

FACT SHEET 5

SOCIALIZING



WHERE MEN SOCIALIZE

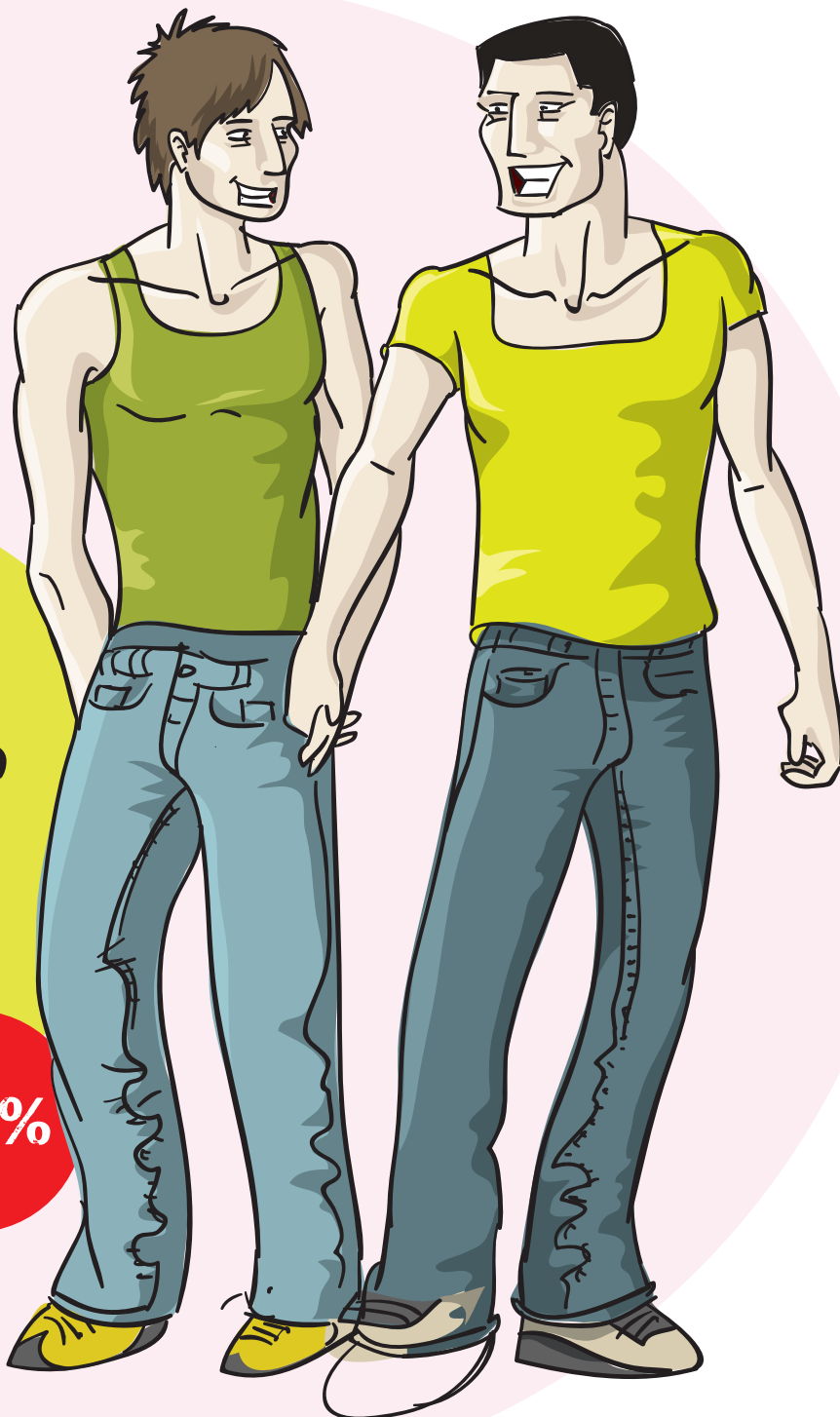
- In the online gay commercial community, men in their 20s were most active and men over the age of 50 were least active.
- Urban men were more likely to socialize in the virtual gay community and commercial gay community than were rural men.
- Men who were more community engaged were more likely to know their HIV status.

- DID NOT SOCIALIZE IN THE VIRTUAL GAY COMMUNITY (ONLINE)
- DID NOT SOCIALIZE IN THE GAY COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY
- DID NOT SOCIALIZE IN THE STRAIGHT COMMUNITY

