

SURVEY TITLE: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

ACRONYM: NHANES III, NHANES 1999+

SPONSOR: National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

SURVEY PURPOSE: Designed to collect information about the health and diet of U.S. population.

LOCATION SAMPLED: United States.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1988-94 (NHANES III), 1999+ (NHANES 1999+)

SAMPLE SIZE:

NHANES III: 5,731 men asked relevant questions out of 39,695 total respondents.

NHANES 1999+: 6,500 subjects interviewed/year

METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION:

NHANES III: Face-to-Face at the Mobile Examination Center

NHANES 1999+: Audio CASI

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

NHANES III:

The following questions are asked in the Reproductive Health Section of the questionnaire.

Asked of all male respondents age 17-59 years old:

F51. With how many different partners have you ever had sexual intercourse?

Asked of male respondents reporting at least one partner to question F51:

F54. How many partners have been female?

AND

F55. How many partners have been male?

NHANES 1999+:

The following questions are asked in the Sexual Behavior Section of the questionnaire.

Asked of all female respondents age 14-59 years old:

SXQ 100: In your lifetime, with how many men have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 120: In the past 12 months, with how many men have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 130: In your lifetime, with how many women have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 150: In the past 12 months, with how many women have you had sex?

Asked of all male respondents age 14-59 years old:

SXQ 170: In your lifetime, with how many women have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 190: In the past 12 months, with how many women have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 200: In your lifetime, with how many men have you had sex?

AND

SXQ 220: In the past 12 months, with how many men have you had sex?

Asked of female respondents age 18-59 years old:

SXQ 292: Do you think of yourself as... [Verbal Instructions to Respondent: Heterosexual or straight (that is, sexually attracted only to men); homosexual or gay (that is, sexually attracted only to women); bisexual (that is, sexually attracted to men and women); something else; or you're not sure?] heterosexual or straight (attracted to men), homosexual or lesbian (attracted to women), bisexual (attracted to men and women), something else, or not sure?

Asked of male respondents age 18-59 years old:

SXQ 294: Do you think of yourself as... [Verbal Instructions to Respondent: Heterosexual or straight (that is, sexually attracted only to women); homosexual or gay (that is, sexually attracted only to men); bisexual (that is, sexually attracted to men and women); something else; or you're not sure?] heterosexual or straight (attracted to women), homosexual or gay (attracted to men), bisexual (attracted to men and women), something else, or not sure?