

Vital Statistics 2007 The UK Gay Men's Sex Survey

Republic of Ireland Health Service Executive Administrative Areas of residence data report (August 2008)

This report uses data from the UK *Gay Men's Sex Survey 2007*, conducted by Sigma Research in collaboration with health promoters throughout the UK and Ireland. It supplements the main survey report which will be published in December 2008. Survey methods and interpretation of the variables will be outlined in that report.

This data is intended to provide HIV health promotion planners with information about their local population of gay men and bisexual men. This report contains data from men who live in the Republic of Ireland and for whom area of residence is known. Respondents are grouped according to their Health Service Executive Areas of residence with the exceptions of Dublin City and County residents who are included in a separate column and Tipperary residents who are all included in the 'South' Executive area, at the request of the local Gay Men's Health Project.

There are also whole country reports for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with men grouped according to their region of residence. There are also individual data reports for each Strategic Health Authority (SHA) in England, with men grouped according to their Primary Care Trust (PCT) of residence. These, and similar reports for previous years, are available at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/go.php/local/gay

The data

The survey used two data collection methods over the summer of 2007: a self-sealing, Freepost addressed booklet distributed by health promotion agencies; and via a specific website promoted via links on gay and HIV-related websites.

This report contains data only from men recruited online. To be included in the sample respondents had to: be male; be aged 14 or over; be living in the UK or Ireland; have had sex with a man in the last year or have a gay, bisexual or other "queer" identity; have completed at least one demographic question and one other question. Differences between the number of surveys returned and the number of men who appear in the sample are due to these exclusions.

The tables

Groups of men living in the same Health Service Executive Area (HSE) or Dublin appear as a row (horizontal line) in the tables. The bottom line of each table gives the results for all men living in the Republic of Ireland. The first tables show the number of men recruited to the survey living in each HSE area and the size of the sub-samples in the rest of the tables. The remaining tables show the proportions (%) of each sub-sample for that variable. Rows add up to 100%. The only exception to this layout is table 3, Age averages.

Questionnaires

The contents page identifies the Booklet question number (Q) each table is derived from. The questionnaire used in the survey is available to download at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/files/VS2007booklet.pdf

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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

1a. Health Service Executive Administrative Area of residence.

	Frequency	Percent
Dublin City / County	305	45.3
South	139	20.7
West	88	13.1
Area unknown	81	12.0
Mid Leinster	38	5.6
North East	22	3.3
Total	673	100.0

1b. County and Health Service Executive Administrative Area of residence.

Count

	HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City						Total
	North East	Mid Leinster	Dublin City / County	West	South	Area unknown	
County unknown	0	0	0	0	0	81	81
Dublin	0	0	305	0	0	0	305
Carlow	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Clare	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Cork	0	0	0	0	86	0	86
Donegal	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
Galway	0	0	0	28	0	0	28
Kerry	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Kildare	0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Laois	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Leitrim	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Limerick	0	0	0	20	0	0	20
Longford	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Louth	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Mayo	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Meath	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Monaghan	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Offaly	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Roscommon	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Sligo	0	0	0	12	0	0	12
Tipperary	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Waterford	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Westmeath	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Wexford	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Wicklow	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Cavan	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	22	38	305	88	139	81	673

1c. Web distribution and Health Service Executive Administrative Area of residence.

Count

	HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City						Total
	North East	Mid Leinster	Dublin City / County	West	South	Area unknown	
Unknown	0	1	11	1	3	2	18
Facebook	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
gay.com	3	4	43	10	17	34	111
GAIRE	7	16	90	22	18	7	160
Gay Health Network	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gay Men's Health Service	7	12	101	31	94	26	271
GMFA	1	0	2	1	0	1	5
Myspace	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Outhouse Resource Centre	1	5	33	3	3	3	48
Out UK	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Outwest	3	0	1	17	1	1	23
Pinknews	0	0	2	0	2	2	6
Positive East	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Queer ID	0	0	15	1	0	3	19
Rainbow project	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
THT	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Total	22	38	305	88	139	81	673

