

Table 4. Number of opposite-sex sexual partners in lifetime among males aged 15–44 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2002 and 2006–2008

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Total	Number of opposite-sex (female) partners in lifetime ¹							Median number ²
			0	1	2	3–6	7–14	15 or more		
2002			Percent distribution (standard error)							
All males aged 15–44 years ³	61,147	100.0	9.6 (0.6)	12.5 (0.8)	8.0 (0.6)	27.2 (1.0)	19.5 (0.9)	23.2 (1.0)	5.6 (0.2)	
2006–2008										
All males aged 15–44 years ³	62,199	100.0	11.4 (1.0)	15.0 (1.0)	7.6 (0.6)	26.5 (1.2)	18.1 (0.8)	21.4 (1.1)	5.1 (0.2)	
Age:										
15–19 years	10,777	100.0	43.3 (2.4)	21.2 (1.9)	9.4 (1.1)	17.6 (1.5)	5.4 (1.0)	3.1 (0.6)	1.8 (0.2)	
20–24 years	10,404	100.0	14.4 (3.1)	19.1 (2.8)	8.0 (1.3)	26.1 (2.9)	18.1 (2.6)	14.2 (2.3)	4.1 (0.6)	
25–44 years	41,019	100.0	2.4 (0.4)	12.3 (1.0)	7.0 (0.7)	28.9 (1.3)	21.5 (1.3)	27.9 (1.6)	6.1 (0.3)	
25–29 years	10,431	100.0	3.8 (0.8)	11.8 (1.5)	8.9 (1.4)	29.5 (2.3)	22.9 (2.1)	23.1 (1.6)	5.7 (0.3)	
30–34 years	9,575	100.0	3.1 (0.8)	14.2 (1.8)	6.1 (1.0)	26.6 (3.0)	21.7 (2.4)	28.3 (3.1)	6.4 (1.0)	
35–39 years	10,318	100.0	1.4 (0.5)	13.3 (2.4)	5.6 (0.9)	29.7 (2.4)	19.6 (2.2)	30.6 (3.0)	6.2 (0.9)	
40–44 years	10,695	100.0	1.3 (0.3)	10.3 (1.7)	7.2 (1.2)	29.7 (2.5)	21.6 (2.8)	30.0 (2.8)	6.4 (0.8)	
Marital or cohabiting status:										
Currently married	24,763	100.0	–	19.1 (1.9)	7.5 (0.9)	30.7 (2.0)	20.7 (1.6)	22.1 (2.0)	4.9 (0.3)	
Currently cohabiting	7,301	100.0	–	10.3 (3.0)	7.6 (1.6)	24.4 (3.0)	25.9 (2.5)	31.8 (2.9)	7.3 (0.8)	
Never married, not cohabiting	27,012	100.0	26.3 (2.0)	14.1 (0.9)	8.2 (0.8)	23.6 (1.6)	12.9 (1.0)	14.9 (1.2)	4.1 (0.2)	
Formerly married, not cohabiting	3,123	100.0	–	1.4 (0.8)	2.2 (1.0)	23.9 (2.7)	25.1 (3.3)	47.4 (3.5)	11.9 (1.3)	
Education ⁴ :										
No high school diploma or GED	8,530	100.0	1.2 (0.5)	9.9 (1.9)	9.8 (2.3)	31.2 (4.5)	21.5 (2.2)	26.4 (3.2)	5.8 (0.5)	
High school diploma or GED	12,278	100.0	3.1 (0.9)	12.2 (2.3)	5.2 (0.8)	27.5 (2.2)	23.3 (2.1)	28.8 (2.3)	6.7 (0.8)	
Some college, no bachelor's degree	13,521	100.0	6.9 (2.7)	10.3 (2.5)	5.2 (0.8)	29.6 (3.0)	19.3 (2.1)	28.8 (2.7)	6.4 (0.8)	
Bachelor's degree or higher	13,112	100.0	5.1 (1.0)	18.9 (1.7)	8.4 (1.3)	26.4 (1.9)	20.0 (2.1)	21.2 (2.2)	4.8 (0.4)	
Hispanic origin and race:										
Hispanic or Latino	11,724	100.0	7.9 (0.7)	12.5 (1.1)	10.2 (1.5)	32.6 (2.5)	17.8 (1.6)	19.1 (1.7)	4.6 (0.3)	
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White, single race	37,374	100.0	11.6 (1.7)	16.1 (1.5)	7.3 (0.7)	25.7 (1.6)	18.4 (1.2)	20.9 (1.6)	5.1 (0.3)	
Black or African American, single race	7,186	100.0	9.6 (1.8)	8.3 (1.3)	5.0 (1.0)	25.6 (2.0)	21.6 (2.3)	30.0 (2.1)	6.9 (0.8)	

– Quantity zero.

¹Includes female partners with whom he had any type of sexual contact (vaginal, oral, or anal sex). "In lifetime" refers to time of interview.²Excludes those who have never had vaginal, oral, or anal sex with a female partner.³Includes males of other or multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.⁴Limited to males 22–44 years of age at time of interview. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCES: Reference 9 and CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2008.