

Gender Difference in Self-Reported Sexual Experience: Evidence from the Taiwan Youth Project

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This study compares estimates of the prevalence of sexual experience from the self report method against estimates from the list experiment method on a probability sample of youths in the Taiwan Youth Project.

The list experiment method minimizes biases in survey measurements of sensitive nature, and serves as a benchmark to assess the accuracy in the self reports. Results show that self reports give a much higher estimate of the prevalence of sexual experience for men, but a similar estimate for women.