

Survey Results

- 86% of teens say young people today face pressures when it comes to sex and relationships.
- Among the 15-17 year olds that have not had sex, 83% say the "major reason" they have decided to wait is because of concerns about pregnancy and 74% reported that they made a conscious decision to wait.
- Teens are weighing the physical and emotional effects when it comes to sex and relationships. According to the survey, teens are balancing concerns about pregnancy and disease with feelings about personal readiness and maturity, relationships with parents, and communication with partners in their decision to have sex.
- As teens make decisions about sex and relationships, many express a need for more information. While most teens say they are comfortable with talking about sexual decision making with trusted adults, they want to know more about the specifics: how HIV and STDs are spread, their consequences and testing.



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