

sex talk.

answers to your questions about sex and relationships

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By some accounts, the vibrator was the fifth domestic appliance to be electrified, after the sewing machine, fan, tea kettle, and toaster.

Q What is the average # of students that have sex @ UA?

A. OK, so it's no secret that college students are having sex – but the numbers on who is doing what (and with whom) at the UA may surprise you. How do we know? Students like you told us – anonymously, of course! Each spring semester, the UA Campus Health Service conducts the annual Health & Wellness Survey, which is administered to a random selection of undergraduate classes at the UA. Here are some of the results from the 2013 survey, which had 3,055 student respondents:

Among all UA undergrads, 64% reported having vaginal or anal intercourse *within the past school year* – meaning 36% did not have intercourse in that timeframe. Of those who had sex, most (60%) reported having just one partner in the last school year, 19% had two partners, 14% had 3-5, and 7% had 6 or more partners.

What about the types of sex that students have *ever* had? According to the survey, 72% of UA students have had oral sex, 69% have had vaginal intercourse and 20% reported having anal intercourse. As you would expect, these numbers are lower

for freshmen than they are for seniors.

To sum things up, even though about 2/3 of UA students are “doing it,” roughly 1/3 aren't. So chances are, no matter what your choices are in regard to your sexual activity, you are in good company here at the UA.

Interestingly, many of the sexual health numbers listed above have been very consistent from one year to the next. But there is one key statistic that has changed quite dramatically over the years: condom use. In 2013, students reported using condoms more than ever before, with 73% usually or always using one, a figure that has increased by 28% over the past 10 years.

Speaking of condoms, have you heard about **Free Condom Friday** yet? Yes, a free sample pack of condoms could be yours, each Friday from 12-2pm during the semester. Stop by the Health Promotion office (3rd floor, NE corner of Campus Health/Highland Commons Building) to pick one up!



Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

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