



sex, drugs and
rock'n'roll

Big Day Out 2010 Results

We conducted a sixth survey of young people at the Big Day Out in 2010, asking them about their sexual history, knowledge of sexually transmitted infections, and their alcohol and drug use.

1393 people aged 16-29 years participated.

SEXUAL HEALTH:

- 78% had ever had sex
- 18% had had more than 10 partners in their lifetime
- 42% had more than one sexual partner in the past year
- 35% had a new sexual partner in the last 3 months
- 34% were at risk of a STI because they don't always use a condom with new or casual partner(s) or had multiple partners and didn't always use a condom
- 35% of those who had ever had sex had ever had an STI test

KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIS):

- 79% knew that people infected with chlamydia often don't have any symptoms and won't know they are infected
- 49% knew that chlamydia could be diagnosed with a urine test
- 50% knew that gonorrhoea, syphilis, and chlamydia can all be easily treated with antibiotics

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE:

- 29% binge drink (six or more drinks at a time) at least weekly
- 33% had ever been injured, or someone else injured, because of their drinking
- 21% don't remember what happened the night before because of drinking, at least monthly
- 45% had ever used drugs
- 20% had used drugs in the past month
- The most common drugs used in the past month were: marijuana (78%), ecstasy (47%), speed/ice/crystal meth (30%), cocaine (20%), and acid/LSD/mushrooms (20%)

The study researchers would like to thank all those who participated for their help.

The full results of the study are currently being prepared for publication in scientific journals.

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