

### **Sexual Behavior / Identity Data Activity**

I originally designed this activity for an Introduction to Sociology class I taught at a community college. It can be easily modified for other settings and made longer or shorter. The activity uses data from a CDC survey to teach about the social construction of human sexuality.

Learning Objectives. Students will:

- Recognize the differences between gender, sexual identity, and sexual behavior
- Describe how other social factors (education, age, cohort, etc.) may influence sexual identity and behavior.
- Practice interpreting survey data
- Practice making hypotheses explaining data

To start the activity I break the class into small groups of 2-3 students. As we are discussing a potentially sensitive topic, it's important to remind the students about classroom norms for discussion and respect.

Each group is given a single printed handout with multiple pages of data from the 2006-2008 National Survey of Family Growth to share. Sharing the data encourages the students to work together to answer the questions. Each person in the group is also given a worksheet on which to answer questions.

Groups are given 10-15 minutes to work through the questions on the sheet. While they do so, I circulate around the room giving guidance and asking additional questions to promote discussion. I encourage people to think of reasons why the data may look like it does.

After most of the room has completed most of the questions, I bring the class back together for a full class discussion. We walk through the worksheet, with students offering their answers. I write what they say on the board and add thoughts, questions and commentary as necessary. I also usually have the students help me draw a graph on the board of the relationship between lifetime sexual partners and age for men and women. After we have the graphs we generate hypotheses as to why they may look the way they do (curvilinear effects emerge). On the screen I have the tables available to reference as necessary.

After we've gone through the worksheet together, I bring the full-class discussion towards summing up the main takeaways from the exercise, which I write on the board.

The worksheet and data handout I provide can be found below. I often include more tables than strictly necessary for the handout in case we want to discuss other issues as a class.

## Sexual Behaviors among 15-44 year old Americans

We're going to look at data from a recent nationally representative survey of sexual behaviors conducted by the Centers for Disease Control. If you're interested in learning more, a summary of the research can be found on our Moodle page under "Other Resources."

1. Look at Table 3. What does this table tell us about how the number of lifetime sexual partners for women changes by age? What effect, if any, does level of education seem to have on the number of sexual partners?

2. Look at Table 4. What does this table tell us about how the number of lifetime sexual partners for men changes by age? What effect, if any, does level of education seem to have on the number of sexual partners?

3. Look at Tables 5 & 6. Which marital status has the highest percentage of same-sex sexual behavior among women? Among men?

4. Look at Table 14. What percentages of men and women who identify as straight reported having same-sex sexual contact? What does this tell us about the relationship between sexual identity and sexual behavior?

**Table 3. Number of opposite-sex sexual partners in lifetime among females aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Number of opposite-sex (male) partners in lifetime <sup>1</sup>							
		Total	0	1	2	3–6	7–14	15 or more	Median number <sup>2</sup>
2002		Percent distribution (standard error)							
All females aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,561	100.0	8.6 (0.4)	22.5 (0.8)	10.8 (0.4)	32.6 (0.8)	16.3 (0.7)	9.2 (0.4)	3.3 (0.1)
2006–2008									
All females aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,865	100.0	11.3 (1.3)	22.2 (1.2)	10.7 (0.7)	31.6 (1.2)	16.0 (0.9)	8.3 (0.6)	3.2 (0.2)
Age:									
15–19 years	10,431	100.0	48.1 (2.8)	22.7 (1.8)	8.2 (1.0)	15.7 (1.4)	4.1 (0.9)	1.1 (0.4)	1.4 (0.2)
20–24 years	10,140	100.0	12.6 (3.4)	24.5 (1.7)	12.5 (1.6)	31.6 (2.8)	11.7 (1.2)	7.2 (1.2)	2.6 (0.2)
25–44 years	41,294	100.0	1.6 (0.4)	21.4 (1.6)	10.9 (0.9)	35.6 (1.3)	20.1 (1.2)	10.4 (0.8)	3.6 (0.2)
25–29 years	10,250	100.0	3.4 (1.1)	20.0 (1.9)	12.4 (1.5)	31.0 (2.3)	20.4 (2.0)	12.8 (1.7)	3.6 (0.3)
30–34 years	9,587	100.0	1.9 (0.6)	20.9 (2.5)	10.6 (1.6)	31.9 (2.1)	21.3 (2.4)	13.4 (1.9)	4.2 (0.4)
35–39 years	10,475	100.0	0.9 (0.4)	22.2 (2.1)	9.9 (1.3)	38.3 (2.8)	20.8 (2.4)	7.9 (1.2)	3.5 (0.3)
40–44 years	10,982	100.0	0.4 (0.1)	22.4 (2.6)	10.8 (1.9)	40.5 (3.0)	18.0 (1.9)	8.0 (1.1)	3.4 (0.3)
Marital or cohabiting status:									
Currently married	27,006	100.0	–	32.2 (2.3)	12.3 (1.1)	34.4 (1.7)	15.0 (1.4)	6.1 (0.8)	2.5 (0.2)
Currently cohabiting	6,821	100.0	–	12.8 (2.1)	11.6 (1.8)	37.0 (2.8)	24.9 (3.0)	13.7 (1.8)	4.6 (0.4)
Never married, not cohabiting	22,847	100.0	30.5 (3.1)	16.4 (1.1)	9.1 (0.9)	25.2 (1.6)	11.9 (1.0)	6.9 (0.7)	3.2 (0.2)
Formerly married, not cohabiting	5,190	100.0	–	6.8 (1.6)	8.7 (1.9)	37.7 (3.0)	28.0 (2.8)	18.8 (2.1)	5.3 (0.5)
Education <sup>4</sup> :									
No high school diploma or GED	6,210	100.0	0.8 (0.4)	22.2 (2.9)	12.5 (2.0)	36.4 (3.0)	16.4 (2.3)	11.7 (1.9)	3.2 (0.4)
High school diploma or GED	11,793	100.0	1.2 (0.5)	16.6 (2.0)	10.1 (1.1)	38.3 (2.4)	22.2 (1.9)	11.6 (1.4)	4.1 (0.3)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,537	100.0	4.5 (2.0)	17.8 (1.7)	11.8 (1.4)	33.3 (2.2)	20.5 (1.9)	12.2 (1.5)	4.1 (0.3)
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,543	100.0	4.0 (1.2)	27.7 (2.5)	10.9 (1.6)	32.9 (2.5)	17.7 (1.6)	6.8 (0.9)	2.9 (0.3)
Hispanic origin and race:									
Hispanic or Latina	10,377	100.0	10.7 (1.0)	35.0 (1.8)	16.7 (1.4)	26.6 (2.0)	6.6 (0.8)	4.4 (0.7)	1.6 (0.1)
Not Hispanic or Latina:									
White, single race	37,660	100.0	11.7 (1.9)	19.2 (1.4)	9.7 (0.8)	31.4 (1.7)	18.9 (1.3)	8.9 (0.8)	3.7 (0.2)
Black or African American, single race	8,452	100.0	10.5 (1.5)	12.3 (1.5)	8.3 (1.1)	40.9 (2.2)	16.7 (1.4)	11.3 (1.4)	4.4 (0.2)

– Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Includes male partners with whom she had any type of sexual contact (vaginal, oral, or anal sex). “In lifetime” refers to time of interview.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes those who have never had vaginal, oral, or anal sex with a male partner.

<sup>3</sup>Includes females of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.

<sup>4</sup>Limited to females aged 22–44 years at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

Chandra, Anjani, William D. Mosher, Casey Copen, and C. Sionean. 2011. “Sexual Behavior, Sexual Attraction, and Sexual Identity in the United States: Data from the 2006–2008 National Survey of Family Growth.” National Health Statistics Reports 36:1–36.

**Table 4. Number of opposite-sex sexual partners in lifetime among males aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Total	Number of opposite-sex (female) partners in lifetime <sup>1</sup>							Median number <sup>2</sup>
			0	1	2	3–6	7–14	15 or more		
2002			Percent distribution (standard error)							
All males aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,147	100.0	9.6 (0.6)	12.5 (0.8)	8.0 (0.6)	27.2 (1.0)	19.5 (0.9)	23.2 (1.0)	5.6 (0.2)	
2006–2008										
All males aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	62,199	100.0	11.4 (1.0)	15.0 (1.0)	7.6 (0.6)	26.5 (1.2)	18.1 (0.8)	21.4 (1.1)	5.1 (0.2)	
Age:										
15–19 years	10,777	100.0	43.3 (2.4)	21.2 (1.9)	9.4 (1.1)	17.6 (1.5)	5.4 (1.0)	3.1 (0.6)	1.8 (0.2)	
20–24 years	10,404	100.0	14.4 (3.1)	19.1 (2.8)	8.0 (1.3)	26.1 (2.9)	18.1 (2.6)	14.2 (2.3)	4.1 (0.6)	
25–44 years	41,019	100.0	2.4 (0.4)	12.3 (1.0)	7.0 (0.7)	28.9 (1.3)	21.5 (1.3)	27.9 (1.6)	6.1 (0.3)	
25–29 years	10,431	100.0	3.8 (0.8)	11.8 (1.5)	8.9 (1.4)	29.5 (2.3)	22.9 (2.1)	23.1 (1.6)	5.7 (0.3)	
30–34 years	9,575	100.0	3.1 (0.8)	14.2 (1.8)	6.1 (1.0)	26.6 (3.0)	21.7 (2.4)	28.3 (3.1)	6.4 (1.0)	
35–39 years	10,318	100.0	1.4 (0.5)	13.3 (2.4)	5.6 (0.9)	29.7 (2.4)	19.6 (2.2)	30.6 (3.0)	6.2 (0.9)	
40–44 years	10,695	100.0	1.3 (0.3)	10.3 (1.7)	7.2 (1.2)	29.7 (2.5)	21.6 (2.8)	30.0 (2.8)	6.4 (0.8)	
Marital or cohabiting status:										
Currently married	24,763	100.0	–	19.1 (1.9)	7.5 (0.9)	30.7 (2.0)	20.7 (1.6)	22.1 (2.0)	4.9 (0.3)	
Currently cohabiting	7,301	100.0	–	10.3 (3.0)	7.6 (1.6)	24.4 (3.0)	25.9 (2.5)	31.8 (2.9)	7.3 (0.8)	
Never married, not cohabiting	27,012	100.0	26.3 (2.0)	14.1 (0.9)	8.2 (0.8)	23.6 (1.6)	12.9 (1.0)	14.9 (1.2)	4.1 (0.2)	
Formerly married, not cohabiting	3,123	100.0	–	1.4 (0.8)	2.2 (1.0)	23.9 (2.7)	25.1 (3.3)	47.4 (3.5)	11.9 (1.3)	
Education <sup>4</sup> :										
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	100.0	1.2 (0.5)	9.9 (1.9)	9.8 (2.3)	31.2 (4.5)	21.5 (2.2)	26.4 (3.2)	5.8 (0.5)	
High school diploma or GED	12,278	100.0	3.1 (0.9)	12.2 (2.3)	5.2 (0.8)	27.5 (2.2)	23.3 (2.1)	28.8 (2.3)	6.7 (0.8)	
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	100.0	6.9 (2.7)	10.3 (2.5)	5.2 (0.8)	29.6 (3.0)	19.3 (2.1)	28.8 (2.7)	6.4 (0.8)	
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	100.0	5.1 (1.0)	18.9 (1.7)	8.4 (1.3)	26.4 (1.9)	20.0 (2.1)	21.2 (2.2)	4.8 (0.4)	
Hispanic origin and race:										
Hispanic or Latino	11,724	100.0	7.9 (0.7)	12.5 (1.1)	10.2 (1.5)	32.6 (2.5)	17.8 (1.6)	19.1 (1.7)	4.6 (0.3)	
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White, single race	37,374	100.0	11.6 (1.7)	16.1 (1.5)	7.3 (0.7)	25.7 (1.6)	18.4 (1.2)	20.9 (1.6)	5.1 (0.3)	
Black or African American, single race	7,186	100.0	9.6 (1.8)	8.3 (1.3)	5.0 (1.0)	25.6 (2.0)	21.6 (2.3)	30.0 (2.1)	6.9 (0.8)	

– Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Includes female partners with whom he had any type of sexual contact (vaginal, oral, or anal sex). "In lifetime" refers to time of interview.<sup>2</sup>Excludes those who have never had vaginal, oral, or anal sex with a female partner.<sup>3</sup>Includes males of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.<sup>4</sup>Limited to males 22–44 years of age at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 5. Sexual behavior with opposite-sex and same-sex partners among females aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Opposite-sex sexual behavior				Any same-sex sexual behavior <sup>2</sup>
		Any <sup>1</sup>	Vaginal intercourse	Oral sex	Anal sex	
2002		Percent (standard error)				
All females aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,561	91.7 (0.4)	89.2 (0.5)	82.0 (0.6)	30.0 (0.7)	11.2 (0.5)
2006–2008						
All females aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,865	89.0 (1.3)	86.8 (1.3)	80.1 (1.4)	30.7 (1.3)	12.5 (0.8)
Age:						
15–19 years	10,431	53.0 (2.7)	45.6 (2.5)	44.6 (2.5)	10.5 (1.2)	11.0 (1.0)
15–17 years	5,833	39.7 (2.7)	33.0 (2.2)	30.2 (2.3)	7.0 (1.2)	10.3 (1.3)
18–19 years	4,598	70.0 (4.8)	61.7 (4.7)	62.9 (4.7)	14.9 (2.1)	11.9 (1.8)
20–24 years	10,140	87.7 (3.4)	85.0 (3.6)	81.1 (3.3)	30.2 (2.4)	15.8 (1.8)
25–44 years	41,294	98.4 (0.4)	97.6 (0.4)	88.8 (0.8)	36.0 (1.6)	12.0 (0.9)
25–29 years	10,250	96.6 (1.1)	95.2 (1.0)	88.5 (1.6)	38.5 (2.4)	15.0 (1.5)
30–34 years	9,587	98.1 (0.6)	97.6 (0.7)	88.6 (1.5)	34.8 (2.4)	14.2 (1.7)
35–39 years	10,475	99.1 (0.4)	98.5 (0.8)	89.7 (1.2)	38.3 (3.1)	11.5 (2.5)
40–44 years	10,982	99.7 (0.1)	99.2 (0.4)	88.6 (1.4)	32.4 (2.7)	7.9 (1.4)
Marital or cohabiting status:						
Currently married	27,006	100.0	100.0	91.0 (0.8)	33.7 (2.1)	8.3 (1.1)
Currently cohabiting	6,821	100.0	100.0	90.2 (1.7)	44.6 (3.0)	20.5 (2.0)
Never married, not cohabiting	22,847	70.1 (3.1)	64.1 (3.0)	61.7 (2.8)	20.1 (1.3)	13.4 (1.0)
Formerly married, not cohabiting	5,190	100.0	100.0	91.1 (1.9)	43.3 (3.3)	19.6 (2.6)
Education <sup>4</sup> :						
No high school diploma or GED	6,210	99.2 (0.3)	99.2 (0.3)	75.1 (3.0)	32.2 (2.6)	15.2 (2.1)
High school diploma or GED	11,793	98.8 (0.5)	98.6 (0.5)	87.4 (1.7)	38.9 (2.5)	14.2 (1.8)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,537	95.5 (2.0)	94.4 (2.0)	89.9 (1.9)	37.3 (2.4)	13.8 (1.4)
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,543	96.0 (1.2)	94.4 (1.2)	91.2 (1.6)	34.0 (2.8)	9.9 (1.3)
Hispanic origin and race:						
Hispanic or Latina	10,377	89.5 (1.0)	88.9 (0.9)	69.8 (1.4)	24.7 (1.7)	6.3 (0.9)
Not Hispanic or Latina:						
White, single race	37,660	88.4 (1.8)	85.7 (1.8)	84.8 (2.0)	34.3 (2.0)	14.6 (1.1)
Black or African American, single race	8,452	90.2 (1.4)	88.6 (1.5)	74.2 (2.3)	24.6 (1.4)	11.3 (1.4)

<sup>1</sup>Includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes oral sex or any sexual experience. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>3</sup>Includes females of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.

<sup>4</sup>Limited to females 22–44 years of age at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Respondents could report whatever types of sexual contact they have had, with either opposite-sex or same-sex partners.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 6. Sexual behavior with opposite-sex and same-sex partners among males aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Opposite-sex sexual behavior					Any same-sex sexual behavior <sup>2</sup>
		Any <sup>1</sup>	Vaginal intercourse	Oral sex	Anal sex	Percent (standard error)	
2002		Percent (standard error)					
All males aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	61,147	90.8 (0.6)	87.6 (0.7)	83.0 (0.8)	34.0 (1.1)	6.0 (0.5)	
2006–2008							
All males aged 15–44 years <sup>3</sup>	62,199	88.8 (1.0)	85.6 (1.1)	81.3 (1.1)	35.8 (1.4)	5.2 (0.5)	
Age:							
15–19 years	10,777	58.0 (2.3)	44.8 (2.5)	48.4 (2.1)	10.2 (1.2)	2.5 (0.7)	
15–17 years	6,643	46.8 (2.9)	31.8 (3.1)	35.0 (2.3)	6.2 (1.1)	1.7 (0.7)	
18–19 years	4,134	75.8 (2.9)	65.6 (3.5)	69.8 (2.9)	16.6 (2.8)	3.8 (1.2)	
20–24 years	10,404	85.7 (3.1)	81.5 (3.6)	80.1 (3.3)	31.9 (3.3)	5.6 (1.1)	
25–44 years	41,019	97.7 (0.3)	97.3 (0.4)	90.4 (0.8)	43.5 (1.7)	5.8 (0.6)	
25–29 years	10,431	96.2 (0.8)	95.6 (0.9)	90.5 (1.5)	42.5 (2.4)	5.2 (1.1)	
30–34 years	9,575	96.9 (0.8)	96.7 (0.8)	89.4 (1.6)	45.2 (2.7)	4.0 (0.9)	
35–39 years	10,318	98.7 (0.5)	98.4 (0.5)	90.6 (2.1)	45.0 (3.5)	5.7 (0.9)	
40–44 years	10,695	98.8 (0.3)	98.5 (0.4)	90.8 (1.6)	41.7 (3.4)	8.1 (1.6)	
Marital or cohabiting status:							
Currently married	24,763	100.0	100.0	92.5 (0.9)	42.5 (2.2)	3.5 (0.6)	
Currently cohabiting	7,301	100.0	100.0	89.8 (2.7)	47.7 (3.1)	3.2 (0.9)	
Never married, not cohabiting	27,012	74.2 (2.0)	66.8 (2.2)	67.2 (2.0)	23.5 (1.4)	7.2 (0.9)	
Formerly married, not cohabiting	3,123	100.0	100.0	97.0 (1.0)	62.1 (4.1)	6.4 (1.3)	
Education <sup>4</sup> :							
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	98.8 (0.5)	98.7 (0.5)	82.8 (2.2)	40.7 (2.7)	3.6 (1.0)	
High school diploma or GED	12,278	97.0 (0.8)	96.6 (0.9)	89.9 (1.5)	44.1 (2.2)	5.1 (0.9)	
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	93.2 (2.6)	91.8 (3.0)	89.3 (2.9)	46.7 (3.5)	8.0 (1.5)	
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	95.0 (1.0)	94.1 (1.1)	90.4 (1.4)	36.7 (2.6)	6.7 (0.9)	
Hispanic origin and race:							
Hispanic or Latino	11,724	92.4 (0.7)	89.7 (0.8)	76.9 (1.5)	38.6 (1.7)	3.8 (0.6)	
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race	37,374	88.5 (1.6)	84.8 (1.8)	84.7 (1.9)	38.0 (2.0)	6.0 (0.7)	
Black or African American, single race	7,186	90.7 (1.7)	87.9 (1.7)	78.4 (2.6)	26.9 (2.3)	2.4 (0.5)	

