Youth Sexuality Study 2016
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Background

- A territory-wide serial survey conducted every 5 years since 1981. The 2016 survey is the eighth in the series.
- To provide valuable reference information on the patterns and trends among youths in Hong Kong in respect of their sexual knowledge, attitude and behavior, the survey covers Sexual Knowledge, Sexuality Education, Sexual Attitudes, Love and Dating Experience, Sexual Intercourse Experience, Marriage and Childbearing, Contraceptive Practice, Pregnancy and Induced Abortion.
- Conducted between September and December 2016, the survey successfully interviewed 3,907 secondary school students from Form 1 to Form 6 (1,664 females and 2,243 males) and 1,239 youths aged between 18 and 27 (596 females and 643 males).
Methodology

Form 1 to 6 Students

◆ Schools were selected by random cluster sampling from all districts in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories East and West
◆ School was used as the sampling unit
◆ Questionnaires were completed in the schools with teachers or FPAHK staff’s attendance

Youths Aged 18 to 27

◆ Stratified Systematic Sampling
◆ Household was used as the sampling unit, with one youth of an appropriate age selected randomly from each of the households selected in all districts
◆ Policy 21 Limited was commissioned to conduct the survey
Sexual Knowledge
Contraceptive Knowledge
(Percentage of Correct Answers)

Girls are unlikely to get pregnant at their first intercourse (False)

Women are unlikely to get pregnant without an orgasm (False)

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Contraceptive Knowledge
(Percentage of Correct Answers)

Chance of pregnancy is slim 2 weeks before menstruation (False)

Pregnancy can occur with extra-vaginal ejaculation (True)

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Base: All Youths aged 18-27
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Condom reduces chance of getting venereal diseases (True)

Having multiple sexual partners increases chance of getting venereal diseases (True)

Knowledge on Sexually Transmissible Diseases (Percentage of Correct Answers)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)

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Knowledge on Sexually Transmissible Diseases (Percentage of Correct Answers)

Venereal diseases only affect sexual organs (False)

Venereal diseases can be unknown to the carriers (True)

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Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
HIV/AIDS Knowledge
(Percentage of Correct Answers)

Only homosexuals can get HIV/AIDS (False)

HIV/AIDS can be unknown to the carriers (True)

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
HIV/AIDS Knowledge
(Percentage of Correct Answers)

Having multiple sexual partners increases chance of HIV/AIDS infection (True)

One can get HIV/AIDS by sharing drug needles (True)

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)
Mean Score in Sexual Knowledge

**Full Score: 12**

- **Base:** All Youths aged 18-27
  - Females (596), Males (643)

**Graphs:***

**Girls (Form 3-6):**
- 2001: 8.4
- 2006: 9.1
- 2011: 9.2
- 2016: 8.3

**Boys (Form 3-6):**
- 2001: 8.6
- 2006: 8.9
- 2011: 8.3
- 2016: 8.3

**Girls (Form 1-2):**
- 2001: 7.8
- 2006: 5.9
- 2011: 5.5
- 2016: 4.7

**Boys (Form 1-2):**
- 2001: 5.5
- 2006: 5.9
- 2011: 4.8
- 2016: 4.8

**Base:** All Form 1-6 Students
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- Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)
Sexuality Education
# Form 1-6: Sources of Sexual Knowledge

**Channels of obtaining sexual knowledge**

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**Perceived reliability of source:**

- **Unreliable**
- **Fair**
- **Reliable**

**Base:**
- Girls (1664)
- Boys (2243)
Form 1-6: Preferences in Sexuality Education Topics

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Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Girls (1664), Boys (2243)
### Aged 18-27: Self-perceived Sufficiency in Sexuality Education

**Base:** All Youths aged 18-27  
Females (596), Males (643)

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Sexual Attitudes
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Multiple dating partners

Multiple sex partners

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Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Premarital sex

Cohabitation

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Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Extra-marital affairs

Abortion

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Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Compensated dating without sexual transaction

Compensated dating with sexual transaction

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Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Using prostitutes or sexual services

Prostitution

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

**Female homosexuality**

- Girls (Form 3-6)
- Boys (Form 3-6)
- Girls (Form 1-2)
- Boys (Form 1-2)

**Male homosexuality**

- Girls (Form 3-6)
- Boys (Form 3-6)
- Girls (Form 1-2)
- Boys (Form 1-2)

