

**REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH AND HIV
AMONG YOUNG
PEOPLE IN BELIZE**

POPULATION UNDER 25

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total Population
Under 15	62,600	60,100	122,700	36.8
15-19	19,700	19,000	38,700	11.6
20-24	13,600	13,500	27,100	8.1
Under 25	95,900	92,600	188,500	56.6

2009 Mid-Year Population Estimates, SIB

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

In 2009,

⦿ Number of Secondary Schools = 51

⦿ Secondary Schools Net Enrolment
Rate =

⦿ Primary to Secondary Transition
Rate =

YOUTH AND HIV EDUCATION

- ◉ Health and Family Life Education Curriculum is not currently available in Secondary Schools.
- ◉ There are organisations within the social sector that provides HIV education, however there is no oversight or monitoring of these programmes by the Ministry of Education.

YOUTH AND HIV EDUCATION

The Gender Awareness Safe School Programme (Women's Department)

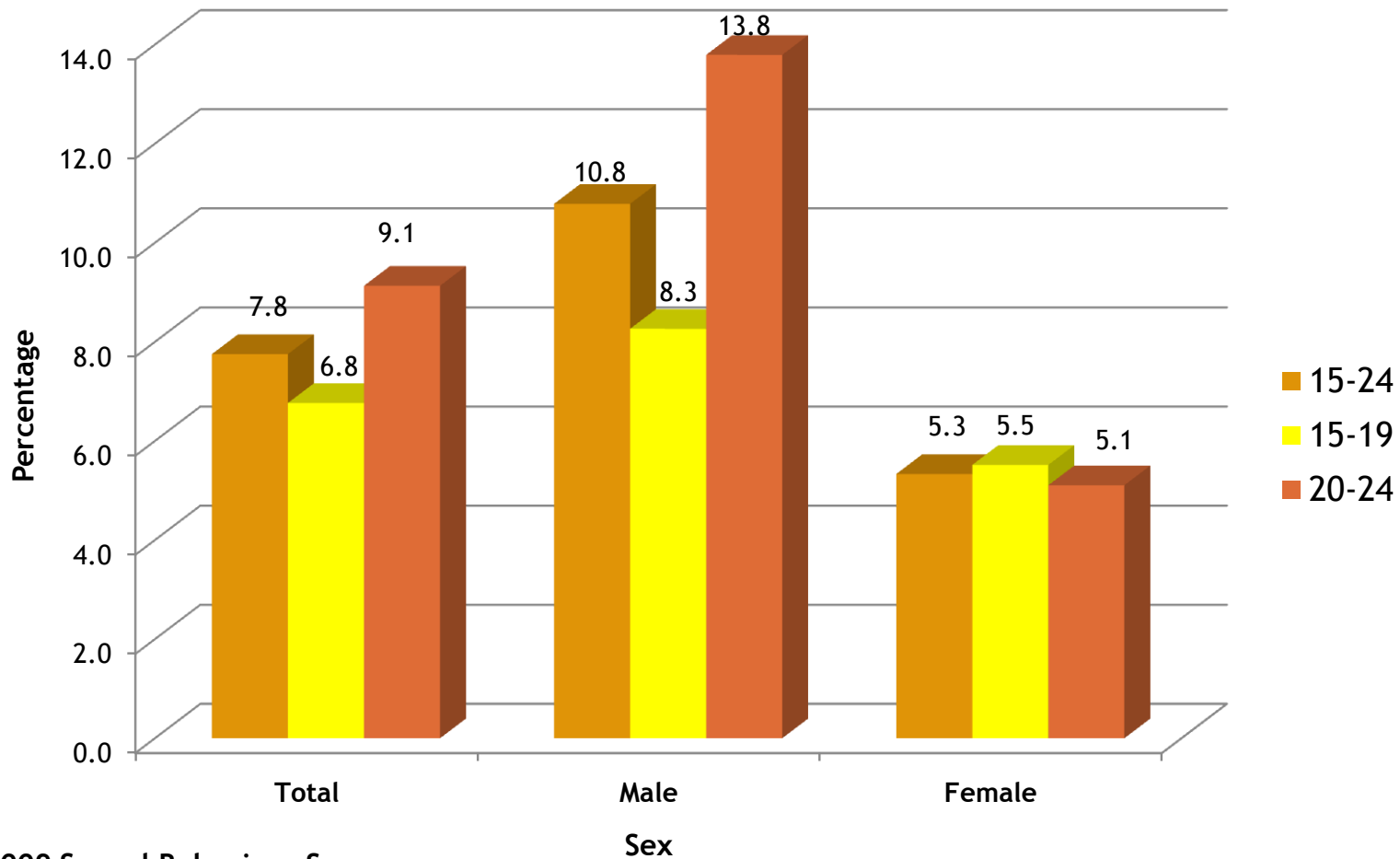
- ◉ In 2008, reached over 900 Second Formers in 8 Secondary School Across the country
- ◉ In 2009, reached over 1,100 Second Formers in 8 Secondary School Across the country

