Is it weird to be a virgin coming to college?

A. Not at all! 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.

Take a look at last year’s data, gathered from 1,941 UA students in Spring 2014:

When asked, “Have you ever had vaginal sex?” here’s the breakdown:
- Freshman: 64%
- Sophomores: 71%
- Juniors: 77%
- Seniors: 79%

“Have you ever had oral sex?” The numbers are very similar to vaginal sex:
- Freshman: 68%
- Sophomores: 76%
- Juniors: 81%
- Seniors: 83%

“Have you ever had anal sex?” The numbers are much lower:
- Freshman: 16%
- Sophomores: 15%
- Juniors: 28%
- Seniors: 30%

While the majority of students report having had oral or vaginal sex at least once, we know that not everyone at the UA is having sex. There are a lot of reasons that people cite for not having sex: religious or cultural beliefs, fear of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or pregnancy, and waiting for the right person. Some people choose other, lower risk ways to enjoy sexual pleasure, such as making out, dry-humping, mutual masturbation, “hand jobs,” and so on.

For all the virgins out there, you are not alone. And you probably won’t regret waiting until you are ready or the right person comes along.