

Survey

For people with disability
who go to sex workers



Plain English

Take part in our study

Our study is about people with disability who go to sex workers.

A sex worker is a person you pay money to have sex or do sexual things with you.

We want to find out how it is for people with disability in Australia to go to a sex worker.



You can only to take part in the study if your answer is yes to the all of these 4 questions.

- Do you live in Australia?
- Are you a person with disability?
- Are you 18 years or older?
- Have you ever paid for a sex worker?

For the study we would like you to

- Fill in a survey
- Do an interview

It is ok if you just do the survey and not the interview.

About the survey

The survey will ask you lots of different questions.

The questions will be about

- You
- The sex workers you went to
- The things you did with the sex worker
- Why you go to sex workers


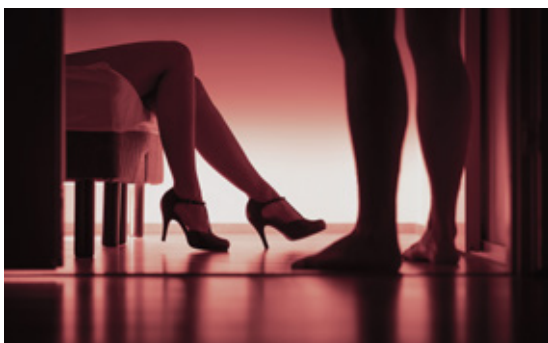
It is up to you how much you share with us.

You do not have to tell us who you are.

That means we do not know that the answers are from you.

This survey has lots of questions.

You might want to get support from someone you trust to fill it out.



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If you want to know more about this study you can read the info sheet.

Go to www.tinyurl.com/2a88zyuk

The survey closes on the 1st November 2022.

You do not have to fill in the survey all at once.

You can leave the page open and finish the survey later.



Click **Submit** at the end of the survey to send us your answers.

When you click submit it also means you give consent.

To **give consent** means that you say yes to be part of the survey.

Once you click submit you cannot change your answers or take them back.

This is because we do not know who you are and what answers are yours.

About the interview

After you finish the survey and click submit there will be information about the interview.

We would like to talk to 10 to 20 people.

We can do the interview online so that people from all over Australia can do it.

It is up to you if you do the interview.

You might want to do the interview if you want to tell us things that are not in the survey.

We will only use your contact details to do the interview.

We will not link them to your survey answers.



Win a \$100 gift card

If you finish the survey you can sign up for the chance to win a \$100 gift card.

We will only use your contact details if you win.

We will not link them to your survey answers.

A close-up of a hand holding a white card. The card has the text "\$100 gift card" in black. The hand is dark-skinned and is holding the card from the bottom left corner.

**\$100
gift card**

The survey

Part 1 Who



This part asks questions about you.

1. Are you a person with disability?

Yes

No

Please tell us more about your disability if you like

2. Have you ever paid for a sex worker in Australia?

Yes

No

3. How old are you?

Tick the box that shows your age.

18 or 19

60 to 64

20 to 24

65 to 69

25 to 29

70 to 74

30 to 34

75 to 80

35 to 39

80 to 84

40 to 44

85 to 89

45 to 49

90 to 94

50 to 54

95 to 99

55 to 59

100 or older

4. Where do you live?

Tick the box where you live.

Australian Capital Territory ACT

New South Wales NSW

Northern Territory NT

Queensland QLD

South Australia SA

Tasmania TAS

Western Australia WA

Victoria VIC

5. Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

6. Do you come from a different culture or speak a language other than English?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

If you ticked yes please tell us more about your family background.

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

You or your family are from

New Zealand

North America

The Caribbean

Northern Europe

Central America

Oceania like Melanesia,
Micronesia or Polynesia

Central Asia

The Pacific Islands

China

South East Asia

Eastern Europe

South America

India

Sub Saharan Africa

Japan

The United Kingdom or Ireland

Korea

Western Europe

The Middle East

Other

North Africa

I do not want to say

7. What was your sex when you were born?

Male

Female

Other

I do not want to say

8. What is your gender?

Gender means the way you see yourself.

This can be different from the sex you were born with.

Man or male

Woman or female

Non-binary if you do not see yourself as only male or only female.

Other

I do not want to say

9. What is your sexuality?

Straight. I like people from the other sex.

Gay. I am a man who likes men.

Lesbian. I am a woman who likes women.

Bisexual. I like men **and** women.

Pansexual. I like people from **all** genders.

Asexual. I like people but not in a sexual way.

Queer. This word means a lot of different sexualities that are not straight.