<sup>1</sup>Includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes oral or anal sex. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>3</sup>Includes males of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.

<sup>4</sup>Limited to males 22–44 years of age at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Respondents could report whatever types of sexual contact they have had, with either opposite-sex or same-sex partners.

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**Table 9. Number of sexual partners in the past 12 months, including same-sex and opposite-sex partners, among females and males aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Total	Sexual partners in last 12 months <sup>1</sup>					Did not report
			No partner in last 12 months	Any same-sex partners	One opposite-sex partner, but no same-sex partners	Two or more opposite-sex partners, but no same-sex partners		
			Percent distribution (standard error)					
All females aged 15–44 years <sup>2</sup>	61,865	100.0	15.9 (1.3)	11.7 (0.7)	61.3 (1.2)	9.4 (0.6)	1.7 (0.4)	
Age:								
15–19 years	10,431	100.0	51.3 (2.6)	9.5 (0.8)	24.2 (2.0)	13.5 (1.1)	1.6 (0.6)	
20–24 years	10,140	100.0	15.8 (3.3)	15.2 (1.8)	49.5 (2.1)	17.7 (2.5)	1.8 (0.8)	
25–44 years	41,294	100.0	7.0 (0.6)	11.4 (0.8)	73.6 (1.1)	6.3 (0.5)	1.8 (0.5)	
25–29 years	10,250	100.0	7.6 (1.3)	14.3 (1.5)	65.1 (2.1)	10.6 (1.4)	2.4 (1.4)	
30–34 years	9,587	100.0	5.2 (0.9)	13.6 (1.7)	73.8 (2.0)	6.0 (0.7)	1.5 (0.5)	
35–39 years	10,475	100.0	6.8 (1.1)	10.8 (2.4)	76.2 (2.8)	4.2 (0.8)	2.0 (1.0)	
40–44 years	10,982	100.0	8.3 (1.2)	7.1 (1.4)	79.0 (2.2)	4.5 (0.8)	1.1 (0.4)	
Education <sup>3</sup> :								
No high school diploma or GED	6,210	100.0	6.7 (1.2)	14.5 (2.1)	68.1 (2.3)	7.5 (1.1)	3.2 (1.0)	
High school diploma or GED	11,793	100.0	6.1 (0.8)	13.4 (1.8)	70.6 (2.1)	7.7 (0.9)	2.2 (1.0)	
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,537	100.0	10.6 (2.3)	13.0 (1.3)	66.3 (2.1)	9.3 (1.2)	0.8 (0.4)	
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,543	100.0	8.4 (1.4)	9.4 (1.3)	75.5 (1.9)	5.2 (0.8)	1.5 (0.7)	
Hispanic origin and race:								
Hispanic or Latina	10,377	100.0	14.9 (0.9)	5.6 (0.9)	67.7 (1.7)	8.4 (0.8)	3.5 (1.0)	
Not Hispanic or Latina:								
White, single race	37,660	100.0	16.0 (1.8)	13.9 (1.1)	60.8 (1.6)	8.4 (0.8)	0.9 (0.4)	
Black or African American, single race	8,452	100.0	17.6 (1.8)	10.6 (1.3)	53.9 (2.2)	15.9 (1.5)	2.1 (0.7)	
All males aged 15–44 years <sup>1</sup>	62,199	100.0	16.0 (1.2)	4.3 (0.4)	60.2 (1.3)	17.6 (0.8)	2.0 (0.3)	
Age:								
15–19 years	10,777	100.0	48.9 (2.6)	1.5 (0.4)	25.1 (1.9)	21.2 (1.7)	3.3 (0.9)	
20–24 years	10,404	100.0	18.3 (3.8)	4.6 (1.0)	48.0 (2.3)	27.2 (2.8)	1.9 (0.9)	
25–44 years	41,019	100.0	6.8 (0.7)	4.9 (0.5)	72.4 (1.4)	14.2 (0.9)	1.7 (0.3)	
25–29 years	10,431	100.0	7.6 (1.5)	4.8 (1.0)	65.7 (2.2)	20.3 (1.6)	1.6 (0.5)	
30–34 years	9,575	100.0	6.6 (1.2)	3.6 (0.8)	75.3 (2.6)	13.0 (1.6)	1.4 (0.4)	
35–39 years	10,318	100.0	5.1 (0.9)	5.0 (0.9)	73.7 (2.0)	14.2 (1.9)	2.0 (0.8)	
40–44 years	10,695	100.0	7.7 (1.7)	6.2 (1.0)	75.2 (2.4)	9.3 (1.8)	1.6 (0.6)	
Education <sup>2</sup> :								
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	100.0	6.9 (1.4)	2.6 (0.7)	71.3 (3.2)	15.4 (2.4)	3.8 (1.2)	
High school diploma or GED	12,278	100.0	7.4 (1.4)	4.4 (0.9)	69.2 (2.5)	17.3 (1.5)	1.7 (0.4)	
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	100.0	12.1 (3.0)	6.2 (1.1)	65.5 (3.0)	15.2 (1.7)	1.0 (0.5)	
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	100.0	7.5 (1.1)	6.4 (0.9)	71.7 (2.5)	13.0 (1.9)	1.4 (0.4)	
Hispanic origin and race:								
Hispanic or Latino	11,724	100.0	14.3 (1.1)	3.5 (0.6)	58.7 (2.0)	20.1 (1.5)	3.4 (0.9)	
Not Hispanic or Latino:								
White, single race	37,374	100.0	16.2 (1.7)	4.8 (0.6)	62.4 (1.8)	15.5 (1.2)	1.2 (0.3)	
Black or African American, single race	7,186	100.0	13.0 (2.0)	2.0 (0.5)	52.0 (2.7)	31.0 (2.3)	2.0 (0.5)	

