

TABLE 1. Percentage of 15–21-year-olds reporting same-sex sexual experience, by selected characteristics, according to gender, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002

Characteristic	Females (N=1,345)	Males (N=1,343)
Ever had same-sex experience†	10.5 (0.01)	3.7 (0.01)
Ever had heterosexual sex‡	64.2 (0.02)	66.7 (0.02)
χ^2	29.86***	2.61
Sexual attraction		
Only women	0.4 (0.00)	94.5 (0.01)
Only men	85.1 (0.01)	0.7 (0.00)
Both	14.5 (0.01)	4.8 (0.01)
χ^2	387.11***	265.38***
Sexual identity		
Heterosexual	86.6 (0.01)	92.9 (0.01)
Homosexual	0.8 (0.00)	1.0 (0.00)
Bisexual	5.5 (0.01)	1.9 (0.00)
Other	7.1 (0.01)	4.2 (0.01)
χ^2	336.82***	335.84***
Age		
15	14.8 (0.01)	14.3 (0.01)
16	16.2 (0.01)	15.0 (0.01)
17	16.9 (0.01)	13.5 (0.01)
18	14.9 (0.01)	17.4 (0.01)
19	13.8 (0.01)	14.9 (0.01)
20	11.6 (0.01)	12.7 (0.01)
21	11.9 (0.02)	12.2 (0.01)
χ^2	10.49	6.03
Race/ethnicity		
Black	15.9 (0.02)	13.1 (0.01)
Hispanic	13.7 (0.02)	15.5 (0.02)
White	64.4 (0.03)	65.7 (0.02)
Other	6.0 (0.01)	5.6 (0.01)
χ^2	7.96*	7.07
Foreign-born	7.3 (0.01)	9.1 (0.01)
χ^2	5.54*	0.06
Lived with two parents through age 15	59.1 (0.02)	63.8 (0.02)
χ^2	3.44	2.56
Mother's education		
<high school	13.9 (0.01)	11.7 (0.01)
High school graduate	59.2 (0.02)	58.9 (0.02)
College graduate	26.9 (0.02)	29.3 (0.02)
χ^2	1.73	2.42
Residence		
Central city	46.5 (0.04)	50.1 (0.03)
Suburb	30.4 (0.03)	31.1 (0.03)
Nonmetropolitan	23.1 (0.05)	18.8 (0.04)
χ^2	0.66	3.96
Religious affiliation at age 14		
Catholic	32.1 (0.02)	36.0 (0.02)
Protestant		
Baptist	19.1 (0.02)	19.1 (0.02)
Fundamentalist§	15.8 (0.02)	14.0 (0.01)
Nonfundamentalist§	16.5 (0.02)	13.7 (0.01)
Other	5.5 (0.01)	6.1 (0.01)
None	10.9 (0.01)	11.2 (0.01)
χ^2	14.85*	4.03
Attended any religious services at age 14	85.4 (0.01)	82.6 (0.01)
χ^2	19.71***	4.36*

* $p < .05$. *** $p < .001$. †For males, this refers to oral or anal sex; for females, it refers to "any sexual experience" with another female. ‡Vaginal, anal or oral sex. §Excludes Baptists. Notes: Ns are unweighted, and percentages are weighted. Figures in parentheses are linearized standard errors. Rao-Scott chi-square tests assessed associations between same-sex activity and each covariate, and were adjusted for sample design.

TABLE 2. Percentage of 15–21-year-olds reporting heterosexual and same-sex sexual experience, by sexual attraction and identity, according to gender

Measure	Females	Males	F
SEXUAL ATTRACTION			
Only to opposite sex	(N=1,125)	(N=1,261)	
Ever had heterosexual sex	61.4	66.7	4.27*
Ever had same-sex sex	3.1	1.4	9.03**
Any to same sex	(N=220)	(N=82)	
Ever had heterosexual sex	81.3	70.4	3.00†
Ever had same-sex sex	52.0	42.7	1.23
SEXUAL IDENTITY			
Heterosexual	(N=1,172)	(N=1,244)	
Ever had heterosexual sex	62.7	67.3	3.36
Ever had same-sex sex	5.0	1.7	21.95***
Homosexual/bisexual	(N=84)	(N=38)	
Ever had heterosexual sex	82.5	60.2	4.28*
Ever had same-sex sex	77.9	58.9	2.67
Other	(N=89)	(N=61)	
Ever had heterosexual sex	65.4	56.5	1.32
Ever had same-sex sex	18.4	10.2	1.18

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$. † $p < .10$. Note: Ns are unweighted, and percentages are weighted.

