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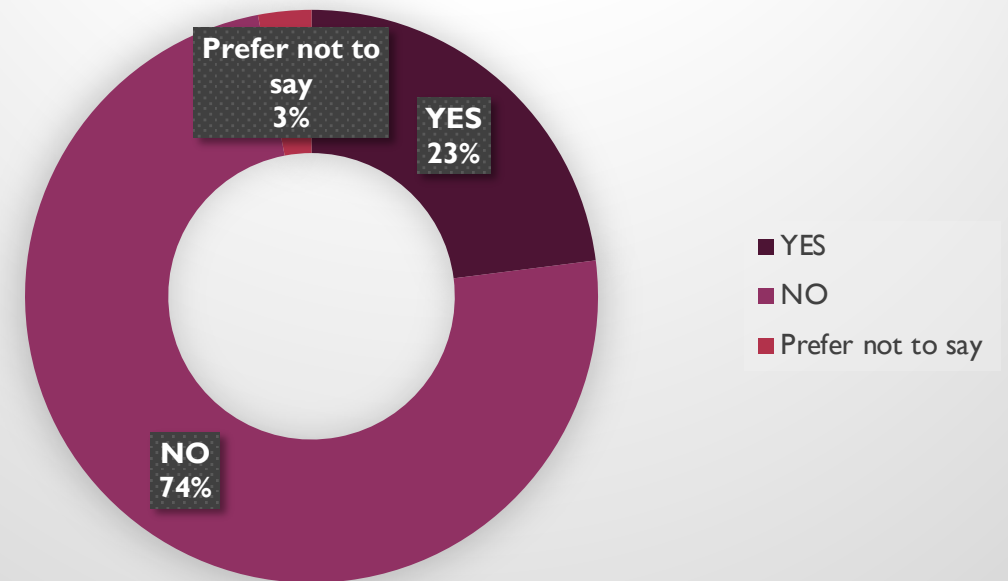
2021 - VALENTINE SPECIAL

