

## Four in 10 people globally risk unprotected sex

More than four in 10 people globally have had unprotected sex with a new partner in the last 12 months despite ever increasing levels of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

This number rises as high as 65% in the Czech Republic and 62% in Bulgaria, with the Italians being the most careful at 19%.

And with WHO figures showing five million people newly infected with HIV in 2002 the Durex Global Sex Survey has also revealed that more than a third of people (36%) would still have sex with a new partner even if they refused to wear a condom.

The Chinese are the most likely to agree to unprotected sex with a new partner (70%) followed by those from the Czech Republic at 58%. The French are the most cautious with only 9% saying they would take the risk.

The results also show people are not going to authoritative sources for their information about sex, with 21% saying they believe the most useful source of sex education is from magazines, one in five saying they prefer books and 15% using the Internet. Only 4% feel it is useful to obtain information from doctors and teachers.

This contrasts with people's views about the need for public awareness campaigns on sexual health where 29% believe STIs to be the most important issue and almost a quarter (24%) opt for education about HIV.

However, teenagers under the age of 16 believe teenage pregnancy to be the most important issue, with 31% saying it should be the subject if their government was to run a sexual health public awareness campaign.



## How the research was conducted

The 2003 Global Survey is the largest research project undertaken by Durex. Now in its seventh year, the survey has tripled in size since its launch and now covers 34 countries.

This is the second year the research has been carried out via the [durex.com](http://durex.com) website with more than 150,000 people completing this youth-focused survey.

Their responses have been analysed by sex and age to give an in-depth picture of behavioural differences.

