

sex talk.

answers to your questions about sex and relationships

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Parthenogenesis, or “virgin birth”, is an asexual method of reproduction that occurs naturally in many plants and some animals.

Q Is it weird to be a virgin coming to college?

A. No, it's not uncommon for UA students. In fact, quite a few seniors are “still” virgins, too. We know this from asking thousands of students in our anonymous annual Health & Wellness Survey.

You're a savvy college student. Take a look at last year's data, gathered from 3,055 UA students. When asked, “**Have you ever had vaginal sex?**” here's the breakdown from the Spring 2013 survey:

- First Years: 59%
- Sophomores: 62%
- Juniors: 77%
- Seniors: 79%

“**Have you ever had oral sex?**” The numbers are very similar to vaginal sex:

- First Years: 64%
- Sophomores: 66%
- Juniors: 79%
- Seniors: 79%

“**Have you ever had anal sex?**”
The numbers are much lower:

- First Years: 14%
- Sophomores: 17%
- Juniors: 24%
- Seniors: 25%

While the majority of students report having had oral or vaginal sex at least once in their lives, we know that not everyone at the UA is “doin’ it” while at school. Reasons that people cite for not having sex include religion, fear of STIs or pregnancy, and waiting for the right person. Some people are choosing other, lower risk ways to enjoy sexual pleasure, avoiding sexual intercourse through mutual masturbation, “hand jobs,” dry-humping and so on.

So, take heart ye virgins! You are not alone. And you probably won't regret waiting until you are ready or the right person for you comes along.



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