<sup>1</sup>Includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes those of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup>Limited to persons aged 22–44 years at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002 and 2006–2008.

**Table 10. Sexual activity with same-sex partners in lifetime among females and males aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Females			Males			
	Number in thousands	Any sexual experience	Any oral sex	Number in thousands	Any oral or anal sex	Any anal sex	Any oral sex
		Percent (standard error)			Percent (standard error)		
2002							
All persons aged 15–44 years <sup>1</sup>	61,561	11.2 (0.5)	---	61,147	6.0 (0.5)	3.7 (0.4)	5.7 (0.5)
2006–2008							
All persons aged 15–44 years <sup>1</sup>	61,865	12.5 (0.8)	9.3 (0.6)	62,199	5.2 (0.5)	2.9 (0.3)	5.0 (0.5)
Age:							
15–19 years	10,431	11.0 (1.0)	7.1 (0.8)	10,777	2.5 (0.7)	1.2 (0.4)	2.2 (0.5)
15–17 years	5,833	10.3 (1.3)	5.4 (1.0)	6,643	1.7 (0.7)	1.1 (0.6)	1.3 (0.5)
18–19 years	4,598	11.9 (1.8)	9.3 (1.6)	4,134	3.9 (1.2)	1.5 (0.5)	3.7 (1.2)
20–24 years	10,140	15.8 (1.8)	11.2 (1.3)	10,404	5.6 (1.1)	2.5 (0.7)	5.6 (1.1)
25–44 years	41,294	12.0 (0.9)	9.3 (0.8)	41,019	5.8 (0.6)	3.4 (0.5)	5.7 (0.6)
25–29 years	10,250	15.0 (1.5)	11.3 (1.2)	10,431	5.2 (1.1)	2.6 (0.6)	5.1 (1.1)
30–44 years	31,044	11.1 (1.0)	8.7 (0.9)	30,588	6.0 (0.8)	3.7 (0.6)	5.8 (0.8)
Marital or cohabiting status:							
Currently married	27,006	8.3 (1.1)	5.8 (0.9)	24,763	3.5 (0.6)	1.1 (0.2)	3.3 (0.6)
Currently cohabiting	6,821	20.5 (2.0)	16.7 (2.0)	7,301	3.2 (0.9)	0.6 (0.3)	3.1 (0.9)
Never married, not cohabiting	22,847	13.4 (1.0)	9.5 (0.8)	27,012	7.2 (0.9)	5.0 (0.7)	7.0 (0.9)
Formerly married, not cohabiting	5,190	19.6 (2.6)	16.8 (2.5)	3,123	6.4 (1.3)	3.3 (1.1)	6.3 (1.3)
Education <sup>2</sup> :							
No high school diploma or GED	6,210	15.2 (2.1)	12.9 (1.9)	8,530	3.6 (1.0)	1.1 (0.3)	3.5 (1.0)
High school diploma or GED	11,793	14.2 (1.8)	12.3 (1.7)	12,278	5.1 (0.9)	2.8 (0.7)	4.9 (0.9)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,537	13.8 (1.4)	11.4 (1.3)	13,521	8.0 (1.5)	4.2 (1.1)	7.8 (1.5)
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,543	9.9 (1.3)	5.5 (0.8)	13,112	6.7 (0.9)	4.4 (0.8)	6.6 (0.9)
Number of opposite-sex partners in lifetime:							
None	6,752	4.9 (1.1)	2.9 (0.8)	6,906	7.5 (1.5)	5.1 (0.9)	7.5 (1.5)
1	13,395	3.5 (0.6)	2.2 (0.4)	9,072	4.4 (1.0)	1.6 (0.4)	4.4 (1.0)
2	6,485	9.0 (1.7)	6.9 (1.5)	4,570	6.8 (1.6)	6.2 (1.6)	6.7 (1.6)
3	6,054	8.5 (2.5)	5.5 (2.0)	4,231	2.6 (0.8)	1.9 (0.7)	2.6 (0.8)
4 or more	27,744	20.3 (1.1)	15.6 (1.0)	35,700	5.1 (0.7)	2.4 (0.5)	4.9 (0.7)
Hispanic origin and race:							
Hispanic or Latino	10,377	6.3 (0.9)	4.9 (0.9)	11,724	3.8 (0.6)	2.4 (0.4)	3.7 (0.6)
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race	37,660	14.6 (1.1)	10.6 (0.9)	37,374	6.0 (0.7)	3.2 (0.5)	5.8 (0.7)
Black or African American, single race	8,452	11.3 (1.4)	9.6 (1.3)	7,186	2.4 (0.5)	1.5 (0.5)	2.2 (0.5)

--- Data not available from 2002 NSFG.

<sup>1</sup>Includes persons of other or multiple race and origin groups and persons with missing information on types of same-sex activity, not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to those aged 22–44 years at the time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.



