	9 (0.2%)
Less social interaction than normal during COVID-19				
Less than normal	3,052 (68.9%)	1,138 (60.0%)	319 (66.3%)	4,509 (66.2%)
About the same	1,069 (24.1%)	577 (30.4%)	128 (26.6%)	1,774 (26.1%)
More than normal	210 (4.7%)	143 (7.5%)	16 (3.3%)	369 (5.4%)
Not sure	99 (2.2%)	38 (2.0%)	18 (3.7%)	155 (2.3%)
Changes to daily life				
Positive	1,165 (26.3%)	643 (33.9%)	69 (14.5%)	1,877 (27.6%)
No change	994 (22.5%)	461 (24.3%)	112 (23.5%)	1,567 (23.1%)
Negative	2,266 (51.2%)	791 (41.7%)	296 (62.1%)	3,353 (49.3%)
Changes to social life				
Positive	1,210 (27.3%)	637 (33.6%)	95 (19.8%)	1,942 (28.5%)
No change	1,123 (25.3%)	512 (27.0%)	132 (27.5%)	1,767 (25.9%)
Negative	2,101 (47.4%)	747 (39.4%)	253 (52.7%)	3,101 (45.5%)
Changes to dating/romantic life				
Positive	1,389 (32.1%)	512 (27.5%)	108 (23.3%)	2,009 (30.2%)
No change	1,506 (34.8%)	679 (36.5%)	192 (41.5%)	2,377 (35.7%)
Negative	1,432 (33.1%)	671 (36.0%)	163 (35.2%)	2,266 (34.1%)

STI knowledge and awareness

Table S9. Correct responses to the STI knowledge questions by gender.

	Female n = 4450 n(%)	Male n = 1894 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6830 n(%)
Genital herpes is caused by the same virus as HIV (False)	1,041 (23.4%)	558 (29.5%)	118 (24.3%)	1,717 (25.2%)
Human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause HIV (False)	686 (15.4%)	413 (21.9%)	86 (17.8%)	1,185 (17.4%)
Human papillomavirus (HPV) is caused by the same virus that causes HIV (False)	662 (14.9%)	398 (21.1%)	82 (16.9%)	1,142 (16.7%)
If a person had gonorrhoea in the pass they are immune (protected) from getting it again (False)	2,196 (49.4%)	809 (42.8%)	219 (45.2%)	3,224 (47.2%)
A person can tell by the way their body feels if they have hepatitis B (False)	1,318 (29.6%)	516 (27.3%)	147 (30.4%)	1,981 (29.0%)
If a person tests positive for HIV the test can tell how sick the person will become (False)	2,052 (46.1%)	772 (40.8%)	236 (48.6%)	3,060 (44.8%)
A person who has genital herpes must have open sores to give the infection to their sexual partner (False)	2,253 (50.7%)	918 (48.5%)	231 (47.5%)	3,402 (49.8%)
The same virus causes all STIs (False)	2,610 (58.8%)	1,140 (60.3%)	296 (61.0%)	4,046 (59.4%)
A person can look at their body and tell if they have gonorrhoea (False)	1,644 (37.0%)	574 (30.3%)	139 (28.7%)	2,357 (34.5%)
There is a vaccine available to prevent a person from getting gonorrhoea (False)	1,146 (25.8%)	459 (24.2%)	99 (20.4%)	1,704 (25.0%)
A person may have chlamydia if there is a yellow discharge with a strong smell coming from their genitals (True)	2,666 (59.9%)	966 (51.1%)	268 (55.3%)	3,900 (57.1%)
There is a vaccine that can protect a person from getting hepatitis B (True)	2,135 (48.0%)	759 (40.1%)	210 (43.2%)	3,104 (45.5%)
Frequent urinary infections can cause chlamydia (False)	1,033 (23.2%)	277 (14.6%)	86 (17.7%)	1,396 (20.5%)
There is a vaccine that prevents a person from getting chlamydia (False)	1,612 (36.2%)	542 (28.7%)	136 (28.0%)	2,290 (33.6%)
A person must have penetrative sex to get genital warts (False)	2,687 (60.4%)	1,021 (53.9%)	275 (56.6%)	3,983 (58.3%)

Table S9 continued...

	Female n = 4450 n(%)	Male n = 1894 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6830 n(%)
Chlamydia is a sexually transmissible infection that affects only persons with a uterus/womb (False)	2,747 (61.8%)	977 (51.7%)	268 (55.1%)	3,992 (58.5%)
People who share syringes and needles when injecting drugs are not at a greater risk for hepatitis C (False)	2,256 (50.7%)	946 (50.0%)	241 (49.7%)	3,443 (50.5%)
Once a person has caught genital herpes, they will always have the virus (True)	1,574 (35.4%)	582 (30.8%)	164 (33.9%)	2,320 (34.0%)
Hepatitis C can be transmitted with sterile or clean equipment used in tattooing and body piercing (False)	1,364 (30.7%)	588 (31.1%)	184 (38.0%)	2,136 (31.3%)
Chlamydia can lead to infertility (True)	2,011 (45.2%)	671 (35.5%)	180 (37.0%)	2,862 (41.9%)
Can HIV be spread by mosquitoes? (No)	784 (17.6%)	314 (16.6%)	102 (21.0%)	1,200 (17.6%)
Can a person get HIV by hugging someone who has it? (No)	3,444 (77.5%)	1,472 (77.8%)	405 (83.5%)	5,321 (78.0%)
Does the pill (contraceptive) protect a person from HIV? (No)	3,575 (80.4%)	1,330 (70.3%)	374 (77.0%)	5,279 (77.4%)
If condoms are used during sex does this help to protect people from getting HIV? (Yes)	3,625 (81.5%)	1,599 (84.4%)	407 (83.7%)	5,631 (82.5%)
Can someone with HIV who looks very healthy pass on the virus? (Yes)	3,640 (81.9%)	1,541 (81.4%)	407 (84.1%)	5,588 (81.9%)
Can HIV be passed from one person to another by sharing a needle or syringe with someone when injecting drugs? (Yes)	2,991 (67.3%)	1,354 (71.5%)	331 (68.2%)	4,676 (68.5%)
Can someone take pills (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP] or Post-Exposure Prophylaxis [PEP]) to stop them from getting HIV? (Yes)	690 (15.5%)	331 (17.5%)	99 (20.4%)	1,120 (16.4%)
Can HIV be passed from one person to another when having sex? (Yes)	3,816 (85.8%)	1,627 (86.0%)	428 (88.2%)	5,871 (86.0%)
Can HIV be spread through coughing or sneezing near other people? (No)	1,839 (41.3%)	861 (45.5%)	222 (45.7%)	2,922 (42.8%)
Mean percent of correct answers	47.0%	44.9%	46.3%	46.4%

Table S10. Percentage of young people aware of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

	Female n = 4454 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6839 n(%)
HIV	4,204 (94.4%)	1,808 (95.2%)	461 (94.9%)	6,473 (94.6%)
Chlamydia	4,198 (94.3%)	1,746 (91.9%)	445 (91.6%)	6,389 (93.4%)
Gonorrhoea	3,668 (82.4%)	1,611 (84.8%)	412 (84.8%)	5,691 (83.2%)
Herpes	4,199 (94.3%)	1,777 (93.6%)	460 (94.7%)	6,436 (94.1%)
Genital warts	3,506 (78.7%)	1,572 (82.8%)	373 (76.7%)	5,451 (79.7%)
Syphilis	3,237 (72.7%)	1,538 (81.0%)	381 (78.4%)	5,156 (75.4%)
HPV	3,099 (69.6%)	1,238 (65.2%)	348 (71.6%)	4,685 (68.5%)
Hepatitis	3,619 (81.3%)	1,637 (86.2%)	411 (84.6%)	5,667 (82.9%)
Not aware of any STIs	127 (2.9%)	64 (3.4%)	20 (4.1%)	211 (3.1%)

Sexual Behaviour

Sexual attraction and relationships

Table S11. Attraction, love and romance by sexual orientation and gender.

	Heterosexual ¹		LGBQ		
	Female n = 2583 n(%)	Male n = 1350 n(%)	Female n = 1828 n(%)	Male n = 536 n(%)	Non-binary n = 480 n(%)
Attraction					
Women	136 (5.3%)	1,305 (96.7%)	1,624 (88.8%)	327 (61.0%)	419 (87.3%)
Men	2,545 (98.5%)	52 (3.9%)	1,567 (85.7%)	472 (88.1%)	351 (73.1%)
Non-binary	49 (1.9%)	38 (2.8%)	884 (48.4%)	217 (40.5%)	424 (88.3%)
No one	4 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	22 (1.2%)	7 (1.3%)	18 (3.8%)
Not sure	8 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)	85 (4.6%)	14 (2.6%)	13 (2.7%)
Fall in love with/marry/raise a family with					
Women	20 (0.8%)	1,336 (98.9%)	1,135 (62.0%)	319 (59.5%)	397 (82.7%)
Men	2,542 (98.3%)	8 (0.6%)	1,470 (80.3%)	371 (69.2%)	300 (62.5%)
Non-binary	49 (1.9%)	33 (2.4%)	727 (39.7%)	180 (33.6%)	388 (80.8%)
No one	14 (0.5%)	7 (0.5%)	29 (1.6%)	5 (0.9%)	16 (3.3%)
Not sure	18 (0.7%)	4 (0.3%)	144 (7.9%)	22 (4.1%)	27 (5.6%)
Romantic attraction					
Women	39 (1.5%)	1,339 (99.3%)	1,403 (76.8%)	334 (62.4%)	421 (87.7%)
Men	2,559 (98.9%)	16 (1.2%)	1,548 (84.7%)	422 (78.9%)	336 (70.0%)
Non-binary	37 (1.4%)	29 (2.1%)	777 (42.5%)	193 (36.1%)	402 (83.8%)
No one	6 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)	9 (0.5%)	5 (0.9%)	11 (2.3%)
Not sure	9 (0.3%)	0	85 (4.7%)	12 (2.2%)	16 (3.3%)

¹ There were 4 non-binary heterosexual young people whose results are reported in the main report.

Table S12. Past and present relationships by gender.

	Female n = 4439 n(%)	Male n = 1888 n(%)	Non-binary n = 481 n(%)	Total N = 6808 n(%)
Ever been in a relationship	3,203 (72.2%)	1,174 (62.2%)	326 (67.8%)	4,703 (69.1%)
Currently in a relationship	1,893 (59.2%)	612 (52.3%)	166 (50.9%)	2,671 (56.9%)
Type of relationship for last or current relationship				
You and your partner agreed to be exclusive and only a sexual and/or romantic relationship with each other	2,517 (80.9%)	934 (81.6%)	202 (63.9%)	3,653 (79.9%)
You and your partner agreed not to be exclusive and can have relationships with other people	146 (4.7%)	62 (5.4%)	38 (12.0%)	246 (5.4%)
You and your partner have not clearly discussed or agreed on whether you can have relationships with other people	302 (9.7%)	105 (9.2%)	55 (17.4%)	462 (10.1%)
Something else	146 (4.7%)	44 (3.8%)	21 (6.6%)	211 (4.6%)

Defining sex

Table S13. Behaviours that young people's defined as sex by gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1898 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6840 n(%)
Mutual masturbation	1,200 (26.9%)	549 (28.9%)	260 (53.5%)	2,009 (29.4%)
Genital rubbing	1,701 (38.2%)	737 (38.8%)	361 (74.3%)	2,799 (40.9%)
Oral sex	2,496 (56.0%)	1,184 (62.4%)	405 (83.3%)	4,085 (59.7%)
Vaginal sex	4,414 (99.1%)	1,878 (98.9%)	476 (97.9%)	6,768 (98.9%)
Anal sex	3,584 (80.4%)	1,643 (86.6%)	464 (95.5%)	5,691 (83.2%)

Sexual behaviour

Table S14. Sexual behaviours by gender and year level.

	Female n = 4438 n(%)	Male n = 1894 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6818 n(%)
Deep kissing				
Year 9	361 (53.2%)	163 (46.8%)	56 (45.2%)	580 (50.4%)
Year 10	647 (69.6%)	242 (59.9%)	66 (60.6%)	955 (66.2%)
Year 11	889 (79.4%)	293 (62.6%)	77 (65.8%)	1,259 (73.9%)
Year 12	1,045 (87.0%)	355 (76.8%)	64 (81.0%)	1,464 (84.0%)
Not in school	420 (92.1%)	146 (79.3%)	29 (78.4%)	595 (87.9%)
Total	3,387 (76.3%)	1,211 (63.9%)	299 (61.5%)	4,897 (71.8%)
Masturbation				
Year 9	503 (76.8%)	314 (92.1%)	101 (87.8%)	918 (82.6%)
Year 10	759 (84.4%)	383 (97.0%)	97 (93.3%)	1,239 (88.6%)
Year 11	966 (88.9%)	453 (98.7%)	103 (89.6%)	1,522 (91.6%)
Year 12	1,068 (91.3%)	449 (98.9%)	73 (94.8%)	1,590 (93.5%)
Not in school	421 (94.4%)	182 (98.9%)	35 (97.2%)	638 (95.8%)
Total	3,754 (87.2%)	1,807 (97.1%)	428 (91.8%)	5,989 (90.3%)
Touching partner's genitals				
Year 9	282 (41.8%)	131 (37.8%)	41 (33.3%)	454 (39.7%)
Year 10	556 (60.0%)	206 (51.0%)	52 (48.6%)	814 (56.6%)
Year 11	792 (71.0%)	283 (60.5%)	71 (60.7%)	1,146 (67.4%)
Year 12	956 (79.8%)	342 (74.5%)	58 (73.4%)	1,356 (78.1%)
Not in school	400 (87.9%)	140 (75.7%)	27 (73.0%)	567 (83.8%)
Total	3,006 (67.9%)	1,110 (58.7%)	255 (52.8%)	4,371 (64.3%)
Being touched on your genitals				
Year 9	312 (46.3%)	139 (40.1%)	45 (37.5%)	496 (43.5%)
Year 10	567 (61.4%)	201 (49.6%)	49 (45.8%)	817 (56.9%)
Year 11	807 (72.2%)	283 (60.6%)	72 (61.5%)	1,162 (68.3%)
Year 12	969 (81.0%)	333 (72.5%)	61 (77.2%)	1,363 (78.6%)
Not in school	400 (88.1%)	142 (77.6%)	25 (67.6%)	567 (84.1%)
Total	3,075 (69.6%)	1,105 (58.5%)	259 (54.0%)	4,439 (65.4%)
Pornography				
Year 9	500 (75.5%)	311 (91.5%)	99 (85.3%)	910 (81.4%)
Year 10	727 (80.0%)	373 (94.2%)	97 (89.8%)	1,197 (84.7%)
Year 11	876 (79.9%)	445 (97.2%)	103 (91.2%)	1,424 (85.4%)
Year 12	994 (84.0%)	437 (97.3%)	75 (96.2%)	1,506 (88.0%)
Not in school	391 (87.3%)	182 (98.9%)	35 (94.6%)	608 (90.9%)
Total	3,525 (81.0%)	1,772 (95.5%)	428 (90.9%)	5,725 (85.7%)

Table S14 continued...

	Female n = 4438 n(%)	Male n = 1894 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6818 n(%)
Giving oral sex				
Year 9	217 (31.8%)	75 (21.6%)	27 (21.8%)	319 (27.6%)
Year 10	477 (51.2%)	148 (36.5%)	38 (34.9%)	663 (45.9%)
Year 11	705 (62.8%)	220 (47.0%)	57 (49.1%)	982 (57.6%)
Year 12	878 (72.9%)	291 (63.1%)	53 (67.1%)	1,222 (70.1%)
Not in school	378 (83.1%)	130 (70.3%)	26 (70.3%)	534 (78.9%)
Total	2,673 (60.1%)	872 (46.0%)	206 (42.5%)	3,751 (54.9%)
Receiving oral sex				
Year 9	197 (28.9%)	88 (25.3%)	24 (19.4%)	309 (26.8%)
Year 10	432 (46.6%)	154 (38.0%)	32 (29.4%)	618 (42.9%)
Year 11	681 (60.7%)	228 (48.6%)	50 (43.1%)	959 (56.2%)
Year 12	850 (70.7%)	299 (65.0%)	52 (65.8%)	1,201 (69.0%)
Not in school	374 (82.4%)	131 (70.8%)	25 (67.6%)	530 (78.4%)
Total	2,551 (57.4%)	905 (47.7%)	187 (38.6%)	3,643 (53.4%)
Anal sex				
Year 9	38 (5.6%)	36 (10.3%)	5 (4.0%)	79 (6.8%)
Year 10	105 (11.3%)	48 (11.9%)	9 (8.3%)	162 (11.2%)
Year 11	144 (12.8%)	68 (14.5%)	19 (16.2%)	231 (13.5%)
Year 12	239 (19.9%)	89 (19.4%)	22 (27.8%)	350 (20.1%)
Not in school	139 (30.5%)	53 (28.8%)	2 (5.4%)	194 (28.7%)
Total	669 (15.1%)	300 (15.8%)	58 (11.9%)	1,027 (15.0%)
Vaginal sex				
Year 9	195 (28.7%)	79 (22.7%)	21 (16.9%)	295 (25.6%)
Year 10	431 (46.4%)	133 (32.8%)	37 (33.9%)	601 (41.6%)
Year 11	681 (60.8%)	190 (40.7%)	54 (47.0%)	925 (54.3%)
Year 12	870 (72.3%)	255 (55.3%)	45 (57.7%)	1,170 (67.1%)
Not in school	383 (84.2%)	119 (64.3%)	23 (62.2%)	525 (77.5%)
Total	2,578 (58.0%)	781 (41.2%)	184 (38.1%)	3,543 (52.0%)

Sexually active young people

Table S15. Young people who have ever had sexual intercourse (oral, anal and/or vaginal) by year level and gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Year 9	253 (37.0%)	106 (30.4%)	32 (25.8%)	391 (33.8%)
Year 10	532 (57.1%)	175 (43.2%)	46 (42.2%)	753 (52.1%)
Year 11	767 (68.2%)	254 (54.2%)	68 (58.1%)	1,089 (63.7%)
Year 12	937 (77.7%)	324 (70.1%)	56 (70.9%)	1,317 (75.4%)
Not in school	401 (87.7%)	137 (74.1%)	28 (75.7%)	566 (83.4%)
Total	2,909 (65.3%)	1,004 (52.9%)	235 (48.4%)	4,148 (60.6%)

Table S16. Number of times sexually active young people have had sex (oral, anal and/or vaginal) and number of sexual partners by gender.