## Unprotected sex with a new partner



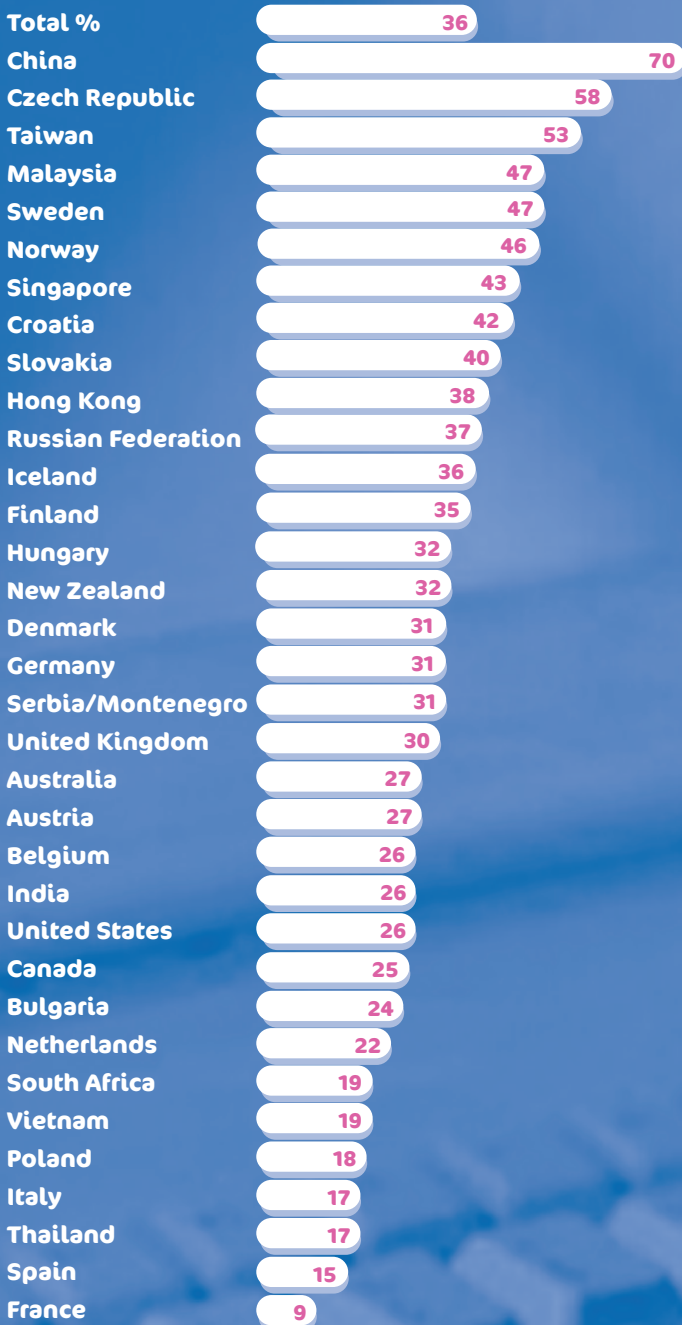
## GLOBAL SEX SURVEY

- Globally, more than four in 10 people (41%) had unprotected sex with a new partner over the last 12 months
- People from the Czech Republic take the most risks with almost two thirds (65%) admitting they had had unprotected sex with a new partner
- The Italians were the most cautious, however almost one in five (19%) still said they have had unprotected sex with a new partner



Base: all sexually active adults

## Sex with a new partner who refused to use a condom



Base: all sexually active adults



- More than a third of people globally (36%) would still have sex with a new partner if they refused to wear a condom
- The Chinese are taking the most risks with seven out of 10 gambling on sex without a condom with a new partner
- The French are the most cautious, but almost one in 10 (9%) would still take the risk

# Most useful sources of sex education



	Teacher	Parent/guardian	Brother/sister	Friend	Doctor/CP	Books	Magazines	Internet	Television	Radio	Other
<b>Total %</b>	4	6	2	15	4	20	21	15	5	1	7
Australia	8	7	1	19	3	13	25	11	4	0	9
Austria	5	10	2	26	3	8	33	5	4	0	4
Belgium	8	8	2	22	2	9	11	21	9	0	8
Bulgaria	1	6	2	18	9	28	9	12	7	0	8
Canada	12	5	2	20	4	12	10	18	9	1	7
China	4	2	0	7	6	32	13	29	3	1	3
Croatia	1	5	1	19	1	14	37	6	9	0	7
Czech Republic	1	5	2	21	1	29	26	9	2	0	4
Denmark	11	7	2	15	3	16	14	11	7	0	14
Finland	2	6	1	20	18	10	16	20	2	0	5
France	9	7	3	25	2	12	13	6	8	3	12
Germany	5	11	2	19	3	7	34	11	4	0	4
Hong Kong	5	1	0	10	5	17	34	19	4	2	3
Hungary	2	7	2	16	2	35	12	9	5	0	10
Iceland	12	4	1	13	4	17	12	12	7	1	17
India	4	4	4	20	3	21	13	23	5	0	3
Italy	4	11	2	39	3	13	13	3	4	0	8
Malaysia	2	3	1	19	3	18	27	20	3	0	4
Netherlands	10	17	2	18	1	9	18	11	7	0	7
New Zealand	9	7	2	19	4	12	27	8	4	0	8
Norway	4	2	1	19	2	15	28	15	6	0	8
Poland	1	6	2	10	3	23	27	10	7	0	11
Russian Federation	4	4	2	7	11	26	13	21	3	0	9
Serbia/Montenegro	1	6	2	19	3	17	25	8	9	0	10
Singapore	3	2	0	12	2	19	30	24	3	0	5
Slovakia	1	5	1	22	1	21	31	6	5	0	7
South Africa	3	8	1	17	2	21	22	12	7	1	6
Spain	8	11	2	30	1	14	16	4	6	2	6
Sweden	7	7	3	28	3	2	17	7	12	0	14
Taiwan	3	1	0	11	3	32	15	27	5	0	3
Thailand	3	4	0	14	5	21	16	29	6	0	2
United Kingdom	9	7	2	18	2	8	25	14	6	0	9
United States	10	5	2	16	4	15	11	23	4	1	9
Vietnam	2	7	1	8	22	29	19	8	2	0	2

- Globally, people find magazines (21%), books (20%), the Internet and friends (both 15%) the most useful sources of sex education
- Only 4% believe doctors or teachers are a useful source of information
- Radio is seen as the least useful source (1%)



