

# THRIVE SEXUALITY SURVEY

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**82** 6-8th Grade students completed the survey.

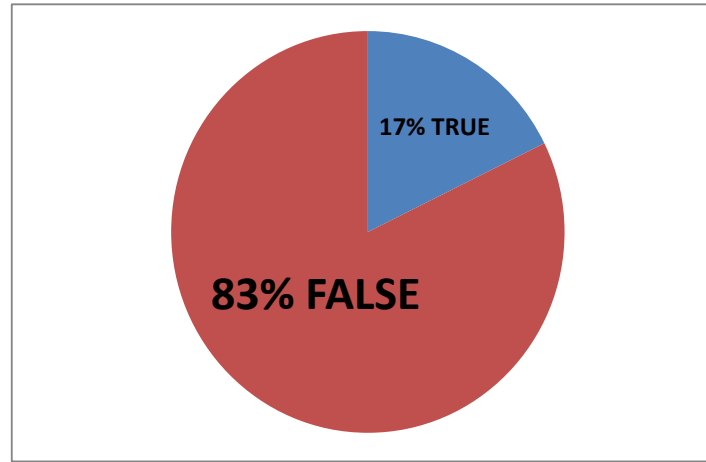
**57% MALES**

**43% FEMALES**

**31 SIXTH GRADERS**

**28 SEVENTH GRADERS**

**23 EIGHTH GRADERS**



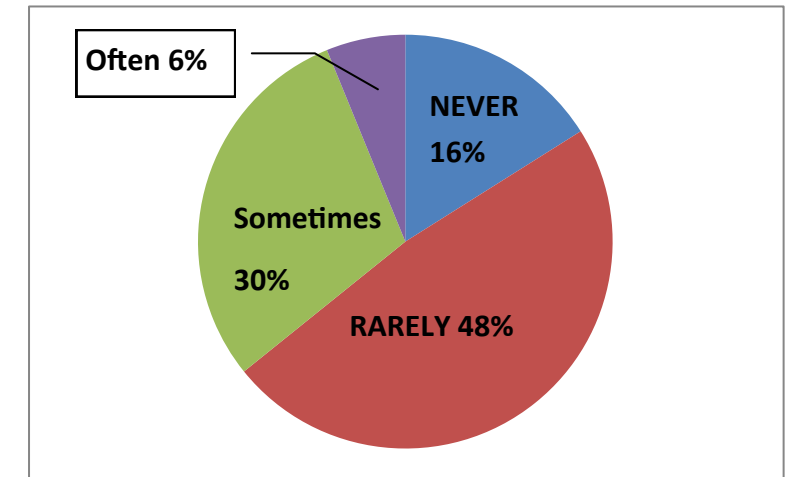
**Only adults can commit adultery.**

Some define adultery as sex between two people where at least one is currently married and fornication is having sex without being married. These definitions are commonly used in Old Testament study.

New Testament is more specific in dealing with pre-marital sex.

For Jesus, even having lust in one's heart constituted adultery (Matthew 5:28).

Some have remarked that adultery is a more serious sin than sex-before-marriage since it breaks a covenant, commitment, promise, etc.



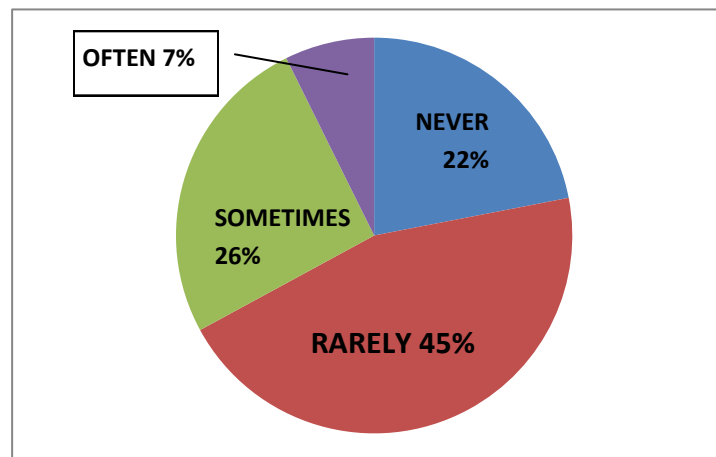
**How often does an adult family member talk with you about sex or dating?**

6th and 7th graders were more likely to report having conversations.

6th graders overall report having more conversations.

8th Graders were nearly twice as likely to say they "never" have conversations about sex with an adult.

Girls report slightly more conversations than boys.



**I have viewed sexual images.**

Only 6 students reported viewing images "often." (1 was a girl, 5 were boys)

Boys were only slightly more likely to report they view images.

