



RESOURCE: SURVEY ITEMS

All Tier 2b and 2c evaluations are required to collect at least one behavioral outcome measure that is eligible for review under the [HHS TPP Evidence Review](#). While 2015 Tier 2b and 2c evaluations will not be required to report individual data to OAH as performance measures, the nine measures in the “Behavioral Questions about Sexual Intercourse” section below should be collected as part of your evaluation studies and included in your final evaluation report. The required questions cover sexual initiation, pregnancy, recent sex, recent sex without a condom and recent unprotected sex (i.e. risky sexual behavior). Six supplementary sets of questions that may be useful are provided in an effort to promote standardization of measures: (1) Intentions about vaginal sex, (2) Additional behavioral question on recent vaginal sex, (3) Additional behavioral questions on oral sex, (4) Additional behavioral questions on anal sex, (5) Pre-sexual behavioral questions (intended for young populations), and (6) Sexual orientation and gender orientation.

Evaluators should use these questions as worded for consistency across evaluations if they align with the programs’ goals. Evaluators are welcome to utilize additional relevant survey items as they wish in their studies, i.e. use of emergency contraception could be included as a separate question, as the items below are narrow in scope and not intended to be exhaustive. HHS encourages grantees and evaluators to coordinate with each other to share existing measures/constructs or to develop new ones for their projects. To create and engage in a learning community with your TPP colleagues around measures, we invite you to utilize the collaboration space in the TPP MAX.gov system.

Behavioral Questions about Sexual Intercourse – *italicized text should be removed on the survey*

The next questions are about vaginal sex. By vaginal sex, we mean a penis in a vagina. Please do not report on episodes of oral or anal sex in this section. In a later section, there are questions about oral and anal sex.

Sexual initiation

1. Have you ever had vaginal sex?
 - Yes
 - No → Skip to **Question 6**

Note for analysis: When constructing dummy variables for analysis, you should logically impute the responses to questions 2-5a as “no” or “0” if the response to Q1 is “no”, given the skip pattern presented here. Please use similar logic for the following questions, as applicable.

Pregnancy

2. To the best of your knowledge, have you ever been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant, even if no child was born?

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 3**
- Don't know

2a. To the best of your knowledge, how many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?

Tip: If count measures are key outcomes of interest, you could consider following this with a subsequent question that provides ranges for youth who respond “don't know” to the initial question. Counts could then be imputed within the banded range or you could use a categorical variable for your outcome. This may reduce non-response for a key outcome measure.

Recent sex

3. Now please think about the past 3 months. In the past 3 months, have you had vaginal intercourse, even once?

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 6**

3a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had vaginal intercourse?

Recent risky sexual behavior

4. In the past 3 months, have you had vaginal intercourse without you or your partner using a condom?

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 5**

4a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had vaginal intercourse without you or your partner using a condom?

5. In the past 3 months, have you had vaginal intercourse without you or your partner using any of these methods of birth control?

- Birth control pills
- The shot (for example, Depo Provera)
- The patch (for example, Ortho Evra)
- The ring (for example, NuvaRing)
- IUD (for example, Mirena, Skyla, or Paragard)
- Implant (for example, Implanon or Nexplanon)

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 6**
- Don't know

Tip: Use of condoms and birth control are separated here but depending on your research questions/intended final outcomes you may want to consider combining questions 4 and 5 into a single question if that best fits the goals of your evaluation.

5a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had vaginal intercourse without you or your partner using any of these methods of birth control?

Tip: If count measures are key outcomes of interest, you could consider following this with a subsequent question that provides ranges for youth who respond “don't know” to the initial question. Counts could then be imputed within the banded range or you could use a categorical variable for your outcome. This may reduce non-response for a key outcome measure.

Note: Combining questions 4 and 5 is allowable so that the list includes both condoms and birth control. If condoms and birth control are separated as shown, the ability to determine “risk of pregnancy” in the past 3 months is lost because the reported non-use of a condom (from question 4) and non-use of other methods (from question 5) may not be reported for the same sex act. To resolve this issue, use question 5b. (Also see question 9).

5b. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had vaginal intercourse without you or your partner using any method of birth control (i.e. you didn't use any of the methods above or use a condom)?

