

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 2014 survey, which had 2,175 student respondents:

Among all UA undergrads, 67% reported having vaginal or anal intercourse *within the past school year* – meaning 33% did not have intercourse in that timeframe. Of those who had sex, most (58%) reported having just one partner in the last school year, 18% had two partners, 17% 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,

77% of UA students have had oral sex, 74% have had vaginal intercourse and 22% 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 2/3 of UA students are “doing it,” 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 over the years: condom use. In 2014, 69% of students reported usually or always using a condom – an increase of 19% 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 UA Campus Health/ Highland Commons Building) to pick one up!



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