33.7%

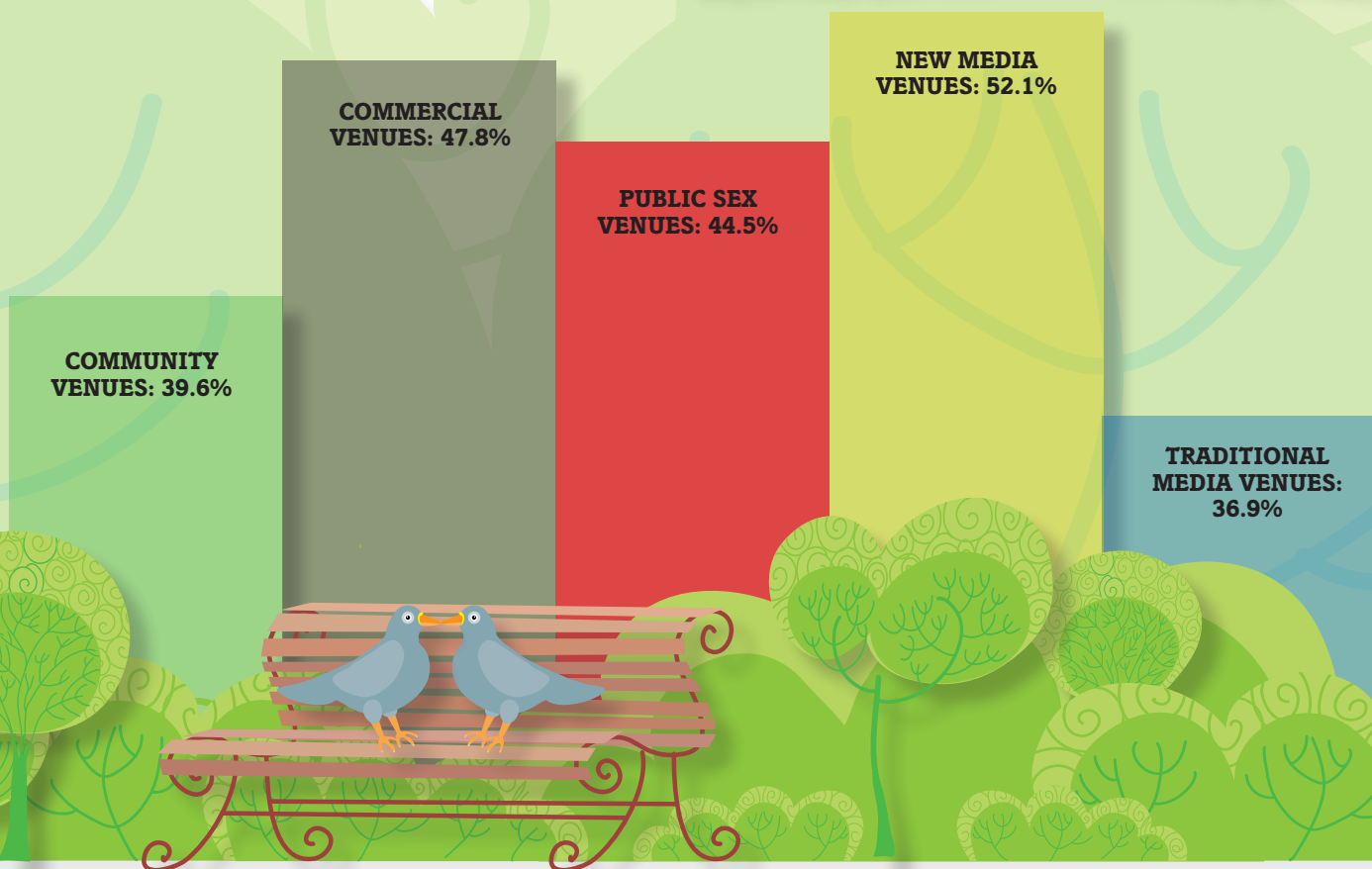
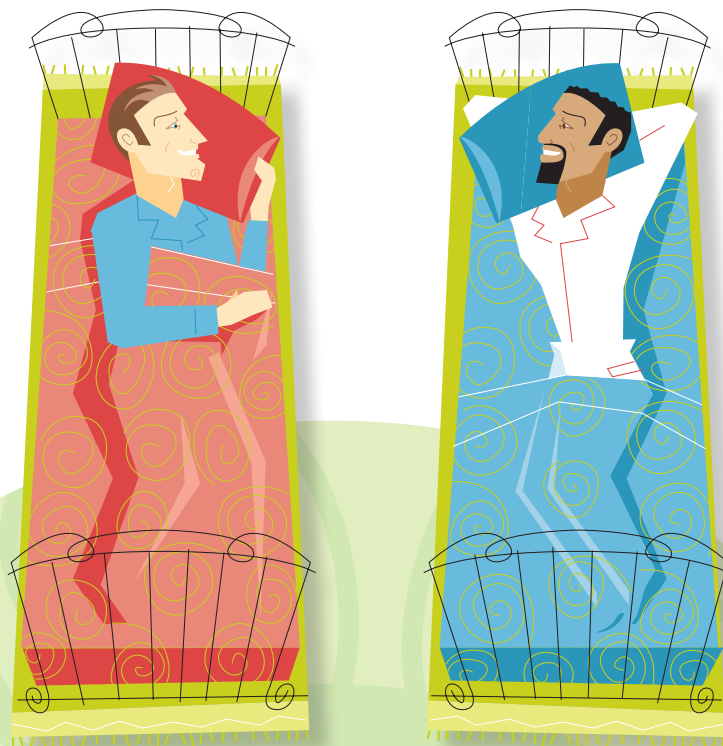
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WHERE GUYS LOOK FOR SEX

- Men under the age of 50 used new media more than commercial venues – men over 50 showed the opposite pattern.
- While all men actively looked for sex, younger ages reported more sex seeking behaviour.
- Men in rural areas reported less sex seeking behaviour than urban men.



Community venues include coffee shops, community organizations, gay associations, recreational groups and gay events. **Commercial venues** include gay bars, straight bars, circuit parties, after hours clubs, gyms and health clubs. **Public sex venues** include saunas, bath houses, parks, bike paths and public restrooms. **New media venues** include the Internet, Grindr and other mobile applications. **Traditional media venues** include telephone chat lines and personal ads.