Base: all adults

## Most important sexual health issues

	STIs	HIV/AIDS	Teenage pregnancy	Emergency hormonal contraception	Contraceptive use
<b>Total %</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
Australia	24	26	27	2	21
Austria	20	33	18	1	28
Belgium	39	26	22	3	10
Bulgaria	43	30	11	1	15
Canada	16	29	30	2	23
China	43	18	12	5	22
Croatia	41	12	10	2	35
Czech Republic	37	20	12	1	30
Denmark	39	16	22	2	21
Finland	42	13	15	2	28
France	37	32	11	2	18
Germany	16	30	27	2	25
Hong Kong	6	42	38	3	11
Hungary	42	16	22	2	18
Iceland	33	17	13	1	36
India	5	61	12	1	21
Italy	39	18	9	3	31
Malaysia	7	44	33	1	15
Netherlands	37	17	16	1	29
New Zealand	26	15	35	1	23
Norway	42	11	14	1	32
Poland	22	20	19	3	36
Russian Federation	42	18	13	3	24
Serbia/Montenegro	48	22	11	2	17
Singapore	8	35	37	2	18
Slovakia	39	16	18	1	26
South Africa	5	64	13	1	17
Spain	29	18	26	5	22
Sweden	37	21	19	2	21
Taiwan	9	12	51	5	23
Thailand	28	19	39	6	8
United Kingdom	29	20	27	2	22
United States	16	31	25	3	25
Vietnam	25	19	28	11	17



## GLOBAL SEX SURVEY

- Globally, STIs are seen as the most important sexual health issue by almost three in 10 people (29%)
- HIV/AIDS is ranked joint second with contraceptive use
- Almost a third (31%) of under 16s see teenage pregnancy as the most important issue



Base: all adults

# Timing of first sex with a new partner



## GLOBAL SEX SURVEY

	First night	Within first week	Within first month	Within first three months	Within first six months	Within first year	Only after a year	Living together/wedding night
<b>Total %</b>	15	17	25	17	9	5	4	8
Australia	18	20	33	18	5	2	1	3
Austria	25	21	30	19	3	1	0	1
Belgium	12	13	32	27	10	4	1	1
Bulgaria	20	30	31	11	3	2	1	2
Canada	17	17	28	18	7	5	2	6
China	7	10	16	17	15	8	8	19
Croatia	8	26	33	19	6	4	2	2
Czech Republic	16	24	36	15	5	2	1	1
Denmark	16	31	29	14	4	2	1	3
Finland	11	25	38	16	5	2	1	2
France	19	26	25	18	5	2	2	3
Germany	20	17	28	23	8	3	0	1
Hong Kong	12	10	20	22	9	9	4	14
Hungary	24	24	29	16	4	1	0	2
Iceland	26	25	32	12	2	2	0	1
India	17	21	15	10	5	2	2	28
Italy	31	26	19	9	10	2	1	2
Malaysia	10	14	19	16	10	6	5	20
Netherlands	9	22	36	22	6	3	1	1
New Zealand	19	21	33	16	4	3	0	4
Norway	26	25	31	12	3	1	0	2
Poland	13	13	21	22	14	8	6	3
Russian Federation	39	25	22	9	2	2	0	1
Serbia/Montenegro	26	31	27	10	3	2	0	1
Singapore	11	12	19	17	10	7	5	19
Slovakia	9	14	33	25	10	5	2	2
South Africa	16	16	26	18	6	4	2	12
Spain	23	18	32	17	6	2	1	1
Sweden	19	22	36	15	3	2	1	2
Taiwan	4	10	22	23	11	9	8	13
Thailand	16	9	13	15	8	7	10	22
United Kingdom	19	18	33	18	6	3	1	2
United States	18	15	28	18	7	5	2	7
Vietnam	6	6	8	9	5	6	7	53

- Globally, one in four people would have sex with a new partner in the first month
- Almost one in six (15%) would have sex on the first night
- Men (20%) are more likely to have sex on the first night than women (7%)
- The Russians are the least cautious, with almost four in ten (39%) saying they would have sex on the first night