TABLE 3. Rate ratios from complementary log-log regression analysis assessing associations between selected characteristics and the likelihood that 15–21-year-olds reported same-sex sexual experience, by gender

Characteristic	Females (N=1,345)	Males (N=1,270)
Ever had heterosexual sex	1.96 (0.57)*	1.78 (0.62)†
Sexual attraction		
Only to opposite sex	0.09 (0.02)***	0.06 (0.02)***
Any to same sex (ref)	1.00	1.00
Sexual identity		
Homosexual/bisexual	5.11 (1.38)***	5.93 (2.37)***
Heterosexual/other (ref)	1.00	1.00
Age	1.10 (0.07)	0.93 (0.07)
Race/ethnicity		
Black	1.14 (0.36)	3.64 (1.61)**
Hispanic	0.94 (0.31)	1.43 (0.75)
White (ref)	1.00	1.00
Other	0.71 (0.27)	u
Foreign-born	0.38 (0.19)*	0.76 (0.43)
Lived with two parents through age 15	0.72 (0.17)	0.80 (0.30)
Mother's education		
<high school	1.26 (0.41)	0.41 (0.24)
≥high school (ref)	1.00	1.00
Residence		
Central city	0.73 (0.16)	1.08 (0.41)
Suburb (ref)	1.00	1.00
Nonmetropolitan	0.57 (0.17)†	2.56 (1.30)†
Religious affiliation at age 14		
Catholic	0.52 (0.15)*	2.42 (1.20)†
Protestant		
Baptist	0.80 (0.29)	0.59 (0.37)
Fundamentalist‡	0.50 (0.23)	2.92 (2.24)
Nonfundamentalist‡ (ref)	1.00	1.00
Other	0.40 (0.29)	1.58 (1.08)
None	0.61 (0.22)	1.08 (0.79)
Attended any religious services at age 14	0.57 (0.15)*	0.45 (0.17)*

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †p<.10. ‡Excludes Baptists. Notes: u=unavailable, because of lack of variation in the outcome variable for the 73 respondents in this group. ref=reference category. Figures in parentheses are linearized standard errors.

TABLE 4. Rate ratios from complementary log-log regression analysis assessing associations between selected characteristics and the likelihood that 15–21-year-olds reported same-sex sexual experience, by gender and attraction

Characteristic	Females		Males	
	Attracted only to men (N=1,125)	Any attraction to women (N=220)	Attracted only to women (N=1,188)	Any attraction to men (N=82)
Ever had heterosexual sex	4.23 (2.40)*	1.50 (0.51)	4.62 (3.67)†	0.96 (0.44)
Sexual identity				
Homosexual/bisexual	na	4.68 (1.15)***	na	5.62 (2.35)***
Heterosexual/other (ref)	na	1.00	na	1.00
Age	0.92 (0.10)	1.16 (0.10)†	0.86 (0.08)	0.98 (0.14)
Race/ethnicity				
Black	0.83 (0.39)	1.21 (0.48)	2.63 (1.63)	4.79 (3.82)†
Hispanic	0.32 (0.19)†	1.37 (0.56)	2.46 (1.94)	1.00 (0.61)
White (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other	1.10 (0.72)	0.43 (0.27)	u	u
Foreign-born	0.45 (0.50)	0.35 (0.18)*	1.39 (1.22)	0.40 (0.29)
Lived with two parents through age 15	0.56 (0.20)	0.83 (0.23)	0.83 (0.44)	0.70 (0.30)
Mother's education				
<high school	1.14 (0.70)	1.26 (0.57)	0.22 (0.19)†	0.75 (0.52)
≥high school (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Residence				
Central city	0.69 (0.28)	0.70 (0.17)	0.63 (0.40)	2.02 (1.10)
Suburb (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Nonmetropolitan	0.72 (0.34)	0.50 (0.19)†	2.29 (1.40)	2.65 (1.94)
Religious affiliation at age 14				
Catholic	0.66 (0.24)	0.55 (0.16)*	2.69 (1.85)	2.23 (1.34)
Protestant (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other/none	0.45 (0.27)	0.66 (0.24)	0.53 (0.60)	1.84 (1.26)
Attended any religious services at age 14	0.45 (0.21)†	0.60 (0.20)	0.43 (0.29)	0.47 (0.28)

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