



Precursors  
of youth's sexual  
and romantic  
relationships

*Presaj*  
Study

# Sexuality

Amongst secondary 3 (9th grade) adolescents  
from the PRESAJ Study.

34.9%

exchanged  
**sexual caresses**  
with a partner

21.4%

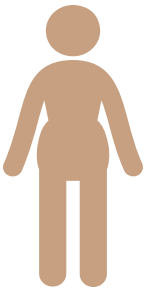
had  
**sexual intercourse**

70.1%

used a **condom** during  
their last sexual  
intercourse

Amongst those who have had sexual intercourse

Amongst the boys



11.2%

reported low **sexual desire** or an absence of it

11.2%

reported some difficulties  
to be sexually **excited**

9.5%

reported some difficulties  
to reach **orgasm**

12.0%

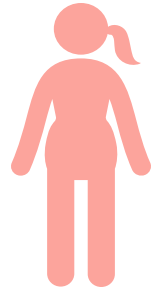
reported that they could  
feel **distress** related to their  
sexuality

5.2%

reported genital **pain**  
during penetration

22.4%

Amongst the girls



20.2%

23.1%

16.2%

21.2%

Nevertheless... **87.78%** and **87.22%** reported that they  
are satisfied with  
their sexuality!

The study on precursors of youth's sexual and romantic relationships (PRESAJ) took place in 2018-2020 and involved 2905 secondary 3 (9th grade) adolescents. This study is directed by Sophie Bergeron, Ph.D., Université de Montréal and Jacinthe Dion, Ph.D., Université du Québec à Chicoutimi and is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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