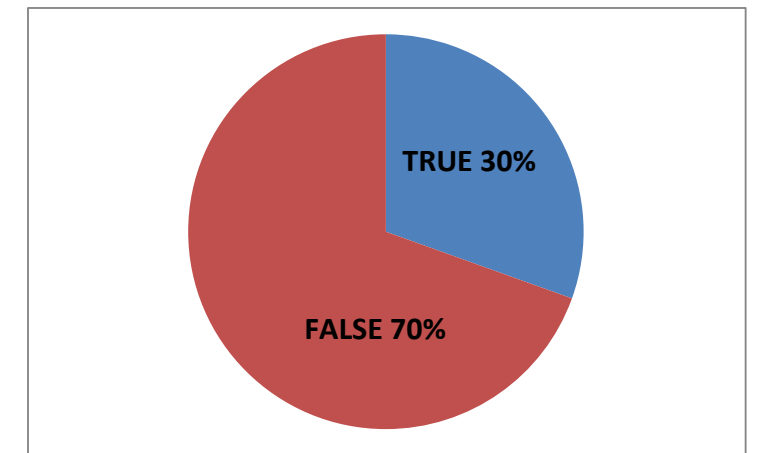
The largest answer clusters were:

10 7th grade girls reported seeing images "sometimes."

11 8th grade boys reported seeing images "rarely."

All other counts were 8 or less

A Canadian study in 2007 reported 90% of males and 70% of females aged 13 and 14 viewed sexually explicit content at least once. Our results show similar results.



**I have friends who have done things beyond kissing.**

7th and 8th graders were 3x as likely to report TRUE over 6th graders.

Girls were more likely to report TRUE over boys.

71% of 8th grade girls reported TRUE

6th Grade: 13% of both girls and boys each reported TRUE

7th Grade: 38% of boys said TRUE and 42% of girls said TRUE

8th Grade: 31% of boys said TRUE and 71% of girls said TRUE

"Friends" was not defined as Jr. High age so some "friends" may have been older youth.

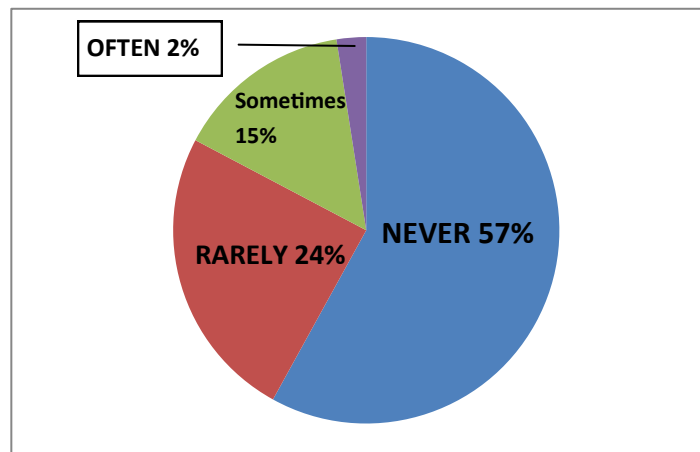
**Of those who say an adult NEVER talks to them about sex/puberty/etc,**  
 38% were NEVER concerned about sex/puberty/etc.  
 23% were RARELY concerned  
 23% were SOMETIMES concerned    **61% overall were concerned**  
 15% were OFTEN concerned

**Of those who say an adult RARELY talks to them about sex/puberty/etc,**  
 13% were NEVER concerned about sex/puberty/etc.  
 49% were RARELY concerned  
 28% were SOMETIMES concerned    **87% overall were concerned**  
 10% were OFTEN concerned

**Of those who say an adult SOMETIMES talks to them about sex/puberty/etc,**  
 08% were NEVER concerned about sex/puberty/etc.  
 50% were RARELY concerned  
 38% were SOMETIMES concerned    **92% overall were concerned**  
 04% were OFTEN concerned

**Of those who say an adult OFTEN talks to them about sex/puberty/etc,**  
 0% were NEVER concerned about sex/puberty/etc.  
 20% were RARELY concerned  
 40% were SOMETIMES concerned    **100% were concerned**  
 40% were OFTEN concerned

A quick look at these results suggest kids who have more discussions are also more likely to be concerned which seems counter-intuitive.



**I have received emails, texts, or facebook messages that were sexual.**

7th Graders were most likely to report receiving sexual messages.

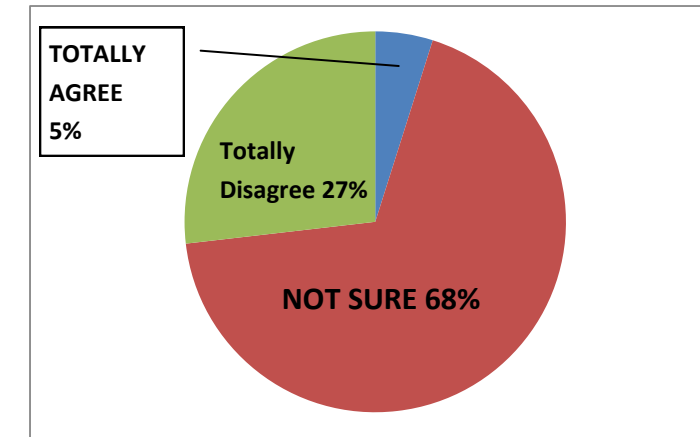
13% of 7th grade boys reported OFTEN. All others reported 0%.