2. Age groups.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Age in 10s					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
North East	9.1%	45.5%	22.7%	9.1%	13.6%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	2.6%	42.1%	34.2%	21.1%		100.0%
Dublin City / County	5.9%	41.6%	31.1%	14.4%	6.9%	100.0%
West	13.6%	36.4%	28.4%	15.9%	5.7%	100.0%
South	7.9%	45.3%	28.8%	14.4%	3.6%	100.0%
All other ROI men	5.3%	36.8%	18.4%	25.0%	14.5%	100.0%
Total	7.2%	41.3%	28.7%	16.0%	6.7%	100.0%

3. Age averages.

Age

HSE Areas of residence	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
North East	27.50	15	60	32.14	12.178
Mid Leinster	31.00	18	47	31.50	8.255
Dublin City / County	30.00	15	68	31.94	9.720
West	29.50	15	68	31.18	10.959
South	28.00	17	55	30.36	9.059
All other ROI men	32.00	18	67	35.07	11.851
Total	30.00	15	68	31.85	10.083

4. Ethnicity in 6 groups.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Ethnicity						Total
	White British	White other	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	
North East	4.5%	95.5%					100.0%
Mid Leinster	5.3%	94.7%					100.0%
Dublin City / County	4.9%	92.8%		.3%	.7%	1.3%	100.0%
West	4.5%	94.3%				1.1%	100.0%
South	1.4%	97.1%				1.4%	100.0%
All other ROI men	2.5%	84.0%	2.5%	4.9%	4.9%	1.2%	100.0%
Total	3.9%	93.0%	.3%	.7%	.9%	1.2%	100.0%

5. Sexual identity.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Sexual identity				Total
	Gay	Bisexual	I don't usually use a term	Any other term	
North East	81.8%	13.6%	4.5%		100.0%
Mid Leinster	86.8%	10.5%	2.6%		100.0%
Dublin City / County	82.6%	11.8%	4.6%	1.0%	100.0%
West	73.9%	18.2%	6.8%	1.1%	100.0%
South	68.3%	20.1%	11.5%		100.0%
All other ROI men	72.8%	17.3%	9.9%		100.0%
Total	77.6%	15.0%	6.8%	.6%	100.0%

6. Gender of sexual partners

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Gender of sexual partners				Total
	No one	Women only	Both men and women	Men only	
North East	9.1%	4.5%	4.5%	81.8%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	7.9%	2.6%	18.4%	71.1%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	6.2%	1.0%	9.8%	83.0%	100.0%
West	9.1%	3.4%	12.5%	75.0%	100.0%
South	6.5%	.7%	14.4%	78.4%	100.0%
All other ROI men	8.6%	2.5%	18.5%	70.4%	100.0%
Total	7.1%	1.6%	12.5%	78.8%	100.0%

7. Sero-discordancy with male regular partner.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	HIV serodiscordancy with male partner			Total
	Not in sero-discordant relationship	In sero-discordant relationship	Don't know if sero-discordant	
North East	90.9%		9.1%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	92.1%		7.9%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	88.9%	3.4%	7.7%	100.0%
West	97.7%	1.1%	1.1%	100.0%
South	87.7%	1.4%	10.9%	100.0%
All other ROI men	78.8%	15.0%	6.3%	100.0%
Total	88.8%	3.8%	7.4%	100.0%

HIV TESTING & HEPATITIS SUSCEPTIBILITY

8. HIV testing history.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	HIV testing history			Total
	Never tested	Tested positive	Tested negative	
North East	72.7%	4.5%	22.7%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	55.3%	2.6%	42.1%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	37.7%	5.2%	57.0%	100.0%
West	51.7%	3.4%	44.8%	100.0%
South	51.8%	2.2%	46.0%	100.0%
All other ROI men	38.8%	8.8%	52.5%	100.0%
Total	44.7%	4.6%	50.7%	100.0%

9. Hepatitis B susceptibility.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Hepatitis B susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
North East	77.3%	22.7%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	63.2%	36.8%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	54.9%	45.1%	100.0%
West	69.0%	31.0%	100.0%
South	63.0%	37.0%	100.0%
All other ROI men	56.8%	43.2%	100.0%
Total	59.9%	40.1%	100.0%

10. Hepatitis A susceptibility.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Hepatitis A susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
North East	81.8%	18.2%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	73.7%	26.3%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	67.1%	32.9%	100.0%
West	82.6%	17.4%	100.0%
South	74.8%	25.2%	100.0%
All other ROI men	77.5%	22.5%	100.0%
Total	72.8%	27.2%	100.0%

SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

11. Number of male sexual partners in the last year.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Number of male sexual partners in the last year						Total
	None	One	2,3 or 4	5 to 12	13 to 29	30 or more	
North East	13.6%	13.6%	50.0%	13.6%		9.1%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	10.5%	10.5%	34.2%	26.3%	13.2%	5.3%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	8.2%	23.0%	22.6%	25.2%	13.8%	7.2%	100.0%
West	12.6%	25.3%	27.6%	21.8%	9.2%	3.4%	100.0%
South	7.2%	24.6%	31.2%	22.5%	10.1%	4.3%	100.0%
All other ROI men	13.6%	22.2%	22.2%	18.5%	11.1%	12.3%	100.0%
Total	9.5%	22.5%	26.5%	23.1%	11.6%	6.7%	100.0%

12. Met new male sexual partner/s in last year.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Met new male partner		Total
	No	Yes	
North East	5.3%	94.7%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	11.8%	88.2%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	19.4%	80.6%	100.0%
West	16.9%	83.1%	100.0%
South	16.3%	83.7%	100.0%
All other ROI men	13.0%	87.0%	100.0%
Total	16.8%	83.2%	100.0%

13. Unprotected anal intercourse (UAI) in the previous year with partners whose HIV status was unknown or discordant.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	UAI with partners of unknown or discordant status				Total
	Not done	Insertive only	Receptive only	Both Insertive and Receptive	
North East	72.7%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	63.2%	7.9%	10.5%	18.4%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	73.5%	6.6%	8.6%	11.3%	100.0%
West	85.7%	3.6%	6.0%	4.8%	100.0%
South	76.1%	8.2%	9.0%	6.7%	100.0%
All other ROI men	76.4%	6.9%	5.6%	11.1%	100.0%
Total	75.3%	6.7%	8.1%	9.8%	100.0%

14. Perceived HIV transmission risk in the last year (for all men).

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	HIV transmission risk in last year		Total
	No	Yes	
North East	65.0%	35.0%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	52.8%	47.2%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	65.7%	34.3%	100.0%
West	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%
South	70.5%	29.5%	100.0%
All other ROI men	60.3%	39.7%	100.0%
Total	66.8%	33.2%	100.0%

HEALTH NEEDS

15. Ever heard of PEP.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Heard of PEP		Total
	No	Yes	
North East	76.2%	23.8%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	77.1%	22.9%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	59.5%	40.5%	100.0%
West	68.7%	31.3%	100.0%
South	67.6%	32.4%	100.0%
All other ROI men	70.7%	29.3%	100.0%
Total	65.2%	34.8%	100.0%

16. Any concern about your alcohol use.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Any concern about alcohol use		Total
	No	Yes	
North East	100.0%		100.0%
Mid Leinster	89.5%	10.5%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	91.0%	9.0%	100.0%
West	82.8%	17.2%	100.0%
South	87.7%	12.3%	100.0%
All other ROI men	83.1%	16.9%	100.0%
Total	88.5%	11.5%	100.0%

17. Any concern about your drug use.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Any concern about drug use		Total
	No	Yes	
North East	95.5%	4.5%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	94.7%	5.3%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	94.0%	6.0%	100.0%
West	89.7%	10.3%	100.0%
South	94.2%	5.8%	100.0%
All other ROI men	89.6%	10.4%	100.0%
Total	93.0%	7.0%	100.0%

18. I would sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
North East	4.5%	13.6%	4.5%	13.6%	63.6%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	2.7%	8.1%	8.1%	21.6%	59.5%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	2.3%	8.6%	4.9%	18.1%	66.1%	100.0%
West	4.6%	4.6%	6.9%	13.8%	70.1%	100.0%
South	.7%	2.9%	7.9%	20.9%	67.6%	100.0%
All other ROI men	6.4%	7.7%	11.5%	23.1%	51.3%	100.0%
Total	2.8%	6.9%	6.7%	18.7%	64.8%	100.0%

