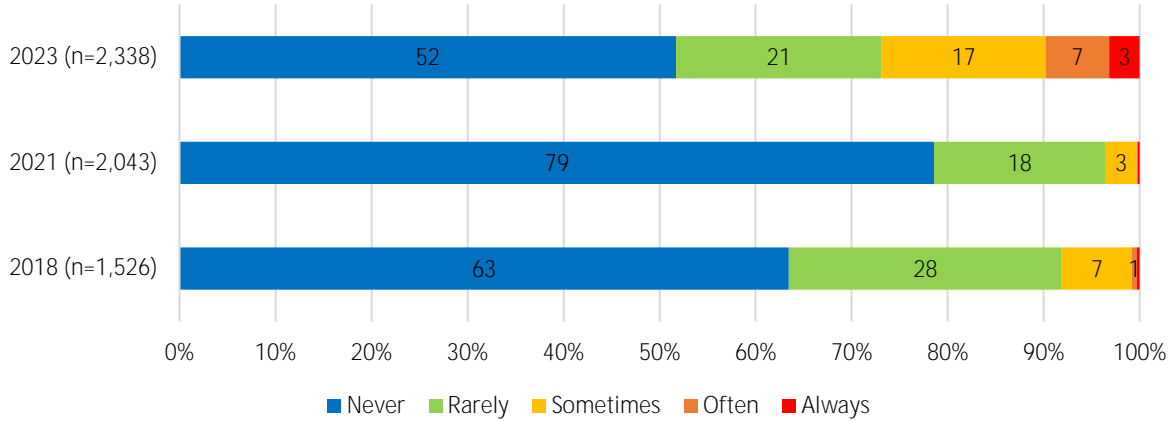


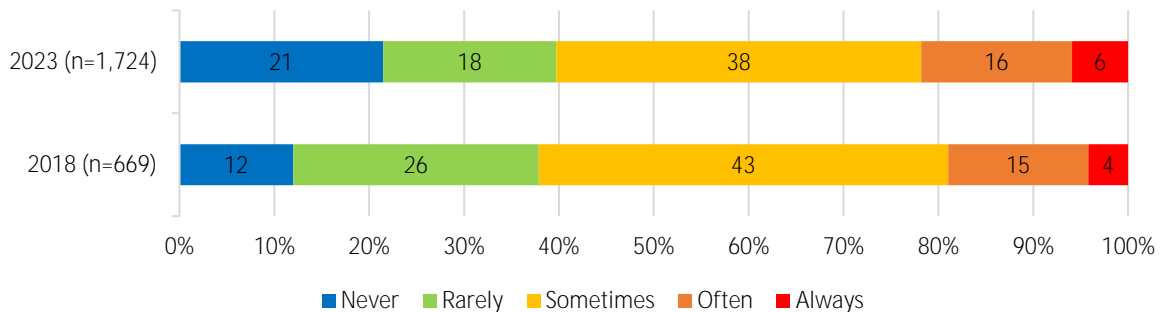


Would you behave negatively towards other people because of their STI?



The proportion of participants who expected they would experience stigma or discrimination if they ever had an STI was higher than the proportion who reported they would behave negatively towards other people because of an STI. Among sexually active participants in 2023 who had not been diagnosed with an STI in the past 12 months (n=1,724), 79% expected that they would experience stigma or discrimination if they were ever diagnosed with an STI, including 22% who believed this would ‘often’ or ‘always’ be the case. The proportion of participants who expected they would ‘often’ or ‘always’ experience stigma in relation to an STI did not significantly change between 2018 and 2023, however, the proportion who expected any stigma decreased from 88% to 79%. It is also worth noting that of 128 participants who had ever been diagnosed with an STI (but not in the past 12 months), 86% expected that they would experience stigma if diagnosed with an STI, compared with 78% of those who had never been diagnosed with an STI.

If you ever had an STI, do you think you would experience any stigma or discrimination in relation to this STI?



Note: This indicator was not included in the 2021 survey.



Experiences of stigma and discrimination were common among the small proportion of participants in the *Debrief* survey who reported they had been diagnosed with an STI in the past 12 months. Stigma persists