**Table 11. Sexual attraction among women and men aged 18–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Sexual attraction						
		Total	Only opposite sex	Mostly opposite sex	Equally to both	Mostly same sex	Only same sex	Not sure
2002		Percent distribution (standard error)						
All women aged 18–44 years <sup>1</sup>	55,742	100.0	85.7 (0.6)	10.2 (0.5)	1.9 (0.2)	0.8 (0.1)	0.7 (0.1)	0.8 (0.1)
All men aged 18–44 years <sup>1</sup>	55,399	100.0	92.2 (0.6)	3.9 (0.4)	1.0 (0.1)	0.7 (0.1)	1.5 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)
2006–2008								
All women aged 18–44 years <sup>1</sup>	56,032	100.0	83.3 (1.1)	11.9 (0.9)	2.8 (0.2)	0.6 (0.1)	0.8 (0.2)	0.7 (0.1)
Age:								
18–19 years	4,598	100.0	82.4 (2.3)	9.4 (1.8)	4.8 (1.1)	0.9 (0.5)	1.3 (0.8)	1.2 (0.8)
20–24 years	10,140	100.0	77.6 (2.3)	16.7 (1.9)	3.7 (0.9)	0.8 (0.3)	0.8 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)
25–29 years	10,250	100.0	81.4 (1.8)	12.9 (1.4)	3.8 (0.9)	0.5 (0.2)	1.1 (0.4)	0.4 (0.2)
30–34 years	9,587	100.0	81.4 (2.3)	13.0 (2.1)	2.8 (0.6)	0.7 (0.3)	0.9 (0.4)	1.2 (0.5)
35–44 years	21,457	100.0	87.9 (1.4)	9.1 (1.4)	1.4 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)	0.5 (0.1)	0.6 (0.2)
Education <sup>2</sup> :								
No high school diploma or GED	6,210	100.0	84.1 (1.8)	8.7 (1.4)	5.2 (1.3)	*	0.5 (0.2)	1.4 (0.6)
High school diploma or GED	11,793	100.0	85.4 (1.6)	9.6 (1.5)	2.8 (0.7)	0.4 (0.2)	1.2 (0.4)	0.6 (0.2)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,537	100.0	82.4 (1.6)	13.1 (1.5)	1.9 (0.4)	1.0 (0.4)	0.7 (0.2)	1.0 (0.4)
Bachelor's degree or higher	15,543	100.0	83.7 (1.8)	13.1 (1.5)	1.8 (0.5)	0.4 (0.2)	0.8 (0.3)	*
Hispanic origin and race:								
Hispanic or Latina	9,272	100.0	89.1 (1.1)	6.4 (0.9)	2.1 (0.6)	0.5 (0.2)	0.8 (0.3)	1.2 (0.4)
Not Hispanic or Latina:								
White, single race	34,410	100.0	81.1 (1.4)	14.3 (1.2)	3.0 (0.4)	0.6 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)	0.3 (0.1)
Black or African American, single race	7,520	100.0	86.4 (1.7)	7.6 (1.2)	2.5 (0.7)	0.8 (0.5)	1.1 (0.4)	1.5 (0.6)
ACASI language <sup>3</sup> :								
English	51,754	100.0	82.4 (1.2)	12.5 (1.0)	2.9 (0.3)	0.6 (0.1)	0.9 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)
Spanish	4,118	100.0	94.8 (1.1)	3.3 (0.8)	1.4 (0.9)	*	*	*
All men aged 18–44 years <sup>1</sup>	55,556	100.0	93.5 (0.5)	3.7 (0.3)	0.5 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)	1.2 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)
Age:								
18–19 years	4,134	100.0	91.7 (1.8)	5.7 (1.6)	*	0.7 (0.4)	1.1 (0.5)	0.6 (0.3)
20–24 years	10,404	100.0	91.3 (1.7)	5.8 (1.2)	1.1 (0.6)	0.5 (0.3)	0.7 (0.3)	0.7 (0.5)
25–29 years	10,431	100.0	94.3 (0.9)	3.1 (0.7)	0.3 (0.1)	0.7 (0.4)	1.3 (0.5)	0.4 (0.2)
30–34 years	9,575	100.0	95.3 (0.9)	2.7 (0.6)	*	0.5 (0.3)	0.8 (0.2)	0.4 (0.3)
35–44 years	21,013	100.0	93.6 (0.8)	3.1 (0.6)	0.4 (0.2)	0.9 (0.3)	1.7 (0.4)	0.2 (0.1)
Education <sup>2</sup> :								
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	100.0	94.9 (1.0)	3.6 (0.8)	*	*	0.6 (0.3)	0.6 (0.3)
High school diploma or GED	12,278	100.0	93.5 (1.3)	2.9 (0.7)	1.1 (0.6)	0.7 (0.4)	0.9 (0.3)	0.9 (0.5)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	100.0	95.0 (0.7)	3.0 (0.6)	0.5 (0.2)	0.4 (0.2)	1.0 (0.3)	0.2 (0.1)
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	100.0	91.8 (1.2)	4.0 (0.8)	0.4 (0.2)	1.4 (0.5)	2.4 (0.6)	0.1 (0.1)
Hispanic origin and race:								
Hispanic or Latino	10,618	100.0	93.0 (0.8)	5.0 (0.7)	0.3 (0.1)	0.7 (0.3)	0.7 (0.2)	0.4 (0.2)
Not Hispanic or Latino:								
White, single race	33,573	100.0	93.8 (0.6)	3.3 (0.4)	0.6 (0.2)	0.6 (0.2)	1.4 (0.3)	0.2 (0.1)
Black or African American, single race	6,208	100.0	95.9 (1.0)	2.6 (0.8)	*	*	0.8 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)
ACASI language <sup>3</sup> :								
English	51,263	100.0	93.5 (0.5)	3.5 (0.4)	0.5 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)	1.3 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)
Spanish	4,277	100.0	93.3 (1.7)	6.3 (1.6)	*	*	*	*

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

<sup>1</sup>Includes those of other or multiple race and origin groups and missing information on sexual attraction, not shown separately.<sup>2</sup>Limited to those aged 22–44 years of age at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.<sup>3</sup>ACASI is audio computer-assisted self interviewing.