	Female n = 2909 n(%)	Male n = 1004 n(%)	Non-binary n = 235 n(%)	Total N = 4148 n(%)
Frequency of vaginal and/or anal sex				
Once	181 (7.1%)	79 (9.2%)	28 (14.9%)	288 (8.0%)
Twice	149 (5.8%)	78 (9.1%)	16 (8.5%)	243 (6.8%)
Three+	2,222 (87.1%)	703 (81.7%)	144 (76.6%)	3,069 (85.2%)
Number of oral sex partners				
1 person	1,250 (45.4%)	479 (50.3%)	105 (49.1%)	1,834 (46.7%)
2 people	582 (21.1%)	166 (17.4%)	41 (19.2%)	789 (20.1%)
3+ people	924 (33.5%)	308 (32.3%)	68 (31.8%)	1,300 (33.1%)
Number of anal sex partners				
1 person	556 (84.1%)	184 (62.4%)	41 (71.9%)	781 (77.1%)
2 people	79 (12.0%)	53 (18.0%)	7 (12.3%)	139 (13.7%)
3+ people	26 (3.9%)	58 (19.7%)	9 (15.8%)	93 (9.2%)
Number of vaginal sex partners				
1 person	1,234 (48.4%)	448 (57.8%)	97 (53.6%)	1,779 (50.7%)
2 people	466 (18.3%)	137 (17.7%)	31 (17.1%)	634 (18.1%)
3+ people	850 (33.3%)	190 (24.5%)	53 (29.3%)	1,093 (31.2%)

Table S17. Gender of most recent sexual partners for heterosexual and LGBTQ young people by gender.

	Heterosexual ¹		LGBTQ		Non-binary n = 191 n(%)
	Female n = 1594 n(%)	Male n = 645 n(%)	Female n = 984 n(%)	Male n = 224 n(%)	
Women	45 (2.8%)	630 (97.7%)	284 (28.9%)	123 (55.2%)	96 (50.3%)
Men	1,581 (99.4%)	18 (2.8%)	918 (93.4%)	139 (62.3%)	150 (78.5%)
Non-binary	0	6 (0.9%)	36 (3.7%)	26 (11.7%)	76 (39.8%)
Unsure	3 (0.2%)	2 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	0	0

¹ There were two sexually active heterosexual non-binary young people who reported their most recent sexual partner was male.

Table S18. Reported pregnancies by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Pregnancy	140 (5.6%)	25 (3.3%)	15 (8.5%)	180 (5.2%)
Planned pregnancy	9 (6.5%)	0	0	9 (5.0%)

Table S19. Frequency of condom use by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Never	244 (13.2%)	62 (9.8%)	17 (13.7%)	323 (12.4%)
Rarely	302 (16.4%)	69 (11.0%)	20 (16.1%)	391 (15.1%)
Sometimes	237 (12.9%)	77 (12.2%)	12 (9.7%)	326 (12.6%)
Often	403 (21.9%)	138 (21.9%)	21 (16.9%)	562 (21.6%)
Always	657 (35.6%)	284 (45.1%)	54 (43.5%)	995 (38.3%)

First sexual experience

Table S20. Contraception and protection against STIs at first vaginal or anal sexual experience by gender.

	Female n(%)	Male n(%)	Non-binary n(%)	Total n(%)
Contraception during first vaginal sex (n = 3539)				
Condom	2,021 (78.5%)	658 (84.4%)	126 (68.5%)	2,805 (79.3%)
The pill	1,236 (48.0%)	396 (50.8%)	67 (36.4%)	1,699 (48.0%)
IUD	90 (3.5%)	29 (3.7%)	7 (3.8%)	126 (3.6%)
Implant	300 (11.7%)	99 (12.7%)	16 (8.7%)	415 (11.7%)
The shot	43 (1.7%)	11 (1.4%)	0	54 (1.5%)
Patch	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.3%)	0	4 (0.1%)
Ring	1 (0.0%)	3 (0.4%)	0	4 (0.1%)
Emergency contraception	406 (15.8%)	80 (10.3%)	20 (10.9%)	506 (14.3%)
Withdrawal	944 (36.7%)	259 (33.2%)	51 (27.7%)	1,254 (35.4%)
Rhythm method	257 (10.0%)	80 (10.3%)	16 (8.7%)	353 (10.0%)
No precautions by me, not sure about partner	3 (0.1%)	4 (0.5%)	3 (1.6%)	10 (0.3%)
None	152 (5.9%)	37 (4.7%)	23 (12.5%)	212 (6.0%)
STI precautions during first anal sex (n = 1019)				
Condom	401 (60.2%)	179 (60.3%)	37 (64.9%)	617 (60.5%)
Withdrawal	184 (27.6%)	82 (27.6%)	11 (19.3%)	277 (27.2%)
I took PrEP or PEP	10 (1.5%)	8 (2.7%)	0	18 (1.8%)
My partner took PrEP or PEP	4 (0.6%)	26 (8.8%)	2 (3.5%)	32 (3.1%)
No precautions by me, not sure about partner	17 (2.6%)	10 (3.4%)	0	27 (2.6%)
None	154 (23.1%)	67 (22.6%)	12 (21.1%)	233 (22.8%)
Not sure	18 (2.7%)	8 (2.7%)	2 (3.5%)	28 (2.7%)

Table S21. Young people's responses to whether their first oral, vaginal or anal sexual experience was planned by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Planned	1,186 (46.1%)	450 (51.6%)	74 (38.5%)	1,710 (47.0%)
Unexpected	1,257 (48.9%)	379 (43.5%)	107 (55.7%)	1,743 (47.9%)
Not sure	129 (5.0%)	43 (4.9%)	11 (5.7%)	183 (5.0%)

Most recent sexual experience

Table S22. Sexual behaviours at most recent sexual experience by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Deep kissing	2,672 (92.0%)	878 (87.6%)	208 (88.5%)	3,758 (90.7%)
Touching partner's genitals	2,499 (86.0%)	926 (92.4%)	204 (86.8%)	3,629 (87.6%)
Being touched on the genitals	2,535 (87.3%)	896 (89.4%)	195 (83.0%)	3,626 (87.5%)
Giving oral sex	1,904 (65.5%)	663 (66.2%)	140 (59.6%)	2,707 (65.4%)
Receiving oral sex	1,522 (52.4%)	684 (68.3%)	106 (45.1%)	2,312 (55.8%)
Anal sex	100 (3.4%)	140 (14.0%)	20 (8.5%)	260 (6.3%)
Vaginal sex	2,446 (84.2%)	723 (72.2%)	151 (64.3%)	3,320 (80.2%)

Table S23. Most recent sexual partner characteristics by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Gender of last sexual partner				
Woman or female	133 (4.6%)	815 (81.7%)	53 (22.8%)	1,001 (24.3%)
Man or male	2,741 (94.6%)	163 (16.3%)	140 (60.3%)	3,044 (73.8%)
Non-binary	17 (0.6%)	16 (1.6%)	30 (12.9%)	63 (1.5%)
They use a different term	6 (0.2%)	3 (0.3%)	9 (3.9%)	18 (0.4%)
Relationship at last sex				
We were in a steady relationship	1,700 (59.1%)	533 (53.7%)	139 (59.9%)	2,372 (57.9%)
We had known each other for a while, but were not in a steady relationship	489 (17.0%)	196 (19.7%)	30 (12.9%)	715 (17.4%)
We had recently met	208 (7.2%)	106 (10.7%)	21 (9.1%)	335 (8.2%)
Something else	239 (8.3%)	67 (6.7%)	26 (11.2%)	332 (8.1%)
We used to be in a steady relationship, but were not at that time	157 (5.5%)	43 (4.3%)	6 (2.6%)	206 (5.0%)
It was someone I didn't know	53 (1.8%)	41 (4.1%)	10 (4.3%)	104 (2.5%)
Not sure	29 (1.0%)	7 (0.7%)	0	36 (0.9%)

Table S24. Willingness, pleasure and want at most recent sexual experience by gender.

	Female n = 2909 n(%)	Male n = 1004 n(%)	Non-binary n = 235 n(%)	Total N = 4148 n(%)
Willingness at last sex				
Both equally willing	2,280 (80.1%)	804 (82.0%)	162 (70.7%)	3,246 (80.0%)
I was more willing	37 (1.3%)	40 (4.1%)	3 (1.3%)	80 (2.0%)
My partner was more willing	531 (18.6%)	137 (14.0%)	64 (27.9%)	732 (18.0%)
Sexual pleasure at last sex				
Extremely pleasurable	845 (29.5%)	409 (41.2%)	55 (23.6%)	1,309 (32.0%)
Quite a bit pleasurable	901 (31.5%)	305 (30.7%)	70 (30.0%)	1,276 (31.2%)
Moderately pleasurable	535 (18.7%)	170 (17.1%)	36 (15.5%)	741 (18.1%)
Slightly pleasurable	373 (13.0%)	76 (7.7%)	44 (18.9%)	493 (12.1%)
Not at all pleasurable	179 (6.2%)	24 (2.4%)	24 (10.3%)	227 (5.6%)
Not sure	31 (1.1%)	9 (0.9%)	4 (1.7%)	44 (1.1%)
Did you want the sexual experience at last sex				
Very much	1,715 (60.2%)	604 (60.9%)	124 (53.2%)	2,443 (60.0%)
Moderately	707 (24.8%)	274 (27.6%)	52 (22.3%)	1,033 (25.4%)
A little bit	220 (7.7%)	78 (7.9%)	30 (12.9%)	328 (8.1%)
I didn't want to but agreed anyway	149 (5.2%)	32 (3.2%)	16 (6.9%)	197 (4.8%)
I was forced or coerced	58 (2.0%)	4 (0.4%)	11 (4.7%)	73 (1.8%)

Table S25. Age of young people's most recent sexual partner characteristics by year level and gender.

	Female n(%)	Male n(%)	Non-binary n(%)	Total n(%)
Year 9				
Under 16	130 (67.7%)	66 (77.6%)	17 (73.9%)	213 (71.0%)
16-17	50 (26.0%)	16 (18.8%)	6 (26.1%)	72 (24.0%)
18-19	3 (1.6%)	1 (1.2%)	0	4 (1.3%)
20-24	2 (1.0%)	1 (1.2%)	0	3 (1.0%)
25-29	1 (0.5%)	0	0	1 (0.3%)
30+	1 (0.5%)	1 (1.2%)	0	2 (0.7%)
Not sure	5 (2.6%)	0	0	5 (1.7%)
Year 10				
Under 16	131 (30.8%)	66 (47.1%)	16 (43.2%)	213 (35.3%)
16-17	243 (57.0%)	64 (45.7%)	15 (40.5%)	322 (53.4%)
18-19	40 (9.4%)	4 (2.9%)	4 (10.8%)	48 (8.0%)
20-24	7 (1.6%)	3 (2.1%)	1 (2.7%)	11 (1.8%)
25-29	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.7%)	0	3 (0.5%)
30+	2 (0.5%)	0	0	2 (0.3%)
Not sure	1 (0.2%)	2 (1.4%)	1 (2.7%)	4 (0.7%)
Year 11				
Under 16	33 (4.9%)	30 (14.1%)	5 (9.1%)	68 (7.2%)
16-17	468 (68.8%)	162 (76.1%)	42 (76.4%)	672 (70.9%)
18-19	156 (22.9%)	14 (6.6%)	7 (12.7%)	177 (18.7%)
20-24	19 (2.8%)	2 (0.9%)	1 (1.8%)	22 (2.3%)
25-29	3 (0.4%)	4 (1.9%)	0	7 (0.7%)
30+	1 (0.1%)	0	0	1 (0.1%)
Not sure	0	1 (0.5%)	0	1 (0.1%)
Year 12				
Under 16	7 (0.8%)	10 (3.7%)	1 (2.2%)	18 (1.5%)
16-17	386 (44.5%)	179 (66.1%)	32 (69.6%)	597 (50.4%)
18-19	395 (45.5%)	68 (25.1%)	8 (17.4%)	471 (39.7%)
20-24	70 (8.1%)	6 (2.2%)	4 (8.7%)	80 (6.8%)
25-29	5 (0.6%)	3 (1.1%)	0	8 (0.7%)
30+	3 (0.3%)	4 (1.5%)	1 (2.2%)	8 (0.7%)
Not sure	2 (0.2%)	1 (0.4%)	0	3 (0.3%)
Not in school				
Under 16	10 (2.6%)	5 (3.8%)	1 (4.5%)	16 (3.0%)
16-17	87 (22.9%)	61 (46.2%)	9 (40.9%)	157 (29.4%)
18-19	192 (50.5%)	51 (38.6%)	7 (31.8%)	250 (46.8%)
20-24	79 (20.8%)	6 (4.5%)	4 (18.2%)	89 (16.7%)
25-29	9 (2.4%)	4 (3.0%)	1 (4.5%)	14 (2.6%)
30+	3 (0.8%)	4 (3.0%)	0	7 (1.3%)
Not sure	0	1 (0.8%)	0	1 (0.2%)

Table S26. Feelings about young people's last sexual experience by gender.

	Female n(%)	Male n(%)	Non-binary n(%)	Total n(%)
Positive feelings				
<i>Excited at last sex</i>				
Not at all	139 (4.8%)	22 (2.2%)	21 (9.1%)	182 (4.4%)
A little	418 (14.5%)	115 (11.5%)	40 (17.2%)	573 (14.0%)
A fair amount	662 (23.0%)	200 (20.1%)	46 (19.8%)	908 (22.1%)
A lot	826 (28.7%)	315 (31.6%)	56 (24.1%)	1,197 (29.2%)
Extremely	831 (28.9%)	345 (34.6%)	69 (29.7%)	1,245 (30.3%)
<i>Happy at last sex</i>				
Not at all	153 (5.3%)	35 (3.5%)	25 (10.8%)	213 (5.2%)
A little	373 (13.0%)	103 (10.3%)	39 (16.9%)	515 (12.6%)
A fair amount	602 (20.9%)	224 (22.5%)	43 (18.6%)	869 (21.2%)
A lot	833 (29.0%)	318 (31.9%)	63 (27.3%)	1,214 (29.6%)
Extremely	914 (31.8%)	316 (31.7%)	61 (26.4%)	1,291 (31.5%)
<i>Satisfied at last sex</i>				
Not at all	333 (11.6%)	58 (5.8%)	43 (18.5%)	434 (10.6%)
A little	472 (16.4%)	136 (13.7%)	49 (21.1%)	657 (16.0%)
A fair amount	694 (24.1%)	217 (21.8%)	48 (20.7%)	959 (23.4%)
A lot	702 (24.4%)	267 (26.8%)	42 (18.1%)	1,011 (24.6%)
Extremely	677 (23.5%)	318 (31.9%)	50 (21.6%)	1,045 (25.5%)
<i>Fantastic at last sex</i>				
Not at all	421 (14.7%)	87 (8.8%)	54 (23.7%)	562 (13.8%)
A little	500 (17.5%)	148 (14.9%)	32 (14.0%)	680 (16.7%)
A fair amount	650 (22.7%)	234 (23.6%)	49 (21.5%)	933 (22.9%)
A lot	612 (21.4%)	236 (23.8%)	41 (18.0%)	889 (21.8%)
Extremely	677 (23.7%)	286 (28.9%)	52 (22.8%)	1,015 (24.9%)
Negative feelings				
<i>Guilty at last sex</i>				
Not at all	1,745 (60.6%)	599 (60.2%)	113 (49.3%)	2,457 (59.9%)
A little	649 (22.6%)	248 (24.9%)	64 (27.9%)	961 (23.4%)
A fair amount	199 (6.9%)	74 (7.4%)	21 (9.2%)	294 (7.2%)
A lot	142 (4.9%)	36 (3.6%)	11 (4.8%)	189 (4.6%)
Extremely	143 (5.0%)	38 (3.8%)	20 (8.7%)	201 (4.9%)
<i>Sorry at last sex</i>				
Not at all	2,132 (74.5%)	702 (70.6%)	144 (62.6%)	2,978 (72.9%)
A little	448 (15.6%)	188 (18.9%)	51 (22.2%)	687 (16.8%)
A fair amount	122 (4.3%)	54 (5.4%)	13 (5.7%)	189 (4.6%)
A lot	86 (3.0%)	31 (3.1%)	10 (4.3%)	127 (3.1%)
Extremely	75 (2.6%)	19 (1.9%)	12 (5.2%)	106 (2.6%)
<i>Regret at last sex</i>				
Not at all	1,908 (66.5%)	658 (66.3%)	136 (59.1%)	2,702 (66.0%)
A little	493 (17.2%)	179 (18.0%)	44 (19.1%)	716 (17.5%)
A fair amount	205 (7.1%)	72 (7.3%)	13 (5.7%)	290 (7.1%)
A lot	108 (3.8%)	39 (3.9%)	15 (6.5%)	162 (4.0%)
Extremely	157 (5.5%)	45 (4.5%)	22 (9.6%)	224 (5.5%)

Table S26 continued...

