

YouGov - What counts as sex

Sample Size: 5807 adults in GB

Fieldwork: 21st January - 14th February 2023

	Gender		Age				Sexuality				
	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Gay and bisexual men	Lesbian and bisexual women	Straight men	Straight women	
Weighted Sample	5807	2811	2996	610	2398	1434	1365	263	201	2341	2599
Unweighted Sample	5807	2608	3199	495	2324	1451	1537	231	214	2197	2779
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If a sexual encounter involved *only* the following thing, would you consider that to count as "having sex"?

Oral stimulation of the penis (i.e. a 'blow job')

I would consider this on its own to count as "having sex"	45	47	43	28	36	56	56	57	40	47	44
I would not consider on its own to count as "having sex"	41	40	41	52	51	30	28	36	49	42	42
Don't know	8	8	8	13	7	5	8	6	8	7	7
Prefer not to say	7	5	8	6	6	8	8	2	3	5	8

Oral stimulation of the clitoris (i.e. 'licking out')

I would consider this on its own to count as "having sex"	44	46	42	29	36	54	54	53	54	46	42
I would not consider on its own to count as "having sex"	40	40	41	50	50	31	28	36	37	42	42
Don't know	8	8	8	13	8	6	9	9	6	8	8
Prefer not to say	7	6	9	7	6	9	8	3	4	5	8

Stimulation of the clitoris with fingers and/or inserting fingers into the vagina (i.e. 'fingering')

I would consider this on its own to count as "having sex"	37	37	37	25	28	47	48	41	49	37	37
I would not consider on its own to count as "having sex"	48	49	46	56	58	39	36	48	43	51	48
Don't know	8	8	8	11	7	6	9	7	5	7	8
Prefer not to say	7	6	8	7	6	8	7	3	3	4	8

Stimulation of the penis with hands (i.e. a 'hand job')

I would consider this on its own to count as "having sex"	34	34	33	19	25	44	45	37	31	34	34
I would not consider on its own to count as "having sex"	52	53	51	64	62	42	40	56	58	55	51
Don't know	7	7	8	10	7	5	8	5	8	7	7
Prefer not to say	7	6	8	7	6	8	8	2	3	5	8