

This is powerful stuff about high risk taking behaviours of clients as opposed to non-client men of female sex workers in Melbourne.

"Venereology", the International Journal of Sexual Health (Volume 12, #1, 1999), Article titled "Characteristics, Attitudes and Risk Behaviours of Australian Men Who Visit Female Sex Workers."

Susan Moore, the article's author, recruited a sample of 400 men and women from Melbourne. They were aged 25yo-49yo, from a fairly wide range of backgrounds and they all identified as heterosexual. Of the 186 men, 34 had paid for the services of a prostitute, that is

- a.. "20% of the men had visited sex workers in the last 10 years "
- a.. "clients were far less likely to use condoms for vaginal penetration with casual partners" than the non-client men were or the women were.
- a.. "They were twice as likely to have had unprotected anal sex with a casual partner", than the guys who have never been to see a sex worker.
- a.. "Client males were more than twice as likely than non-client males to have had over 20 partners in the last 10 yrs, and more than 3 times as likely as women in the sample.
- a.. "clients were more than twice as likely as non-clients to have had a same-sex partner at some time. "
- a.. "20% of the prostitute clients had used injecting drugs at least once", compared to a total of only 6% of all the men surveyed", that is over three times more likely than non-clients to have injected drugs at least once.

Here's how Susan Moore finishes her article,

"What would appear important for sex workers is that they remain aware and vigilant that their clients represent a multiple risk population with respect to HIV and other STD's."