NOTES: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. See Methods section for description of all questions used in this report.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 12. Sexual identity among women aged 18–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Sexual identity					
		Total	Heterosexual or straight	Homosexual, gay, or lesbian	Bisexual	Something else <sup>1</sup>	Did not report
2002		Percent distribution (standard error)					
All women aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	55,742	100.0	90.3 (0.4)	1.3 (0.2)	2.8 (0.2)	3.8 (0.3)	1.8 (0.2)
2006–2008		Percent distribution (standard error)					
All women aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	56,032	100.0	93.7 (0.5)	1.1 (0.2)	3.5 (0.3)	0.6 (0.1)	1.1 (0.2)
Age:							
18–19 years . . . . .	4,598	100.0	90.1 (1.5)	1.9 (0.9)	5.8 (1.2)	*	*
20–24 years . . . . .	10,140	100.0	90.4 (1.6)	1.3 (0.4)	6.3 (1.1)	0.9 (0.3)	1.2 (0.8)
25–29 years . . . . .	10,250	100.0	91.9 (1.2)	1.2 (0.4)	5.4 (1.0)	0.6 (0.2)	0.9 (0.3)
30–34 years . . . . .	9,587	100.0	94.4 (0.9)	1.1 (0.5)	2.9 (0.6)	0.8 (0.3)	1.0 (0.4)
35–44 years . . . . .	21,457	100.0	96.6 (0.5)	0.7 (0.2)	1.1 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	1.3 (0.3)
Marital or cohabiting status:							
Currently married . . . . .	26,983	100.0	96.1 (0.6)	*	2.1 (0.4)	0.3 (0.1)	1.4 (0.4)
Currently cohabiting. . . . .	6,789	100.0	90.4 (1.4)	*	6.2 (1.0)	1.7 (0.8)	1.3 (0.6)
Never married, not cohabiting. . . . .	5,190	100.0	91.2 (1.1)	2.8 (0.6)	4.6 (0.7)	0.6 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)
Formerly married, not cohabiting. . . . .	17,070	100.0	94.2 (1.0)	1.0 (0.4)	3.8 (0.8)	0.6 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)
Education <sup>3</sup> :							
No high school diploma or GED . . . . .	6,210	100.0	90.0 (1.3)	0.4 (0.2)	5.3 (0.9)	1.0 (0.4)	3.2 (0.9)
High school diploma or GED . . . . .	11,793	100.0	94.4 (0.8)	1.4 (0.4)	3.1 (0.6)	0.4 (0.2)	0.7 (0.2)
Some college, no bachelor's degree . . . . .	13,537	100.0	94.2 (0.8)	1.1 (0.3)	3.6 (0.6)	0.3 (0.2)	0.8 (0.3)
Bachelor's degree or higher. . . . .	15,543	100.0	96.5 (0.6)	1.0 (0.3)	1.5 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)	0.6 (0.2)
Hispanic origin and race:							
Hispanic or Latina . . . . .	9,272	100.0	92.1 (1.2)	0.9 (0.3)	2.2 (0.5)	0.7 (0.3)	4.1 (1.2)
Not Hispanic or Latina:							
White, single race . . . . .	34,410	100.0	94.2 (0.7)	0.9 (0.2)	4.1 (0.5)	0.5 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)
Black or African American, single race . . . . .	7,520	100.0	93.3 (1.0)	1.6 (0.5)	3.0 (0.8)	1.5 (0.4)	0.7 (0.2)
ACASI language <sup>4</sup> :							
English. . . . .	51,754	100.0	94.1 (0.5)	1.1 (0.2)	3.7 (0.4)	0.6 (0.1)	0.6 (0.1)
Spanish . . . . .	4,118	100.0	88.9 (2.6)	*	1.1 (0.4)	1.3 (0.5)	7.9 (2.6)

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

<sup>1</sup>This category was only offered in years 1 and 2 of the 2006–2008 data collection. See Methods section and Technical Notes for further details.

<sup>2</sup>Includes women of other or multiple race and origin groups and those missing on ACASI language, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup>Limited to those aged 22–44 years at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>4</sup>ACASI is audio computer-assisted self interviewing.

NOTES: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. "Did not report" includes "don't know" and "refused" responses, as well as responses that were not ascertained due to interview breakoffs before these ACASI questions.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 13. Sexual identity among men aged 18–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Sexual identity					
		Total	Heterosexual or straight	Homosexual or gay	Bisexual	Something else <sup>1</sup>	Did not report
2002		Percent distribution (standard error)					
All men aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup>	55,399	100.0	90.2 (0.7)	2.3 (0.4)	1.8 (0.3)	3.9 (0.5)	1.8 (0.3)
2006–2008							
All men aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup>	55,556	100.0	95.7 (0.5)	1.7 (0.2)	1.1 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	1.3 (0.3)
Age:							
18–19 years	4,134	100.0	96.6 (0.8)	1.6 (0.6)	1.1 (0.5)	*	0.6 (0.2)
20–24 years	10,404	100.0	95.1 (1.4)	1.2 (0.4)	2.0 (0.9)	0.4 (0.2)	1.3 (0.9)
25–29 years	10,431	100.0	96.3 (0.8)	1.7 (0.6)	0.8 (0.3)	0.5 (0.2)	0.8 (0.4)
30–34 years	9,575	100.0	96.2 (0.9)	1.5 (0.5)	0.6 (0.3)	*	1.8 (0.7)
35–44 years	21,013	100.0	95.2 (0.7)	2.1 (0.4)	1.0 (0.3)	0.2 (0.1)	1.5 (0.4)
Marital or cohabiting status:							
Currently married	24,763	100.0	97.7 (0.5)	*	0.4 (0.2)	*	1.8 (0.5)
Currently cohabiting	7,292	100.0	98.1 (0.6)	*	0.5 (0.2)	*	1.0 (0.5)
Never married, not cohabiting	3,123	100.0	92.2 (0.9)	4.4 (0.5)	2.1 (0.5)	0.4 (0.1)	1.0 (0.5)
Formerly married, not cohabiting	20,379	100.0	96.9 (1.2)	1.3 (0.8)	1.5 (0.7)	*	0.0 (0.0)
Education <sup>3</sup> :							
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	100.0	93.7 (1.4)	1.3 (0.4)	0.8 (0.3)	*	3.9 (1.4)
High school diploma or GED	12,278	100.0	95.2 (1.0)	1.2 (0.3)	1.8 (0.8)	0.4 (0.2)	1.5 (0.5)
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	100.0	96.8 (0.6)	1.3 (0.3)	1.1 (0.3)	0.2 (0.1)	0.6 (0.3)
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	100.0	95.2 (0.9)	3.1 (0.6)	0.9 (0.4)	*	0.7 (0.4)
Hispanic origin and race:							
Hispanic or Latino	10,618	100.0	93.4 (0.8)	1.2 (0.3)	0.9 (0.3)	0.6 (0.3)	3.9 (0.9)
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race	33,573	100.0	96.6 (0.5)	1.8 (0.3)	1.1 (0.3)	0.1 (0.1)	0.4 (0.1)
Black or African American, single race	6,208	100.0	97.8 (0.5)	1.2 (0.4)	*	*	0.4 (0.2)
ACASI language <sup>4</sup> :							
English	51,263	100.0	96.2 (0.4)	1.8 (0.2)	1.1 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	0.7 (0.2)
Spanish	4,277	100.0	89.3 (2.0)	0.7 (0.3)	1.1 (0.7)	*	8.5 (2.3)