<i>Stressed at last sex</i>				
Not at all	1,486 (51.8%)	539 (54.2%)	88 (37.9%)	2,113 (51.6%)
A little	824 (28.7%)	285 (28.7%)	82 (35.3%)	1,191 (29.1%)
A fair amount	266 (9.3%)	93 (9.4%)	31 (13.4%)	390 (9.5%)
A lot	155 (5.4%)	43 (4.3%)	11 (4.7%)	209 (5.1%)
Extremely	139 (4.8%)	34 (3.4%)	20 (8.6%)	193 (4.7%)

Table S27. Topics discussed at most recent sexual experience by gender.

	Female n = 2909 n(%)	Male n = 1004 n(%)	Non-binary n = 235 n(%)	Total N = 4148 n(%)
<i>Avoiding pregnancy</i>				
A great / moderate amount	1,132 (43.9%)	350 (41.9%)	64 (38.6%)	1,546 (43.2%)
A little/somewhat	675 (26.2%)	229 (27.4%)	47 (28.3%)	951 (26.5%)
Not at all	774 (30.0%)	256 (30.7%)	55 (33.1%)	1,085 (30.3%)
<i>Avoiding HIV and STIs</i>				
A great / moderate amount	549 (21.0%)	215 (23.3%)	40 (20.5%)	804 (21.6%)
A little/somewhat	458 (17.5%)	183 (19.9%)	37 (19.0%)	678 (18.2%)
Not at all	1,605 (61.4%)	523 (56.8%)	118 (60.5%)	2,246 (60.2%)
<i>Sexual pleasure</i>				
A great / moderate amount	1,297 (46.9%)	507 (52.8%)	114 (51.8%)	1,918 (48.6%)
A little/somewhat	891 (32.2%)	276 (28.7%)	67 (30.5%)	1,234 (31.3%)
Not at all	577 (20.9%)	177 (18.4%)	39 (17.7%)	793 (20.1%)
<i>Likes</i>				
A great / moderate amount	1,388 (50.2%)	526 (54.7%)	128 (57.9%)	2,042 (51.7%)
A little/somewhat	885 (32.0%)	310 (32.2%)	59 (26.7%)	1,254 (31.8%)
Not at all	491 (17.8%)	126 (13.1%)	34 (15.4%)	651 (16.5%)
<i>Using a condom</i>				
A great / moderate amount	1,160 (42.9%)	432 (45.9%)	78 (40.8%)	1,670 (43.5%)
A little/somewhat	613 (22.7%)	230 (24.4%)	43 (22.5%)	886 (23.1%)
Not at all	929 (34.4%)	280 (29.7%)	70 (36.6%)	1,279 (33.4%)
<i>Having sex</i>				
A great / moderate amount	1,797 (64.1%)	659 (67.8%)	144 (64.6%)	2,600 (65.0%)
A little/somewhat	788 (28.1%)	246 (25.3%)	57 (25.6%)	1,091 (27.3%)
Not at all	217 (7.7%)	67 (6.9%)	22 (9.9%)	306 (7.7%)

Condom and protection against STIs and pregnancy at most recent sexual experience.

Table S28. Condom availability and use at last sexual experience by gender.

	Female n = 2592 n(%)	Male n = 874 n(%)	Non-binary n = 193 n(%)	Total N = 3659 n(%)
Condom available at last sex	1,830 (73.6%)	667 (78.2%)	130 (72.2%)	2,627 (74.7%)
Condom used at last sex	1,180 (46.1%)	489 (56.9%)	84 (45.2%)	1,753 (48.6%)

Table S29. Reasons for not using a condom at most recent sexual experience by gender.

	Female n = 1380 n(%)	Male n = 371 n(%)	Non-binary n = 102 n(%)	Total N = 1853 n(%)
Other contraception used	683 (49.5%)	137 (36.9%)	34 (33.3%)	854 (46.1%)
We're not worried about STIs	422 (30.6%)	131 (35.3%)	29 (28.4%)	582 (31.4%)
I don't like condoms	286 (20.7%)	93 (25.1%)	8 (7.8%)	387 (20.9%)
My partner doesn't like condoms	344 (24.9%)	94 (25.3%)	8 (7.8%)	446 (24.1%)
I trust my partner	447 (32.4%)	111 (29.9%)	21 (20.6%)	579 (31.3%)
It just happened	340 (24.7%)	95 (25.6%)	19 (18.6%)	454 (24.5%)
I know my partner's sexual history	487 (35.3%)	108 (29.1%)	35 (34.3%)	630 (34.0%)
We're not at risk of pregnancy	418 (30.3%)	116 (31.3%)	55 (53.9%)	589 (31.8%)
Forgot	218 (15.8%)	55 (14.8%)	12 (11.8%)	285 (15.4%)
None available	134 (9.7%)	51 (13.7%)	11 (10.8%)	196 (10.6%)
One of us wanted to but the other didn't	67 (4.9%)	8 (2.2%)	4 (3.9%)	79 (4.3%)
Not my responsibility	7 (0.5%)	1 (0.3%)	0	8 (0.4%)

Table S30. Contraception and protection against STIs at most recent vaginal or anal sexual experience by gender.

	Female n(%)	Male n(%)	Non-binary n(%)	Total n(%)
Contraception during most recent vaginal sex (n = 3205)				
Condom	1,114 (47.3%)	426 (60.8%)	72 (47.7%)	1,612 (50.3%)
The pill	935 (39.7%)	284 (40.5%)	56 (37.1%)	1,275 (39.8%)
IUD	87 (3.7%)	18 (2.6%)	7 (4.6%)	112 (3.5%)
Implant	261 (11.1%)	59 (8.4%)	17 (11.3%)	337 (10.5%)
The shot	21 (0.9%)	7 (1.0%)	1 (0.7%)	29 (0.9%)
Patch	0	0	0	0
Ring	1 (0.0%)	0	0	1 (0.0%)
Emergency contraception	66 (2.8%)	13 (1.9%)	2 (1.3%)	81 (2.5%)
Withdrawal	482 (20.5%)	97 (13.8%)	28 (18.5%)	607 (18.9%)
Rhythm method	109 (4.6%)	26 (3.7%)	9 (6.0%)	144 (4.5%)
No precautions by me, not sure about partner	18 (0.8%)	5 (0.7%)	1 (0.7%)	24 (0.7%)
None	224 (9.5%)	55 (7.8%)	17 (11.3%)	296 (9.2%)
STI precautions during most recent anal sex (n = 936)				
Condom	242 (39.0%)	121 (45.7%)	28 (56.0%)	391 (41.8%)
Withdrawal	108 (17.4%)	44 (16.6%)	8 (16.0%)	160 (17.1%)
I took PrEP or PEP	4 (0.6%)	5 (1.9%)	0	9 (1.0%)
My partner took PrEP or PEP	0	14 (5.3%)	0	14 (1.5%)
No precautions by me, not sure about partner	11 (1.8%)	8 (3.0%)	0	19 (2.0%)
None	235 (37.8%)	90 (34.0%)	13 (26.0%)	338 (36.1%)
Not sure	36 (5.8%)	10 (3.8%)	4 (8.0%)	50 (5.3%)

Unwanted sex

Table S31. Young people who were frightened of their intimate partner in the past 12 months and reports of unwanted sex by gender.

	Female n = 2880 n(%)	Male n = 998 n(%)	Non-binary n = 232 n(%)	Total N = 4110 n(%)
Frightened of intimate partner in past 12 months	651 (22.6%)	120 (12.0%)	73 (31.5%)	844 (20.5%)
Unwanted sex	1,277 (44.5%)	212 (21.3%)	129 (55.4%)	1,618 (39.5%)

Table S32. Information about young people's experiences of unwanted sex by gender.

	Female n = 2869 n(%)	Male n = 997 n(%)	Non-binary n = 233 n(%)	Total N = 4099 n(%)
Frequency of unwanted sex				
Once	336 (27.4%)	87 (41.0%)	22 (19.1%)	445 (28.7%)
Twice	258 (21.0%)	51 (24.1%)	26 (22.6%)	335 (21.6%)
Three +	632 (51.5%)	74 (34.9%)	67 (58.3%)	773 (49.8%)
Age at first unwanted sex				
Less than 14	248 (19.6%)	30 (14.0%)	61 (48.4%)	339 (21.1%)
14	209 (16.5%)	37 (17.2%)	23 (18.3%)	269 (16.7%)
15	326 (25.7%)	36 (16.7%)	19 (15.1%)	381 (23.7%)
16	327 (25.8%)	57 (26.5%)	18 (14.3%)	402 (25.0%)
17	135 (10.7%)	43 (20.0%)	1 (0.8%)	179 (11.1%)
18	16 (1.3%)	10 (4.7%)	1 (0.8%)	27 (1.7%)
Not sure	6 (0.5%)	2 (0.9%)	3 (2.4%)	11 (0.7%)
Relationship at first unwanted sex				
Someone you were, or had been, in a relationship with	759 (60.3%)	136 (63.6%)	65 (51.6%)	960 (60.1%)
Someone known to you as a family member or friend	263 (20.9%)	28 (13.1%)	39 (31.0%)	330 (20.7%)
Someone known to you but not as a family member or friend	121 (9.6%)	25 (11.7%)	13 (10.3%)	159 (9.9%)
Someone you didn't know	85 (6.8%)	20 (9.3%)	7 (5.6%)	112 (7.0%)
Other	29 (2.3%)	4 (1.9%)	1 (0.8%)	34 (2.1%)
Not sure	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.8%)	3 (0.2%)
Gender of partner at last unwanted sex				
Female	31 (2.5%)	144 (68.6%)	22 (18.0%)	197 (12.4%)
Male	1,222 (97.1%)	61 (29.0%)	92 (75.4%)	1,375 (86.4%)
Non-binary	6 (0.5%)	5 (2.4%)	8 (6.6%)	19 (1.2%)
Sought help/talked about unwanted sex	276 (22.3%)	39 (18.3%)	51 (41.8%)	366 (23.2%)

Table S33. Young people's reasons for experiencing unwanted sex by gender.

	Female n = 1258 n(%)	Male n = 206 n(%)	Non-binary n = 127 n(%)	Total N = 1591 n(%)
Verbal pressure	841 (66.9%)	114 (55.3%)	83 (65.4%)	1,038 (65.2%)
Physically forced	406 (32.3%)	47 (22.8%)	55 (43.3%)	508 (31.9%)
Worry about negative outcomes	507 (40.3%)	75 (36.4%)	66 (52.0%)	648 (40.7%)
Drunk or high	346 (27.5%)	66 (32.0%)	34 (26.8%)	446 (28.0%)

Not yet sexually active young people

Table S34. Young people's endorsement for common reasons for not having sex by gender.

	Female n = 1849 n(%)	Male n = 1022 n(%)	Non-binary n = 291 n(%)	Total N = 3162 n(%)
I do not feel ready to have sex				
Disagree	406 (26.4%)	413 (46.5%)	66 (26.5%)	885 (33.1%)
Neither agree or disagree	435 (28.3%)	226 (25.4%)	69 (27.7%)	730 (27.3%)
Agree	675 (43.9%)	236 (26.5%)	105 (42.2%)	1,016 (38.0%)
Not applicable	20 (1.3%)	14 (1.6%)	9 (3.6%)	43 (1.6%)
My most recent (or current) partner is not willing to have sex yet				
Disagree	333 (22.1%)	116 (13.3%)	46 (19.2%)	495 (18.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	150 (10.0%)	105 (12.1%)	29 (12.1%)	284 (10.9%)
Agree	184 (12.2%)	164 (18.9%)	29 (12.1%)	377 (14.4%)
Not applicable	840 (55.7%)	485 (55.7%)	135 (56.5%)	1,460 (55.8%)
I am proud that I can say no to sex and mean it				
Disagree	84 (5.5%)	95 (10.7%)	16 (6.5%)	195 (7.3%)
Neither agree or disagree	199 (13.0%)	132 (14.9%)	38 (15.5%)	369 (13.9%)
Agree	1,142 (74.6%)	564 (63.6%)	173 (70.6%)	1,879 (70.6%)
Not applicable	106 (6.9%)	96 (10.8%)	18 (7.3%)	220 (8.3%)
It is against my religious or cultural beliefs to have sex before marriage				
Disagree	853 (56.2%)	480 (54.3%)	161 (64.7%)	1,494 (56.3%)
Neither agree or disagree	104 (6.8%)	69 (7.8%)	10 (4.0%)	183 (6.9%)
Agree	219 (14.4%)	117 (13.2%)	15 (6.0%)	351 (13.2%)
Not applicable	343 (22.6%)	218 (24.7%)	63 (25.3%)	624 (23.5%)
I fear my parents will disapprove of me if I have sex				
Disagree	484 (31.7%)	384 (43.2%)	81 (32.7%)	949 (35.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	281 (18.4%)	160 (18.0%)	35 (14.1%)	476 (17.9%)
Agree	723 (47.3%)	323 (36.3%)	120 (48.4%)	1,166 (43.7%)
Not applicable	41 (2.7%)	22 (2.5%)	12 (4.8%)	75 (2.8%)
I'm afraid I or my partner will get pregnant				
Disagree	354 (23.1%)	246 (27.6%)	87 (35.1%)	687 (25.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	177 (11.5%)	110 (12.3%)	24 (9.7%)	311 (11.6%)
Agree	672 (43.8%)	311 (34.9%)	62 (25.0%)	1,045 (39.1%)
Not applicable	331 (21.6%)	224 (25.1%)	75 (30.2%)	630 (23.6%)
I'm afraid having sex will damage my reputation				
Disagree	695 (45.4%)	512 (57.4%)	152 (61.3%)	1,359 (50.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	268 (17.5%)	140 (15.7%)	43 (17.3%)	451 (16.9%)
Agree	476 (31.1%)	178 (20.0%)	37 (14.9%)	691 (25.9%)
Not applicable	92 (6.0%)	62 (7.0%)	16 (6.5%)	170 (6.4%)

Table S34 continued...

	Female n = 1849 n(%)	Male n = 1022 n(%)	Non-binary n = 291 n(%)	Total N = 3162 n(%)
I have not met a person I want to have sex with yet				
Disagree	459 (30.0%)	428 (48.7%)	85 (34.1%)	972 (36.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	173 (11.3%)	114 (13.0%)	25 (10.0%)	312 (11.7%)
Agree	847 (55.3%)	307 (34.9%)	131 (52.6%)	1,285 (48.3%)
Not applicable	52 (3.4%)	30 (3.4%)	8 (3.2%)	90 (3.4%)
I worry about getting STIs or HIV				
Disagree	332 (21.6%)	270 (30.3%)	53 (21.5%)	655 (24.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	287 (18.7%)	176 (19.8%)	49 (19.8%)	512 (19.2%)
Agree	830 (54.1%)	395 (44.3%)	128 (51.8%)	1,353 (50.6%)
Not applicable	85 (5.5%)	50 (5.6%)	17 (6.9%)	152 (5.7%)
I am too shy or embarrassed to initiate sex with a partner				
Disagree	222 (14.5%)	194 (21.8%)	36 (14.5%)	452 (16.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	220 (14.4%)	143 (16.1%)	22 (8.9%)	385 (14.4%)
Agree	835 (54.5%)	406 (45.7%)	148 (59.7%)	1,389 (52.0%)
Not applicable	255 (16.6%)	146 (16.4%)	42 (16.9%)	443 (16.6%)
I have not been in a relationship long enough to have sex yet				
Disagree	154 (10.0%)	110 (12.3%)	31 (12.6%)	295 (11.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	105 (6.8%)	69 (7.7%)	23 (9.3%)	197 (7.4%)
Agree	1,093 (71.1%)	595 (66.6%)	160 (64.8%)	1,848 (69.0%)
Not applicable	185 (12.0%)	119 (13.3%)	33 (13.4%)	337 (12.6%)
It is important for me to be in love with the person with whom I first have sex				
Disagree	228 (14.8%)	145 (16.4%)	42 (17.1%)	415 (15.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	312 (20.3%)	173 (19.5%)	60 (24.4%)	545 (20.4%)
Agree	962 (62.6%)	541 (61.1%)	131 (53.3%)	1,634 (61.2%)
Not applicable	34 (2.2%)	27 (3.0%)	13 (5.3%)	74 (2.8%)
I do not feel physically attractive or desirable				
Disagree	355 (23.2%)	246 (27.7%)	39 (15.9%)	640 (24.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	262 (17.1%)	166 (18.7%)	37 (15.0%)	465 (17.5%)
Agree	871 (57.0%)	457 (51.5%)	163 (66.3%)	1,491 (56.0%)
Not applicable	40 (2.6%)	19 (2.1%)	7 (2.8%)	66 (2.5%)
I have not had the opportunity to have sex				
Disagree	253 (16.5%)	124 (13.9%)	28 (11.2%)	405 (15.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	146 (9.5%)	57 (6.4%)	26 (10.4%)	229 (8.6%)
Agree	1,065 (69.6%)	687 (77.2%)	180 (72.3%)	1,932 (72.4%)
Not applicable	66 (4.3%)	22 (2.5%)	15 (6.0%)	103 (3.9%)

Table S35. Non-sexually active young people's likelihood of having vaginal or anal sex in the next year by gender.

