Am I the only virgin on campus?

No. It’s not that uncommon for UA students. In our latest survey 40% of UA first year students reported that they were virgins. In fact, quite a few seniors were virgins, too. We know this from asking thousands of students in our anonymous annual Health & Wellness Survey.

Take a look at this year’s data, gathered from 3,113 UA students who took the 2016 Survey. Here’s the breakdown from questionnaires collected in randomly-selected classes across the UA campus:

“Have you ever had vaginal sex?”
- First Years: 60%
- Sophomores: 72%
- Juniors: 74%
- Seniors: 83%

“Have you ever had oral sex?”
- First Years: 63%
- Sophomores: 75%
- Juniors: 76%
- Seniors: 83%

“Have you ever had anal sex?”
The numbers are much lower:
- First Years: 16%
- Sophomores: 20%
- Juniors: 26%
- Seniors: 33%

While the majority of students report having had oral or vaginal sex at least once in their lives, we know that not everyone at the UA is “doin’ it” while at school. Reasons that people cite for not having sex include religion, fear of sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy, and waiting for the right person. Some people are choosing other, lower risk ways to enjoy sexual pleasure: avoiding sexual intercourse through mutual masturbation, hand jobs, dry-humping, and so on.

So, take heart ye virgins! You are not alone. And you probably won’t regret waiting until you are ready or the right person comes along.

Have a question? Email it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

The UA Campus Health Pharmacy sells emergency contraception for $35 and it can be charged to your Bursar’s account.