Intentions about Vaginal Sex

6. Do you intend to have vaginal sex in the next year, if you have the chance?
- Yes, definitely
 - Yes, probably
 - No, probably not
 - No, definitely not
7. If you were to have vaginal sex in the next year, do you intend to use (or have your partner use) a condom?
- Yes, definitely
 - Yes, probably
 - No, probably not
 - No, definitely not
8. If you were to have vaginal intercourse in the next year, do you intend to use (or have your partner use) any of these methods of birth control?
- Birth control pills
 - The shot (for example, Depo Provera)
 - The patch (for example, Ortho Evra)
 - The ring (for example, NuvaRing)
 - IUD (for example, Mirena or Paragard)
 - Implants (for example, Implanon)
- Yes, definitely
 - Yes, probably
 - No, probably not
 - No, definitely not

Additional Behavioral Question on Recent Vaginal Sex-Dual use

9. The last time you had vaginal sex, did you or your partner use any of these methods of birth control? (Please check all that apply)
- Condom
 - Birth control pills
 - The shot (for example, Depo Provera)
 - The patch (for example, Ortho Evra)
 - The ring (for example, NuvaRing)
 - IUD (for example, Mirena, Skyla, or Paragard)
 - Implant (for example, Implanon or Nexplanon)

Additional Behavioral Questions on Oral Sex – italicized text should be removed on the survey

The next questions are about oral sex. By oral sex, we mean a mouth on the genitals.

Sexual initiation (oral)

10. Have you ever had oral sex?
- Yes
 - No → Skip to **Question 13**

Note for analysis: When constructing dummy variables for analysis, you should logically impute the responses to questions 11-12a as “no” or “0” if the response to Q10 is “no”, given the skip pattern presented here. Please use similar logic for the following questions, as applicable.

Recent sex (oral)

11. Now please think about the past 3 months. In the past 3 months, have you had oral sex, even once?
- Yes
 - No → Skip to **Question 13**

11a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had oral sex? _____

Recent oral sex without a condom or dental dam

12. In the past 3 months, have you had oral sex without you or your partner using protection (e.g. a condom or dental dam)?
- Yes
 - No → Skip to **Question 13**

12a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had oral sex without using protection (e.g. a condom or dental dam)? _____

Additional Behavioral Questions on Anal Sex – italicized text should be removed on the survey

The next questions are about anal sex. By anal sex we mean a penis in an anus.

Sexual initiation (anal)

13. Have you ever had anal sex?
- Yes
 - No → Skip to **Question 16**

Note for analysis: When constructing dummy variables for analysis, you should logically impute the responses to questions 13a-15a as “no” or “0” if the response to Q13 is “no”, given the skip pattern presented here. Please use similar logic for the following questions, as applicable.

13a. With whom have you had anal sex? (please select one)

- Females
- Males
- Females and males

Recent sex (anal)

14. Now please think about the past 3 months. In the past 3 months, have you had anal sex, even once?

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 16**

14a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had anal sex?

Recent anal sex without a condom

15. In the past 3 months, have you had anal sex without you or your partner using a condom?

- Yes
- No → Skip to **Question 16**

15a. In the past 3 months, how many times have you had anal sex without using a condom? _____

Pre-Sexual Behavioral Questions (courtesy of ETR)

16. Have you ever touched someone's private parts? Private parts are the parts of the body covered by underwear or a bra.

- Yes
- No

17. Have you ever let someone touch your private parts?

- Yes
- No

Sexual Orientation

18. People are different in their sexual attraction to other people. Which best describes your feelings? Are you...

- Only attracted to females
- Mostly attracted to females
- Equally attracted to females and males
- Mostly attracted to males
- Only attracted to males
- Questioning/not sure

Coding for females: Any same sex attraction= mostly males, equally males and females, mostly females, only females

Coding for males: Any same sex attraction=mostly females, equally females and males, mostly males, only males

Tip: For a female-only response sample, it may be useful to change the order of the response options to focus on attraction to males first, and then attraction to females second.

19. During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact? By sexual contact, we mean touching private parts or having oral, anal, or vaginal sex.
- I have never had sexual contact
 - Females
 - Males
 - Females and males

Tip: Feel free to add additional response categories as appropriate for your study

Gender Orientation

20. Which of the following best describes you?
- Female
 - Male
 - Transgender
 - Unknown
 - Other

Tip: Feel free to add additional response categories as appropriate for your study. You may also add “(please specify)_____” next to “other.”