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Sexual Behavior

The prevalence of vaginal and anal intercourse was determined by the number of respondents who reported an age at which they first engaged in those behaviors. Eighty percent of the males and 73% of the females had ever had intercourse. On average, 3.8 years had elapsed since the 188 sexually experienced male and 252 sexually experienced female respondents had first had intercourse (Table 2). All reported having had vaginal intercourse. The mean age at first vaginal intercourse was about 17.2 years for both males and females. Males reported a higher frequency of vaginal intercourse for the past year (p < .081) and the past month than did females. The average lifetime number of vaginal-sex partners was 8.0 for males and 6.1 for females, and the average number in the last year was 2.6 for males and 1.9 for females (p < .086). Seventeen percent of sexually experienced males and 18% of sexually experienced females had engaged in anal intercourse, a finding that is consistent both with results from our earlier study and with the few other studies that have examined the prevalence of this behavior. The mean age at first anal intercourse was 20.3 for males and 19.1 for females. Of respondents who had ever engaged in anal intercourse, 25% of males and 16% of females had done so in the previous month. (One male did not provide this information.) In addition, 69% of the males and 49% of the females who had ever had anal intercourse had done so in the previous year. (Four females did not provide this information.) Half of those who had ever engaged in anal intercourse had done so more than one time in the past year.

The average lifetime number of anal-sex partners was 1.6 for males and 1.1 for females, while the average number in the last year was 0.8 for males and 0.5 for females (p < .082). Respondents who had engaged in anal intercourse reported having engaged in vaginal intercourse with an average of 12 partners in their lifetime, compared with almost six partners among those without such experience (p < .001; not shown), suggesting that participation in anal intercourse may be a marker for other high-risk behavior.

Type of Relationship

Fifty-three percent of the sexually experienced males and 60% of the sexually experienced females were involved in an exclusive relationship at the time of the study (Table 2), proportions similar to those in our 1988 study. However, like their counterparts in the earlier study, those involved in sexually exclusive relationships reported an average of more than one partner in the year before the survey (Table 3), perhaps an indication of the serial sexual exclusivity that appears to be characteristic of this age-group. The proportions of males and females in a sexually nonexclusive relationship (18% of males and 12% of females) were also similar to those in the earlier study. As Table 3 shows, these respondents reported significantly more partners in the past year and in their lifetime than did respondents in an exclusive relationship or those not in a relationship (p < .05 for each comparison). As in the earlier study, although respondents in nonexclusive relationships reported the most partners, they did not report the greatest frequency of vaginal intercourse; thus, such respondents probably were not exaggerating their reports of sexual behavior. Respondents in nonexclusive relationships were also significantly younger at first vaginal intercourse than were other sexually experienced respondents (16.5 years vs. 17.3 years; not shown).

Discussion

With few exceptions, the average values for both background variables and for sexual behavior obtained in this study were consistent with those found in our 1988 study. The comparability of findings from