The Together We Can (TWC) Programme (Belize Red Cross)

- ◉ Reached with Peer Education

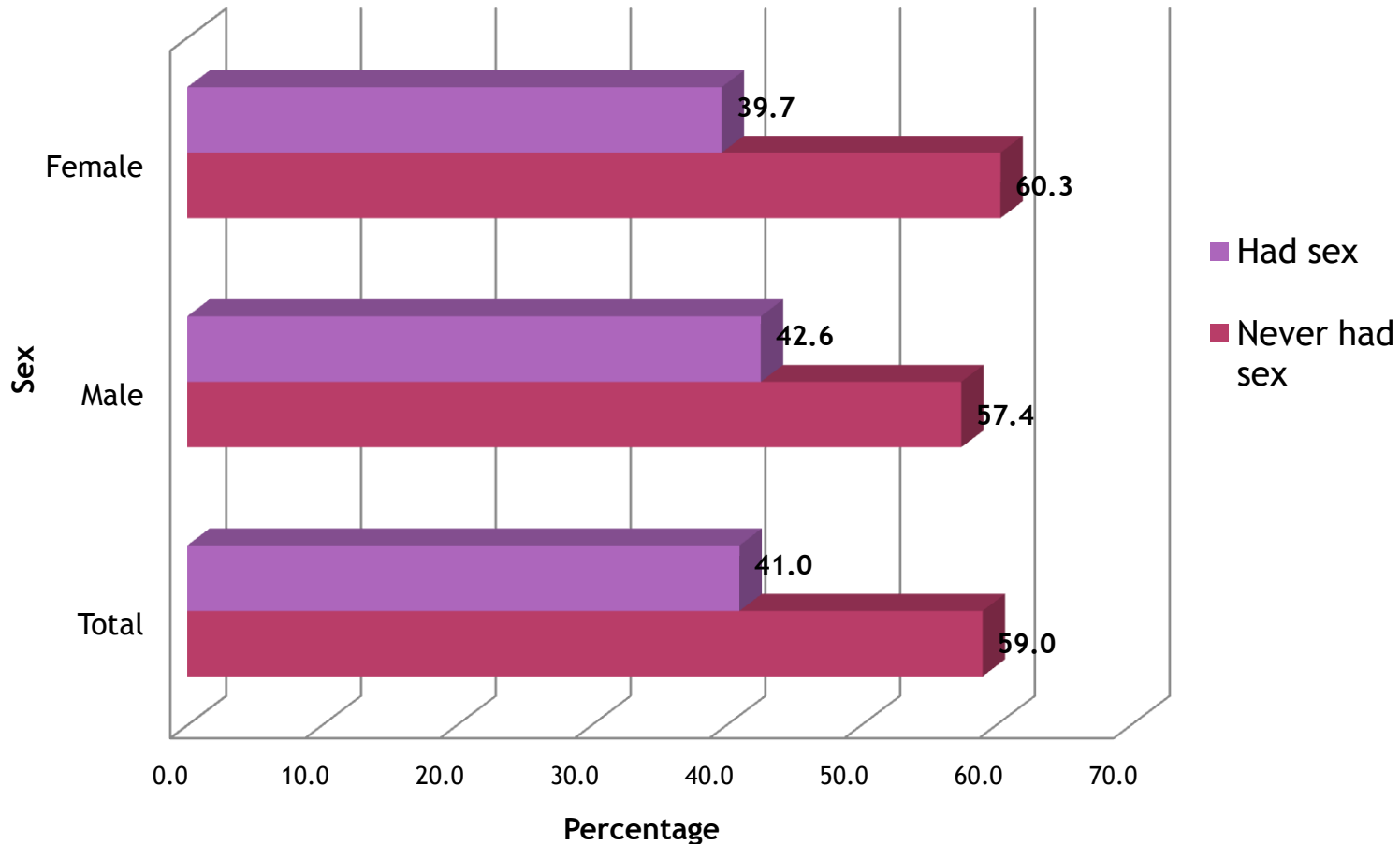
SEXUAL INITIATION

SBS 2009: Reported Sexual Initiation before age 15



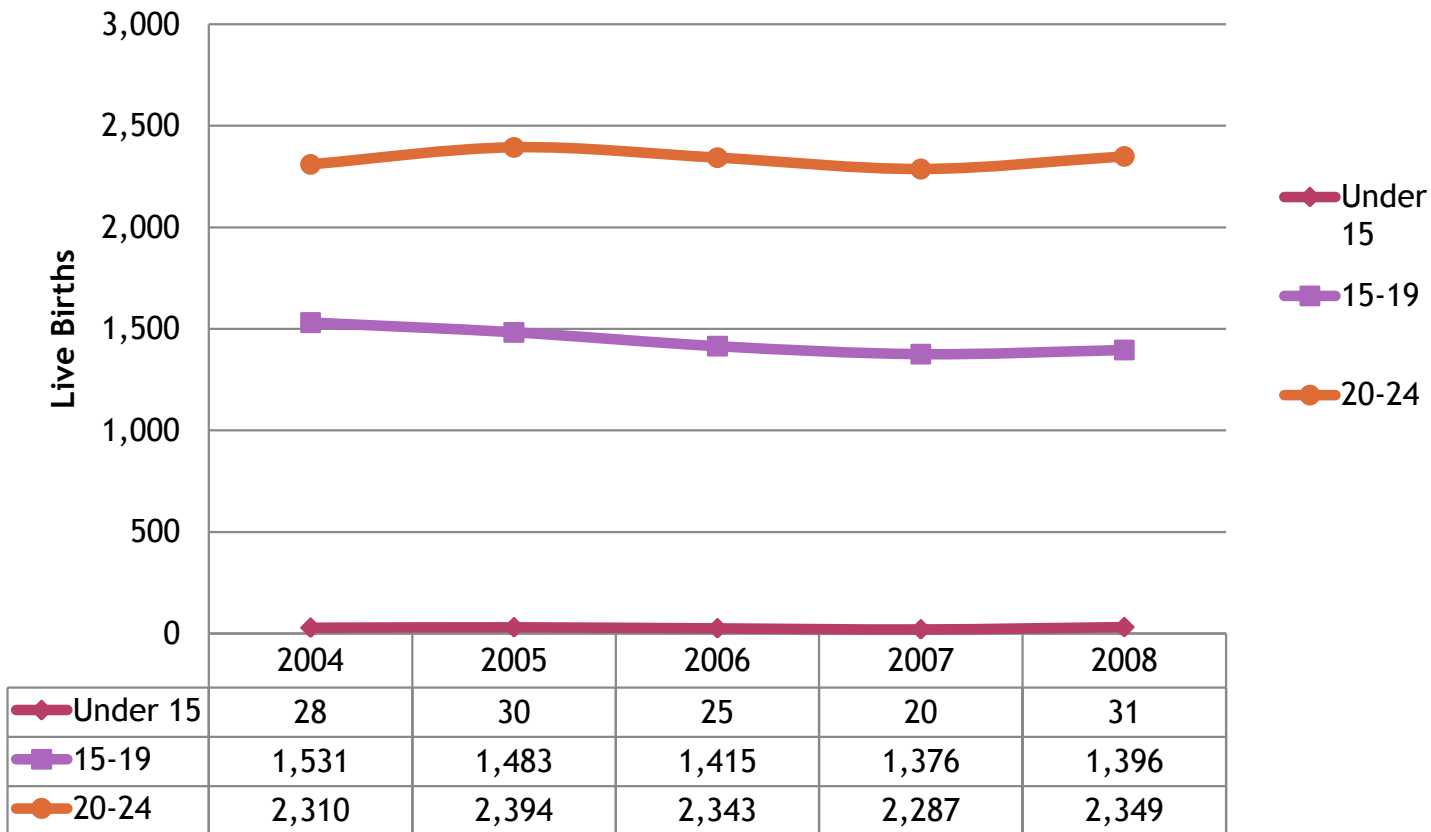
REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY

SBS 2009: 15-19 Year Olds Reported Sexual Activity



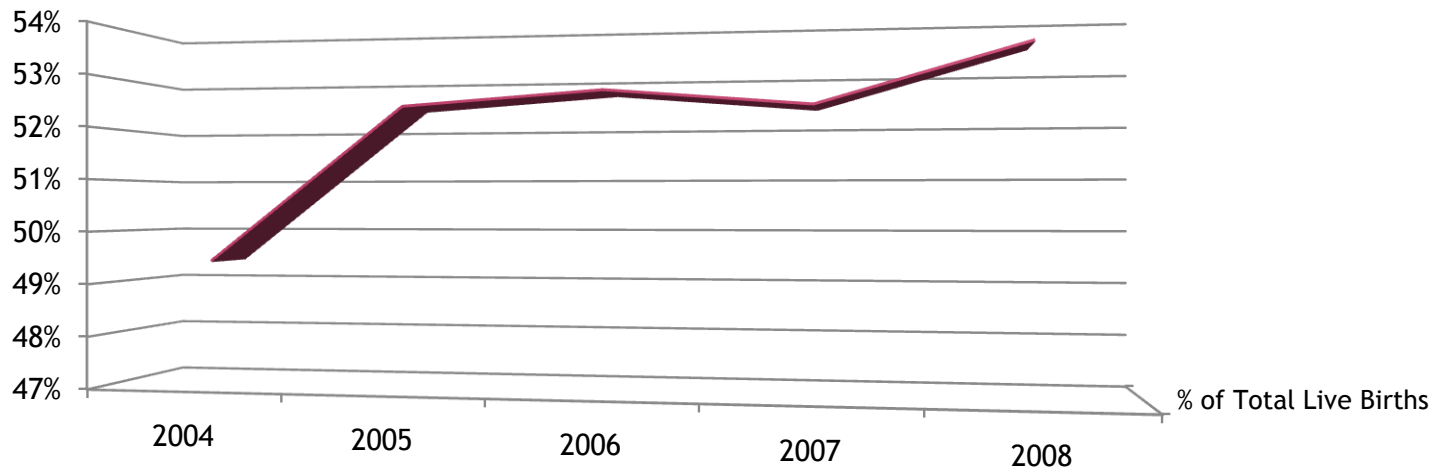
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2004-2008: Live Births to Women Under 25