	Female n = 1849 n(%)	Male n = 1022 n(%)	Non-binary n = 291 n(%)	Total N = 3162 n(%)
Likelihood of having sex in the next year				
Extremely unlikely	398 (26.0%)	186 (20.9%)	75 (30.0%)	659 (24.7%)
Unlikely	324 (21.1%)	242 (27.3%)	66 (26.4%)	632 (23.7%)
Neutral	411 (26.8%)	228 (25.7%)	61 (24.4%)	700 (26.2%)
Likely	305 (19.9%)	173 (19.5%)	42 (16.8%)	520 (19.5%)
Extremely likely	94 (6.1%)	59 (6.6%)	6 (2.4%)	159 (6.0%)

Table S36. Pressure to have sex or not have sex for non-sexually active young people by gender.

	Female n = 1849 n(%)	Male n = 1022 n(%)	Non-binary n = 291 n(%)	Total N = 3162 n(%)
Pressure from partner to have sex				
No pressure	530 (34.7%)	367 (41.5%)	113 (45.6%)	1,010 (38.0%)
Some pressure	189 (12.4%)	63 (7.1%)	24 (9.7%)	276 (10.4%)
Lots of pressure	58 (3.8%)	13 (1.5%)	10 (4.0%)	81 (3.0%)
I have not had a partner yet	751 (49.1%)	441 (49.9%)	101 (40.7%)	1,293 (48.6%)
Pressure from peers to have sex				
No pressure	922 (60.1%)	491 (56.0%)	152 (61.3%)	1,565 (58.8%)
Some pressure	515 (33.6%)	321 (36.6%)	87 (35.1%)	923 (34.7%)
Lots of pressure	98 (6.4%)	65 (7.4%)	9 (3.6%)	172 (6.5%)
Pressure from peers not to have sex				
No pressure	1,182 (76.8%)	753 (85.3%)	201 (81.4%)	2,136 (80.0%)
Some pressure	297 (19.3%)	100 (11.3%)	42 (17.0%)	439 (16.4%)
Lots of pressure	60 (3.9%)	30 (3.4%)	4 (1.6%)	94 (3.5%)
Pressure from parents not to have sex				
No pressure	744 (49.1%)	620 (71.0%)	116 (47.3%)	1,480 (56.2%)
Some pressure	466 (30.7%)	165 (18.9%)	86 (35.1%)	717 (27.2%)
Lots of pressure	306 (20.2%)	88 (10.1%)	43 (17.6%)	437 (16.6%)

Table S37. Forms of contraception or precautions likely to be used at fist sexual experience for non-sexually active young people by gender.

	Female n = 1849 n(%)	Male n = 1022 n(%)	Non-binary n = 291 n(%)	Total N = 3162 n(%)
Condom	1,360 (88.0%)	819 (91.9%)	187 (74.5%)	2,366 (88.0%)
The pill	988 (63.9%)	479 (53.8%)	148 (59.0%)	1,615 (60.1%)
IUD	152 (9.8%)	79 (8.9%)	34 (13.5%)	265 (9.9%)
Implant	210 (13.6%)	85 (9.5%)	28 (11.2%)	323 (12.0%)
The shot	64 (4.1%)	54 (6.1%)	18 (7.2%)	136 (5.1%)
Patch	94 (6.1%)	69 (7.7%)	23 (9.2%)	186 (6.9%)
Ring	33 (2.1%)	52 (5.8%)	10 (4.0%)	95 (3.5%)
Withdrawal	319 (20.6%)	307 (34.5%)	38 (15.1%)	664 (24.7%)
Emergency contraception	325 (21.0%)	91 (10.2%)	39 (15.5%)	455 (16.9%)
Rhythm method	374 (24.2%)	196 (22.0%)	48 (19.1%)	618 (23.0%)
Unsure	64 (4.1%)	28 (3.1%)	17 (6.8%)	109 (4.1%)
None	53 (3.4%)	14 (1.6%)	13 (5.2%)	80 (3.0%)

Informal education

Table S38. Confidence talking about sex, STIs, protection during sex with various sources.

	Female n = 4226 n(%)	Male n = 1764 n(%)	Non-binary n = 470 n(%)	Total N = 6460 n(%)
Confidence talking to GP about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	1,646 (38.9%)	628 (35.6%)	202 (43.0%)	2,476 (38.3%)
Somewhat	701 (16.6%)	308 (17.5%)	80 (17.0%)	1,089 (16.9%)
Moderate/high	1,825 (43.2%)	805 (45.6%)	186 (39.6%)	2,816 (43.6%)
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low	1,191 (28.6%)	534 (30.9%)	158 (34.5%)	1,883 (29.6%)
Somewhat	611 (14.7%)	262 (15.1%)	85 (18.6%)	958 (15.1%)
Moderate/high	2,323 (55.8%)	902 (52.1%)	210 (45.9%)	3,435 (54.1%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	1,714 (41.7%)	647 (37.7%)	223 (48.5%)	2,584 (41.1%)
Somewhat				
Moderate/high	1,649 (40.1%)	774 (45.1%)	158 (34.3%)	2,581 (41.1%)
Confidence talking to mother about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	2,462 (58.1%)	1,157 (65.7%)	310 (65.7%)	3,929 (60.7%)
Somewhat	555 (13.1%)	250 (14.2%)	56 (11.9%)	861 (13.3%)
Moderate/high	1,183 (27.9%)	330 (18.8%)	106 (22.5%)	1,619 (25.0%)
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low	2,011 (48.3%)	1,065 (61.8%)	284 (62.0%)	3,360 (53.0%)
Somewhat	555 (13.3%)	241 (14.0%)	48 (10.5%)	844 (13.3%)
Moderate/high	1,540 (37.0%)	389 (22.6%)	121 (26.4%)	2,050 (32.3%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	2,401 (58.4%)	1,154 (67.3%)	314 (68.3%)	3,869 (61.5%)
Somewhat	569 (13.8%)	243 (14.2%)	61 (13.3%)	873 (13.9%)
Moderate/high	1,107 (26.9%)	296 (17.3%)	82 (17.8%)	1,485 (23.6%)
Confidence talking to father about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	3,715 (87.8%)	1,161 (66.0%)	410 (87.2%)	5,286 (81.8%)
Somewhat	237 (5.6%)	222 (12.6%)	29 (6.2%)	488 (7.6%)
Moderate/high	172 (4.1%)	321 (18.2%)	19 (4.0%)	512 (7.9%)
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low				
Somewhat	260 (6.3%)	238 (13.8%)	30 (6.6%)	528 (8.3%)
Moderate/high	313 (7.5%)	379 (22.0%)	28 (6.1%)	720 (11.4%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	3,571 (86.8%)	1,124 (65.6%)	400 (87.3%)	5,095 (81.1%)
Somewhat	230 (5.6%)	219 (12.8%)	16 (3.5%)	465 (7.4%)
Moderate/high	205 (5.0%)	319 (18.6%)	28 (6.1%)	552 (8.8%)

Not at all/low = Not at all to slightly confident, Somewhat = Somewhat, Moderate/high = Moderately or extremely confident

Table S38 continued...

	Female n = 4226 n(%)	Male n = 1764 n(%)	Non-binary n = 470 n(%)	Total N = 6460 n(%)
Confidence talking to a female friend about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	576 (13.6%)	685 (38.7%)	81 (17.1%)	1,342 (20.7%)
Somewhat	482 (11.4%)	278 (15.7%)	70 (14.8%)	830 (12.8%)
Moderate/high				
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low	453 (10.9%)	557 (32.2%)	79 (17.1%)	1,089 (17.1%)
Somewhat	373 (9.0%)	288 (16.6%)	43 (9.3%)	704 (11.1%)
Moderate/high	3,290 (79.1%)	840 (48.6%)	335 (72.7%)	4,465 (70.3%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	410 (10.0%)	538 (31.3%)	74 (16.1%)	1,022 (16.2%)
Somewhat	355 (8.6%)	261 (15.2%)	48 (10.4%)	664 (10.6%)
Moderate/high	3,321 (80.7%)	887 (51.7%)	336 (73.0%)	4,544 (72.2%)
Confidence talking to a male friend about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	2,124 (50.1%)	557 (31.6%)	228 (48.2%)	2,909 (44.9%)
Somewhat	776 (18.3%)	305 (17.3%)	77 (16.3%)	1,158 (17.9%)
Moderate/high	1,240 (29.3%)	877 (49.7%)	150 (31.7%)	2,267 (35.0%)
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low	1,850 (44.4%)	466 (26.9%)	205 (44.6%)	2,521 (39.7%)
Somewhat	702 (16.9%)	245 (14.2%)	64 (13.9%)	1,011 (15.9%)
Moderate/high	1,493 (35.9%)	989 (57.1%)	171 (37.2%)	2,653 (41.8%)
Not applicable	118 (2.8%)	31 (1.8%)	20 (4.3%)	169 (2.7%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	1,745 (42.4%)	364 (21.2%)	174 (37.8%)	2,283 (36.3%)
Somewhat	668 (16.2%)	235 (13.7%)	83 (18.0%)	986 (15.7%)
Moderate/high	1,600 (38.9%)	1,093 (63.7%)	186 (40.4%)	2,879 (45.8%)
Confidence talking to school staff about:				
<i>STIs</i>				
Not at all/low	3,322 (78.4%)	1,365 (77.5%)	384 (80.8%)	5,071 (78.3%)
Somewhat	412 (9.7%)	193 (11.0%)	44 (9.3%)	649 (10.0%)
Moderate/high	417 (9.8%)	166 (9.4%)	37 (7.8%)	620 (9.6%)
<i>Contraception/protection</i>				
Not at all/low	2,926 (70.3%)	1,212 (70.2%)	336 (73.0%)	4,474 (70.5%)
Somewhat	505 (12.1%)	216 (12.5%)	58 (12.6%)	779 (12.3%)
Moderate/high	617 (14.8%)	247 (14.3%)	52 (11.3%)	916 (14.4%)
<i>Sex</i>				
Not at all/low	3,142 (76.6%)	1,300 (76.0%)	371 (80.8%)	4,813 (76.7%)
Somewhat	434 (10.6%)	186 (10.9%)	43 (9.4%)	663 (10.6%)
Moderate/high	431 (10.5%)	178 (10.4%)	32 (7.0%)	641 (10.2%)

Not at all/low = Not at all to slightly confident, Somewhat = Somewhat, Moderate/high = Moderately or extremely confident

Table S39. Sources used by young people to learn about sexual matters by gender.

	Female n = 4071 n(%)	Male n = 1700 n(%)	Non-binary n = 455 n(%)	Total N = 6226 n(%)
GP	1,490 (36.6%)	316 (18.6%)	129 (28.4%)	1,935 (31.1%)
Nurse at a clinic	318 (7.8%)	101 (5.9%)	35 (7.7%)	454 (7.3%)
Mother	2,263 (55.6%)	616 (36.2%)	216 (47.5%)	3,095 (49.7%)
Father	514 (12.6%)	525 (30.9%)	67 (14.7%)	1,106 (17.8%)
Other adult	860 (21.1%)	302 (17.8%)	103 (22.6%)	1,265 (20.3%)
Female friend	3,179 (78.1%)	909 (53.5%)	338 (74.3%)	4,426 (71.1%)
Male friend	1,697 (41.7%)	1,039 (61.1%)	209 (45.9%)	2,945 (47.3%)
Trans or gender diverse friend	483 (11.9%)	193 (11.4%)	269 (59.1%)	945 (15.2%)
Sibling	797 (19.6%)	271 (15.9%)	91 (20.0%)	1,159 (18.6%)
Partner	1,952 (47.9%)	630 (37.1%)	205 (45.1%)	2,787 (44.8%)
School counsellor	256 (6.3%)	119 (7.0%)	42 (9.2%)	417 (6.7%)
School nurse	329 (8.1%)	118 (6.9%)	37 (8.1%)	484 (7.8%)
Teacher	1,811 (44.5%)	751 (44.2%)	193 (42.4%)	2,755 (44.2%)
Youth worker	310 (7.6%)	158 (9.3%)	61 (13.4%)	529 (8.5%)
Community health services	364 (8.9%)	143 (8.4%)	65 (14.3%)	572 (9.2%)
Peer educator	1,038 (25.5%)	366 (21.5%)	118 (25.9%)	1,522 (24.4%)
School sexual health promotion	1,743 (42.8%)	766 (45.1%)	210 (46.2%)	2,719 (43.7%)
Lessons in school other than RSE	1,687 (41.4%)	655 (38.5%)	170 (37.4%)	2,512 (40.3%)
Internet websites	2,286 (56.2%)	945 (55.6%)	297 (65.3%)	3,528 (56.7%)
Social media	2,081 (51.1%)	652 (38.4%)	276 (60.7%)	3,009 (48.3%)
None	46 (1.1%)	39 (2.3%)	4 (0.9%)	89 (1.4%)

Table S40. Frequency of source used by young people in the past year to learn about sexual matters by gender.

	Female n = 4071 n(%)	Male n = 1700 n(%)	Non-binary n = 455 n(%)	Total N = 6226 n(%)
GP				
None	2,922 (75.4%)	1,505 (92.0%)	355 (81.6%)	4,782 (80.5%)
Low	800 (20.7%)	114 (7.0%)	62 (14.3%)	976 (16.4%)
Moderate	141 (3.6%)	14 (0.9%)	15 (3.4%)	170 (2.9%)
High	11 (0.3%)	2 (0.1%)	3 (0.7%)	16 (0.3%)
Nurse at a clinic				
None	3,861 (96.5%)	1,639 (97.8%)	428 (96.4%)	5,928 (96.8%)
Low	119 (3.0%)	32 (1.9%)	13 (2.9%)	164 (2.7%)
Moderate	19 (0.5%)	5 (0.3%)	3 (0.7%)	27 (0.4%)
High	2 (0.0%)	0	0	2 (0.0%)
Mother				
None	2,239 (58.8%)	1,266 (78.0%)	308 (71.0%)	3,813 (65.0%)
Low	1,048 (27.5%)	271 (16.7%)	82 (18.9%)	1,401 (23.9%)
Moderate	388 (10.2%)	72 (4.4%)	31 (7.1%)	491 (8.4%)
High	133 (3.5%)	15 (0.9%)	13 (3.0%)	161 (2.7%)
Father				
None	3,708 (92.8%)	1,356 (83.8%)	410 (93.4%)	5,474 (90.4%)
Low	223 (5.6%)	210 (13.0%)	22 (5.0%)	455 (7.5%)
Moderate	50 (1.3%)	43 (2.7%)	6 (1.4%)	99 (1.6%)
High	14 (0.4%)	9 (0.6%)	1 (0.2%)	24 (0.4%)
Other adult				
None	3,380 (86.6%)	1,478 (89.5%)	376 (85.3%)	5,234 (87.3%)
Low	382 (9.8%)	126 (7.6%)	43 (9.8%)	551 (9.2%)
Moderate	116 (3.0%)	36 (2.2%)	17 (3.9%)	169 (2.8%)
High	23 (0.6%)	11 (0.7%)	5 (1.1%)	39 (0.7%)
Female friend				
None	1,047 (27.5%)	878 (55.1%)	138 (32.4%)	2,063 (35.4%)
Low	829 (21.8%)	406 (25.5%)	110 (25.8%)	1,345 (23.1%)
Moderate	982 (25.8%)	216 (13.6%)	93 (21.8%)	1,291 (22.1%)
High	953 (25.0%)	94 (5.9%)	85 (20.0%)	1,132 (19.4%)
Male friend				
None	2,532 (65.3%)	768 (48.6%)	271 (63.0%)	3,571 (60.6%)
Low	673 (17.4%)	421 (26.6%)	88 (20.5%)	1,182 (20.1%)
Moderate	435 (11.2%)	241 (15.3%)	38 (8.8%)	714 (12.1%)
High	238 (6.1%)	150 (9.5%)	33 (7.7%)	421 (7.2%)
Trans or gender diverse friend				
None	3,648 (90.9%)	1,534 (91.4%)	209 (49.3%)	5,391 (88.2%)
Low	195 (4.9%)	78 (4.6%)	88 (20.8%)	361 (5.9%)
Moderate	106 (2.6%)	39 (2.3%)	63 (14.9%)	208 (3.4%)
High	62 (1.5%)	27 (1.6%)	64 (15.1%)	153 (2.5%)

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S40 continued...

