

Sex exchange.⁶ Exchanging sex for drugs, money, gifts, goods, food, or shelter (sex exchange) is a risky sexual behaviour associated with several negative outcomes (i.e., more sexual partners, unprotected sexual intercourse, concomitant substance use, HIV and other STBBIs; Edwards, Iritani, Hallfors, 2006; Ulloa, Salazar, Monjaras, 2016). About 13% of sexually active young Nunavimmiut had given or obtained sex in exchange for alcohol, drugs, money, gifts, goods, or shelter at some point. This was more likely to be reported by men (Table 5), by single people (19%* vs. 6%** for married or common law partners), by those with lower education (31%** for those who had or had not completed elementary school and 16%* for those who had attended but not completed secondary school vs. 5%** for those who had completed secondary school), and

by Nunavimmiut who felt that they received a lower level of love and affection support (26%* vs. 8%* for those with high support). Table F, Appendix B shows the proportions for sociodemographic and selected sociocultural indicators.

The proportion of sex exchange for shelter was higher than that for alcohol, drugs, money, gifts, or goods (Table 5). Sex in exchange for shelter was more common among men (13%** vs. 4%** for women), single people (12%* vs. 3%** for married or common law partners) and Nunavimmiut aged 16 to 20 years old (13%* vs. 5%** for those aged 21 to 30 years old). No differences were observed according to giving or obtaining sex in exchange for shelter according to employment status, income or community size.

Table 5 Sex exchange according to sex, age and sex by age group, sexually active population aged 16 to 30 years old, Nunavik, 2017

	Have given sex in exchange for alcohol, drugs, money, gifts, or goods (%)	Have given sex in exchange for shelter (%)	Have obtained sex in exchange for alcohol, drugs, money, gifts, or goods (%)	Have obtained sex in exchange for shelter (%)	Any sex exchange ^a (%)
Total	2.8**	8.1*	2.8**	7.3*	13.1
Sex					
Men	4.0**	12.6** ¹	5.1**	12.4** ¹	21.1 ¹
Women	1.7**	4.0**	NP	2.6**	5.7*
Age group					
16-20 years	NP	13.2** ¹	NP	10.8**	17.4*
21-30 years	3.6**	5.2**	3.5**	5.3**	10.6*
Sex by age group					
Men					
16-20 years	NP	19.5**	NP	16.8**	26.6*
21-30 years	5.4**	8.1**	6.6**	9.5**	17.4**
Women					
16-20 years	NP	6.4**	NP	4.4**	7.5**
21-30 years	NP	2.8**	NP	NP	4.9**

NOTES

^a Have given or obtained sex in exchange for alcohol, drugs, money, gifts, or goods as well as shelter.

1. Statistically significant difference observed using the 5% threshold compared to the other group.

* The coefficient of variation is greater than 15% and lower than or equal to 25%. The proportion should be interpreted carefully.

** The coefficient of variation is greater than 25%. The proportion is shown for information only.

NP: This value is not presented since some categories have less than 5 respondents.

6. All proportions for the indicator “sex exchange” are to be interpreted with caution as the coefficients of variation are all between 15% and 25% or over 25%.