***A SURVEY ON CHEATING & SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS
IN FREETOWN***

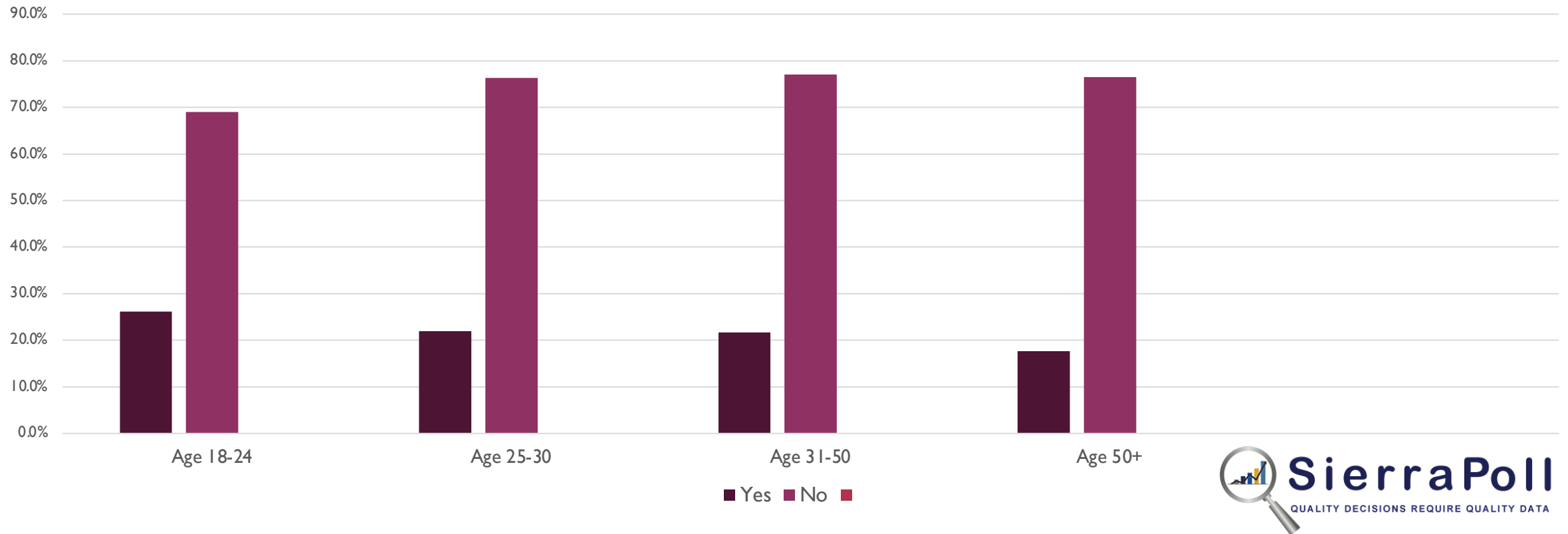
METHODOLOGY AND KEY RESULTS

- 722 interviews (of people 18yrs +) conducted in Freetown in November 2020.
- 50% male respondents and 50% female.
- Freetown divided into 10 zones with 72 interviews conducted per zone.
- Machine-based random selection of respondents across every zone.

Q1. Is your current partner/spouse your first sexual partner?



Q2. Is your current relationship your first sexual relationship? Analysis by Age



**69% OF ALL BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 18 AND 24 YEARS
HAVE HAD MORE THAN ONE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP**

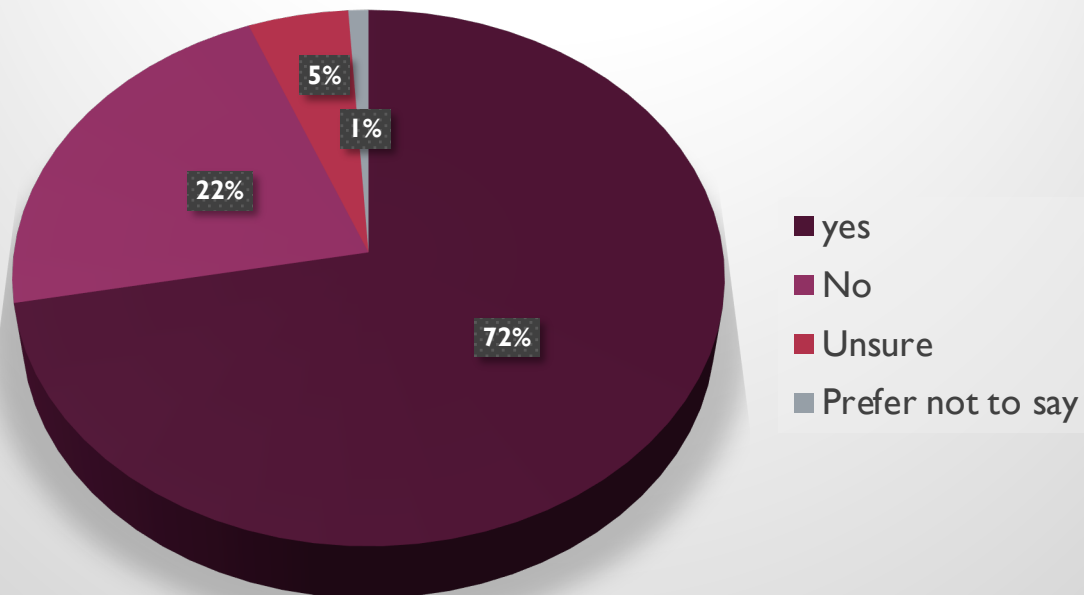
Q3. HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST SEXUAL ENCOUNTER?

- 9.4% of girls don't know or refused to specify their age of first sexual encounter
- Between ages 10-14, more boys (14.9%) had their first sexual encounter than girls (6.7%)
- Around two thirds of male and female respondents had their first sexual encounter between 15-19 years, with more girls (67.8) than boys (61.3%) reporting encounters in this age group.