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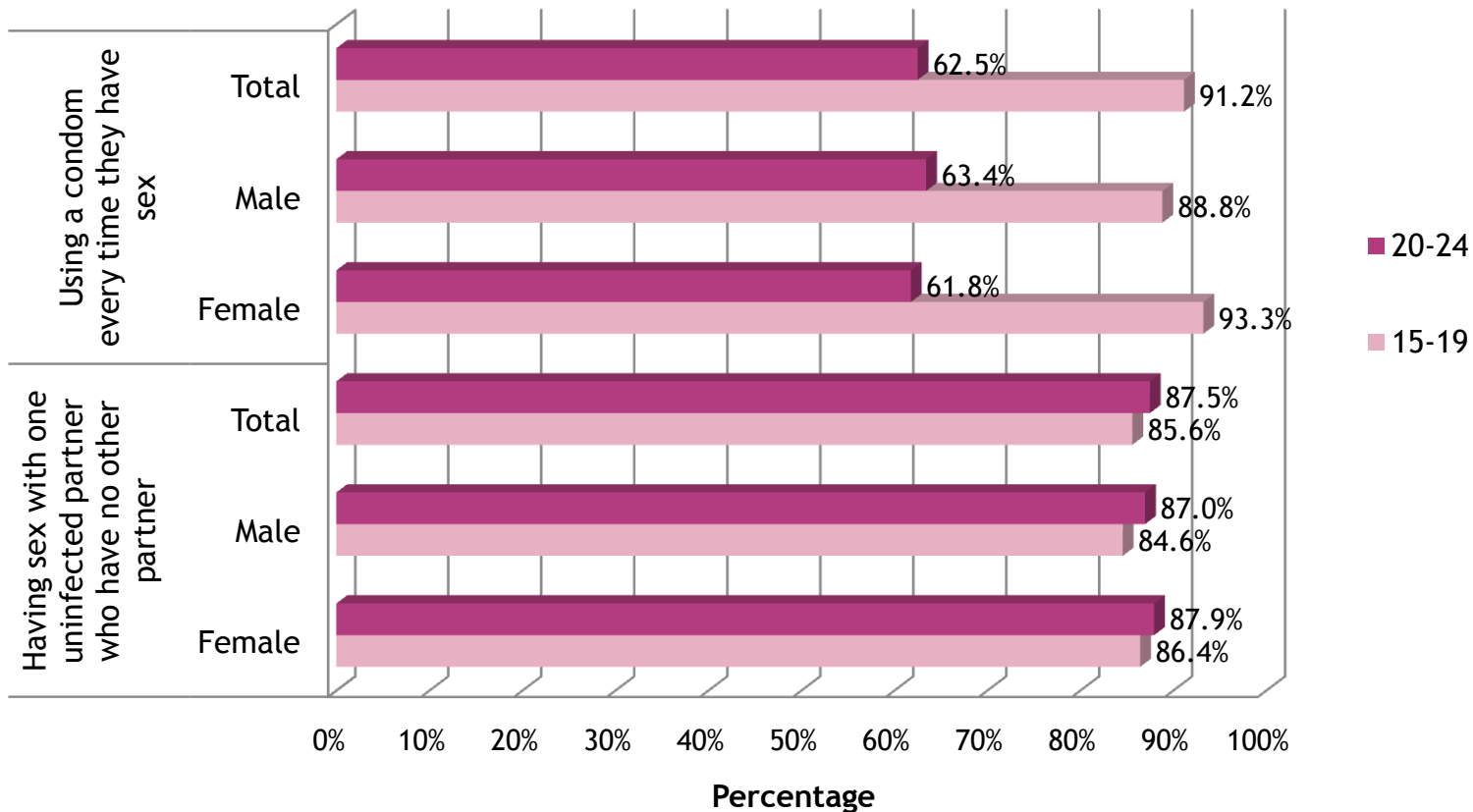
Percentage of Live Births to Women Under 25



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
% of Total Live Births	49%	52%	53%	52%	53%

