



Document for Use in a Webquest
Class Survey on Estimated Frequency of Sexual Intercourse

There may be misconceptions about how many young people are “sexually active”. This survey is intended to ask questions of your classmates that determine their perceptions of how many young people have had intercourse and how many young people regularly have sexual intercourse as a regular part of their relationships. This survey is to be used in a webquest that asks students to compare the estimates of their classmates with the scientific findings from national and international research studies and surveys. Please follow the procedures suggested in our student guide to conducting class surveys.

	13-15 year-olds	15-17 year olds	18-19 year olds
How many young people (stated in a percentage) do you think are sexually active in these ways:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not had sexual intercourse with anyone 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had sexual intercourse once or twice but not repeated 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had sexual intercourse several times but only with one person 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have sexual intercourse regularly with most of their boyfriends/girlfriends 			

Tabulate the results of your class survey by computing the average percentage for each part of the survey. See the example below to learn how to do this.

To calculate the average estimated percentages of 13-15 year olds who have not had sexual intercourse with anyone

Seven students replied, with estimates of 70%, 75%, 65%, 40%, 50%, 80%, 74%.

Add those responses together and divide by seven. = an average estimate of 64.8%

Do this for each for each part of the survey.

In the next part of the webquest, you will investigate how many young people are having sexual intercourse. You will compare the estimates of your classmates with the results of scientific studies and with other surveys.