	Female n = 4071 n(%)	Male n = 1700 n(%)	Non-binary n = 455 n(%)	Total N = 6226 n(%)
Sibling				
None	3,400 (85.6%)	1,489 (89.5%)	378 (85.5%)	5,267 (86.7%)
Low	329 (8.3%)	120 (7.2%)	35 (7.9%)	484 (8.0%)
Moderate	165 (4.2%)	41 (2.5%)	23 (5.2%)	229 (3.8%)
High	76 (1.9%)	14 (0.8%)	6 (1.4%)	96 (1.6%)
Partner				
None	2,267 (58.4%)	1,156 (70.6%)	272 (62.2%)	3,695 (62.0%)
Low	441 (11.4%)	172 (10.5%)	47 (10.8%)	660 (11.1%)
Moderate	514 (13.2%)	166 (10.1%)	47 (10.8%)	727 (12.2%)
High	658 (17.0%)	144 (8.8%)	71 (16.2%)	873 (14.7%)
School counsellor				
None	3,910 (97.5%)	1,626 (97.5%)	425 (95.7%)	5,961 (97.4%)
Low	69 (1.7%)	31 (1.9%)	14 (3.2%)	114 (1.9%)
Moderate	24 (0.6%)	9 (0.5%)	3 (0.7%)	36 (0.6%)
High	7 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.5%)	11 (0.2%)
School nurse				
None	3,883 (97.1%)	1,631 (97.5%)	431 (97.3%)	5,945 (97.2%)
Low	88 (2.2%)	31 (1.9%)	12 (2.7%)	131 (2.1%)
Moderate	24 (0.6%)	7 (0.4%)	0	31 (0.5%)
High	6 (0.1%)	3 (0.2%)	0	9 (0.1%)
Teacher				
None	2,987 (80.5%)	1,247 (79.4%)	337 (80.0%)	4,571 (80.2%)
Low	540 (14.6%)	238 (15.1%)	58 (13.8%)	836 (14.7%)
Moderate	141 (3.8%)	65 (4.1%)	19 (4.5%)	225 (3.9%)
High	42 (1.1%)	21 (1.3%)	7 (1.7%)	70 (1.2%)
Youth worker				
None	3,865 (96.9%)	1,598 (95.7%)	413 (93.7%)	5,876 (96.3%)
Low	98 (2.5%)	55 (3.3%)	21 (4.8%)	174 (2.9%)
Moderate	23 (0.6%)	12 (0.7%)	3 (0.7%)	38 (0.6%)
High	4 (0.1%)	5 (0.3%)	4 (0.9%)	13 (0.2%)
Community health services				
None	3,816 (95.6%)	1,609 (96.8%)	413 (93.9%)	5,838 (95.8%)
Low	141 (3.5%)	44 (2.6%)	24 (5.5%)	209 (3.4%)
Moderate	30 (0.8%)	7 (0.4%)	2 (0.5%)	39 (0.6%)
High	4 (0.1%)	3 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	8 (0.1%)
Peer educator				
None	3,496 (89.7%)	1,486 (91.1%)	398 (91.5%)	5,380 (90.2%)
Low	315 (8.1%)	118 (7.2%)	29 (6.7%)	462 (7.7%)
Moderate	77 (2.0%)	19 (1.2%)	6 (1.4%)	102 (1.7%)
High	9 (0.2%)	8 (0.5%)	2 (0.5%)	19 (0.3%)

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S40 continued...

	Female n = 4071 n(%)	Male n = 1700 n(%)	Non-binary n = 455 n(%)	Total N = 6226 n(%)
School sexual health promotion				
None	3,021 (79.2%)	1,215 (76.3%)	325 (76.3%)	4,561 (78.2%)
Low	608 (15.9%)	298 (18.7%)	74 (17.4%)	980 (16.8%)
Moderate	158 (4.1%)	68 (4.3%)	23 (5.4%)	249 (4.3%)
High	25 (0.7%)	11 (0.7%)	4 (0.9%)	40 (0.7%)
School sexual health promotion				
None	3,021 (79.2%)	1,215 (76.3%)	325 (76.3%)	4,561 (78.2%)
Low	608 (15.9%)	298 (18.7%)	74 (17.4%)	980 (16.8%)
Moderate	158 (4.1%)	68 (4.3%)	23 (5.4%)	249 (4.3%)
High	25 (0.7%)	11 (0.7%)	4 (0.9%)	40 (0.7%)
Lessons in school other than RSE				
None	3,070 (81.1%)	1,280 (80.3%)	341 (79.3%)	4,691 (80.7%)
Low	547 (14.4%)	243 (15.2%)	68 (15.8%)	858 (14.8%)
Moderate	144 (3.8%)	52 (3.3%)	17 (4.0%)	213 (3.7%)
High	26 (0.7%)	19 (1.2%)	4 (0.9%)	49 (0.8%)
Internet websites				
None	2,002 (51.8%)	847 (52.2%)	190 (43.8%)	3,039 (51.3%)
Low	725 (18.8%)	337 (20.8%)	85 (19.6%)	1,147 (19.4%)
Moderate	850 (22.0%)	328 (20.2%)	110 (25.3%)	1,288 (21.7%)
High	289 (7.5%)	112 (6.9%)	49 (11.3%)	450 (7.6%)
Social media				
None	2,164 (55.9%)	1,110 (68.2%)	198 (45.8%)	3,472 (58.6%)
Low	694 (17.9%)	275 (16.9%)	72 (16.7%)	1,041 (17.6%)
Moderate	635 (16.4%)	172 (10.6%)	80 (18.5%)	887 (15.0%)
High	375 (9.7%)	71 (4.4%)	82 (19.0%)	528 (8.9%)

None = Not used in the past year, Low = Once, twice or a few times, Moderate = Several times to about once a month, High = More than once a month to almost weekly

Table S41. Type of information that was discussed with any source in the past year by gender.

	Female n = 4071 n(%)	Male n = 1700 n(%)	Non-binary n = 455 n(%)	Total N = 6226 n(%)
Contraception	2,911 (85.4%)	886 (68.0%)	273 (72.4%)	4,070 (80.0%)
Condoms	2,424 (72.2%)	990 (74.8%)	220 (58.8%)	3,634 (71.9%)
Sexual orientation or gender identity	1,973 (59.1%)	737 (56.8%)	362 (91.9%)	3,072 (61.1%)
STI or HIV prevention/testing	1,734 (52.2%)	714 (55.0%)	189 (50.5%)	2,637 (52.8%)
Having sex	2,815 (83.3%)	1,062 (80.6%)	299 (77.7%)	4,176 (82.2%)

Table S42. Trust of sources by gender.

	Female n = 3753 n(%)	Male n = 1581 n(%)	Non-binary n = 424 n(%)	Total N = 5758 n(%)
GP				
None	156 (4.2%)	77 (4.9%)	17 (4.0%)	250 (4.3%)
Low	702 (18.7%)	205 (13.0%)	107 (25.2%)	1,014 (17.6%)
High	2,895 (77.1%)	1,299 (82.2%)	300 (70.8%)	4,494 (78.0%)
Nurse				
None	236 (6.3%)	120 (7.6%)	28 (6.6%)	384 (6.7%)
Low	995 (26.7%)	345 (21.9%)	134 (31.8%)	1,474 (25.8%)
High	2,494 (67.0%)	1,108 (70.4%)	260 (61.6%)	3,862 (67.5%)
Mother				
None	500 (13.6%)	200 (12.9%)	95 (22.9%)	795 (14.1%)
Low	1,504 (41.0%)	688 (44.4%)	182 (43.9%)	2,374 (42.2%)
High	1,662 (45.3%)	661 (42.7%)	138 (33.3%)	2,461 (43.7%)
Father				
None	1,334 (37.4%)	247 (16.1%)	174 (43.1%)	1,755 (31.9%)
Low	1,552 (43.5%)	687 (44.7%)	161 (39.9%)	2,400 (43.6%)
High	679 (19.0%)	602 (39.2%)	69 (17.1%)	1,350 (24.5%)
Other well-known adult				
None	720 (20.1%)	274 (17.8%)	109 (26.7%)	1,103 (20.0%)
Low	1,921 (53.6%)	861 (56.1%)	213 (52.2%)	2,995 (54.2%)
High	943 (26.3%)	401 (26.1%)	86 (21.1%)	1,430 (25.9%)
Female friend				
None	168 (4.6%)	138 (9.0%)	19 (4.6%)	325 (5.8%)
Low	1,671 (45.7%)	763 (49.5%)	203 (49.0%)	2,637 (47.0%)
High	1,821 (49.8%)	640 (41.5%)	192 (46.4%)	2,653 (47.2%)
Male friend				
None	794 (21.9%)	163 (10.6%)	87 (21.2%)	1,044 (18.7%)
Low	2,022 (55.8%)	876 (56.7%)	228 (55.6%)	3,126 (56.0%)
High	810 (22.3%)	506 (32.8%)	95 (23.2%)	1,411 (25.3%)
Trans or gender diverse friend				
None	566 (17.0%)	417 (29.4%)	13 (3.2%)	996 (19.3%)
Low	1,650 (49.5%)	641 (45.2%)	179 (43.9%)	2,470 (47.9%)
High	1,119 (33.6%)	359 (25.3%)	216 (52.9%)	1,694 (32.8%)
Siblings				
None	1,426 (40.8%)	635 (42.8%)	195 (50.1%)	2,256 (42.0%)
Low	1,424 (40.7%)	604 (40.7%)	138 (35.5%)	2,166 (40.3%)
High	647 (18.5%)	246 (16.6%)	56 (14.4%)	949 (17.7%)
Partner				
None	229 (6.5%)	83 (5.6%)	32 (8.2%)	344 (6.4%)
Low	1,417 (40.2%)	547 (36.8%)	157 (40.4%)	2,121 (39.3%)
High	1,877 (53.3%)	855 (57.6%)	200 (51.4%)	2,932 (54.3%)
School counsellor				
None	1,060 (29.8%)	387 (25.5%)	129 (32.0%)	1,576 (28.8%)
Low	1,593 (44.7%)	641 (42.2%)	184 (45.7%)	2,418 (44.1%)
High	907 (25.5%)	490 (32.3%)	90 (22.3%)	1,487 (27.1%)

Table S42 continued...

	Female n = 3753 n(%)	Male n = 1581 n(%)	Non-binary n = 424 n(%)	Total N = 5758 n(%)
School nurse				
None	1,032 (29.1%)	395 (26.2%)	127 (31.4%)	1,554 (28.5%)
Low	1,433 (40.4%)	602 (39.9%)	167 (41.3%)	2,202 (40.3%)
High	1,085 (30.6%)	510 (33.8%)	110 (27.2%)	1,705 (31.2%)
Teacher				
None	1,018 (28.5%)	368 (24.3%)	125 (30.9%)	1,511 (27.5%)
Low	1,618 (45.3%)	679 (44.9%)	197 (48.8%)	2,494 (45.4%)
High	938 (26.2%)	466 (30.8%)	82 (20.3%)	1,486 (27.1%)
Youth worker				
None	870 (24.9%)	323 (21.8%)	79 (19.9%)	1,272 (23.7%)
Low	1,524 (43.6%)	684 (46.1%)	191 (48.2%)	2,399 (44.6%)
High	1,100 (31.5%)	476 (32.1%)	126 (31.8%)	1,702 (31.7%)
Community health services				
None	630 (17.9%)	267 (17.8%)	58 (14.6%)	955 (17.7%)
Low	1,330 (37.8%)	544 (36.3%)	165 (41.5%)	2,039 (37.7%)
High	1,554 (44.2%)	687 (45.9%)	175 (44.0%)	2,416 (44.7%)
Peer educator				
None	377 (10.8%)	165 (11.1%)	43 (11.0%)	585 (10.9%)
Low	1,027 (29.4%)	453 (30.6%)	96 (24.6%)	1,576 (29.4%)
High	2,085 (59.8%)	862 (58.2%)	251 (64.4%)	3,198 (59.7%)
School health promotion				
None	567 (16.2%)	231 (15.4%)	78 (19.9%)	876 (16.3%)
Low	1,503 (43.0%)	646 (43.1%)	184 (46.9%)	2,333 (43.3%)
High	1,425 (40.8%)	622 (41.5%)	130 (33.2%)	2,177 (40.4%)
Lessons other than RSE				
None	695 (20.0%)	261 (17.6%)	96 (24.7%)	1,052 (19.7%)
Low	1,717 (49.4%)	721 (48.6%)	207 (53.2%)	2,645 (49.4%)
High	1,067 (30.7%)	503 (33.9%)	86 (22.1%)	1,656 (30.9%)
Internet				
None	290 (8.2%)	118 (7.9%)	26 (6.5%)	434 (8.0%)
Low	1,560 (44.4%)	677 (45.0%)	181 (45.4%)	2,418 (44.6%)
High	1,667 (47.4%)	708 (47.1%)	192 (48.1%)	2,567 (47.4%)
Social media				
None	608 (17.3%)	345 (23.1%)	78 (19.5%)	1,031 (19.1%)
Low	2,167 (61.7%)	939 (62.8%)	222 (55.6%)	3,328 (61.6%)
High	735 (20.9%)	212 (14.2%)	99 (24.8%)	1,046 (19.4%)

Table S43. Frequency of young people who have needed help and felt unable to get help by gender.

	Female n = 3499 n(%)	Male n = 1482 n(%)	Non-binary n = 410 n(%)	Total N = 5391 n(%)
Preventing pregnancy/contraception	1,319 (37.7%)	159 (10.7%)	100 (24.4%)	1,578 (29.3%)
Condoms	799 (22.8%)	296 (20.0%)	79 (19.3%)	1,174 (21.8%)
Sexual orientation or gender identity	1,016 (29.0%)	272 (18.4%)	263 (64.1%)	1,551 (28.8%)
STI or HIV prevention	597 (17.1%)	179 (12.1%)	80 (19.5%)	856 (15.9%)
Having sex	1,487 (42.5%)	425 (28.7%)	177 (43.2%)	2,089 (38.7%)
Never	1,225 (35.0%)	785 (53.0%)	92 (22.4%)	2,102 (39.0%)

Table S44. Barriers to getting help or advice needed by gender.

	Female n = 2194 n(%)	Male n = 655 n(%)	Non-binary n = 308 n(%)	Total N = 3157 n(%)
Embarrassment	1,703 (77.6%)	501 (76.5%)	213 (69.2%)	2,417 (76.6%)
Unsure of where to go	793 (36.1%)	255 (38.9%)	135 (43.8%)	1,183 (37.5%)
Cost or transport restraints	313 (14.3%)	70 (10.7%)	53 (17.2%)	436 (13.8%)
Haven't found a doctor/nurse I like	518 (23.6%)	101 (15.4%)	92 (29.9%)	711 (22.5%)
Afraid of being told off	960 (43.8%)	230 (35.1%)	144 (46.8%)	1,334 (42.3%)
Afraid of parents finding out	1,353 (61.7%)	356 (54.4%)	180 (58.4%)	1,889 (59.8%)
Ashamed of the problem I'm having	728 (33.2%)	202 (30.8%)	120 (39.0%)	1,050 (33.3%)
Worried about judgement	1,404 (64.0%)	377 (57.6%)	204 (66.2%)	1,985 (62.9%)
Not sure	65 (3.0%)	33 (5.0%)	10 (3.2%)	108 (3.4%)

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Table S45. Year level that young people received RSE, by gender.

	Female n = 3420 n(%)	Male n = 1487 n(%)	Non-binary n = 393 n(%)	Total N = 5300 n(%)
Between Prep/Kinder and Grade 4	219 (6.4%)	121 (8.1%)	33 (8.4%)	373 (7.0%)
Year 5-6	1,883 (55.1%)	909 (61.1%)	218 (55.5%)	3,010 (56.8%)
Year 7-8	2,311 (67.6%)	1,036 (69.7%)	266 (67.7%)	3,613 (68.2%)
Year 9-10	2,363 (69.1%)	999 (67.2%)	251 (63.9%)	3,613 (68.2%)
Year 11-12	578 (16.9%)	248 (16.7%)	42 (10.7%)	868 (16.4%)
Any year level	3,178 (92.9%)	1,405 (94.5%)	345 (87.8%)	4,928 (93.0%)

Table S46. Information about the last RSE lesson received by gender.

