

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected women's sexual behavior?

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A recent study from Turkey found that women's sexual desire and frequency of intercourse increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, but their quality of sexual life decreased. The findings are published in the

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In the study of 58 women, women participated in [sexual intercourse](#) on average 2.4 times per week during the pandemic, compared with 1.9 times in the 6–12 months prior to the pandemic. Before the pandemic 32.7% of participants desired to become pregnant, compared with 5.1% during the pandemic; however, use of contraception decreased during the pandemic.

Menstrual disorders were more common during the pandemic than before (27.6% versus 12.1%), and participants generated worse scores on a questionnaire based on sexual function during the pandemic compared with scores before the pandemic.

More information: Bahar Yuksel et al. Effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on female sexual behavior, *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics* (2020). [DOI: 10.1002/ijgo.13193](https://doi.org/10.1002/ijgo.13193)

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