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Acceptance of Others’ Sexual Behaviours

Heterosexuality

Transgenderism

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Form 1-6: Pornography Use

**Ever viewed**

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Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Girls (1664), Boys (2243)

**Number of viewings in the previous month among respondents who had ever viewed pornography**

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Base: Form 1-6 Students who had ever viewed pornography
Girls (549), Boys (1325)
Form 1-6: Pornographic Messages in Mobile Phones

Ever received pornographic texts (e.g. short messages descriptive of sexual intercourse), images (e.g. nude or half-naked photos) or videos by mobile phones

Responses to pornographic messages in mobile phones

Base: Form 1-6 Students who had ever received pornographic messages by mobile phones
Girls (350), Boys (655)
Aged 18-27: Pornographic Messages in Mobile Phones

Ever received pornographic texts (e.g. short messages descriptive of sexual intercourse), images (e.g. nude or half-naked photos) or videos by mobile phones

Responses to pornographic messages in mobile phones

Base: All Youths Aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)

Base: Youths aged 18-27 who had ever received pornographic messages by mobile phones
Females (88), Males (192)
Pornographic Messages In Their Mobile Phones

Ever received pornographic texts (e.g. short messages descriptive of sexual intercourse), images (e.g. nude or half-naked photos) or videos by mobile phones

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Girls (1664), Boys (2243)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Aged 18-27: Strip Chat

**Ever accepted invitation to have a strip chat**

- **Females**: 97% No, 3% Yes, 2% No Response
- **Males**: 96% No, 3% Yes, 1% No Response

**Ever invited others to have a strip chat**

- **Females**: 97% No, 3% Yes, 1% No Response
- **Males**: 98% No, 2% Yes, 1% No Response

**Reasons for strip chatting**

- **Out of curiosity**: Females 52%, Males 52%
- **To seek novelty and excitement**: Females 35%, Males 35%
- **Persuasion by friends**: Females 13%, Males 13%
- **To seek the other party's attention**: Females 8%, Males 4%
- **To satisfy the other party's request**: Females 4%, Males 2%
- **To maintain a relationship**: Females 25%, Males 25%
- **In exchange for money or material gain**: Females 0%, Males 0%
- **Under coercion**: Females 0%, Males 4%

**Base**

- All Youths Aged 18-27
- Females (596), Males (643)
Legal Age of Consent to Sexual Intercourse

What did the respondents think the legal age of consent was?

Form 1-6

Current legal age of consent in Hong Kong is 16

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Girls (1664), Boys (2243)

Aged 18-27

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Form 1-6: Provision of Contraceptive Services to Unmarried Youths

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Girls (1664), Boys (2243)

Reasons for disagreeing

- It encourages pre-marital sex: 59% (Girls), 52% (Boys)
- It encourages promiscuity: 43% (Girls), 47% (Boys)
- Parent disapproval: 18% (Girls), 21% (Boys)
- Contraceptive use after marriage is more appropriate: 39% (Girls), 30% (Boys)
- Contraception is discouraged by religion: 6% (Girls), 9% (Boys)

Base: Form 1-6 Students who disagreed
Girls (503), Boys (629)
Love and Dating Experience
Sexual Orientation

Form 1-6

- **Heterosexual**
  - Girls: 75%
  - Boys: 80%

- **Homosexual**
  - Girls: 2%
  - Boys: 1%

- **Bisexual**
  - Girls: 8%
  - Boys: 3%

- **No idea**
  - Girls: 15%
  - Boys: 13%

Aged 18-27

- **Heterosexual**
  - Females: 89%
  - Males: 92%

- **Homosexual**
  - Females: 1%
  - Males: 1%

- **Bisexual**
  - Females: 6%
  - Males: 3%

- **No idea**
  - Females: 4%
  - Males: 4%

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
- Girls (1664), Boys (2243)

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
- Females (596), Males (643)
Form 1-6:
Prevalence of Dating Experience

Base: All Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)
Form 1-6: Mean Age of First Dating
(Among Respondents with Dating Experience)

Base: Form 1-6 Students with dating experience
Form 1-2: Girls (106), Boys (107)
Form 3-6: Girls (626), Boys (756)
Form 1-6: Number of Dating Partners (Among Respondents with Dating Experience)