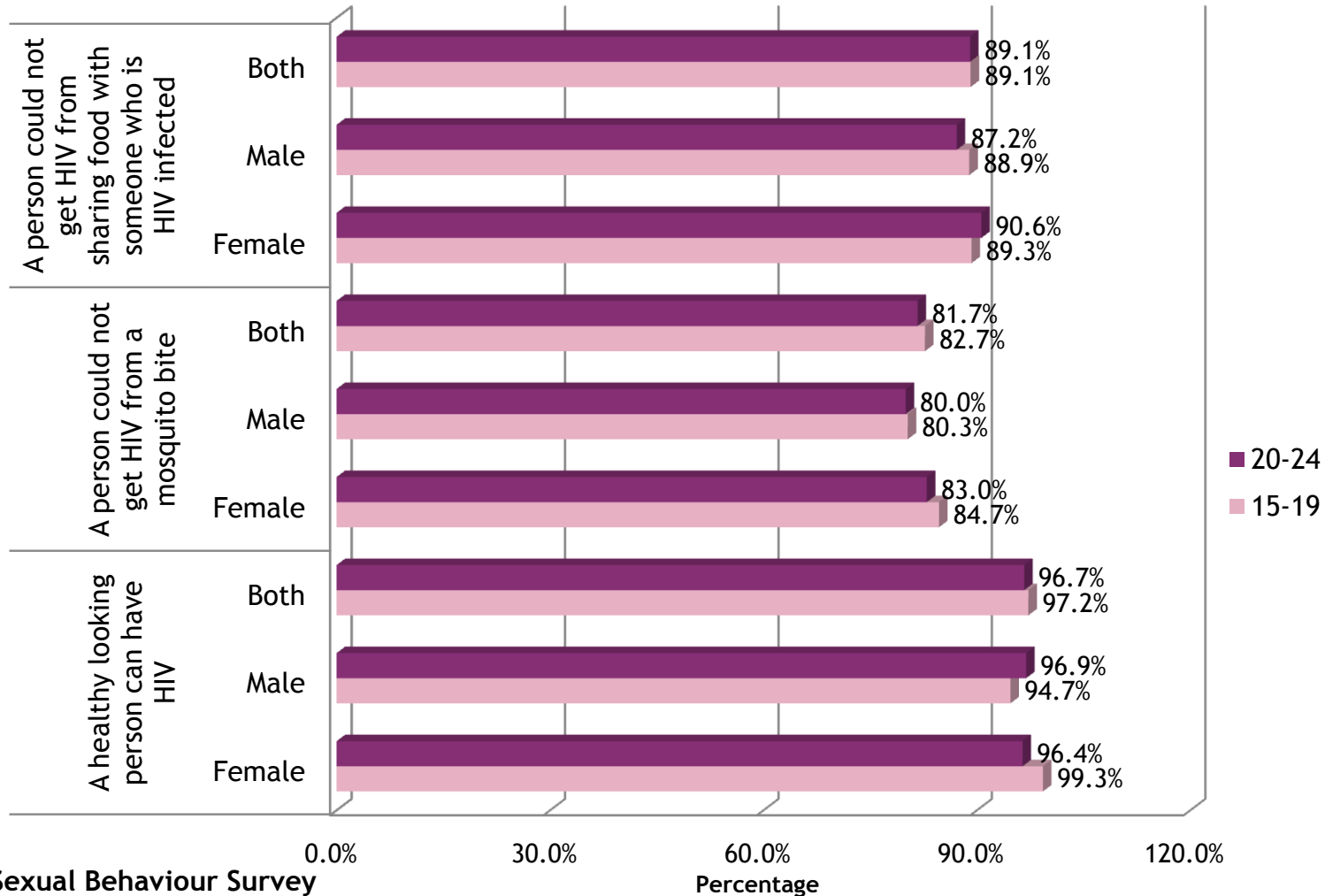
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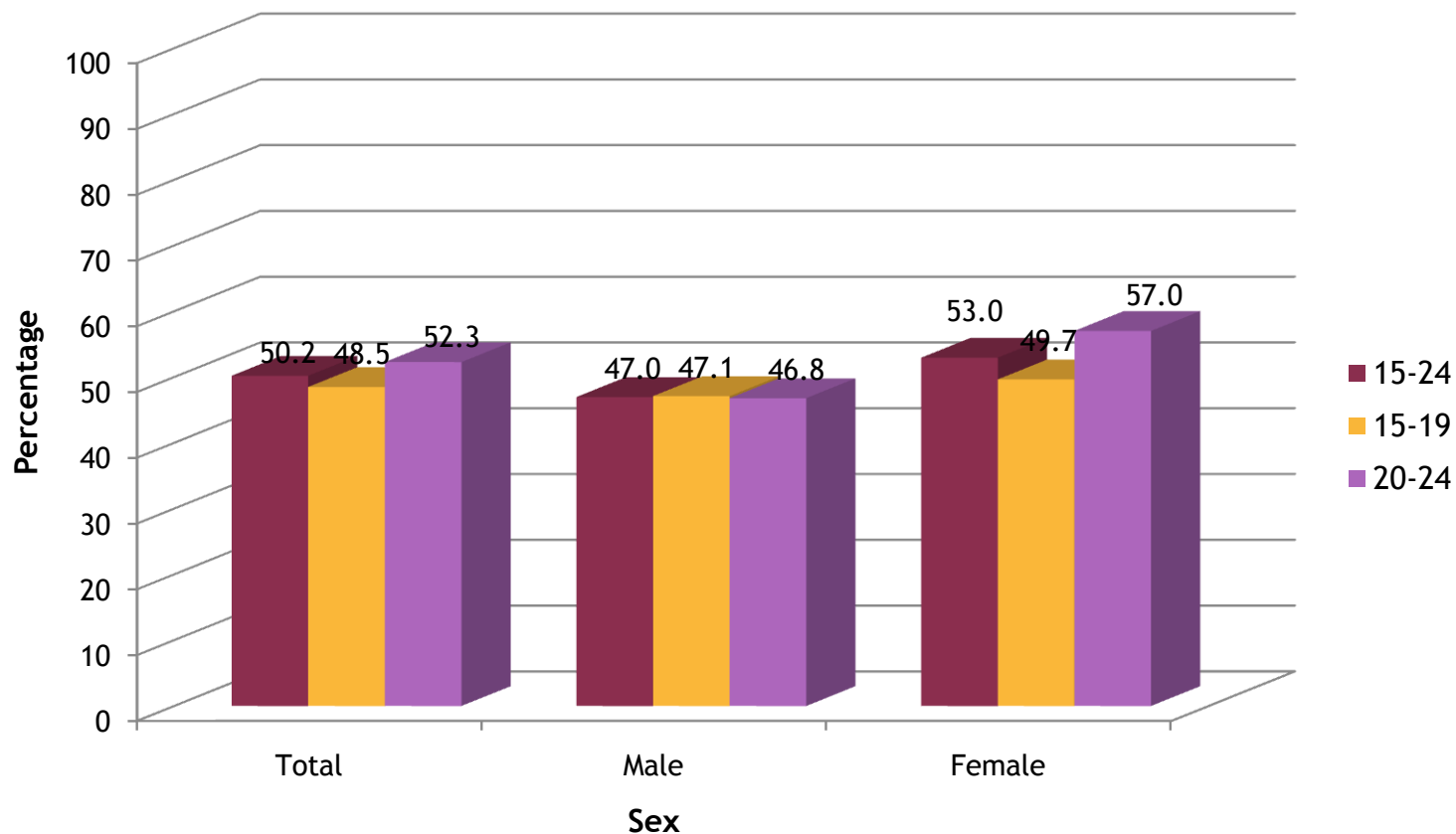
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SBS 2009: Reject major misconception about the sexual transmission of HIV



