

Flourish Survey 2024 – Sexual health and relationships overview: Infographic text description

Identity

Proportions average across sampled Year 8 to Year 13 pupils (those aged 12 to 18)

- Just over 1 in 45 describe their gender in another way
- Around 1 in 9 report being bisexual, gay or lesbian
- The proportions describing their gender in another way or their sexuality as bisexual, gay or lesbian have increased since 2017

Relationships

- Around 6 in 10 report having had a relationship at some point
- Of those who report being in a relationship at some point...
 - Around 1 in 12 report being slapped or hit at some point
 - Around 1 in 8 report being pressured into sex/sexual things at some point
 - Around 1 in 5 report they would not seek help if concerning behaviours occurred
 - Almost 1 in 8 did not know where to seek help if concerning behaviours occurred

Sexual issues

Proportions average across sampled Year 8 to Year 13 pupils (those aged 12 to 18)

- Almost 1 in 16 report sending a sexual image of themselves/‘sext’ at some point
- Over 1 in 7 report receiving a ‘sext’ at some point
- Females are more likely to report sending a sexual image than males
- Of those who report receiving a ‘sext’...
 - Over 1 in 5 report sending one back
- Over 1 in 12 report being approached online by an adult for sex at some point
- Over 1 in 20 report unwanted sexual touching in the past month
- Around 1 in 9 report receiving sexist/sexual comments in the past month

Sexual Health

Proportions average across Year 10 to Year 13 (those aged 14 to 18), unless stated otherwise

- Almost 3 in 4 pupils report never having had sex

- Among Year 12/13 pupils...
 - Around 4 in 10 report they have had sex at some point
- Most pupils think young people start having sex at an earlier age than they actually do
- Among Year 11 to Year 13 pupils...
 - A majority report knowing where to access free condoms and the morning after pill
- Of those who report having had sex...
 - Around 4 in 10 report having had unprotected sex at some point
 - Almost 1 in 4 report that they do not know where to get free condoms