



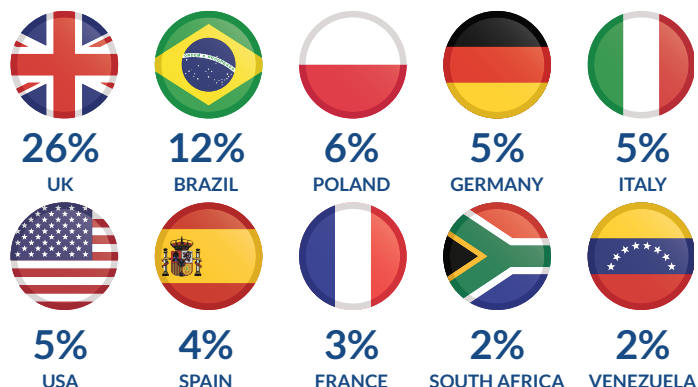
**Community Report Part 4** published for World AIDS Day 2020 ('Global Solidarity and Shared Responsibility') presents key findings on the 514 men who indicated they were not born in the Republic of Ireland (ROI). Much appreciation and thanks to these and the 2083 men who completed EMIS-2017 Ireland in 25 languages. The Ireland main and community reports can be found at [www.gayhealthnetwork.ie/research](http://www.gayhealthnetwork.ie/research) and the main EMIS-2017, national and community reports at [www.emis2017.eu](http://www.emis2017.eu)



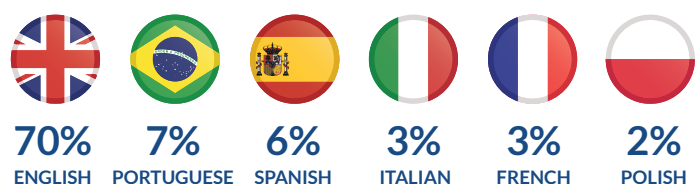
## WHERE YOU WERE BORN



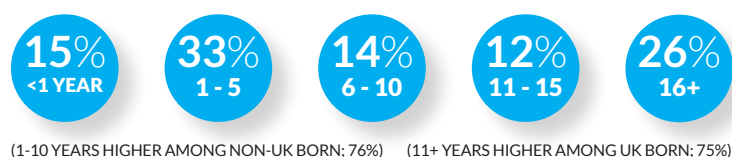
## THE TOP 10 PLACES



## THE TOP LANGUAGES USED TO COMPLETE SURVEY



## HOW MANY YEARS LIVING IN ROI



(1-10 YEARS HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN; 76%) (11+ YEARS HIGHER AMONG UK BORN; 75%)

## WHERE YOU LIVE



## WHY YOU CAME TO ROI

**54%** TO WORK  
(HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN; 63%)

**29%** TO STUDY  
(HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN; 35%)

**19%** BROUGHT AS A CHILD  
(HIGHER AMONG UK BORN; 50%)

**15%** TO LIVE MORE OPENLY AS GAY, BISEXUAL, OR TRANS  
(HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN; 18%)

**11%** TO BE WITH PARTNER

**1%** TO SEEK ASYLUM OR AS A REFUGEE

## YOUR AGE

**17%**  
17 - 24

**55%**  
25 - 39

**21%**  
40 - 54

**7%**  
55+

(AGED 17-39 HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN)

(AGED 40+ HIGHER AMONG UK-BORN)

## YOUR SEXUAL IDENTITY

**84% GAY**

**10% BISEXUAL**

**1% STRAIGHT**

**5% NO TERM**

## YOUR OUTNESS



**66%**

WERE OUT TO MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE YOU KNEW



## LIVING WITH HIV

9%

OF YOU WERE LIVING WITH HIV  
(TOP FIVE: BRAZIL, HUNGARY, UK,  
FRANCE, SPAIN)

WERE HAVING YOUR HIV  
MONITORED REGULARLY

97%

97%

WERE ON ANTI-RETROVIRAL  
TREATMENT

OF THE MEN ON ART HAD  
UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD

100%

## YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

57%  
SINGLE

37%  
STEADY  
RELATIONSHIP

6%  
OTHER TYPES OF  
RELATIONSHIP/S

## STI DIAGNOSIS IN PREVIOUS YEAR

OF THE MEN WHO HAD TESTED  
FOR STIs IN PREVIOUS YEAR

21% HAD  
GONORRHOEA

9% HAD  
CHLAMYDIA

6% HAD  
SYPHILIS

## TESTING

85% OF YOU HAVE EVER  
TESTED FOR HIV

78% OF YOU HAVE EVER  
TESTED FOR STIs

39% OF YOU HAD A FULL STI SCREEN  
IN LAST 12 MONTHS  
(HIV, BLOOD TEST, ANAL & THROAT SWAB, URINE)

## HEPATITIS B VACCINE

65% OF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FULL COURSE

## WAYS YOU MET-UP FOR SEX WITH YOUR LAST NON-STEADY SEX PARTNER

70%

SMARTPHONE /  
INTERNET

7%

BACKROOM OF  
BAR OR GAY SEX  
CLUB

10%

GAY SAUNAS

4%

GAY COMMUNITY  
CENTRE, ORGANI-  
SATION, OR SOCIAL  
GROUP

9%

GAY CAFÉ, BAR,  
DISCO OR NIGHT  
CLUB

4%

PRIVATE SEX  
PARTY/CRUISING/  
PORN CINEMA

## SEX WITH MEN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

75%

OF THE MEN WHO HAD A STEADY  
MALE PARTNER HAD CONDOMLESS  
ANAL INTERCOURSE

55%

OF THE MEN WHO HAD SEX WITH A  
NON-STEADY MALE PARTNER HAD  
CONDOMLESS ANAL INTERCOURSE

40%

OF YOU WHO HAD SEX (ANAL INTERCOURSE)  
WITH A NON-STEADY MALE PARTNER SAID  
YOU 'ALWAYS' USED CONDOMS

43%

OF YOU WHO HAD SEX WITH A NON-STEADY  
MALE PARTNER HAD CONDOMLESS ANAL  
INTERCOURSE WITH 2 OR MORE  
NON-STEADY MALE PARTNERS