Other. I am

I am still finding out about my sexuality

I do not want to say

10. How do you live?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

I live alone

I live with my parents

I live with my partner

I live with my children

I live with my brother or sister

I live with flatmates or friends

I live in supported accommodation

I live in a group home

I live in a boarding house

I live in a retirement home

I live in a nursing home

Other

I do not want to say

Part 2 What



This part asks questions about the sex workers you see and the things you do with them.

11. How many different sex workers have you been to?

12. How old were you when you went to a sex worker for the first time?

13. What gender were the sex workers?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

Man or Male

Woman or Female

Transgender from man to woman

Transgender from woman to man

Non-binary

Other

I do not want to say

14. What services have you paid sex workers for?

Tick all the boxes of things you have done with sex workers.

I had a nude massage.

Hand relief or masturbation means the sex worker used their hands on your penis or vagina.

The sex worker did oral sex to me.

Oral sex means that someone uses their mouth or tongue to touch your penis or vagina.

I did oral sex to the sex worker.

I did vaginal sex to the sex worker and put my penis or fingers in their vagina.

I got vaginal sex. The sex worker put their penis or fingers in me.

We did anal play and the sex worker put their fingers or toys in my bottom.

We did anal play and I put my fingers or toys in the sex worker's bottom.

I got anal sex from the sex worker.

Anal sex means 1 person puts their penis in the other person's bottom.

I did anal sex to the sex worker.

Anal sex means 1 person puts their penis in the other person's bottom.

We used a strap on. This is also called pegging.

A **strap on** is a fake penis you tie to your body.

We did BDSM which could be things like bondage, discipline, sadism, masochism.

BDSM means things like tying each other up, whipping each other or hurting each other in a way the other person likes and says yes to.

We used sex toys like vibrators.

We did fantasy role plays like dressing up.

Double booking with me and 2 sex workers at the same time.

Double booking with me, my partner who has a disability and 1 sex worker.

Double booking with me, my partner who does not have a disability and 1 sex worker.

Double booking with me, a friend who has a disability and 1 sex worker.

Double booking with me, a friend who does not have a disability and 1 sex worker.

Other

15. How often did you go to sex workers?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

Whenever I feel like it

Whenever I have enough money

Whenever I travel to where the sex worker is

Whenever the sex worker is close to where I live

Once a week

Once every 2 weeks

Once a month

Once every 2 months

Once every 3 months

3 times a year

2 times a year

Once a year

Part 3 Where



This part asks questions about where you go and see sex workers.

16. In which States or Territories did you go to sex workers?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

Australian Capital Territory ACT

New South Wales NSW

Northern Territory NT

Queensland QLD

South Australia SA

Tasmania TAS

Western Australia WA

Victoria VIC

17. Fill in the suburbs or areas where you went to see a sex worker.

We will not use the suburbs for the report about this survey.

We will only use council areas or regions.

18. Where did you go to see a sex worker?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

At a brothel.

A **brothel** is a place where many sex workers work.

At a massage place

At a hotel

At a motel

At my house

At the sex worker's house

At a BDSM brothel

At the sex workers own BDSM place

At a safe house

At a hospital

At the place I stayed for rehab

In a car

Other place like

Part 4 How



This part asks questions about things like

- Finding the right sex worker
- Booking a meeting with a sex worker
- Support to go to sex workers
- Paying the sex worker

19. How did you find your sex workers?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

I went to the brothel or massage place and picked 1 of the sex workers there.

I went to the sex worker's website.

The sex worker had an advertisement in the newspaper.

Advertisement can be a picture with a phone number.

Another sex worker told me about the sex worker.

Another person with disability told me about the sex worker.

I used the Touching Base Referral List.

My therapist helped me.

My support worker helped me.

Staff at the rehab place helped me.

My family helped me.

I found the sex worker on social media.

I saw the sex worker in the media or on TV.

I met the sex worker at an event.

I went to one of the streets where sex workers wait for people to pay them for sex.

Other

Why did you pick this sex worker?

I do not want to say.

20. Did anyone help you go to a sex worker?

Tick the answer that is right for you.

No I booked and went to the sex worker by myself with no help.

Yes someone helped me book and go to the sex worker.

If someone helped you book or go to a sex worker tell us how.

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

Someone helped me book the meeting with the sex worker.

They emailed, texted or called the sex worker.

Someone helped me pay the sex worker.

They got money for me from the bank or put the money into the sex workers account.

Someone helped me get ready to go to the sex worker.

They got me dressed or helped me have a shower.

Someone helped me get my home ready.

They cleaned, changed the sheets or got new towels and tissues.

Someone opened the door and let the sex worker into my house.

Someone drove me to see the sex worker.

Someone helped me take my clothes off and put them back on.

Someone helped me get on and off the bed.

