

**SURVEY TITLE:** British Columbia Adolescent Health Survey

**ACRONYM:** BC AHS I, BC AHS II, BC AHS III

**SPONSOR:** The McCreary Centre Society.

**SURVEY PURPOSE:** The Adolescent Health Survey (AHS) is a questionnaire used to gather information about youth health. The survey provides information about physical and emotional health, and about factors that can influence health during adolescence or in later life. Survey results are used extensively by schools, communities, government agencies, health professionals and by young people themselves in planning youth programs and services.

**LOCATION SAMPLED:** British Columbia, Canada.

**YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED:** 1992 (BC AHS I), 1998 (BC AHS II), 2003 (BC AHS III).

**SAMPLE SIZE:** The BC AHS III was administered in over 1,500 classrooms by approximately 190 Public Health Nursing staff during the spring of 2003. Over 30,000 BC students in grades 7 through 12 completed a questionnaire. Forty-five of the Province's 59 school districts participated in AHS III.

**METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION:** self-completed questionnaire.

#### **SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:**

##### **BC AHS I:**

Q81. People have different feelings about themselves when it comes to questions of being attracted to other people. Which of the following best describes your feelings? 100% heterosexual (attracted to persons of the opposite sex), Mostly heterosexual, Bisexual (equally attracted to men and women), Mostly homosexual, 100% homosexual ("gay/lesbian"; attracted to persons of the same sex), Not sure.

Q82. When you daydream or fantasize about sex, do you think about: Males, Females, Both, I do not yet fantasize about sex.

##### **BC AHS II:**

Q. 93. People have different feelings about themselves when it comes to questions of being attracted to other people. Which of the following best describes your feelings? 100% heterosexual (attracted to persons of the opposite sex), Mostly heterosexual, Bisexual (equally attracted to men and women), Mostly homosexual, 100% homosexual ("gay/lesbian"; attracted to persons of the same sex), Not sure.

**BC AHS III:**

#90. During the past year, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse? Response options include: I have never had sexual intercourse, 0 males, 1 male, 2 males, 3 or more males.

#91. During the past year, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse? Response options include: I have never had sexual intercourse, 0 females, 1 female, 2 females, 3 or more females.

Q. 99. People have different feelings about themselves when it comes to questions of being attracted to other people. Which of the following best describes your feelings? 100% heterosexual (attracted to persons of the opposite sex), Mostly heterosexual, Bisexual (attracted to men and women), Mostly homosexual, 100% homosexual ("gay/lesbian"; attracted to persons of the same sex), Not sure.