6th grade girls reported more than 6th grade boys.

7th grade girls and boys were even but more 7th grade boys reported SOMETIMES and OFTEN

8th grade girls and boys were almost identical

6th grade boys were the least likely to receive messages at 80% with 6th grade girls at 69%



**Do you agree with someone who says "sex is bad"?**

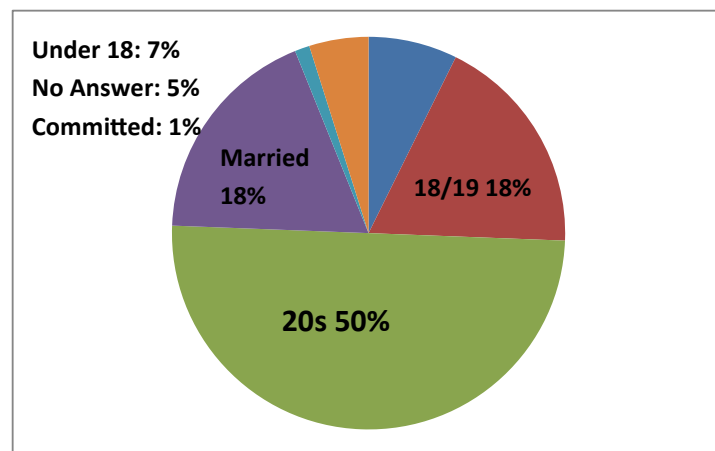
This question was asked at the beginning of the Learning Event. The answer from most is likely to have changed after our past two Learning Events.

7th graders were almost twice as likely to TOTALLY DISAGREE (73%)

6th and 8th graders were even at 39%

6th graders were the most unsure with about 80% of both girls and boys.

The most unsure group were 8th grade girls at 86%



**How old should you be when you have sex for the first time?**

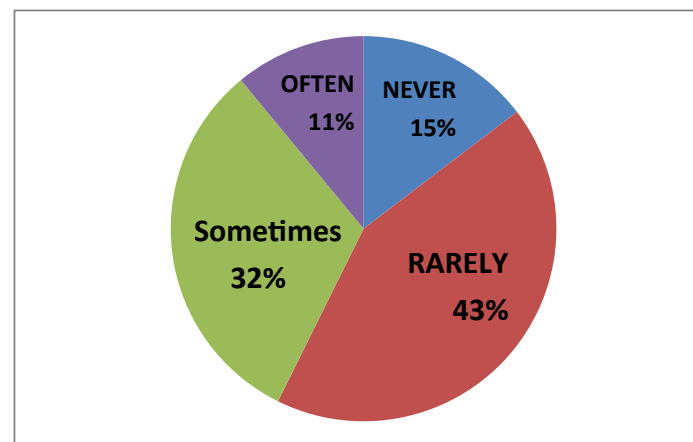
A deliberate "trick question."

57% of 8th grade girls gave MARRIED as their answer.

25% of 7th grader girls and boys gave MARRIED as their answer.

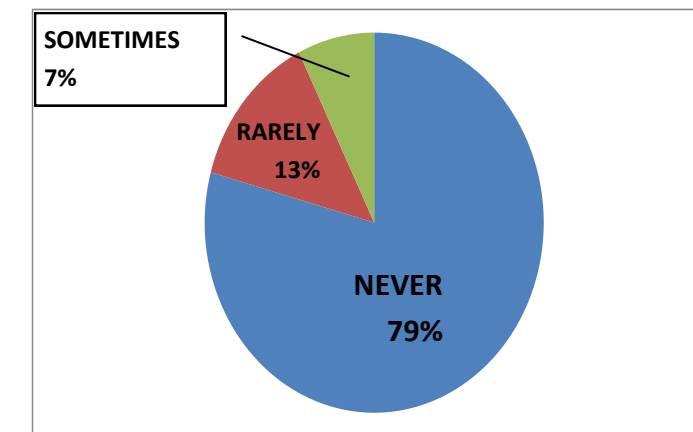
An interesting questions to ask youth is "at what age would you expect to be married?"

For now, the vast majority do not expect to be having sex before they finish high school. Asking this same question to 9th/10th/11th graders would probably provide different results.



**How often are you concerned about sex, puberty and/or dating?**

A large number reporting RARELY is surprising for early adolescents especially given the word concerned is different from worried or anxious.



**I feel pressure to have sex (from friends/classmates/family/others?)**

No one said OFTEN.

13% of 6th grade boys report RARELY

13% of 6th grade girls report SOMETIMES

13% of 7th grade boys report RARELY    6% of 7th grade boys report SOMETIMES

33% of 7th grade girls report RARELY

19% of 8th grade boys report SOMETIMES

14% of 8th grade girls report RARELY