26%

OF YOU HAD CONDOMLESS ANAL  
INTERCOURSE BECAUSE YOU DID NOT HAVE  
A CONDOM

28%

OF YOU HAD CONDOMLESS ANAL SEX WITH  
A NON-STEADY PARTNER OF UNKNOWN HIV  
STATUS

## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

82%

OF YOU HAD SEEN HIV & STI INFORMATION  
SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT MSM IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

51%

OF YOU WHO HAD ACCESSED CONDOMS IN PREVIOUS  
YEAR, GOT THEM FREE (FROM CLINICS, BARS, SAUNAS  
OR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION)

## SEXUAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

35%

OF YOU DID NOT KNOW THAT A PERSON WITH HIV WHO  
IS ON EFFECTIVE TREATMENT (CALLED 'UNDETECTABLE  
VIRAL LOAD') CANNOT PASS THEIR VIRUS TO SOMEONE  
ELSE DURING SEX (= UNTRANSMITTABLE)

AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF PrEP, PEP, HEPATITIS AND  
OTHER STIs WAS SIMILAR OR HIGHER COMPARED TO ALL SURVEY  
RESPONDENTS



Presented here are some of the stress factors and influences on our sexual health and wellbeing. If you are concerned or affected by any of the issues please contact your local health provider or HIV treatment, substance use or LGBT+ services listed at [www.man2man.ie](http://www.man2man.ie)

### YOUR MINORITY STATUS

**12%** OF YOU WERE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY

**34%** WERE NEITHER COMFORTABLE NOR STRUGGLING

**4%** OF YOU WERE UNEMPLOYED

**29%** OF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF AN ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY  
(HIGHER AMONG NON-UK BORN; 36%)

### EXTERNAL MINORITY STRESS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**3%** OF YOU WERE PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED

**22%** WERE VERBALLY INSULTED

**32%** WERE STARED AT OR INTIMIDATED

### INTERNAL MINORITY STRESS

**34%** OF YOU WERE NOT OUT OR ONLY OUT TO A FEW PEOPLE OR TO LESS THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE YOU KNEW

### SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLBEING OUTCOMES

**21%** OF YOU INDICATED THAT YOU WERE UNHAPPY WITH YOUR SEX LIFE

**15%** INDICATED THE SEX YOU HAVE ISN'T "ALWAYS AS SAFE AS YOU WANT IT TO BE"

**12%** DID NOT "FIND IT EASY TO SAY 'NO' TO SEX YOU DON'T WANT"

**43%** DID NOT KNOW / OR WERE NOT SURE WHERE TO GET THE HIV TEST  
(OF THE 79 MEN WHO NEVER TESTED FOR HIV)

### MENTAL HEALTH

Chapter 4 of the main report provides further details on mental health issues

*\*NOTE: A 'red flag' indicates a need for further assessment and diagnosis by a health professional.*

**9%** OF YOU INDICATED A RED FLAG\* FOR ANXIETY

**7%** OF YOU INDICATED A RED FLAG\* FOR DEPRESSION

**21%** THOUGHT ABOUT 'HURTING YOURSELF' OR THOUGHT 'I WOULD BE BETTER OFF DEAD' WITHIN THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS OF UNDERTAKING THE SURVEY



## DRUG USE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**! 63%**

HAD USED ANY RECREATIONAL DRUGS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR (ANYTHING OTHER THAN ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION)



**48% USED  
POPPERS**



**18% USED  
COCAINE**



**37% USED  
CANNABIS**



**14% USED  
ECSTASY CRYSTAL  
/ POWDER**



**21% USED  
ERECTILE  
DYSFUNCTION DRUGS**



**14% USED  
SEDATIVES /  
TRANQUILIZERS**



**19% USED  
ECSTASY  
PILLS**



**10% USED  
GHB / GBL  
(LIQUID ECSTASY)**

**! 12%**

WERE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR RECREATIONAL DRUG USE

## CHEMSEX USE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**! 15%**

OF YOU HAD USED ONE OR MORE OF THESE STIMULANT DRUGS TO MAKE SEX MORE INTENSE OR LAST LONGER (ECSTASY/MDMA, COCAINE, AMPHETAMINE, CRYSTAL METH, MEPHEDRONE AND KETAMINE)

## INJECTING

**3%** HAD EVER INJECTED DRUGS TO GET HIGH

**3%** HAD EVER INJECTED ANABOLIC STEROIDS

## ALCOHOL & TOBACCO USE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**95%**

OF YOU CONSUMED ALCOHOL

**24%**

INDICATED A POSSIBLE ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

**46%**

OF YOU CONSUMED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

## SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**3%**

OF ALL RESPONDENTS HAD CONSULTED A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ABOUT THEIR DRUG USE

**2%**

OF ALL RESPONDENTS HAD CONSULTED A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ABOUT THEIR ALCOHOL USE