	Female n = 3178 n(%)	Male n = 1405 n(%)	Non-binary n = 345 n(%)	Total N = 4928 n(%)
Number of RSE lessons (last time)				
One lesson or less	616 (21.4%)	233 (18.8%)	55 (17.5%)	904 (20.4%)
2-4 lessons	1,196 (41.6%)	511 (41.2%)	155 (49.2%)	1,862 (42.1%)
5-10 lessons	768 (26.7%)	340 (27.4%)	70 (22.2%)	1,178 (26.6%)
More than 10 lessons	293 (10.2%)	156 (12.6%)	35 (11.1%)	484 (10.9%)
What subject was RSE part of				
It was its own subject	331 (11.5%)	205 (16.1%)	41 (12.9%)	577 (12.9%)
Health and Physical Education	2,082 (72.4%)	867 (68.1%)	230 (72.1%)	3,179 (71.2%)
Science/Biology	174 (6.1%)	76 (6.0%)	20 (6.3%)	270 (6.0%)
Religious Instruction/Education	98 (3.4%)	42 (3.3%)	8 (2.5%)	148 (3.3%)
Other	190 (6.6%)	83 (6.5%)	20 (6.3%)	293 (6.6%)
Teacher at last RSE				
A teacher	2,420 (83.9%)	1,024 (79.9%)	272 (84.7%)	3,716 (82.8%)
A school nurse	90 (3.1%)	41 (3.2%)	7 (2.2%)	138 (3.1%)
A chaplain/religious instructor	26 (0.9%)	15 (1.2%)	1 (0.3%)	42 (0.9%)
School counsellor	22 (0.8%)	17 (1.3%)	3 (0.9%)	42 (0.9%)
Someone from outside school	295 (10.2%)	163 (12.7%)	33 (10.3%)	491 (10.9%)
Not sure	10 (0.3%)	13 (1.0%)	1 (0.3%)	24 (0.5%)
Other	21 (0.7%)	9 (0.7%)	4 (1.2%)	34 (0.8%)
Relevancy of RSE				
Not at all relevant	386 (12.3%)	170 (12.3%)	55 (16.1%)	611 (12.6%)
A little relevant	867 (27.7%)	304 (22.0%)	112 (32.8%)	1,283 (26.5%)
Somewhat relevant	1,134 (36.3%)	510 (37.0%)	105 (30.8%)	1,749 (36.1%)
Very relevant	543 (17.4%)	298 (21.6%)	52 (15.2%)	893 (18.4%)
Extremely relevant	197 (6.3%)	97 (7.0%)	17 (5.0%)	311 (6.4%)

Table S47. Topics covered in most recent RSE lesson by gender.

	Female n = 3178 n(%)	Male n = 1405 n(%)	Non-binary n = 345 n(%)	Total N = 4928 n(%)
How to use condoms				
None	874 (27.9%)	405 (29.4%)	106 (31.8%)	1,385 (28.6%)
Low	974 (31.1%)	404 (29.3%)	101 (30.3%)	1,479 (30.5%)
Moderate	582 (18.6%)	259 (18.8%)	54 (16.2%)	895 (18.5%)
High	700 (22.4%)	311 (22.6%)	72 (21.6%)	1,083 (22.4%)
Long acting contraceptives				
None	899 (28.8%)	450 (32.9%)	102 (30.4%)	1,451 (30.1%)
Low	1,187 (38.0%)	502 (36.7%)	133 (39.7%)	1,822 (37.8%)
Moderate	516 (16.5%)	231 (16.9%)	51 (15.2%)	798 (16.5%)
High	518 (16.6%)	184 (13.5%)	49 (14.6%)	751 (15.6%)
Short acting contraceptives				
None	819 (26.2%)	399 (29.2%)	94 (28.1%)	1,312 (27.2%)
Low	1,269 (40.7%)	540 (39.5%)	146 (43.6%)	1,955 (40.5%)
Moderate	558 (17.9%)	254 (18.6%)	46 (13.7%)	858 (17.8%)
High	475 (15.2%)	175 (12.8%)	49 (14.6%)	699 (14.5%)
How to reduce your sexually transmissible infection risk				
None	573 (18.3%)	248 (18.1%)	72 (21.5%)	893 (18.5%)
Low	1,282 (41.1%)	467 (34.1%)	149 (44.5%)	1,898 (39.3%)
Moderate	679 (21.7%)	353 (25.8%)	54 (16.1%)	1,086 (22.5%)
High	589 (18.9%)	302 (22.0%)	60 (17.9%)	951 (19.7%)
Testing for sexually transmissible infections				
None	1,191 (38.2%)	471 (34.4%)	163 (48.7%)	1,825 (37.8%)
Low	1,306 (41.8%)	544 (39.7%)	121 (36.1%)	1,971 (40.8%)
Moderate	359 (11.5%)	212 (15.5%)	28 (8.4%)	599 (12.4%)
High	265 (8.5%)	144 (10.5%)	23 (6.9%)	432 (8.9%)
Different gender identities and expressions				
None	1,367 (44.4%)	583 (43.1%)	178 (52.8%)	2,128 (44.6%)
Low	1,128 (36.7%)	471 (34.8%)	122 (36.2%)	1,721 (36.1%)
Moderate	312 (10.1%)	170 (12.6%)	15 (4.5%)	497 (10.4%)
High	269 (8.7%)	129 (9.5%)	22 (6.5%)	420 (8.8%)
How a man and woman can have safer sex together				
None	446 (14.4%)	179 (13.1%)	38 (11.3%)	663 (13.9%)
Low	1,173 (38.0%)	416 (30.5%)	128 (38.1%)	1,717 (35.9%)
Moderate	749 (24.3%)	381 (28.0%)	107 (31.8%)	1,237 (25.8%)
High	720 (23.3%)	387 (28.4%)	63 (18.8%)	1,170 (24.4%)
How two men can have safer sex together				
None	2,165 (70.3%)	851 (62.8%)	249 (73.9%)	3,265 (68.4%)
Low	648 (21.0%)	320 (23.6%)	70 (20.8%)	1,038 (21.8%)
Moderate	135 (4.4%)	97 (7.2%)	9 (2.7%)	241 (5.1%)
High	131 (4.3%)	87 (6.4%)	9 (2.7%)	227 (4.8%)

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Table S47 continued...

	Female n = 3178 n(%)	Male n = 1405 n(%)	Non-binary n = 345 n(%)	Total N = 4928 n(%)
How two women can have safer sex together				
None	2,196 (71.2%)	911 (67.2%)	257 (76.5%)	3,364 (70.5%)
Low	638 (20.7%)	297 (21.9%)	62 (18.5%)	997 (20.9%)
Moderate	132 (4.3%)	74 (5.5%)	7 (2.1%)	213 (4.5%)
High	117 (3.8%)	73 (5.4%)	10 (3.0%)	200 (4.2%)
Sexual orientation				
None	1,458 (47.4%)	580 (42.8%)	160 (47.3%)	2,198 (46.1%)
Low	1,126 (36.6%)	472 (34.8%)	144 (42.6%)	1,742 (36.5%)
Moderate	280 (9.1%)	181 (13.4%)	18 (5.3%)	479 (10.0%)
High	212 (6.9%)	122 (9.0%)	16 (4.7%)	350 (7.3%)
How to make sure someone wants to have sex				
None	344 (11.2%)	125 (9.2%)	46 (13.6%)	515 (10.8%)
Low	929 (30.4%)	298 (22.0%)	117 (34.7%)	1,344 (28.3%)
Moderate	648 (21.2%)	310 (22.8%)	79 (23.4%)	1,037 (21.8%)
High	1,139 (37.2%)	624 (46.0%)	95 (28.2%)	1,858 (39.1%)
Making informed decisions about having sex				
None	375 (12.3%)	130 (9.6%)	53 (15.9%)	558 (11.8%)
Low	1,021 (33.4%)	345 (25.5%)	129 (38.6%)	1,495 (31.5%)
Moderate	666 (21.8%)	333 (24.6%)	71 (21.3%)	1,070 (22.6%)
High	991 (32.5%)	545 (40.3%)	81 (24.3%)	1,617 (34.1%)
Respect in relationships				
None	338 (11.0%)	99 (7.3%)	42 (12.5%)	479 (10.1%)
Low	939 (30.7%)	293 (21.6%)	120 (35.7%)	1,352 (28.5%)
Moderate	684 (22.3%)	321 (23.7%)	79 (23.5%)	1,084 (22.8%)
High	1,100 (35.9%)	642 (47.4%)	95 (28.3%)	1,837 (38.7%)
Love and intimacy				
None	592 (19.3%)	218 (16.1%)	76 (22.7%)	886 (18.7%)
Low	1,286 (42.0%)	483 (35.8%)	156 (46.6%)	1,925 (40.6%)
Moderate	565 (18.5%)	292 (21.6%)	64 (19.1%)	921 (19.4%)
High	617 (20.2%)	358 (26.5%)	39 (11.6%)	1,014 (21.4%)
Laws about sexual conduct				
None	562 (18.4%)	184 (13.6%)	80 (23.7%)	826 (17.4%)
Low	1,115 (36.4%)	367 (27.1%)	118 (34.9%)	1,600 (33.7%)
Moderate	590 (19.3%)	308 (22.7%)	59 (17.5%)	957 (20.1%)
High	793 (25.9%)	497 (36.7%)	81 (24.0%)	1,371 (28.8%)
Puberty				
None	174 (5.7%)	94 (7.0%)	26 (7.7%)	294 (6.2%)
Low	699 (22.9%)	269 (19.9%)	102 (30.4%)	1,070 (22.6%)
Moderate	869 (28.5%)	359 (26.6%)	89 (26.5%)	1,317 (27.8%)
High	1,312 (43.0%)	630 (46.6%)	119 (35.4%)	2,061 (43.5%)

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Table S47 continued...

	Female n = 3178 n(%)	Male n = 1405 n(%)	Non-binary n = 345 n(%)	Total N = 4928 n(%)
Knowledge about the female reproductive system				
None	169 (5.5%)	98 (7.3%)	23 (6.8%)	290 (6.1%)
Low	916 (30.0%)	359 (26.7%)	120 (35.6%)	1,395 (29.5%)
Moderate	820 (26.9%)	346 (25.7%)	84 (24.9%)	1,250 (26.4%)
High	1,145 (37.5%)	544 (40.4%)	110 (32.6%)	1,799 (38.0%)
Knowledge about the male reproductive system				
None	236 (7.7%)	96 (7.1%)	36 (10.7%)	368 (7.8%)
Low	1,070 (35.1%)	380 (28.2%)	131 (39.0%)	1,581 (33.4%)
Moderate	821 (26.9%)	351 (26.1%)	83 (24.7%)	1,255 (26.5%)
High	922 (30.2%)	520 (38.6%)	86 (25.6%)	1,528 (32.3%)
Correct names for sexual body parts				
None	164 (5.4%)	83 (6.2%)	21 (6.2%)	268 (5.7%)
Low	818 (26.8%)	325 (24.1%)	109 (32.3%)	1,252 (26.4%)
Moderate	885 (29.0%)	378 (28.0%)	84 (24.9%)	1,347 (28.5%)
High	1,181 (38.7%)	563 (41.7%)	123 (36.5%)	1,867 (39.4%)
Choosing not to have sex/abstinence				
None	669 (22.1%)	326 (24.3%)	77 (23.1%)	1,072 (22.8%)
Low	1,081 (35.7%)	431 (32.2%)	126 (37.8%)	1,638 (34.9%)
Moderate	539 (17.8%)	292 (21.8%)	58 (17.4%)	889 (18.9%)
High	736 (24.3%)	290 (21.7%)	72 (21.6%)	1,098 (23.4%)
Cybersafety related to sex				
None	655 (21.7%)	262 (19.6%)	102 (30.7%)	1,019 (21.8%)
Low	1,081 (35.9%)	452 (33.9%)	141 (42.5%)	1,674 (35.8%)
Moderate	630 (20.9%)	300 (22.5%)	46 (13.9%)	976 (20.9%)
High	649 (21.5%)	320 (24.0%)	43 (13.0%)	1,012 (21.6%)
Sexting				
None	544 (18.0%)	208 (15.5%)	85 (25.6%)	837 (17.9%)
Low	1,084 (36.0%)	450 (33.6%)	145 (43.7%)	1,679 (35.8%)
Moderate	647 (21.5%)	305 (22.8%)	59 (17.8%)	1,011 (21.6%)
High	740 (24.5%)	375 (28.0%)	43 (13.0%)	1,158 (24.7%)
Sexual pleasure and enjoyment				
None	1,520 (50.4%)	394 (29.5%)	193 (58.7%)	2,107 (45.1%)
Low	1,001 (33.2%)	527 (39.5%)	103 (31.3%)	1,631 (34.9%)
Moderate	235 (7.8%)	218 (16.3%)	19 (5.8%)	472 (10.1%)
High	257 (8.5%)	195 (14.6%)	14 (4.3%)	466 (10.0%)
Seeking advice and information about sexual health				
None	579 (19.2%)	216 (16.2%)	91 (27.6%)	886 (18.9%)
Low	1,276 (42.3%)	503 (37.6%)	148 (44.8%)	1,927 (41.2%)
Moderate	602 (20.0%)	308 (23.1%)	58 (17.6%)	968 (20.7%)
High	557 (18.5%)	309 (23.1%)	33 (10.0%)	899 (19.2%)

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Table S47 continued...

	Female n = 3178 n(%)	Male n = 1405 n(%)	Non-binary n = 345 n(%)	Total N = 4928 n(%)
Having sex with someone who has a disability				
None	2,655 (88.0%)	1,097 (82.4%)	302 (91.0%)	4,054 (86.6%)
Low	259 (8.6%)	173 (13.0%)	27 (8.1%)	459 (9.8%)
Moderate	46 (1.5%)	27 (2.0%)	1 (0.3%)	74 (1.6%)
High	56 (1.9%)	35 (2.6%)	2 (0.6%)	93 (2.0%)
Pornography				
None	1,451 (48.3%)	429 (32.2%)	177 (53.6%)	2,057 (44.1%)
Low	1,027 (34.2%)	484 (36.3%)	118 (35.8%)	1,629 (34.9%)
Moderate	283 (9.4%)	231 (17.3%)	19 (5.8%)	533 (11.4%)
High	244 (8.1%)	188 (14.1%)	16 (4.8%)	448 (9.6%)
Anal sex				
None	2,325 (77.4%)	883 (66.4%)	266 (81.1%)	3,474 (74.5%)
Low	524 (17.5%)	322 (24.2%)	54 (16.5%)	900 (19.3%)
Moderate	82 (2.7%)	70 (5.3%)	3 (0.9%)	155 (3.3%)
High	71 (2.4%)	55 (4.1%)	5 (1.5%)	131 (2.8%)
Oral sex				
None	1,642 (54.6%)	638 (48.0%)	196 (59.6%)	2,476 (53.1%)
Low	985 (32.8%)	450 (33.8%)	111 (33.7%)	1,546 (33.1%)
Moderate	215 (7.2%)	155 (11.7%)	14 (4.3%)	384 (8.2%)
High	163 (5.4%)	87 (6.5%)	8 (2.4%)	258 (5.5%)
Digital sex				
None	2,191 (73.0%)	872 (65.6%)	266 (80.6%)	3,329 (71.4%)
Low	602 (20.1%)	317 (23.8%)	50 (15.2%)	969 (20.8%)
Moderate	101 (3.4%)	87 (6.5%)	7 (2.1%)	195 (4.2%)
High	106 (3.5%)	54 (4.1%)	7 (2.1%)	167 (3.6%)
Masturbation				
None	1,830 (60.9%)	528 (39.7%)	210 (63.6%)	2,568 (55.0%)
Low	880 (29.3%)	506 (38.0%)	98 (29.7%)	1,484 (31.8%)
Moderate	164 (5.5%)	167 (12.6%)	11 (3.3%)	342 (7.3%)
High	131 (4.4%)	129 (9.7%)	11 (3.3%)	271 (5.8%)
Practical information about how to have sex				
None	1,643 (54.7%)	621 (46.7%)	186 (56.2%)	2,450 (52.5%)
Low	944 (31.4%)	438 (32.9%)	110 (33.2%)	1,492 (32.0%)
Moderate	239 (8.0%)	157 (11.8%)	21 (6.3%)	417 (8.9%)
High	180 (6.0%)	114 (8.6%)	14 (4.2%)	308 (6.6%)

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Table S48. RSE during COVID-19 by gender.

