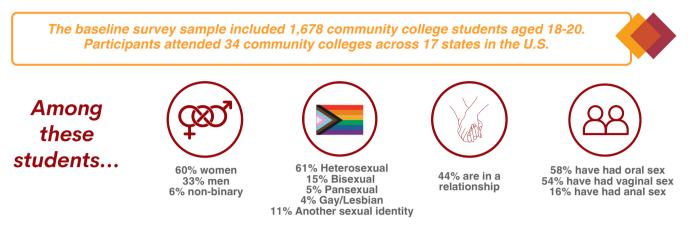


## What is the state of the sexual and relationship health of community college students?

Findings from the Community College Health Study baseline survey, collected in 2021-2023, paint an important portrait of the current trends in the sexual and relationship health of young U.S. community college students. These results pinpoint opportunities to improve sexual health outcomes (e.g., STI testing, condom use) among community college students and reduce the likelihood of unplanned pregnancy and HIV/STIs.





## **Contraception**

On average, students report CURRENTLY using condoms<sup>a</sup>...

RARELY during oral sex RARELY during anal sex SOMETIMES during vaginal sex Students RARELY use dual contraception (i.e., condoms and another form of birth control) during vaginal sex On average, students felt that IN THE FUTURE they were<sup>b</sup>... UNLIKELY to use a condom or dental dam during oral sex LIKELY to use a condom during vaginal sex LIKELY to use contraception during vaginal sex

## **Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Among sexually active students, just...

42% have been tested for STIs Among students who have been tested...

11% have ever been diagnosed with an STI

## Key Takeaways

Many young community college students do not engage in healthy sexual behaviors like STI testing and consistent contraception use. As a result, students may be at risk for STIs and unplanned pregnancy, which can impact their health and make it more difficult to achieve their educational and vocational goals.

There is a clear need to improve these outcomes in students. Community colleges have the key opportunity to implement programming that educates students, cultivates the skills they need to make healthy decisions, and connects them with sexual health services.

These results are a snapshot of what was included in the third edition of the Community College Health Study newsletter. For more information, to see the full newsletter, and to sign up to receive future newsletters, visit <u>https://cchealthstudy.com/results/</u>.



a Students responded to questions about their engagement in these sexual behaviors on the following scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Always b Students responded to questions about their intentions to engage in these sexual behaviors on the following scale: Not at all likely, Unlikely, Likely, Extremely Likely