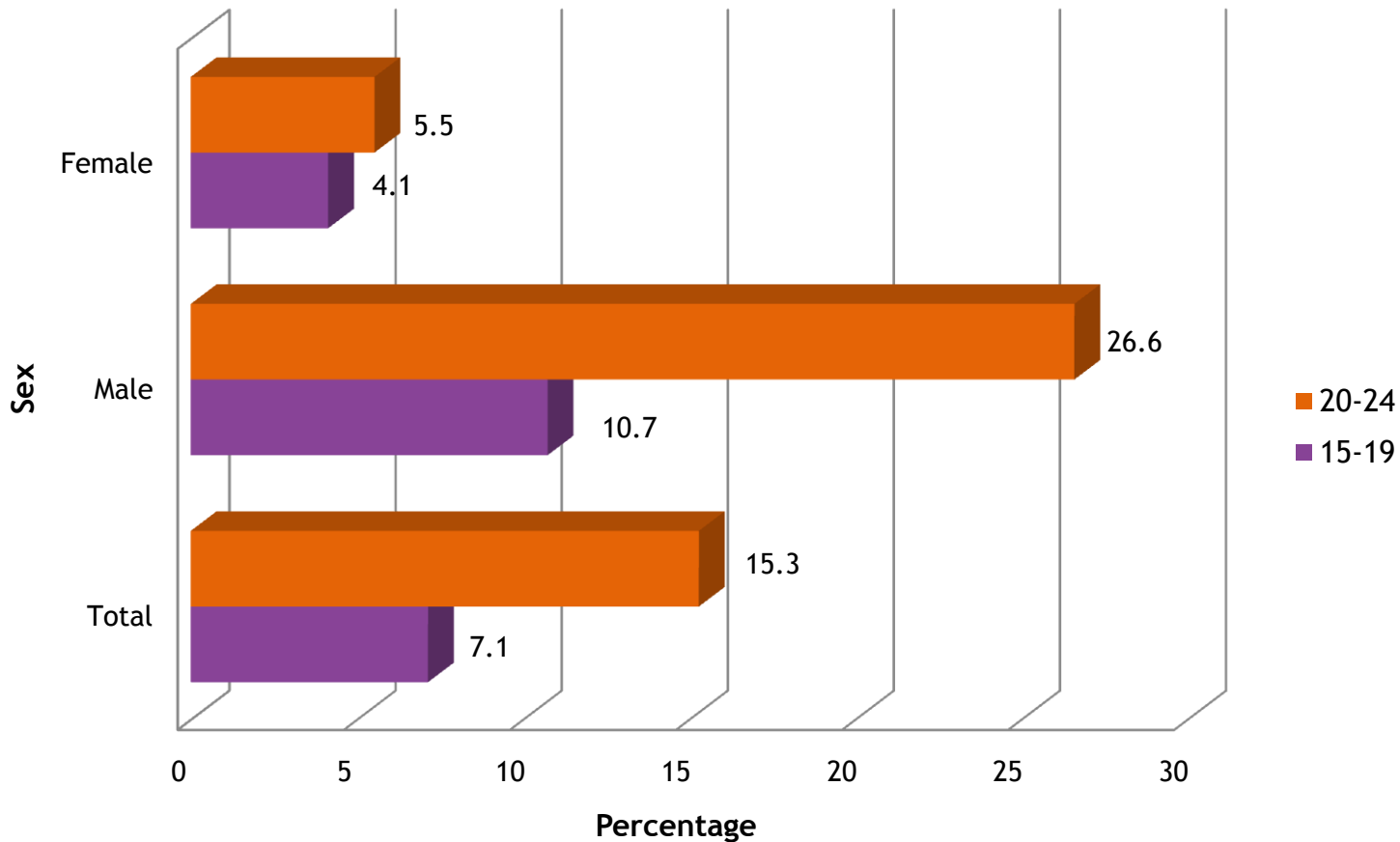
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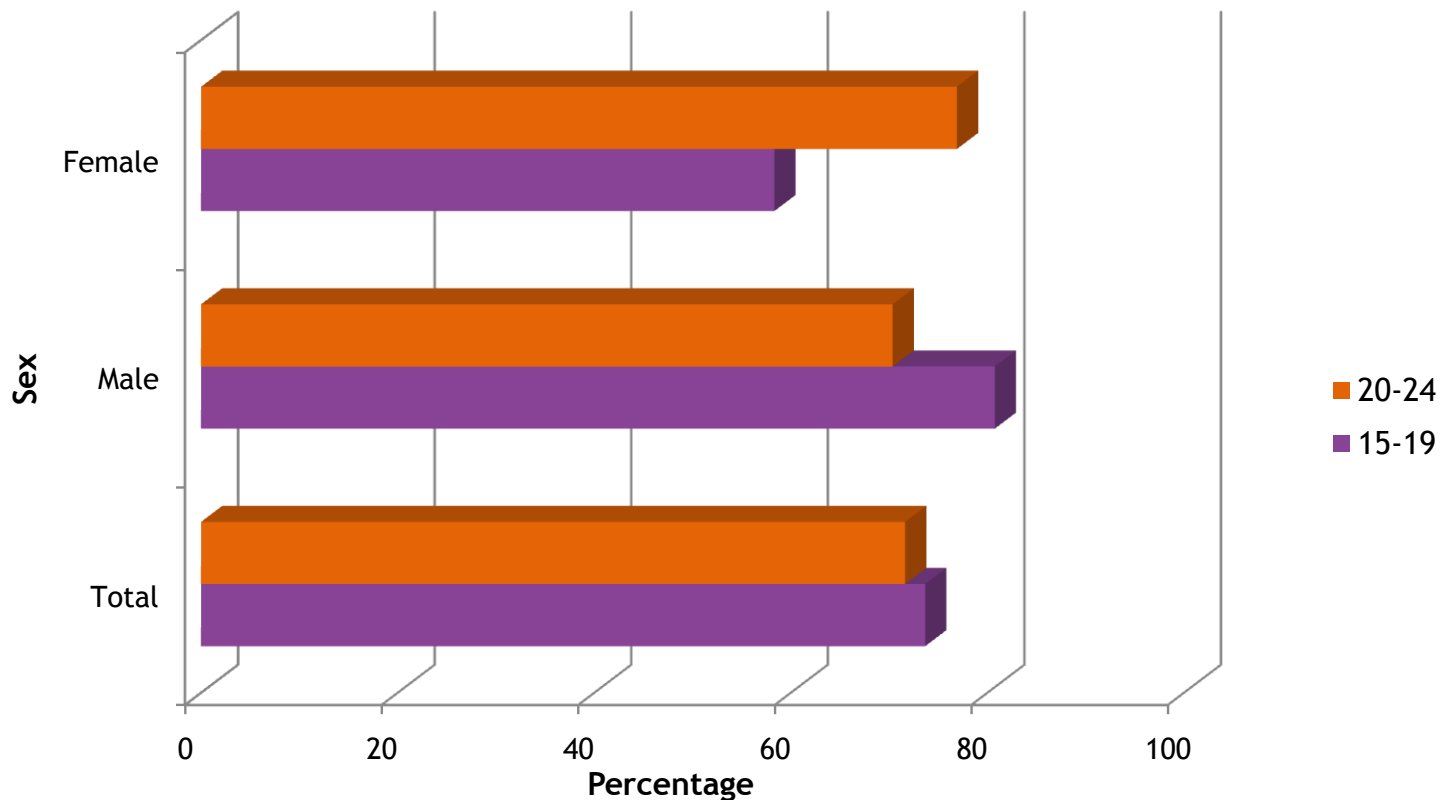
YOUTH AND SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