Base: all sexually active adults

## Preventative measures against HIV and other STIs



	None	Always use a condom with a new partner	Always use a condom with a regular partner	Stay faithful to one partner	Ask a partner about sexual history	Take regular AIDS tests	Insist a partner takes regular AIDS tests	Fewer sexual partners	Stopped having sex altogether
Total %	3	56	25	49	20	13	8	17	3
Australia	1	71	27	60	42	27	20	22	2
Austria	1	86	12	49	37	32	18	9	1
Belgium	4	33	16	35	4	3	1	2	1
Bulgaria	0	74	26	28	15	12	9	20	1
Canada	1	71	36	63	54	31	26	29	3
China	1	51	27	48	8	10	5	20	6
Croatia	9	39	23	52	17	3	2	34	2
Czech Republic	7	31	9	61	28	6	3	16	1
Denmark	4	75	15	42	30	22	16	16	2
Finland	4	61	12	48	23	10	5	16	3
France	4	57	21	63	21	16	10	6	1
Germany	2	81	18	43	33	27	16	10	1
Hong Kong	4	57	43	41	12	11	5	24	6
Hungary	1	62	13	65	25	13	8	18	1
Iceland	2	78	22	51	25	28	19	27	2
India	1	54	24	53	16	13	10	15	1
Italy	5	53	24	36	8	7	3	4	1
Malaysia	3	33	29	46	6	7	2	2	1
Netherlands	4	62	24	48	33	8	4	12	1
New Zealand	2	71	25	58	42	21	15	22	2
Norway	2	82	7	59	24	19	12	16	1
Poland	5	37	25	56	15	3	1	20	5
Russian Federation	7	50	25	40	15	10	4	14	2
Serbia/Montenegro	2	63	23	37	20	7	6	8	1
Singapore	2	51	26	66	23	13	8	19	3
Slovakia	1	62	11	56	25	12	8	21	1
South Africa	1	59	29	68	35	30	24	26	4
Spain	0	83	31	26	25	21	12	6	1
Sweden	13	50	10	32	19	6	5	8	6
Taiwan	8	29	39	57	11	5	3	12	6
Thailand	3	47	34	50	9	12	11	11	7
United Kingdom	2	76	36	53	44	19	13	23	1
United States	1	70	37	66	54	35	29	35	5
Vietnam	18	42	61	56	19	13	9	9	3

- More than four in ten (44%) people globally say they would not always use a condom with a new partner
- Four out of five globally would not ask a partner about their sexual history
- Fewer than one in five (17%) say they would reduce their number of sexual partners to protect themselves against HIV and other STIs



Base: all sexually active adults

## Things you reveal to long-term lovers

	If you've had an STI in the past	If you currently have an STI	The number of sexual partners you've had	Whether you've been unfaithful to him/her	Your age	Your sexual fantasies
<b>Total %</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>
Australia	74	80	67	59	83	67
Austria	50	83	44	43	63	48
Belgium	54	61	74	45	73	66
Bulgaria	52	66	50	33	59	64
Canada	76	82	73	62	86	73
China	15	19	25	20	75	64
Croatia	58	71	64	35	80	75
Czech Republic	48	55	64	22	80	82
Denmark	77	82	58	53	85	57
Finland	62	68	53	44	73	46
France	60	72	61	45	63	55
Germany	46	76	39	46	60	42
Hong Kong	29	33	35	29	63	45
Hungary	75	90	76	53	90	79
Iceland	75	80	63	55	82	65
India	41	42	44	40	57	64
Italy	47	57	46	26	48	58
Malaysia	9	10	25	29	31	34
Netherlands	70	78	69	56	75	58
New Zealand	73	81	67	55	84	63
Norway	69	74	66	43	84	59
Poland	50	59	66	45	74	76
Russian Federation	47	41	51	27	78	75
Serbia/Montenegro	42	50	53	28	69	71
Singapore	37	39	49	34	64	57
Slovakia	57	73	45	32	57	60
South Africa	63	71	64	51	80	70
Spain	63	77	55	47	67	58
Sweden	77	81	68	61	82	50
Taiwan	13	13	46	28	73	53
Thailand	18	20	38	14	60	55
United Kingdom	71	80	72	53	84	69
United States	78	85	71	60	88	75
Vietnam	35	44	18	26	50	68



## GLOBAL SEX SURVEY

- Globally, more than four in ten people would not tell their long-term lover if they currently have an STI
- The Malaysians (90%) and Taiwanese (87%) are least likely to tell their partners if they have an STI
- Globally, people are more open about their age (71%) and their sexual fantasies (63%)



Base: all sexually active adults