

SIECCAN surveyed 955 youth (aged 16-24) who were born outside of Canada about their sexual health information needs and experiences.

NEWCOMER YOUTH IN CANADA REQUIRE ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND SERVICES

EDUCATORS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PROVIDING NEWCOMER YOUTH WITH SEXUAL HEALTH INFORMATION

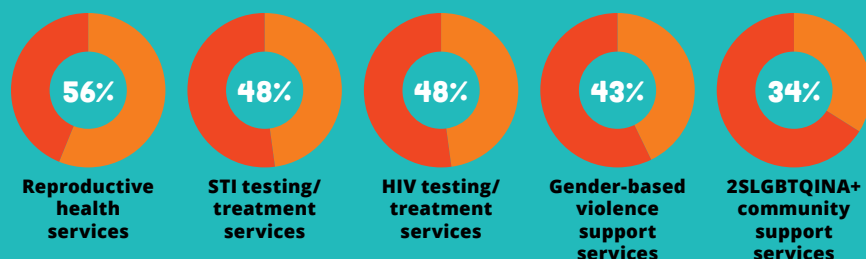
However, youth report barriers to accessing sexual health services. Youth need tailored and culturally responsive approaches to navigate sexual health supports and access critical sexual health information.



ACCESSING SERVICES

NEWCOMER YOUTH NEED INFORMATION ON WHERE TO ACCESS SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

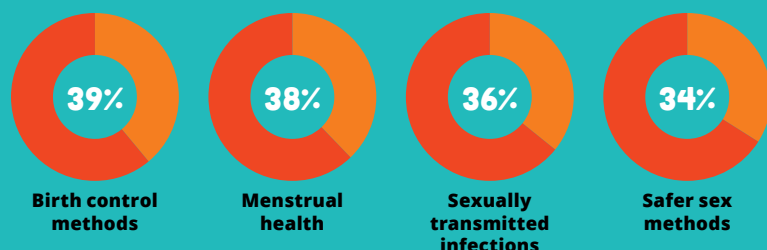
% that knows where to access service



TALKING WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

MOST NEWCOMER YOUTH SAY THEY HAVE NEVER SPOKEN TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH TOPICS.

% that have ever discussed the topic



BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES AND INFORMATION

- Financial cost
- Concerns about privacy and confidentiality
- Shame and stigma associated with sexuality
- Not knowing where to find support
- Concern that parents/family will find out they accessed support

TYPES OF SEXUAL HEALTH SUPPORTS YOUTH WANT

To overcome barriers, youth say they need sexual health services and resources that are:

- physically and financially accessible
- provided in multiple languages
- confidential and address privacy concerns
- comprehensive and address stigma related to sexuality
- include information on gender-based violence
- culturally responsive and tailored to their sexual health needs

Notes: This research is part of a larger survey of youth across Canada. Youth born outside of Canada (with numbers above n = 15) were born in: Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, France, Haiti, India, Iran, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, United Arab Emirates, United States of America. Data was collected by Leger, a professional market research company. All analyses exclude participants who chose "I don't know/prefer not to answer." Rounded percentages presented.

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