	Female n = 2514 n(%)	Male n = 1136 n(%)	Non-binary n = 244 n(%)	Total N = 3894 n(%)
Scheduled but cancelled due to COVID19	119 (4.7%)	74 (6.5%)	16 (6.6%)	209 (5.4%)
Online due to COVID19 restrictions	131 (5.2%)	71 (6.2%)	20 (8.2%)	222 (5.7%)
Yes, in school	895 (35.6%)	442 (38.9%)	95 (38.9%)	1,432 (36.8%)
Other	35 (1.4%)	9 (0.8%)	5 (2.0%)	49 (1.3%)
No	1,187 (47.2%)	457 (40.2%)	96 (39.3%)	1,740 (44.7%)
Not sure	147 (5.8%)	83 (7.3%)	12 (4.9%)	242 (6.2%)

Table S49. Attributes of the best RSE teacher.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Experienced teachers				
Disagree	370 (11.4%)	155 (11.0%)	43 (11.3%)	568 (11.3%)
Neither agree or disagree	786 (24.2%)	306 (21.7%)	88 (23.2%)	1,180 (23.4%)
Agree	2,095 (64.4%)	949 (67.3%)	248 (65.4%)	3,292 (65.3%)
Able to relate well to students				
Disagree	269 (8.2%)	113 (8.0%)	35 (9.2%)	417 (8.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	316 (9.7%)	182 (12.8%)	41 (10.8%)	539 (10.6%)
Agree	2,679 (82.1%)	1,125 (79.2%)	305 (80.1%)	4,109 (81.1%)
Health or PE teachers				
Disagree	598 (18.3%)	275 (19.3%)	116 (30.5%)	989 (19.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	960 (29.4%)	386 (27.1%)	113 (29.7%)	1,459 (28.8%)
Agree	1,712 (52.4%)	762 (53.5%)	151 (39.7%)	2,625 (51.7%)
Young teachers				
Disagree	303 (9.3%)	138 (9.7%)	34 (8.9%)	475 (9.4%)
Neither agree or disagree	806 (24.6%)	352 (24.7%)	103 (27.1%)	1,261 (24.8%)
Agree	2,162 (66.1%)	936 (65.6%)	243 (63.9%)	3,341 (65.8%)
Willing to ask students what they want to learn				
Disagree	271 (8.3%)	127 (8.9%)	28 (7.3%)	426 (8.4%)
Neither agree or disagree	316 (9.7%)	191 (13.4%)	24 (6.2%)	531 (10.5%)
Agree	2,679 (82.0%)	1,106 (77.7%)	333 (86.5%)	4,118 (81.1%)
Female				
Disagree	113 (3.5%)	105 (7.4%)	11 (2.9%)	229 (4.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	779 (23.8%)	627 (44.0%)	128 (33.3%)	1,534 (30.2%)
Agree	2,376 (72.7%)	693 (48.6%)	245 (63.8%)	3,314 (65.3%)
Male				
Disagree	687 (21.1%)	135 (9.5%)	83 (21.8%)	905 (17.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	1,460 (44.8%)	697 (48.8%)	201 (52.8%)	2,358 (46.5%)
Agree	1,111 (34.1%)	595 (41.7%)	97 (25.5%)	1,803 (35.6%)
Knowledgeable about sexual issues				
Disagree	104 (3.3%)	42 (3.0%)	10 (2.6%)	156 (3.1%)
Neither agree or disagree	226 (7.1%)	105 (7.6%)	14 (3.7%)	345 (7.0%)
Agree	2,867 (89.7%)	1,239 (89.4%)	356 (93.7%)	4,462 (89.9%)

Table S49 continued...

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Good at getting students involved in learning activities				
Disagree	215 (6.7%)	123 (8.9%)	31 (8.2%)	369 (7.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	509 (15.9%)	241 (17.5%)	54 (14.3%)	804 (16.2%)
Agree	2,469 (77.3%)	1,017 (73.6%)	292 (77.5%)	3,778 (76.3%)
Calm and unflappable				
Disagree	137 (4.3%)	64 (4.7%)	20 (5.3%)	221 (4.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	398 (12.5%)	196 (14.3%)	44 (11.7%)	638 (12.9%)
Agree	2,655 (83.2%)	1,114 (81.1%)	313 (83.0%)	4,082 (82.6%)
Good managers of student behaviour				
Disagree	177 (5.5%)	92 (6.7%)	20 (5.3%)	289 (5.8%)
Neither agree or disagree	436 (13.7%)	203 (14.7%)	38 (10.1%)	677 (13.7%)
Agree	2,580 (80.8%)	1,088 (78.7%)	319 (84.6%)	3,987 (80.5%)
Approachable and respectful				
Disagree	91 (2.8%)	43 (3.1%)	10 (2.6%)	144 (2.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	172 (5.4%)	89 (6.4%)	16 (4.2%)	277 (5.6%)
Agree	2,931 (91.8%)	1,254 (90.5%)	353 (93.1%)	4,538 (91.5%)
Able to show a sense of humour				
Disagree	121 (3.8%)	58 (4.2%)	14 (3.7%)	193 (3.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	309 (9.7%)	146 (10.5%)	33 (8.7%)	488 (9.8%)
Agree	2,760 (86.5%)	1,186 (85.3%)	331 (87.6%)	4,277 (86.3%)

Table S50. Importance of RSE in the school curriculum by gender.

	Female n = 3203 n(%)	Male n = 1408 n(%)	Non-binary n = 383 n(%)	Total N = 4994 n(%)
Very important	2,671 (83.4%)	987 (70.1%)	341 (89.0%)	3,999 (80.1%)
Important	434 (13.5%)	308 (21.9%)	33 (8.6%)	775 (15.5%)
Neither important or not important	50 (1.6%)	61 (4.3%)	6 (1.6%)	117 (2.3%)
Of little importance	37 (1.2%)	33 (2.3%)	3 (0.8%)	73 (1.5%)
Not at all important	11 (0.3%)	19 (1.3%)	0	30 (0.6%)

Sexting

Table S51. Sexting behaviours by gender.

	Female n = 3129 n(%)	Male n = 1357 n(%)	Non-binary n = 374 n(%)	Total N = 4860 n(%)
Frequency of receiving sexually explicit text messages				
None	447 (14.3%)	331 (24.4%)	65 (17.4%)	843 (17.3%)
Low	998 (31.9%)	414 (30.5%)	124 (33.2%)	1,536 (31.6%)
Moderate	712 (22.8%)	256 (18.9%)	77 (20.6%)	1,045 (21.5%)
High	972 (31.1%)	356 (26.2%)	108 (28.9%)	1,436 (29.5%)
Frequency of receiving sexually explicit photos				
None	571 (18.3%)	387 (28.6%)	90 (24.2%)	1,048 (21.6%)
Low	1,093 (35.1%)	423 (31.2%)	127 (34.1%)	1,643 (33.9%)
Moderate	734 (23.5%)	267 (19.7%)	72 (19.4%)	1,073 (22.2%)
High	719 (23.1%)	277 (20.5%)	83 (22.3%)	1,079 (22.3%)
Frequency of sending sexually explicit text messages				
None	1,008 (32.8%)	496 (37.0%)	129 (35.1%)	1,633 (34.2%)
Low	864 (28.2%)	343 (25.6%)	91 (24.7%)	1,298 (27.2%)
Moderate	583 (19.0%)	244 (18.2%)	67 (18.2%)	894 (18.7%)
High	614 (20.0%)	259 (19.3%)	81 (22.0%)	954 (20.0%)
Frequency sending sexually explicit photos of self				
None	1,171 (38.3%)	649 (48.3%)	158 (43.1%)	1,978 (41.5%)
Low	808 (26.4%)	346 (25.8%)	89 (24.3%)	1,243 (26.1%)
Moderate	555 (18.2%)	175 (13.0%)	70 (19.1%)	800 (16.8%)
High	521 (17.1%)	173 (12.9%)	50 (13.6%)	744 (15.6%)
Frequency of sending sexually explicit photo of someone else				
None	2,480 (80.8%)	1,096 (81.2%)	308 (83.2%)	3,884 (81.1%)
Low	306 (10.0%)	160 (11.9%)	36 (9.7%)	502 (10.5%)
Moderate	153 (5.0%)	50 (3.7%)	11 (3.0%)	214 (4.5%)
High	132 (4.3%)	44 (3.3%)	15 (4.1%)	191 (4.0%)
Frequency of social media use for sexual reasons				
None	1,391 (45.8%)	530 (39.6%)	166 (45.5%)	2,087 (44.0%)
Low	660 (21.7%)	263 (19.6%)	64 (17.5%)	987 (20.8%)
Moderate	471 (15.5%)	205 (15.3%)	59 (16.2%)	735 (15.5%)
High	515 (17.0%)	341 (25.5%)	76 (20.8%)	932 (19.7%)
Sexual photos of you have been shared without permission	542 (20.6%)	134 (11.3%)	55 (18.6%)	731 (17.8%)

None = Never, Low = Once to a few times a year, Moderate = About once a month to 2-3 times a month, High = About once a week/fortnight or more

Table S52. Receiving sexually explicit photo by gender.

	Female n = 3117 n(%)	Male n = 1354 n(%)	Non-binary n = 372 n(%)	Total N = 4843 n(%)
Senders of sexually explicit photos				
Someone I'm in a relationship in	1,231 (48.4%)	495 (51.1%)	140 (49.6%)	1,866 (49.2%)
Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with	767 (30.2%)	262 (27.1%)	70 (24.8%)	1,099 (29.0%)
A friend	596 (23.4%)	303 (31.3%)	71 (25.2%)	970 (25.6%)
Someone I just met face-to-face	273 (10.7%)	57 (5.9%)	15 (5.3%)	345 (9.1%)
Someone I only know online	1,010 (39.7%)	314 (32.4%)	100 (35.5%)	1,424 (37.5%)
A stranger	1,257 (49.4%)	278 (28.7%)	151 (53.5%)	1,686 (44.5%)
I want a sexual photo of this person				
Low	1,427 (57.1%)	265 (27.8%)	140 (50.4%)	1,832 (49.1%)
Moderate	576 (23.0%)	273 (28.6%)	64 (23.0%)	913 (24.5%)
High	498 (19.9%)	415 (43.5%)	74 (26.6%)	987 (26.4%)
I ask for a sexual photo of this person				
Low	1,954 (77.8%)	588 (61.4%)	186 (67.4%)	2,728 (72.8%)
Moderate	383 (15.2%)	244 (25.5%)	62 (22.5%)	689 (18.4%)
High	176 (7.0%)	126 (13.2%)	28 (10.1%)	330 (8.8%)
Feelings about receiving sexually explicit photos				
<i>Embarrassed</i>				
Low	1,489 (59.4%)	770 (80.7%)	164 (58.8%)	2,423 (64.8%)
Moderate	584 (23.3%)	119 (12.5%)	57 (20.4%)	760 (20.3%)
High	433 (17.3%)	65 (6.8%)	58 (20.8%)	556 (14.9%)
<i>Excited</i>				
Low	1,474 (58.5%)	187 (19.5%)	135 (48.0%)	1,796 (47.8%)
Moderate	509 (20.2%)	230 (24.0%)	54 (19.2%)	793 (21.1%)
High	535 (21.2%)	540 (56.4%)	92 (32.7%)	1,167 (31.1%)
<i>Guilty</i>				
Low	1,856 (74.1%)	647 (67.7%)	183 (65.4%)	2,686 (71.8%)
Moderate	365 (14.6%)	183 (19.1%)	50 (17.9%)	598 (16.0%)
High	284 (11.3%)	126 (13.2%)	47 (16.8%)	457 (12.2%)
<i>Happy</i>				
Low	1,477 (58.7%)	227 (23.7%)	141 (50.2%)	1,845 (49.1%)
Moderate	512 (20.3%)	230 (24.1%)	54 (19.2%)	796 (21.2%)
High	529 (21.0%)	499 (52.2%)	86 (30.6%)	1,114 (29.7%)
<i>Upset</i>				
Low	1,579 (62.7%)	808 (84.9%)	160 (57.1%)	2,547 (67.9%)
Moderate	495 (19.7%)	98 (10.3%)	57 (20.4%)	650 (17.3%)
High	444 (17.6%)	46 (4.8%)	63 (22.5%)	553 (14.7%)
<i>Horny</i>				
Low	1,297 (51.6%)	122 (12.7%)	112 (40.0%)	1,531 (40.8%)
Moderate	562 (22.3%)	168 (17.6%)	71 (25.4%)	801 (21.3%)
High	656 (26.1%)	667 (69.7%)	97 (34.6%)	1,420 (37.8%)

Low = Not at all or rarely, Moderate = Sometimes, High = Often or always

Table S53. Sending sexually explicit photo by gender.

	Female n = 1884 n(%)	Male n = 694 n(%)	Non-binary n = 209 n(%)	Total N = 2787 n(%)
People sexually explicit photos were sent to				
Someone I'm in a relationship in	1,414 (75.1%)	465 (67.2%)	150 (71.8%)	2,029 (72.9%)
Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with	731 (38.8%)	191 (27.6%)	70 (33.5%)	992 (35.6%)
A friend	458 (24.3%)	191 (27.6%)	64 (30.6%)	713 (25.6%)
Someone I just met face-to-face	84 (4.5%)	48 (6.9%)	5 (2.4%)	137 (4.9%)
Someone I only know online	378 (20.1%)	200 (28.9%)	59 (28.2%)	637 (22.9%)
A stranger	151 (8.0%)	81 (11.7%)	24 (11.5%)	256 (9.2%)
Identifying information shared				
None	1,056 (64.2%)	417 (66.9%)	128 (69.6%)	1,601 (65.3%)
Face visible	558 (34.0%)	180 (28.9%)	51 (27.7%)	789 (32.2%)
Identifying information	30 (1.8%)	26 (4.2%)	5 (2.7%)	61 (2.5%)
Type of photo				
0	0	0	0	0
Suggestive (e.g. in underwear)	1,612 (85.8%)	456 (66.3%)	175 (84.1%)	2,243 (80.8%)
Semi-nude	1,569 (83.5%)	432 (62.8%)	173 (83.2%)	2,174 (78.3%)
Nude	818 (43.5%)	519 (75.4%)	106 (51.0%)	1,443 (52.0%)
Feelings about sending sexually explicit photos				
<i>Embarrassed</i>				
Low	735 (40.0%)	345 (50.5%)	86 (42.0%)	1,166 (42.8%)
Moderate	457 (24.9%)	161 (23.6%)	56 (27.3%)	674 (24.8%)
High	644 (35.1%)	177 (25.9%)	63 (30.7%)	884 (32.5%)
<i>Excited</i>				
Low	956 (52.2%)	269 (39.6%)	85 (41.5%)	1,310 (48.2%)
Moderate	439 (23.90%)	172 (25.3%)	60 (29.3%)	671 (24.7%)
High	438 (23.9%)	238 (35.1%)	60 (29.3%)	736 (27.1%)
<i>Guilty</i>				
Low	873 (47.6%)	404 (59.5%)	120 (58.5%)	1,397 (51.4%)
Moderate	394 (21.5%)	121 (17.8%)	28 (13.7%)	543 (20.0%)
High	568 (31.09%)	154 (22.7%)	57 (27.8%)	777 (28.7%)
<i>Happy</i>				
Low	901 (49.3%)	261 (38.3%)	86 (42.2%)	1,248 (46.0%)
Moderate	476 (26.0%)	185 (27.1%)	64 (31.4%)	725 (26.7%)
High	451 (24.7%)	236 (34.6%)	54 (26.5%)	741 (27.3%)
<i>Upset</i>				
Low	984 (53.7%)	452 (66.4%)	119 (58.0%)	1,555 (57.2%)
Moderate	336 (18.4%)	91 (13.4%)	38 (18.5%)	465 (17.1%)
High	511 (27.9%)	138 (20.3%)	48 (23.4%)	697 (25.7%)
<i>Horny</i>				
Low	871 (47.5%)	219 (32.2%)	76 (37.3%)	1,166 (42.9%)
Moderate	425 (23.2%)	108 (15.9%)	46 (22.5%)	579 (21.3%)
High	536 (29.3%)	354 (52.0%)	82 (40.2%)	972 (35.8%)

Low = Not at all or rarely, Moderate = Sometimes, High = Often or always

Table S54. Young people's agreement about sexting by gender.

