

Precursors of youth's sexual and romantic relationships



# PORNOGRAPHY USE IN ADOLESCENTS BASED ON GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION

**2846** adolescents in secondary 3 (9th grade) from the PRESAJ Study were separated into 5 groups based on their gender and sexual orientation:



**41%** 

Heterosexual and

cisgender (HC)



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39.9%



Sexual and gender

minorities (SGM)

**11%** 



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minorities (SGM)

5.5%



Non-binary sexual and gender minority (SGM) adolescents

<u>Cisgender</u>: Type of gender identity where the perceived gender of a person corresponds to the sex assigned at birth. <u>Non-binary</u>: A person who does not adhere to the traditional binary division of genders.

Sexual and gender minorities: A person whose gender identity, sexual orientation or sexual practices differ from those of the majority.



**Q**: Girls

AT THE AGE OF 14...

2/3 of adolescents have already had their 1st experience with pornography.

1/2 used it once a month or more in the last 3 months.

Pornography can influence the sexual development of adolescents through changes in attitudes,

beliefs, and sexual behaviors.

## PROPORTION OF ADOLESCENTS WHO ALREADY HAD THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH PORNOGRAPHY BY GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION-BASED GROUPS

♂ HC 88.2%

OHC 39.4% □

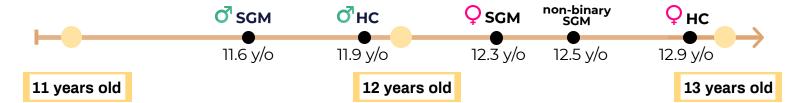
**♀**SGM { **54.2**%

**78.2%** 

NON-BINARY SGM ADOLESCENTS 29.4%



#### AGE AT FIRST USE OF PORNOGRAPHY BY GROUPS



### SGM BOYS COULD BE MORE PRONE TO WATCH PORNOGRAPHY...

- **1.** To <u>SEARCH FOR INFORMATION</u> related to their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- **2.** Due to the <u>BARRIERS ASSOCIATED</u> <u>WITH THE SEARCH FOR PARTNERS</u> for SGM adolescents who have not yet revealed their sexual orientation.

### SGM of WATCH THE MOST PORNOGRAPHY:



Many times a week



HC WATCH THE LEAST PORNOGRAPHY:



Less than once a month

#### To learn more:

Bőthe, B., Vaillancourt-Morel, M.-P., Girouard, A., Štulhofer, A., Dion, J., & Bergeron, S. (2020). A large-scale comparison of Canadian sexual/gender minority and heterosexual, cisgender adolescents' pornography use characteristics. *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 17(6), 1156-1167.



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<sup>\* 57</sup> participants preferred not to answer.