Age	Female	Male	Average
Don't know/refused to specify	9.4%	0.3%	4.9%
5-9	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
10-14	6.7%	14.9%	10.8%
15-19	67.8%	61.3%	64.6%
20-24	13.3%	19.3%	16.3%
25-29	1.4%	3.3%	2.4%
30-35	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%

72% OF FREETONIANS SAY SOMEONE HAS CHEATED ON THEM

Q4. HAS SOMEONE EVER CHEATED ON YOU?



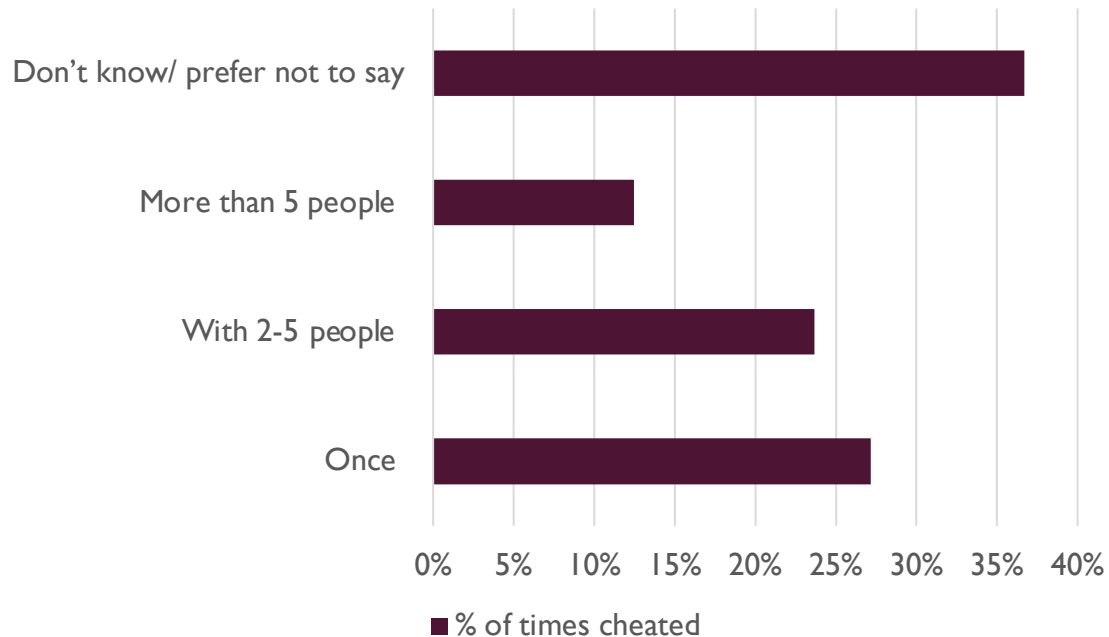
Distribution of people who say they have been cheated on, by gender

Responses	Female	Male	Average
Yes	60.8%	83.1%	72.0%
No	29.7%	14.9%	22.3%
Unsure	8.3%	1.7%	5.0%
Prefer not to say	1.1%	0.3%	0.7%

- 72% of respondents say they have been cheated on.
- More male (83.1%) respondents say they have been cheated on than females (60.8%).

THE WORST FORMS OF CHEATING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

How many times does your partner cheat on you?



Q5. Which of the following kinds of cheating is most problematic for you?

RESPONSES	FEMALE	MALE
I can't respond	2.4%	3.0%
I can't stand cheating of any sort	68.4%	79.6%
When my partner has multiple affairs	9.4%	12.0%
When my partner has one permanent affair	19.7%	5.6%

- Men (79.6%) are more likely to say they can't stand cheating than women (68.4%)
- Women say their partner cheating on them with one person over time (19.7%) is worse than the partner cheating on them with multiple partners (9.4%)

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