**Form 1-2**

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**Form 3-6**

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Base: Form 1-6 Students with dating experience
Form 1-2: Girls (106), Boys (107)
Form 3-6: Girls (626), Boys (756)
Form 1-6: Dating Behaviours

Holding Hands

Embracing

Kissing

Base: Form 1-6 Students with dating experience
Form 1-2: Girls (106), Boys (107)
Form 3-6: Girls (626), Boys (756)
Form 1-6: Dating Behaviours

### Caressing

**Girls (Form 3-6)**
- 1991: 14
- 1996: 17
- 2001: 8
- 2006: 6
- 2011: 10
- 2016: 12

**Boys (Form 3-6)**
- 1991: 20
- 1996: 23
- 2001: 18
- 2006: 34
- 2011: 32
- 2016: 42

**Girls (Form 1-2)**
- 1991: 18
- 1996: 20
- 2001: 11
- 2006: 20
- 2011: 32
- 2016: 31

**Boys (Form 1-2)**
- 1991: 10
- 1996: 18
- 2001: 8
- 2006: 10
- 2011: 12
- 2016: 12

### Sexual Intercourse

**Girls (Form 3-6)**
- 1991: 6
- 1996: 4
- 2001: 4
- 2006: 4
- 2011: 8
- 2016: 2

**Boys (Form 3-6)**
- 1991: 4
- 1996: 6
- 2001: 8
- 2006: 9
- 2011: 8
- 2016: 6

**Girls (Form 1-2)**
- 1991: 2
- 1996: 6
- 2001: 4
- 2006: 2
- 2011: 0
- 2016: 5

**Boys (Form 1-2)**
- 1991: 4
- 1996: 4
- 2001: 10
- 2006: 4
- 2011: 6
- 2016: 4

Base: Form 1-6 Students with dating experience
Form 1-2: Girls (106), Boys (107)
Form 3-6: Girls (626), Boys (756)
Form 1-6: Conflicts in Dating

Ever encountered conflicts in dating

Base: Respondents with dating experience
Form 1-6: Girls (732), Boys (863)

Ways of dealing with conflicts in dating

Base: Form 1-6 Students who had encountered conflicts in dating
Form 1-6: Girls (295), Boys (361)
Form 1-6: Breakup Experience

Ever experienced breakup

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<td>2016</td>
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Base: Form 1-6 Students with dating experience
Girls (732), Boys (863)

Reasons for breakup

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<td>Loss of feeling for the other party</td>
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<td>No tangible reasons</td>
<td>22%</td>
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Base: Form 1-6 Students who had experienced breakup
Girls (547), Boys (552)
Form 1-6: Dealing with Breakup

- Do nothing purposeful as there is no strong feeling
  - Girls: 49%
  - Boys: 45%

- Keep busy to avoid thinking
  - Girls: 41%
  - Boys: 40%

- Get occupied to kill time
  - Girls: 28%
  - Boys: 36%

- Vent one’s negative emotions as much as possible
  - Girls: 30%
  - Boys: 28%

- Talk to relatives, friends, counsellors or teachers
  - Girls: 17%
  - Boys: 8%

- Hurt oneself (e.g. wrist slashing)
  - Girls: 6%
  - Boys: 3%

- Look proactively for a new love
  - Girls: 14%
  - Boys: 23%

- Keep in touch as if there was no breakup
  - Girls: 7%
  - Boys: 11%

- Seek family members or friends to mediate with hope for reconciliation
  - Girls: 6%
  - Boys: 5%

Base: Form 1-6 Students who had experienced breakup
Girls (547), Boys (552)
Form 3-6: Future Marriage and Childbearing Plans

To marry and have children

Girls
- 2006: 61%
- 2011: 79%
- 2016: 74%

Boys
- 2006: 68%
- 2011: 83%
- 2016: 78%

To marry without having children

Girls
- 2006: 13%
- 2011: 15%
- 2016: 18%

Boys
- 2006: 6%
- 2011: 9%
- 2016: 10%

Never to marry

Girls
- 2006: 4%
- 2011: 5%
- 2016: 6%

Boys
- 2006: 3%
- 2011: 8%
- 2016: 8%

To have children without marriage

Girls
- 2011: 1%
- 2016: 1%

Boys
- 2011: 1%
- 2016: 1%

Base: Form 3-6 Students
Girls (1237), Boys (1709)
Sexual Intercourse Experience
Prevalence of Sexual Intercourse Experience

