

THE MISI 2015 SEXUAL HEALTH REPORT

A report on the most extensive ever survey of the sex lives of men who have sex with men (MSM) in the Republic of Ireland has just been published. Over 3,090 men completed the survey in 2015, and here we present some of the key community findings. **Get the full report at www.misi.ie and www.ghn.ie**

10%

of respondents were aged between 18 and 19

47%

of the respondents were under 30

25%

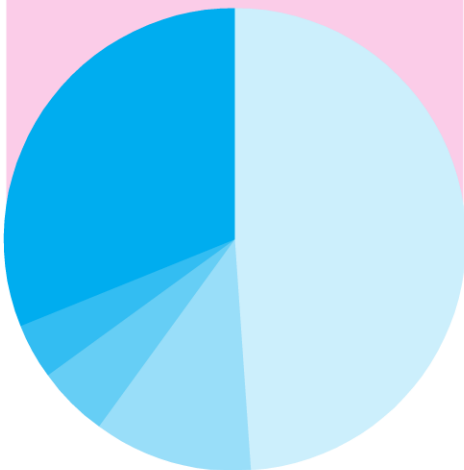
were between 30 and 39

28%

and 28% were over 40

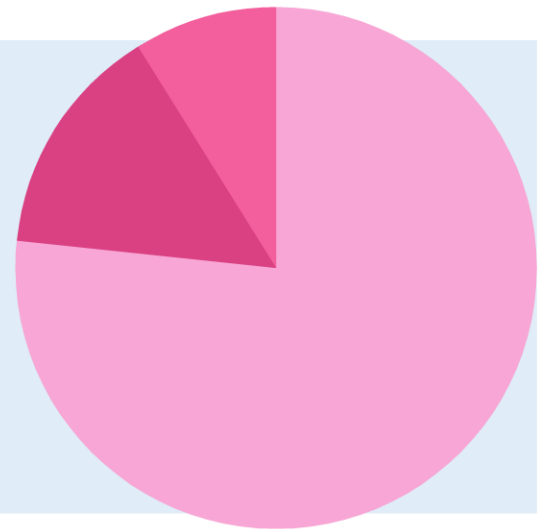
WHERE THE RESPONDENTS LIVE

DUBLIN **49%**
CORK **11%**
GALWAY **5%**
LIMERICK **4%**
OTHER 22 COUNTIES **31%**



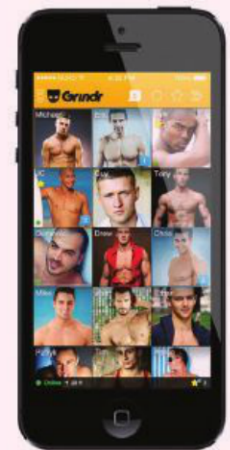
IDENTITY

79% OF RESPONDENTS IDENTIFIED AS **GAY**, **13%** AS **BISEXUAL**, AND **8%** AS **OTHER**



TOP 3 PLACES TO MEET FOR SEX

- 1.** SMARTPHONE APPS AND INTERNET.
- 2.** DISCO, CLUB, FRIENDS, BAR.
- 3.** SAUNA, CRUISING, BACKROOMS, SEX PARTIES.



9% were not out to anyone at all.

66% were out to all or most of the people they know.



**never tested
for HIV**



One in Five

who had tested for a sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the previous 12 months were diagnosed with an STI. **This increased among those with a high number of sex partners.**

**CONDOM USE IN
LAST 12 MONTHS**

55% had unprotected (without a condom) anal intercourse (UAI). UAI was higher among those with a steady partner. **68%** of respondents who had sex with one or more steady partner had UAI. (15% did not know the HIV status of their sex partner). **42%** of those who had sex with a non-steady sex partner had UAI.



24%

reported a lack of access to a condom in the previous 12 months. 16% have had unprotected anal intercourse due to lack of access to a condom in the last 12 months. 70% never had unprotected anal sex due to a lack of a condom.

Never tested for HIV

- Dublin 28%**
- Cork 41%**
- Limerick 42%**
- Galway 42%**
- Other 22 Counties 47%**

12% lacked confidence in getting a HIV test.