

Both Market Research and Interviews revealed some key findings:

LGBT youth use online sources to seek out help regarding medical information (physical and mental health) significantly more than their heterosexual peers.

Figure 12. Rates of Searching for Health Information Online among LGBT and Non-LGBT Youth

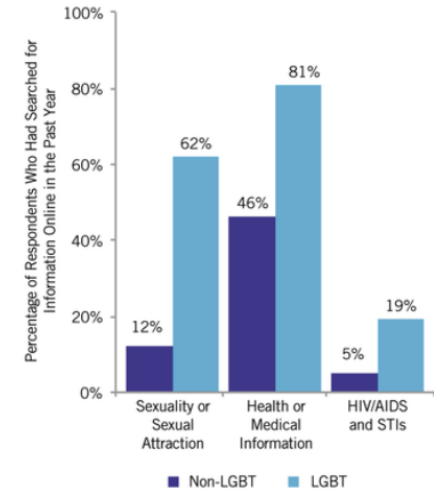
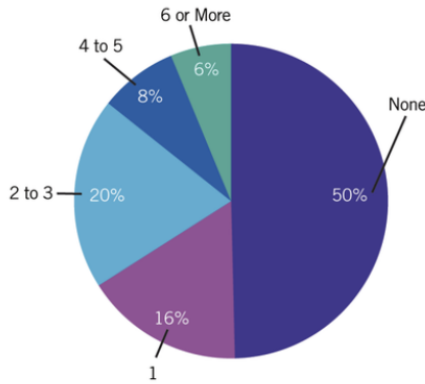


Figure 13. Number of Close Online Friends among LGBT Youth



LGBT youth are more likely to use online interfaces including apps, chats, forums, and social media sites to establish friendships and look for people they identify with in order to explore their sexuality.

LGBT people might engage in concerning behavior on dating sites, chats, and forums that could endanger their safety in place of safe/moderated in person or online connections with resources for LGBT youth, therefore youth especially may benefit from an app that connects them to a social support group as those found with PFLAG.

Figure 15. Rates of Internet Use to Connect with Other LGBT People among LGBT Youth who Lack Access to In-Person LGBT Resources