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

0.0 Quantity greater than zero but less than 0.05.

<sup>1</sup>This category was only offered in years 1 and 2 of the 2006–2008 data collection. See Methods section and Technical Notes for further details.

<sup>2</sup>Includes men of other or multiple race and origin groups and those missing on ACASI language, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup>Limited to those aged 22–44 years at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>4</sup>ACASI is audio computer-assisted self interviewing.

NOTES: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. "Did not report" includes "don't know" and "refused" responses, as well as responses that were not ascertained due to interview breakoffs before these ACASI questions.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 14. Sexual attraction, sexual identity, and selected sexual behavior indicators among women and men aged 18–44 years: United States, 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Any opposite-sex sexual contact <sup>1</sup>	Any vaginal intercourse with opposite-sex partner	Any oral sex with opposite-sex partner	Any anal sex with opposite-sex partner	Any same-sex sexual contact <sup>1</sup>
All women aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup>	56,032	94.1 (1.3)	92.4 (1.3)	85.3 (1.4)	33.2 (1.5)	12.7 (0.8)
Sexual attraction:						
Only to opposite sex	46,144	94.0 (1.5)	92.2 (1.5)	84.7 (1.6)	29.6 (1.6)	4.6 (0.6)
Mostly to opposite sex	6,567	97.6 (0.5)	96.0 (0.8)	94.1 (1.3)	54.8 (2.7)	47.4 (2.9)
All other <sup>3</sup>	2,857	89.2 (2.6)	87.6 (2.8)	75.3 (3.4)	40.9 (3.3)	65.8 (3.6)
Sexual identity:						
Heterosexual	52,070	94.3 (1.4)	92.6 (1.4)	85.7 (1.4)	32.7 (1.5)	9.0 (0.7)
Homosexual or bisexual	2,536	91.6 (2.2)	89.2 (2.5)	86.0 (2.6)	47.5 (3.5)	84.5 (2.8)
All men aged 18–44 years <sup>2</sup>	55,556	93.8 (0.9)	92.0 (1.0)	86.9 (1.0)	39.3 (1.5)	5.6 (0.5)
Sexual attraction:						
Only to opposite sex	51,362	94.9 (0.9)	93.3 (1.0)	88.3 (1.0)	40.0 (1.6)	2.8 (0.5)
Mostly to opposite sex	2,056	88.0 (3.2)	84.1 (3.6)	77.6 (4.4)	41.5 (5.4)	20.6 (3.0)
All other <sup>3</sup>	1,863	69.4 (4.1)	64.6 (4.4)	55.8 (1.1)	15.5 (4.3)	73.5 (3.3)
Sexual identity:						
Heterosexual	52,886	94.5 (0.9)	92.8 (1.1)	87.9 (1.1)	40.0 (1.6)	3.2 (0.5)
Homosexual or bisexual	1,543	69.8 (4.6)	64.7 (4.7)	64.8 (4.7)	24.0 (4.9)	88.4 (2.9)

<sup>1</sup>Any sexual contact with opposite-sex partners includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex. Any sexual contact with same-sex (female) partners includes oral sex or any sexual experience. For males, it includes oral or anal sex with male partners. See Methods section for description of all questions on sexual behavior used in this report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes those with missing information on sexual attraction, sexual identity, or sexual contact with opposite-sex or same-sex partners.

<sup>3</sup>Includes those responding "equally attracted to both sexes," "mostly to same sex," and "only to same sex."

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.

**Table 15. Sexual identity and sexual attraction among women and men aged 18–44 years: United States, 2006–2008**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Sexual identity					Did not report
		Total	Heterosexual or straight	Homosexual or gay	Bisexual	Something else <sup>1</sup>	
2002		Percent distribution (standard error)					
All women aged 18–44 years	56,032	100.0	93.7 (0.5)	1.1 (0.2)	3.5 (0.3)	0.6 (0.1)	1.1 (0.2)
Sexual attraction:							
Only to opposite sex	46,144	100.0	98.8 (0.3)	*	0.11 (0.4)	0.2 (0.6)	0.79 (0.2)
Mostly to opposite sex	6,567	100.0	86.8 (1.8)	0.0	10.5 (1.4)	2.1 (0.8)	0.5 (0.3)
All other <sup>2</sup>	2,857	100.0	27.2 (3.8)	19.7 (2.6)	42.1 (3.5)	3.4 (1.4)	7.5 (2.0)
All men aged 18–44 years	55,556	100.0	95.7 (0.5)	1.7 (0.2)	1.1 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	1.3 (0.3)
Sexual attraction:							
Only to opposite sex	51,362	100.0	98.9 (0.3)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.8 (0.2)
Mostly to opposite sex	2,056	100.0	90.0 (2.1)	*	6.9 (1.8)	*	*
All other <sup>2</sup>	1,863	100.0	13.2 (3.2)	47.5 (4.5)	20.8 (4.6)	2.7 (1.3)	15.9 (3.7)

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

<sup>1</sup>This category was only offered in years 1 and 2 of the 2006–2008 data collection. See Methods section and Technical Notes for further details.

<sup>2</sup>Includes those responding "equally attracted to both sexes," "mostly to same sex," and "only to same sex."

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.