	Female n = 3044 n(%)	Male n = 1334 n(%)	Non-binary n = 363 n(%)	Total N = 4741 n(%)
Sexting has helped me be more open about sex and sexuality				
Disagree	494 (16.2%)	187 (14.0%)	38 (10.5%)	719 (15.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	654 (21.5%)	221 (16.6%)	52 (14.3%)	927 (19.6%)
Agree	1,285 (42.2%)	587 (44.0%)	173 (47.7%)	2,045 (43.1%)
Sexting has helped me learn about my own sexual identity				
Disagree	618 (20.3%)	214 (16.2%)	42 (11.6%)	874 (18.5%)
Neither agree or disagree	613 (20.2%)	229 (17.3%)	43 (11.9%)	885 (18.7%)
Agree				
Sexting has helped me learn about my partner's sexual identity through sexting				
Disagree	556 (18.4%)	179 (13.5%)	43 (11.9%)	778 (16.5%)
Neither agree or disagree				
Agree	1,162 (38.4%)	500 (37.7%)	152 (42.1%)	1,814 (38.5%)
I think it is a good idea to sext with my partner(s)				
Disagree				
Neither agree or disagree	972 (32.1%)	322 (24.2%)	103 (28.3%)	1,397 (29.6%)
Agree	1,207 (39.9%)	634 (47.7%)	161 (44.2%)	2,002 (42.4%)
Sexting is a regular part of romantic relationships nowadays				
Disagree	393 (13.1%)	142 (10.7%)	38 (10.6%)	573 (12.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	769 (25.6%)	308 (23.1%)	103 (28.8%)	1,180 (25.1%)
Agree	1,846 (61.4%)	883 (66.2%)	217 (60.6%)	2,946 (62.7%)
There is no harm in sexting				
Disagree	1,389 (45.6%)	557 (41.8%)	155 (43.9%)	2,101 (44.4%)
Neither agree or disagree	990 (32.5%)	422 (31.7%)	126 (35.7%)	1,538 (32.5%)
Agree	665 (21.8%)	352 (26.4%)	72 (20.4%)	1,089 (23.0%)
Sending sexual photos is risky				
Disagree	61 (2.0%)	60 (4.5%)	9 (2.5%)	130 (2.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	275 (9.0%)	164 (12.3%)	35 (9.6%)	474 (10.0%)
Agree	2,722 (89.0%)	1,114 (83.3%)	319 (87.9%)	4,155 (87.3%)
Sending sexual photos can have serious negative consequences				
Disagree	46 (1.5%)	27 (2.0%)	8 (2.2%)	81 (1.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	174 (5.7%)	113 (8.4%)	27 (7.4%)	314 (6.6%)
Agree	2,836 (92.8%)	1,198 (89.5%)	328 (90.4%)	4,362 (91.7%)
You have to be careful about sexting				
Disagree	22 (0.7%)	21 (1.6%)	3 (0.8%)	46 (1.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	95 (3.1%)	63 (4.7%)	10 (2.7%)	168 (3.5%)
Agree	2,942 (96.2%)	1,255 (93.7%)	351 (96.4%)	4,548 (95.5%)

Table S55. People social media was used with for sexual reasons, by gender.

	Female n = 1646 n(%)	Male n = 809 n(%)	Non-binary n = 199 n(%)	Total N = 2654 n(%)
Someone I'm in a relationship in	1,048 (64.1%)	389 (48.3%)	120 (60.6%)	1,557 (59.0%)
Someone I am seeing but not in a relationship with	589 (36.0%)	218 (27.1%)	60 (30.3%)	867 (32.8%)
A friend	344 (21.0%)	220 (27.3%)	51 (25.8%)	615 (23.3%)
Someone I just met face-to-face	93 (5.7%)	61 (7.6%)	5 (2.5%)	159 (6.0%)
Someone I only know online	346 (21.1%)	227 (28.2%)	52 (26.3%)	625 (23.7%)
A stranger	165 (10.1%)	164 (20.4%)	25 (12.6%)	354 (13.4%)

Pornography

Table S56. Pornography use by gender.

	Female n = 3525 n(%)	Male n = 1772 n(%)	Non-binary n = 428 n(%)	Total N = 5725 n(%)
Frequency of pornography in last year				
Never ¹	1,402 (33.0%)	149 (8.2%)	86 (18.7%)	1,637 (25.1%)
Less than monthly	1,389 (32.7%)	206 (11.4%)	140 (30.4%)	1,735 (26.6%)
Monthly	679 (16.0%)	198 (10.9%)	83 (18.0%)	960 (14.7%)
Weekly	576 (13.5%)	607 (33.5%)	91 (19.8%)	1,274 (19.5%)
Daily or almost daily	206 (4.8%)	652 (36.0%)	60 (13.0%)	918 (14.1%)
Reasons				
It gives me pleasure	1,671 (47.7%)	1,284 (72.6%)	231 (54.0%)	3,186 (55.9%)
To teach myself about pleasure	1,297 (37.0%)	506 (28.6%)	138 (32.2%)	1,941 (34.0%)
Because of boredom	1,035 (29.5%)	754 (42.6%)	190 (44.4%)	1,979 (34.7%)
Because I feel sad or lonely	237 (6.8%)	365 (20.6%)	79 (18.5%)	681 (11.9%)
To learn about sexual pleasure	1,036 (29.6%)	397 (22.5%)	111 (25.9%)	1,544 (27.1%)
To learn about sexual practices	1,078 (30.8%)	394 (22.3%)	124 (29.0%)	1,596 (28.0%)
Out of curiosity	2,199 (62.7%)	781 (44.2%)	267 (62.4%)	3,247 (57.0%)
Viewed pornography				
With friends	548 (15.7%)	166 (9.4%)	65 (15.3%)	779 (13.7%)
On my own	3,084 (88.1%)	1,684 (95.4%)	392 (92.0%)	5,160 (90.7%)
With my partner	451 (12.9%)	149 (8.4%)	48 (11.3%)	648 (11.4%)

¹Includes young people who have never viewed pornography.

Protective behaviours and attitudes towards condoms and STIs

Beliefs and attitudes

Table S57. Beliefs about STIs by gender.

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
People my age should test for STIs				
Disagree	78 (2.6%)	89 (6.9%)	13 (3.7%)	180 (3.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	661 (22.2%)	365 (28.2%)	73 (20.6%)	1,099 (23.8%)
Agree	2,232 (75.1%)	842 (65.0%)	269 (75.8%)	3,343 (72.3%)
My best friends believe I should test for STIs				
Disagree	1,533 (52.0%)	640 (49.8%)	157 (44.6%)	2,330 (50.8%)
Neither agree or disagree	1,063 (36.1%)	523 (40.7%)	144 (40.9%)	1,730 (37.7%)
Agree	351 (11.9%)	123 (9.6%)	51 (14.5%)	525 (11.5%)
Testing for STIs is common among people my age				
Disagree	1,576 (53.2%)	696 (53.9%)	184 (52.0%)	2,456 (53.3%)
Neither agree or disagree	979 (33.1%)	462 (35.8%)	128 (36.2%)	1,569 (34.1%)
Agree	405 (13.7%)	134 (10.4%)	42 (11.9%)	581 (12.6%)
Testing for STIs is easy				
Disagree	459 (15.5%)	208 (16.1%)	56 (15.9%)	723 (15.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	1,679 (56.7%)	771 (59.6%)	222 (62.9%)	2,672 (58.0%)
Agree	822 (27.8%)	315 (24.3%)	75 (21.2%)	1,212 (26.3%)
I know where to go if I want to get tested for STIs				
Disagree	1,156 (39.0%)	481 (37.2%)	170 (48.3%)	1,807 (39.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	632 (21.3%)	300 (23.2%)	72 (20.5%)	1,004 (21.8%)
Agree	1,176 (39.7%)	513 (39.6%)	110 (31.2%)	1,799 (39.0%)
Testing for STIs is expensive				
Disagree	559 (18.9%)	267 (20.6%)	49 (13.8%)	875 (19.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	2,223 (75.0%)	956 (73.8%)	281 (79.4%)	3,460 (75.0%)
Agree	183 (6.2%)	72 (5.6%)	24 (6.8%)	279 (6.0%)
Talking about testing for STIs with a partner is difficult				
Disagree	773 (26.2%)	327 (25.3%)	95 (26.8%)	1,195 (26.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	1,194 (40.5%)	547 (42.3%)	156 (44.1%)	1,897 (41.3%)
Agree	979 (33.2%)	419 (32.4%)	103 (29.1%)	1,501 (32.7%)
People my age should talk about sexual health and STIs with their partners				
Disagree	57 (2.0%)	37 (3.0%)	5 (1.5%)	99 (2.2%)
Neither agree or disagree	215 (7.5%)	136 (10.9%)	24 (7.0%)	375 (8.4%)
Agree	2,606 (90.5%)	1,078 (86.2%)	314 (91.5%)	3,998 (89.4%)
People my age should use condoms with any new partner				
Disagree	30 (1.0%)	18 (1.4%)	3 (0.9%)	51 (1.1%)
Neither agree or disagree	114 (3.9%)	74 (5.9%)	19 (5.5%)	207 (4.6%)
Agree	2,749 (95.0%)	1,164 (92.7%)	325 (93.7%)	4,238 (94.3%)
My best friends believe I should use condoms				
Disagree	277 (10.0%)	83 (6.9%)	23 (7.6%)	383 (9.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	539 (19.5%)	314 (26.2%)	81 (26.8%)	934 (21.9%)
Agree	1,946 (70.5%)	801 (66.9%)	198 (65.6%)	2,945 (69.1%)

Table S57 continued...

	Female n = 4456 n(%)	Male n = 1899 n(%)	Non-binary n = 486 n(%)	Total N = 6841 n(%)
Using condoms with new partners is common among people my age				
Disagree	462 (16.3%)	172 (13.9%)	42 (13.2%)	676 (15.4%)
Neither agree or disagree	742 (26.1%)	335 (27.1%)	117 (36.8%)	1,194 (27.2%)
Agree	1,634 (57.6%)	728 (58.9%)	159 (50.0%)	2,521 (57.4%)
People my age are not thinking about sexual health				
Disagree	795 (27.7%)	417 (33.4%)	97 (29.3%)	1,309 (29.4%)
Neither agree or disagree	925 (32.3%)	392 (31.4%)	111 (33.5%)	1,428 (32.1%)
Agree	1,146 (40.0%)	441 (35.3%)	123 (37.2%)	1,710 (38.5%)
Using condoms is easy				
Disagree	120 (4.2%)	51 (4.1%)	4 (1.2%)	175 (4.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	502 (17.6%)	169 (13.5%)	61 (18.4%)	732 (16.5%)
Agree	2,225 (78.2%)	1,028 (82.4%)	266 (80.4%)	3,519 (79.5%)
I know where to get condoms				
Disagree	165 (5.7%)	96 (7.6%)	36 (10.5%)	297 (6.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	91 (3.1%)	56 (4.4%)	18 (5.2%)	165 (3.7%)
Agree	2,643 (91.2%)	1,107 (87.9%)	290 (84.3%)	4,040 (89.7%)
Talking about using condoms with a partner is difficult				
Disagree	1,865 (67.0%)	815 (66.7%)	200 (63.3%)	2,880 (66.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	596 (21.4%)	282 (23.1%)	80 (25.3%)	958 (22.2%)
Agree	323 (11.6%)	125 (10.2%)	36 (11.4%)	484 (11.2%)
Condoms protect people from STIs				
Disagree	80 (2.8%)	27 (2.2%)	9 (2.7%)	116 (2.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	257 (9.1%)	91 (7.3%)	25 (7.5%)	373 (8.5%)
Agree	2,495 (88.1%)	1,126 (90.5%)	299 (89.8%)	3,920 (88.9%)
Condoms prevent pregnancy				
Disagree	86 (3.0%)	29 (2.3%)	5 (1.5%)	120 (2.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	260 (9.1%)	83 (6.7%)	26 (7.8%)	369 (8.3%)
Agree	2,514 (87.9%)	1,134 (91.0%)	304 (90.7%)	3,952 (89.0%)
Condoms are expensive				
Disagree	1,244 (44.3%)	701 (57.1%)	149 (46.4%)	2,094 (48.1%)
Neither agree or disagree	960 (34.2%)	324 (26.4%)	122 (38.0%)	1,406 (32.3%)
Agree	603 (21.5%)	202 (16.5%)	50 (15.6%)	855 (19.6%)
Using a condom shows caring for a partner				
Disagree	108 (3.8%)	38 (3.1%)	14 (4.2%)	160 (3.6%)
Neither agree or disagree	604 (21.3%)	220 (17.7%)	44 (13.3%)	868 (19.7%)
Agree	2,129 (74.9%)	983 (79.2%)	273 (82.5%)	3,385 (76.7%)
Condoms are not very effective				
Disagree	2,023 (71.1%)	998 (80.4%)	246 (74.3%)	3,267 (74.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	698 (24.5%)	186 (15.0%)	74 (22.4%)	958 (21.7%)
Agree	123 (4.3%)	58 (4.7%)	11 (3.3%)	192 (4.3%)
Sex with condoms would be less stressful				
Disagree	238 (8.4%)	122 (9.9%)	22 (6.7%)	382 (8.7%)
Neither agree or disagree	441 (15.6%)	216 (17.5%)	52 (15.8%)	709 (16.1%)
Agree	2,154 (76.0%)	897 (72.6%)	255 (77.5%)	3,306 (75.2%)

Table S58. Agreement about likelihood and effect of STIs about STIs by gender.

	Female n = 3010 n(%)	Male n = 1314 n(%)	Non-binary n = 356 n(%)	Total N = 4680 n(%)
I believe I could get a STI				
Disagree	736 (24.5%)	356 (27.1%)	82 (23.4%)	1,174 (25.1%)
Neither agree or disagree	914 (30.4%)	355 (27.1%)	109 (31.1%)	1,378 (29.5%)
Agree	1,357 (45.1%)	601 (45.8%)	160 (45.6%)	2,118 (45.4%)
I think it's unlikely that I will get a STI				
Disagree	387 (12.9%)	138 (10.5%)	32 (9.0%)	557 (11.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	878 (29.2%)	290 (22.1%)	89 (25.1%)	1,257 (26.9%)
Agree	1,740 (57.9%)	884 (67.4%)	233 (65.8%)	2,857 (61.2%)
Getting a STI could seriously affect my health				
Disagree	46 (1.5%)	35 (2.7%)	7 (2.0%)	88 (1.9%)
Neither agree or disagree	385 (12.8%)	160 (12.2%)	50 (14.0%)	595 (12.7%)
Agree	2,579 (85.7%)	1,119 (85.2%)	299 (84.0%)	3,997 (85.4%)
Getting a STI is no big deal				
Disagree	2,502 (83.0%)	1,091 (83.0%)	296 (83.1%)	3,889 (83.0%)
Neither agree or disagree	403 (13.4%)	171 (13.0%)	45 (12.6%)	619 (13.2%)
Agree	108 (3.6%)	53 (4.0%)	15 (4.2%)	176 (3.8%)

Symptoms, testing, diagnosis and vaccination

Table S59. STI, hepatitis and HIV symptoms, testing and diagnoses by gender.

	Female n = 2693 n(%)	Male n = 1200 n(%)	Non-binary n = 320 n(%)	Total N = 4213 n(%)
Ever had STI symptoms?				
No, never	1,959 (72.7%)	921 (76.8%)	233 (72.8%)	3,113 (73.9%)
Yes, more than one year ago	193 (7.2%)	125 (10.4%)	35 (10.9%)	353 (8.4%)
Yes, in the past 12 months	541 (20.1%)	154 (12.8%)	52 (16.2%)	747 (17.7%)
Had a STI checkup	525 (17.8%)	121 (9.5%)	42 (12.0%)	688 (15.0%)
Location of STI checkup				
GP	417 (79.6%)	89 (72.4%)	31 (73.8%)	537 (77.9%)
Youth health service	57 (10.9%)	18 (14.6%)	6 (14.3%)	81 (11.8%)
Hospital	49 (9.4%)	12 (9.8%)	6 (14.3%)	67 (9.7%)
Pathologist	58 (11.1%)	15 (12.2%)	6 (14.3%)	79 (11.5%)
Online	5 (1.0%)	1 (0.8%)	0	6 (0.9%)
Diagnosed with an STI (excluding HIV)	66 (2.2%)	17 (1.3%)	3 (0.9%)	86 (1.9%)
Diagnosed with viral hepatitis	9 (0.3%)	6 (0.5%)	1 (0.3%)	16 (0.3%)
Had a HIV test	186 (6.4%)	52 (4.0%)	15 (4.3%)	253 (5.6%)
Diagnosed with HIV	5 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	0	6 (0.1%)
Would get a STI test in the future	1,036 (52.1%)	475 (53.7%)	174 (74.4%)	1,685 (54.2%)

Table S60. STI, hepatitis, HIV and potential STI stigma by gender.

	Female n = 2693 n(%)	Male n = 1200 n(%)	Non-binary n = 320 n(%)	Total N = 4213 n(%)
STI stigma				
Low	37 (58.7%)	9 (52.9%)	2 (66.7%)	48 (57.8%)
Moderate	20 (31.7%)	5 (29.4%)	0	25 (30.1%)
High	6 (9.5%)	3 (17.6%)	1 (33.3%)	10 (12.0%)
Hepatitis stigma				
Low	4 (44.4%)	3 (50.0%)	1 (100.0%)	8 (50.0%)
Moderate	4 (44.4%)	2 (33.3%)	0	6 (37.5%)
High	1 (11.1%)	1 (16.7%)	0	2 (12.5%)
HIV stigma				
Low	4 (80.0%)	1 (100.0%)	0	5 (83.3%)
High	1 (20.0%)	0	0	1 (16.7%)
Expect to experience stigma if you had a STI				
Low	761 (29.0%)	429 (36.5%)	78 (25.4%)	1,268 (30.9%)
Moderate	788 (30.0%)	397 (33.8%)	95 (30.9%)	1,280 (31.2%)
High	1,076 (41.0%)	350 (29.8%)	134 (43.6%)	1,560 (38.0%)

Low = Never or rarely, Moderate = Sometimes, High = Often or always

Reference

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Table 43a Full-time Equivalent Students by Affiliation, Sex, Grade and Indigenous Status, States and Territories, 2006-2020*. 2019.