

1. Public displays of affection between adults – Yes

Which of the following displays of affection between adult couples are appropriate to do in public?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Heavy petting | 3% | 6% | 1% | 9% | 2% | 2% | — | 5% | 3% | 1% |
| Holding hands | 93% | 91% | 94% | 89% | 87% | 97% | 96% | 93% | 93% | 92% |
| Hugging | 85% | 85% | 86% | 85% | 85% | 89% | 77% | 89% | 81% | 86% |
| Kissing | 49% | 55% | 43% | 56% | 50% | 51% | 33% | 54% | 49% | 42% |
| Kissing on the cheek | 84% | 82% | 85% | 83% | 80% | 88% | 79% | 87% | 83% | 81% |
| Making out | 6% | 9% | 4% | 17% | 6% | 3% | 1% | 11% | 5% | 2% |
| Petting | 11% | 15% | 6% | 24% | 11% | 5% | 0% | 14% | 13% | 2% |
| Playing with hair | 46% | 47% | 45% | 58% | 50% | 48% | 21% | 52% | 44% | 42% |
| Resting heads in laps | 30% | 38% | 22% | 34% | 36% | 27% | 18% | 34% | 31% | 20% |
| Stroking the face | 44% | 47% | 42% | 45% | 46% | 47% | 34% | 46% | 45% | 42% |
| Totals | (1,000) | (488) | (512) | (183) | (247) | (374) | (193) | (363) | (409) | (228) |

| | Race | | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Heavy petting | 3% | 2% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 5% |
| Holding hands | 93% | 95% | 83% | 87% | 90% | 97% | 99% | 93% | 91% | 94% | 92% | 93% |
| Hugging | 85% | 86% | 87% | 80% | 84% | 84% | 94% | 88% | 83% | 86% | 86% | 85% |
| Kissing | 49% | 51% | 40% | 44% | 47% | 49% | 55% | 53% | 46% | 50% | 47% | 54% |
| Kissing on the cheek | 84% | 84% | 80% | 83% | 83% | 84% | 94% | 81% | 81% | 81% | 86% | 83% |
| Making out | 6% | 4% | 14% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 7% |
| Petting | 11% | 10% | 15% | 12% | 13% | 9% | 7% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 11% | 13% |
| Playing with hair | 46% | 45% | 45% | 52% | 50% | 41% | 44% | 51% | 46% | 42% | 48% | 47% |
| Resting heads in laps | 30% | 28% | 32% | 34% | 29% | 31% | 33% | 32% | 24% | 26% | 30% | 36% |
| Stroking the face | 44% | 46% | 38% | 44% | 42% | 45% | 48% | 46% | 40% | 42% | 46% | 48% |
| Totals | (1,000) | (782) | (114) | (104) | (366) | (286) | (67) | (129) | (186) | (231) | (380) | (203) |

2. Public displays of affection between adults – No

Which of the following displays of affection between adult couples are appropriate to do in public?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Heavy petting | 75% | 70% | 80% | 58% | 69% | 88% | 79% | 72% | 72% | 85% |
| Holding hands | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Hugging | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| Kissing | 20% | 17% | 22% | 14% | 20% | 18% | 32% | 16% | 19% | 26% |
| Kissing on the cheek | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| Making out | 71% | 65% | 77% | 56% | 67% | 80% | 78% | 66% | 70% | 81% |
| Petting | 55% | 47% | 63% | 33% | 49% | 68% | 70% | 46% | 56% | 68% |
| Playing with hair | 10% | 10% | 9% | 5% | 9% | 10% | 16% | 10% | 8% | 12% |
| Resting heads in laps | 35% | 27% | 43% | 31% | 32% | 38% | 40% | 32% | 33% | 44% |
| Stroking the face | 11% | 11% | 11% | 12% | 14% | 8% | 13% | 10% | 10% | 14% |
| Totals | (1,000) | (488) | (512) | (183) | (247) | (374) | (193) | (363) | (409) | (228) |

| | Total | Race | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Heavy petting | 75% | 81% | 57% | 62% | 67% | 80% | 83% | 82% | 74% | 82% | 73% | 74% |
| Holding hands | 1% | 1% | – | 1% | 1% | 0% | – | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | – |
| Hugging | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Kissing | 20% | 18% | 25% | 28% | 21% | 21% | 8% | 14% | 15% | 19% | 23% | 19% |
| Kissing on the cheek | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 2% | – | 1% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 1% |
| Making out | 71% | 75% | 58% | 60% | 64% | 74% | 76% | 77% | 70% | 76% | 72% | 67% |
| Petting | 55% | 62% | 31% | 39% | 42% | 63% | 67% | 62% | 51% | 61% | 52% | 60% |
| Playing with hair | 10% | 10% | 5% | 10% | 7% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 5% | 14% | 10% | 7% |
| Resting heads in laps | 35% | 37% | 32% | 28% | 32% | 37% | 37% | 34% | 38% | 40% | 32% | 34% |
| Stroking the face | 11% | 11% | 7% | 16% | 11% | 10% | 13% | 11% | 9% | 13% | 12% | 9% |
| Totals | (1,000) | (782) | (114) | (104) | (366) | (286) | (67) | (129) | (186) | (231) | (380) | (203) |