Form 1-6

Girls (Form 3-6) vs. Boys (Form 3-6)

Aged 18-27

Base: Form 1-6 Students
Form 1-2: Girls (427), Boys (534)
Form 3-6: Girls (1237), Boys (1709)

Base: All Youths Aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Mean Age of First Sexual Intercourse (Among Respondents with Sexual Intercourse Experience)

Base: Respondents with sexual intercourse experience
Form 3-6 Students: Girls (75), Boys (118)
Youths aged 18-27: Females (260), Males (286)
Marriage & Childbearing (Aged 18-27)
Aged 18-27: Future Marriage and Childbearing Plans

To cohabit without marriage

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To marry without cohabitation

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To cohabit before marriage

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Never to marry nor cohabit

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Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females: 596, Males: 643
Aged 18-27: Reasons for not desiring Marriage

- Lack of a suitable partner
  - Females: 32%
  - Males: 30%

- Enjoying single life
  - Females: 37%
  - Males: 32%

- Insufficient finances
  - Females: 17%
  - Males: 32%

- Fear of poorer quality of life after marriage
  - Females: 9%
  - Males: 8%

- Loss of confidence in marriage as there is a lack of protection in the modern marital system
  - Females: 8%
  - Males: 4%

- Financial independence with no need for marriage
  - Females: 7%
  - Males: 5%

Base: Youths aged 19-27 including those who would not marry, those who would cohabit without marriage and those undecided Females (219), Males (293)
Aged 18-27: Ideal Age of Marriage

HKSAR Government Census and Statistics Department:
Median age of first marriage in 2015
Female: 29.3   Male: 31.2

Base: Youths aged 18-27 who intended to marry in future
Females (279), Males (297)
Aged 18-27: Future Parenthood Plans

Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Aged 18-27: Ideal Number of Children

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Base: All Youths aged 18-27
Females (596), Males (643)
Aged 18-27: Mean Ideal Parity

Base: Youths aged 18-27 excluding those who were undecided or who would let nature take its course
Females (304), Males (277)
Aged 18-27: Ideal Age of First Childbirth

Median ideal age of first childbirth
Female: 28.4    Male: 30.5

HKSAR Government Census and Statistics Department:
Median age of women at first childbirth in 2015 31.4

Base: Youths aged 18-27 excluding those who would not have children
Females (338), Males (350)
### Aged 18-27: Reasons for not Desiring Children

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<td>Heat financial burden of raising children</td>
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<td>Dislike children</td>
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<td>Enjoy carefree life without children</td>
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<td>Social environment unsuitable for children’s development</td>
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**Base:** Youths aged 18-27 who would not have children

Females (86), Males (65)
Contraceptive Practice
(Aged 18-27)
Aged 18-27:
Ever Use of Contraceptives in the Previous 6 Months

Base: Youths aged 18-27 who had had sex in the previous 6 months
Females (204), Males (223)
Aged 18-27:
Main Contraceptive Methods Used in the Previous 6 Months

Base: Youths aged 18-27 who had used contraceptives in the previous 6 months
Females (185), Males (200)
Pregnancy & Induced Abortion (Aged 18-27)
### Aged 18-27: Female Respondents Who Had Ever Been Pregnant

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Base: All Female Youths aged 18-27 (596)
## Aged 18-27: Outcomes of First Pregnancy

### Live birth

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### Induced abortion

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### Miscarriage / Still birth

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### Currently pregnant

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Base: Female Youths aged 18-27 who had ever been pregnant (82)
### Aged 18-27:
Female Respondents Who Ever Had an Induced Abortion

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Base: All Female Youths aged 18-27 (596)

#### No. of induced abortion(s) experienced

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Base: All Female Youths aged 18-27 (596)

#### Age of first induced abortion

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Base: Female Youths aged 18-27 who ever had an induced abortion (31)
Aged 18-27:
Places of Induced Abortion

Base: Female Youths aged 18-27 who ever had an induced abortion (31)
Cervical Cancer Vaccination Among Female Respondents

Percentage of those who have received HPV vaccine

- **Form 1-2:** Girls (427)
- **Form 3-6:** Girls (1237)
- **Aged 18-27:** All Female Youths aged 18-27 (596)

Base: All Form 1-6 Female Students
Base: All Female Youths aged 18-27 (596)
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