Other

Tell us more about how it is when you book or see a sex worker.

You can tell us about things that help you a lot to see a sex worker.

This could be things that other people do to help you like your family or support workers.

You can tell us about things that make it hard for you.

21. How did you get the money to pay for the sex worker?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

I used the money I make at work.

I used my Disability Pension.

I used my Aged Care Pension.

I used my NDIS money.

I used money I got from my insurance.

My guardian or trustee gave me my money.

I used the money I got when someone I knew died.

My parents paid for it.

My brother or sister paid for it.

My children paid for it.

I used the money I saved from my Christmas or birthday presents.

I used gift vouchers that I got from people.

Other

Part 5 Why



This part is about why you go to sex workers.

22. Why did you decide to go to a sex worker?

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

I wanted to have sex for the first time.

I had an accident and wanted to get more confident again.

I wanted to see if everything still works after my accident or illness.

I wanted to do sexual things that I cannot do with my partner.

I wanted to try new sexual things.

I was lonely.

I wanted to learn about sex.

I cannot find a girlfriend or boyfriend.

I wanted to get better at touching and talking to someone in a sexual way.

My partner has died but I still want to have sex or be close to someone.

I enjoy sex and touching.

All my friends go to sex workers so I went.

Other

You can tell us more about why you go to sex workers.

This could be things like

- Who you talked to about it
- What helped you make the decision.

23. Do you still go to sex workers?

Yes

No

If you said no tell us why not

Tick all the boxes that are right for you.

I now have a partner, girlfriend or boyfriend

I got married

I got no more money since I moved onto an NDIS Plan

I moved and the new staff do not support me to go

I do not have anyone to support me to go

The sex worker I liked does not work anymore

I want to use my money for other things

My friends or family do not want me to go

My religion does not allow me to go

Other

Part 6 Your personal stories



This part is about your own stories with sex workers.

You can tell us

- How you feel about going to sex workers
- Things that can better
- What others should know about it.

It is up to you if your answers are long or short.

24. Do people in your life know that you go to sex workers?

That means people other than the ones that support you to go.

Yes

No

I do not want to say

Who knows about it and what did they say when you told them?

Why have you not told anyone?

25. Tell us about the best time you had with a sex worker.

This can be

- How they made you feel
- What you did with them
- Anything else that made it so good.

You can tell us more than 1 thing if you like.

26. Tell us about things that made it hard for you to go to a sex worker.

This could be about

- What other people think about sex workers
- Health issues
- Issues with support workers or transport
- Finding a sex worker where you live

27. What should disability workers, aged care worker or health workers know to better support people with disability to go to sex workers?

28. What should sex workers know about people with disability who want to go to them?

29. What should people in the community know about people with disability who go to sex workers?

30. Is there anything else you would like to say?

Thank you for doing the survey.

You need to click the arrow to send your answers off.

If you printed the survey and filled it in by hand please send it to

Reply Paid 75953

Western Sydney University

PASA Research (Rachel Wotton)

Locked Bag 1797

Penrith NSW 2751



People with disability who go to sex workers in Australia

Chance to win \$100 gift card

If you did the survey you can sign up for the chance to win a \$100 gift card.

- Fill in your email address if you prefer an online gift card
- Fill in your postal address if you want us to send a gift card by post
- Fill in your phone number if you want us to call or text you to tell you if you won

Name

Phone number

Email address

Put this form into a new envelope and close it.

Write gift card on the front.

Put the envelope into the big envelope with your survey.

We will not link your contact details to your survey answers.



People with disability who go to sex workers in Australia

Do you want to take part in the interview?

Rachel wants to talk to 10 to 20 people about how it is for them when they go to sex workers.

You might want to do the interview if

- You have been to many sex workers and have lots to tell
- You want to tell us things that were not in the survey
- You have more things to add to the survey

Rachel will call you within 7 days to let you know if you can take part in the survey.

You can ask her questions.

You can work out a date, time and place for the interview together.

Interviews can be done

- In person
- Over the phone
- Online on Zoom, Skype or Teams

Contact details

Name

Phone number

Email address

Your survey answers will not be linked to your name and contact details

Tick the **State or Territory** you live in.

Australian Capital Territory **ACT**

New South Wales **NSW**

Northern Territory **NT**

Queensland **QLD**

South Australia **SA**

Tasmania **TAS**

Western Australia **WA**

Victoria **VIC**

Tick how you want Rachel to contact you.

Email

Phone

Video call on Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams

Tick which time is good for Rachel to contact you.

Between 9am and 12pm

Between 12pm and 3pm

Between 3pm and 6pm

Between 6pm and 9pm

Send this form to

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