

YOUTH IN CANADA WANT SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION THAT IS Balanced, Respects Diversity, and Promotes Gender Equality

SIECCAN asked 3,551 16- to 24-year-olds in Canada about their sexual health education needs and experiences.



SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE & COMPREHENSIVE

LESS THAN HALF report that sexual health education covered the topics they are/were most interested in.



MOST COVERED TOPICS

STI's
Reproduction
Safer sex methods

LEAST COVERED TOPICS

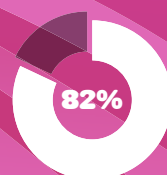
Sexuality & disability
Indigenous ways of knowing regarding gender and sexuality
Information on sex trafficking

TOPICS YOUTH WANT COVERED

Sexual Consent
Sexual and Gender Diversity
Healthy Relationships
Prevention of Gender-Based Violence

% that agree/strongly agree

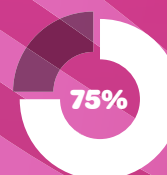
"SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION SHOULD..."



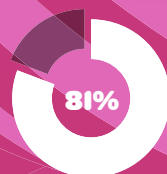
...be inclusive to all



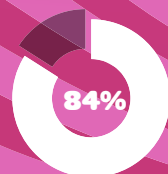
...reduce homophobia



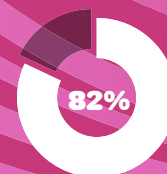
...reduce transphobia



...be scientifically accurate

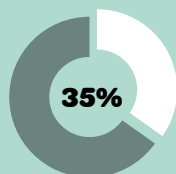


...incorporate a balanced approach

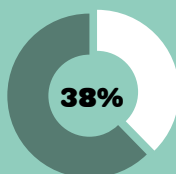


...promote gender equality

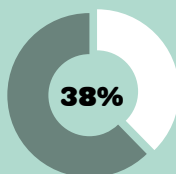
INCLUSIVE SEX EDUCATION IS LACKING



of trans and nonbinary youth report that their sexual health education was/is inclusive of their gender identity

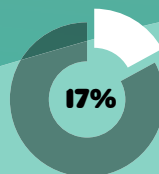


of youth with an LGBTQ+ sexual orientation indicated their sexual health education was/is inclusive of their sexual orientation



of youth with a disability noted that their sexual health education was/is inclusive of their disability

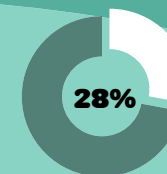
% who said their sexual health education was "VERY GOOD" or "EXCELLENT"¹



Education received in Kindergarten - Grade 5



Education received in Grades 6 - 8



Education received in Grades 9 - 12

Youth in Canada want sexual health education that is inclusive, relevant, evidence-based, and incorporates a balanced approach that includes the positive aspects of sexuality and the prevention of sexual health problems.

NOTES: Data was collected by Leger, a professional polling company. All analyses exclude participants who chose "I don't know/prefer not to answer/this does not apply to me."

¹ Response options ranging from 1=poor to 5=excellent