SBS 2009: Reported having more than one sexual partners in the last year



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SBS 2009: Reported having more than one sexual partners in the last year and using a condom the last time they had sex



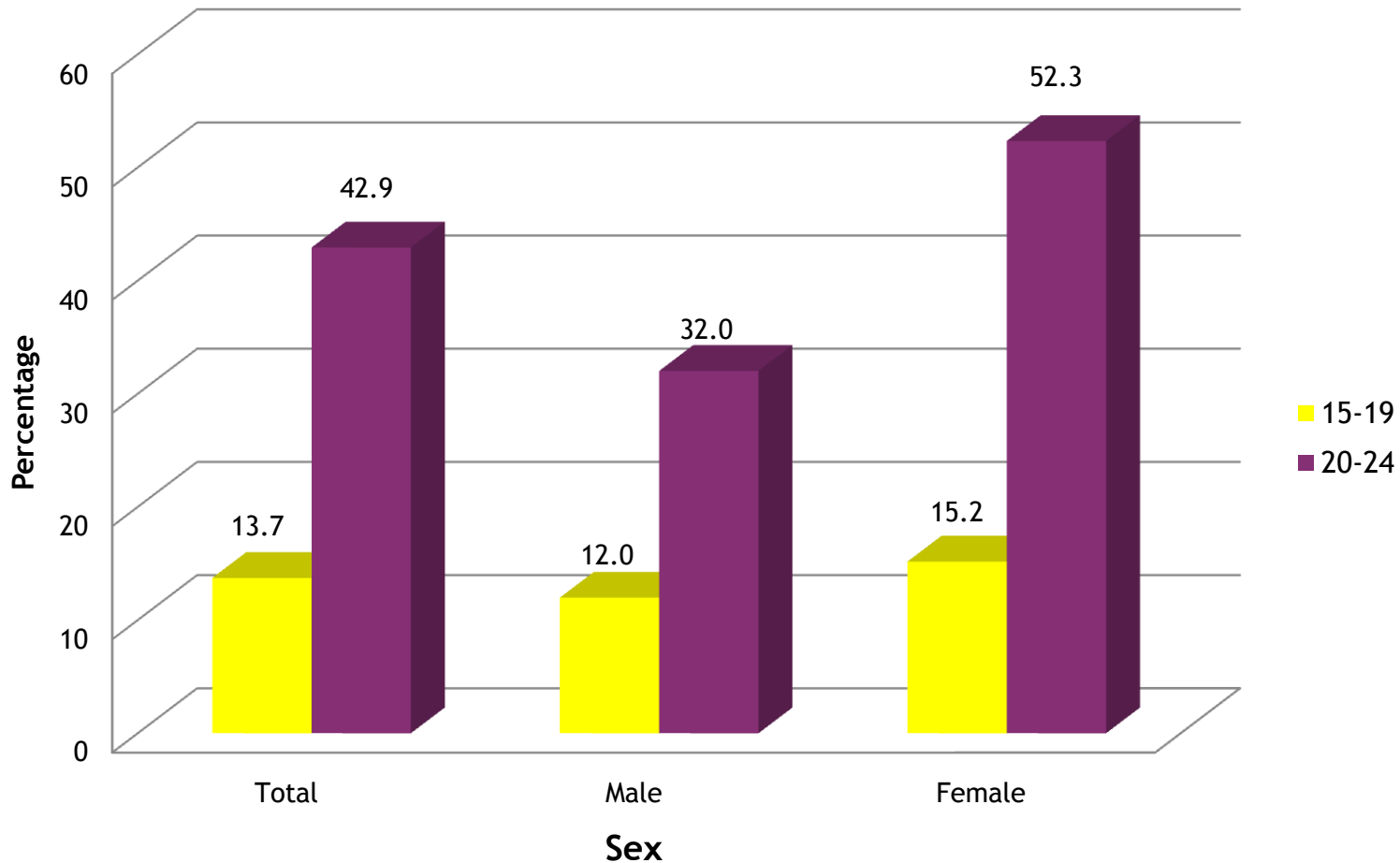
YOUTH AND HIV/AIDS

In 2009,

- 2,721 persons in the age group 15-24 were tested for HIV at CML. Sixty-six (2.4%) of them tested positive for HIV.
- The prevalence rate among antenatal clinic attendees aged 15-24 was 0.77%.

YOUTH AND HIV/AIDS

SBS 2009: % of 15-24 year olds who reported having an HIV test in the last 12 months and knowing their results



THANK YOU