

2016 SYDNEY GAY COMMUNITY PERIODIC SURVEY

The Sydney Gay Community Periodic Survey (SGCPS) is an annual cross-sectional survey that monitors HIV testing, HIV treatment uptake and sexual behaviour among gay and bisexual men recruited at gay community venues in Sydney (bars, saunas, clinics & gyms). The survey has been running for 20 years across Australia's capital cities. Approximately a quarter of all surveys are now completed online. This research in Sydney is developed, implemented and updated in partnership by the Centre for Social Research in Health (UNSW), ACON, Kirby Institute (UNSW), Positive Life NSW and the NSW Ministry of Health. The data presented here was collected February 2016.



RELATIONSHIP

RELATIONSHIP STATUS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS

29% Regular male partner only (monogamous)
32% Regular and casual male partners
24% Casual male partners only
16% No sexual relationships



TOP 3

WHERE MEN MEET SEX PARTNERS

Mobile Apps
50%

Internet
32%

Gay Sauna
26%



PEP

63%

knew PEP is available

5%

of HIV negative men had taken PEP in last 6 months



TREATMENT

92% of HIV positive men on treatment

of which

95% reporting undetectable viral load

PARTICIPANTS | 3,015 Total number of participants

DEMOGRAPHIC | 62% Listed Australia as their country of birth 4% Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status



DRUGS

MOST FREQUENTLY USED DRUGS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS (%)

Amyl/Poppers 42%
Marijuana 30%
Ecstasy 23%
Cocaine 22%
Viagra 20%
GHB 11%
Meth* 10%



ANAL

ANAL INTERCOURSE AMONG MEN WITH CASUAL PARTNERS



42%

always use condoms



41%

any condomless anal intercourse



STIs

17% of sample report a STI diagnosis in last 12 months



PrEP

48%

believe PrEP is available

4%

of HIV negative men had taken PrEP in last 6 months



PrEP ACCESS



50% Buying it online from overseas



29% Through trial or study

11% Repurposing PrEP drugs

AGE | 17% <25 20% 25-29 30% 30-39 20% 40-49 13% 50+

GENDER | 98% Male 1% Trans Male 1% Intersex Male

SEXUALITY | 91% Gay 6% Bisexual 3% Other



HIV TESTING

87% of sample have ever tested for HIV



STATUS

HIV STATUS AMONG PARTICIPANTS TESTED

90% HIV-

8% HIV+

2% Don't Know?



HIV-

HIV NEGATIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Got tested 78%



24%

Got tested 3 or more times

For more information about the study and for a copy of the report please click here: <https://cshr.arts.unsw.edu.au/research/publications/gcps/>

