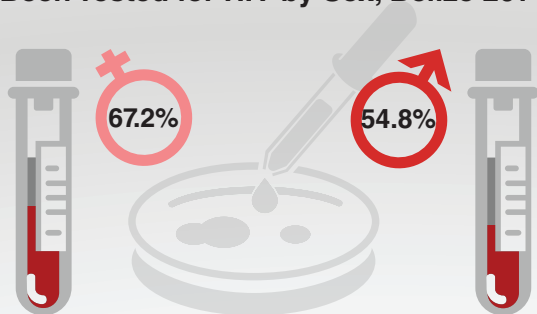


HIV TESTING

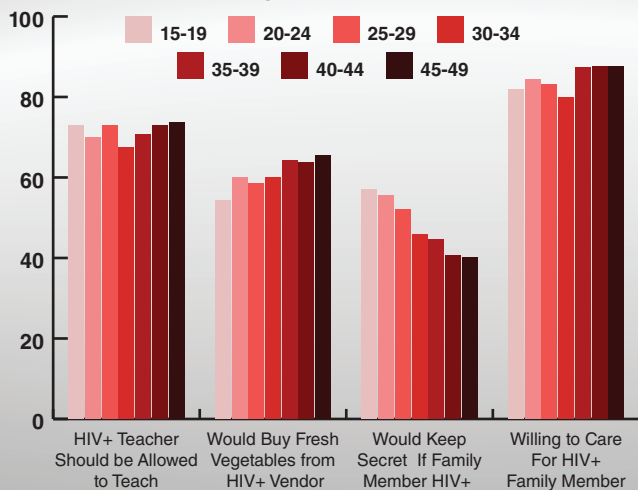
Approximately three-fifths of the 15 to 49 years old population had been tested for HIV at some point. Females were more likely to have been tested than males.

Population 15 to 49 Years who have Ever Been Tested for HIV by Sex, Belize 2014



ATTITUDES TOWARDS PERSONS WITH HIV

Population 15 to 49 Years, Attitude toward People with HIV by Five Year Age Group, Belize 2014



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WHAT IS THE 2014 KAP SURVEY ON SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND HIV?

The 2014 Knowledge, Attitudes & Practices (KAP) Survey on Sexual Behavior and HIV was conducted in September 2014 by the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) in partnership with the United Nations Development Program and the National Aids Commission. The survey was carried out over a four-week period, as a module in the SIB's regularly scheduled Labour Force Survey.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF THE SURVEY

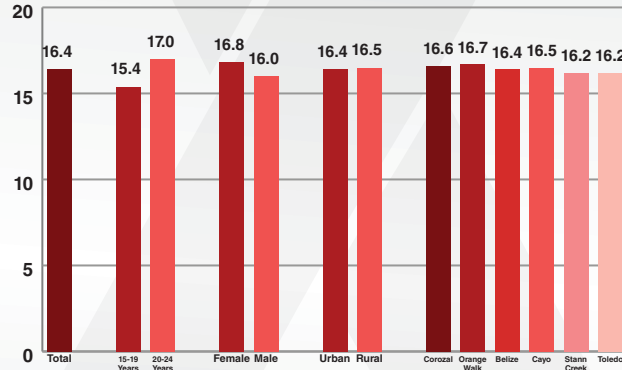
The KAP survey focused on **young persons aged 15 to 24 years old**. It collected information on sexual behavior and on knowledge, attitudes and practices with respect to HIV and persons with HIV. This information helps policy makers and program managers to identify key gaps in the national response to HIV, enabling more effective planning and interventions to halt the spread of HIV among the most at-risk populations.

Coverage was **nationwide**, with a random sample of **2,800 households** coming from both urban and rural areas. Because of the sensitive nature of the questions asked, each respondent was interviewed in private by one interviewer.

AGE OF FIRST INTERCOURSE

- About 9% of the youth population had their first sexual intercourse before the age of 15.
- About 11% of males in this age group began having sex before they were 15 years of age, compared to 7% of females.
- Stann Creek had the highest proportion of youths who had sex for the first time before they were 15 years old (11%), while Corozal had the lowest (6.5%).
- The Maya had the lowest percentage (3.4%) of youths who had sex before they were 15 years old, compared to approximately 10% of Creole and Garifuna youths.

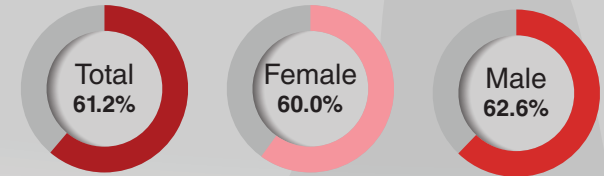
Mean Age at First Sexual Intercourse, Belize 2014



YOUTHS WHO EVER HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

- Of Belize's 15 to 24 year old population, 61% (or 42,346 persons) had had sexual intercourse before.
- A slightly higher percentage of males (63%) than females (60%) reported that they had ever had sexual intercourse.
- About two-fifths of the 15 to 19 years age group had already had sex, compared to approximately 85 percent of persons 20 to 24 years old.

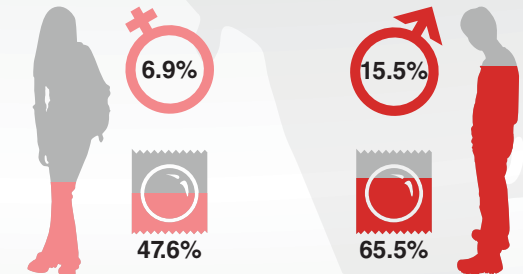
Population 15 to 24 Years Who Have Ever Had Sexual Intercourse by Sex, Belize 2014



Condom Use at First Sexual Intercourse, Belize 2014

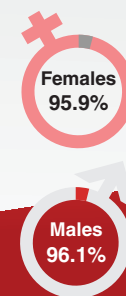


More Than One Sexual Partner in the Last Twelve Months by Sex & Condom Use at Last Sexual Intercourse, Belize 2014



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Ever Heard of HIV by Sex



Ever Heard of HIV by District

