



2016

# SYDNEY ASIAN GAY MEN'S SURVEY

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# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The 2016 Sydney Gay Asian Men Survey is a cross sectional research project designed to provide an updated understanding of key HIV-related behaviours and practices amongst gay men of Asian background in Sydney. It also provides a comprehensive assessment of their ongoing HIV prevention needs.

This research was led and sponsored by the Sydney-based Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Gay Men Action Group; a partnership between ACON, the Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service (MHAHS), South Eastern Sydney LHD, Sydney LHD, South Western Sydney LHD, Western Sydney LHD, Northern Sydney LHD and the Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) at UNSW.

The data presented here was collected from September 2015 and June 2016 at community and clinical venues across Sydney and also online.



**PARTICIPANTS**

**468**

Total number of participants



**ETHNICITY**

Chinese **39.7%**  
Filipino **12.6%**

Thai **12.4%**  
Indian **7.1%**

Other Asian  
Backgrounds **28.2%**



## AGE

**16.1%**  
<25

**28.5%**  
25-29

**32.8%**  
30-39

**17.2%**  
40-49

**5.3%**  
50+



## GENDER

**97.2%** Male  
(cisgender)



**2.8%** Male  
(transgender)



## SEXUALITY

**88.7%** Gay

**9.2%** Bisexual

**2.1%** Other



## RELATIONSHIP

RELATIONSHIP  
STATUS IN THE  
LAST 6 MONTHS

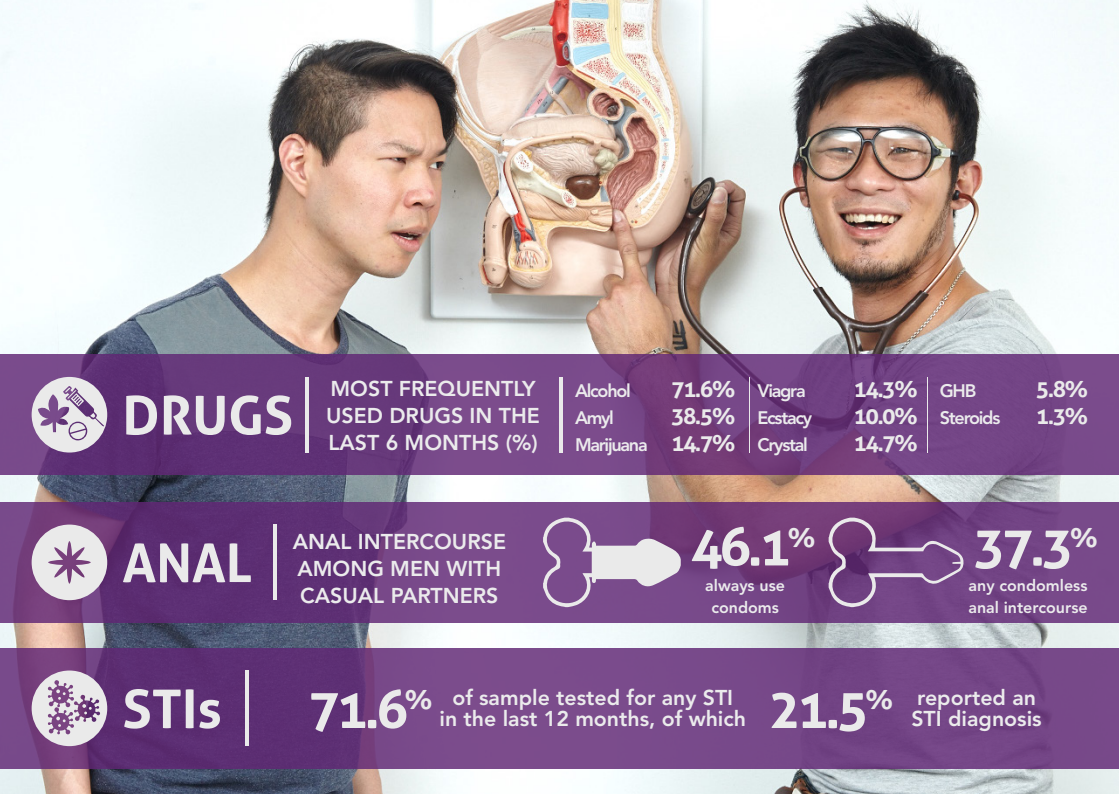
- 17.9% Regular male partner only (monogamous)
- 31.6% Regular and casual male partners
- 35% Casual male partners only
- 15.4% No sexual relationships



## TOP 3

WHERE MEN  
MEET SEX  
PARTNERS





## DRUGS

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

Alcohol	71.6%	Viagra	14.3%	GHB	5.8%
Amyl	38.5%	Ecstasy	10.0%	Steroids	1.3%
Marijuana	14.7%	Crystal	14.7%		



## ANAL

**ANAL INTERCOURSE AMONG MEN WITH CASUAL PARTNERS**



**46.1%**  
always use  
condoms



**37.3%**  
any condomless  
anal intercourse



## STIs

**71.6%** of sample tested for any STI in the last 12 months, of which

**21.5%** reported an STI diagnosis



## HIV TESTING

92.7%

of sample have ever tested for HIV



## STATUS

HIV STATUS AMONG PARTICIPANTS TESTED

86.5%  
HIV-

4.9%  
HIV+

8.5%  
Don't Know?



## HIV-

HIV NEGATIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Got tested  
86.1%



32.5%

Got tested 3 or more times





PEP

64.4%

of HIV negative men had knowledge of the existing availability of PEP, of which

9.9%

had taken PEP in last 6 months



PrEP

50.8%

of HIV negative men had knowledge of the existing availability of PrEP, of which

6.2%

had taken PrEP in last 6 months



## TEST

### LOCATION OF LATEST HIV TEST

**43.9%**

Sexual Health Clinics

**20.6%**

a[TEST] sites

**18.4%**

General Practices

**13.0%**

Hospitals

**1.5%**

Private Home

**2.7%**

Other incl. overseas



## INFO

### TOP 5 SOURCES FOR HIV & STI INFORMATION

**63.2%**

Gay websites  
& social media

**58.1%**

General websites  
& social media

**40.0%**

Sexual Health  
Clinics

**29.7%**

Gay print  
media

**26.1%**

Gay Non-Government  
Organisation

**80.1%**

Preferred info  
in English



## DISCRIMINATION

in the past  
12 months

**37.2%**  
Racism

**25.4%**  
Homophobia





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