19. I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
North East	36.4%	27.3%	18.2%	9.1%	9.1%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	45.9%	16.2%	16.2%	10.8%	10.8%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	37.4%	38.4%	14.9%	6.0%	3.3%	100.0%
West	31.0%	33.3%	13.8%	11.5%	10.3%	100.0%
South	36.7%	34.5%	15.1%	8.6%	5.0%	100.0%
All other ROI men	31.2%	35.1%	18.2%	3.9%	11.7%	100.0%
Total	36.1%	34.9%	15.4%	7.4%	6.2%	100.0%

20. I have someone to talk to if I'm worried about safer sex and HIV.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	I have someone to talk to if I'm worried about safer sex and HIV.					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
North East	36.4%	22.7%	18.2%		22.7%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	47.2%	19.4%	13.9%	16.7%	2.8%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	35.3%	36.0%	15.8%	7.3%	5.6%	100.0%
West	23.0%	40.2%	16.1%	9.2%	11.5%	100.0%
South	31.4%	37.2%	9.5%	16.1%	5.8%	100.0%
All other ROI men	31.2%	37.7%	15.6%	3.9%	11.7%	100.0%
Total	33.1%	35.6%	14.5%	9.2%	7.6%	100.0%

21. If I wanted to know something about safer sex or HIV, I'd know how to find the answer.

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	If I wanted to know something about safer sex or HIV, I'd know how to find the answer.					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
North East	40.9%	36.4%	4.5%	9.1%	9.1%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	45.9%	37.8%	10.8%	2.7%	2.7%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	45.7%	35.8%	10.6%	5.0%	3.0%	100.0%
West	34.9%	40.7%	16.3%	3.5%	4.7%	100.0%
South	52.2%	31.2%	5.8%	5.1%	5.8%	100.0%
All other ROI men	41.6%	33.8%	15.6%	2.6%	6.5%	100.0%
Total	45.0%	35.3%	10.7%	4.5%	4.4%	100.0%

22. How easy do you find it to decline sexual contact from other men?

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Ease of declining sexual contact from other men				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
North East	22.7%	45.5%	27.3%	4.5%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	27.0%	37.8%	32.4%	2.7%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	32.0%	40.3%	22.4%	5.3%	100.0%
West	24.1%	50.6%	19.5%	5.7%	100.0%
South	32.4%	41.0%	23.7%	2.9%	100.0%
All other ROI men	37.2%	29.5%	19.2%	14.1%	100.0%
Total	31.1%	40.5%	22.7%	5.7%	100.0%

23. How easy is it for you to have safer sex during sexual encounters?

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Ease of having safer sex during sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
North East	45.5%	45.5%	9.1%		100.0%
Mid Leinster	51.4%	40.5%	8.1%		100.0%
Dublin City / County	42.9%	43.6%	11.2%	2.3%	100.0%
West	44.2%	43.0%	12.8%		100.0%
South	52.5%	42.4%	4.3%	.7%	100.0%
All other ROI men	49.4%	32.5%	9.1%	9.1%	100.0%
Total	46.4%	41.9%	9.5%	2.3%	100.0%

24. How easy is it for you to negotiate the sex that you want?

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Ease of negotiating sex that is wanted				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
North East	40.9%	40.9%	13.6%	4.5%	100.0%
Mid Leinster	37.8%	45.9%	16.2%		100.0%
Dublin City / County	31.1%	53.0%	14.6%	1.3%	100.0%
West	24.1%	60.9%	13.8%	1.1%	100.0%
South	33.1%	54.7%	12.2%		100.0%
All other ROI men	41.9%	45.9%	6.8%	5.4%	100.0%
Total	32.5%	52.8%	13.2%	1.5%	100.0%

25. How easy is it for you to maintain condom use in your sexual encounters?

% within HSE Areas of residence and Dublin City

	Ease of maintaining condom use in sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
North East	45.5%	36.4%	18.2%		100.0%
Mid Leinster	43.2%	40.5%	13.5%	2.7%	100.0%
Dublin City / County	37.6%	45.5%	13.9%	3.0%	100.0%
West	29.9%	52.9%	13.8%	3.4%	100.0%
South	43.9%	48.2%	5.8%	2.2%	100.0%
All other ROI men	40.8%	35.5%	14.5%	9.2%	100.0%
Total	38.9%	45.3%	12.3%	3.5%	100.0%

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