

# 100 Things You Need to Know About Guys

Talk about having the other team's playbook! Cosmo uncovered the most outrageous facts about men. Soon you'll know him better than he knows himself!

**1** The odds are stacked in your favor: There are 120 single men in their 20s for every 100 women in the same age bracket.

**2** They'd really rather get your number than give you theirs.

**3** To meet a guy, head to the dance floor, not a bar stool: Men are more likely to notice you if you're in motion. It goes back to the hunting days, when guys on the prowl (literally!) had to spot moving targets from miles away.

**4** Don't freak if your first date is filled with awkward silences. Men aren't socialized to keep conversations going smoothly the way women are—even when they're interested.

**5** If a guy's ring finger is longer than his second finger, it means he has high testosterone levels...and is more likely to have a higher sex drive than a dude with same-length digits.

**6** Most guys would date a girl who is older than they are—only 10 percent say they wouldn't.

**7** A third of guys keep their ex-girlfriend's number in their cell phones forever. More than 20 percent hang on to it for at least a few weeks.

**8** Of the dudes who keep their ex's number, 1 in 5 say it's for potential booty calls.

**9** Guys' top ways to unwind, starting with their most favorite: zoning out in front of the TV or computer, drinking, exercising, and masturbating. "All of the above" was *not* an option.

**10** About a quarter say it's okay to lie if it spares someone's feelings.

**11** You know how you swoon over men in uniform? According to guys, the sexiest professionals are models, flight attendants, and dancers.

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More than half of men change their sheets before a first date. Hey, they're optimists.

**13** When males jam their thumbs into their belt loops or pockets, their hands frame their package. It's a way of saying "Look how manly I am" and gaining your attention...or attraction.

**14** Guys will use their obnoxious friend as a wingman. They send in the shameless jerk to start a conversation, then go in to "smooth things over." *Sooo* chivalrous, right?

**15** Men say work and school are the best places to meet potential girlfriends, followed by bars/clubs, setups through friends, and house parties.

**16** Muscular types are more likely to have flings and multiple sex partners than are ones with average builds—muscle growth is associated with higher testosterone levels.

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Less than a quarter of men say that if they take your number, they'll definitely call.

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Most guys say it's more important that a girl has a pretty face than that she has a hot body.

**19** New take on the three-day rule: If they feel any chemistry on a first date, 97 percent of men will call *within* 72 hours, not after.

**20** To stay in touch during the early dating days, most dudes say they prefer phone calls to texting.

**21** The majority of men claim to have had between 4 and 10 sexual partners. And they want the women they date to have bedded no more than 10 as well.

**22** Single men make up 9 percent of all home buyers.

**23** Forty-six percent of unmarried men in their 20s live at home—as in, with their parents.

**24** Single men are less likely than married men are to claim that they are “very happy.” Possibly related fact? Just over half of them had sex last month, compared with 90 percent of hubbies.

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Butty-call etiquette: 59 percent of men prefer when you're the one to initiate hookups.

**26** The younger they are, the more spontaneous and risk taking they'll be. Their prefrontal cortex, which controls impulses, isn't fully developed until around age 25.

**27** Men prefer chicks who'll disagree with them. When a woman says *yes* to anything, suitors fear that her lack of resolve means she could be swayed to leave them for another guy.

**28** If a cutie straightens his tie, pulls up his socks, or adjusts his ball cap, it's a form of preening and accenting his masculinity before he hits on you.

**29** Solo dudes are more likely to be swayed by their friends' opinions than are guys in relationships.

**30** If you want him to feel relaxed on a date, talk about facts (say, the architecture of your new apartment building) instead of feelings (how stressed you are about moving). Men's brains aren't as naturally good at processing emotions as women's are.

**31** Three-quarters of men say they'll ask a woman out again if she's positive and laughs on a date.

**32** You don't have to go overboard to transmit interest: Males are much more likely than women are to believe a casual conversation was flirtatious.

**33** Bachelors are prone to rebel against societal norms (getting tattoos, going to work on no sleep) more than coupled-up guys are because they haven't yet formed the sense of identity required to be in a relationship.

**34** A sports bar is a great place to pick up prospects. Not just because, duh, they're *there*, but because the competitive environment causes fans' testosterone levels to rise.

**35** But forget about meeting mates in cooking classes or any other kind of workshop. Single men steer clear, because they believe taking a class broadcasts their lack of knowledge.

**36** About 1 in 4 single guys volunteer in their communities.

**37** Thirty-six percent of American men are married by age 25; 61 percent are married by 30.

**38** Though men are more up front than women are about the importance of looks, they also have a broader view of what they consider attractive.

**39** Charmers who say something pop culture-based (“Did you see that on YouTube?”) or character-revealing (“I usually don't go to loud bars”) are trying to show mate potential.

**40** Guys with masculine faces—strong jaws, pronounced eyebrows—are more likely than other types to date casually instead of having stable relationships, which is due to—yep—higher testosterone levels.

**41** Dudes say the biggest misconception girls have about them is that they're more into a woman's body than her personality.

**42** Need a new hobby? Activities that guys engage in *waaaay* more than chicks do: going to auto shows, reading comic books, and playing pool, chess, fantasy sports, and video games.

**43** Sports where guys outnumber girls big-time include golf, mountain biking, and snowboarding.

**44** The majority like to keep your first phone call under 10 minutes.

**45** Sexually suggestive pickup lines usually don't work...but horn dogs still pull 'em out to gauge if you'd be down for a hookup.

**46** Having a lot of candles in his place hints at premeditation—he likely bought them to impress you... or his last girlfriend left them there.

**47** If a male friend asks you to “grab a drink,” he's probably hoping the hangout has date potential. If he shows up and you smell cologne, make that a definite.



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More than half of guys consider their pals' opinions when deciding whether to date you.

**49** Small-talk date topics that dudes hate? Number 1: his ex. Number 2: his money situation.

**50** Most of them aren't looking to score on a first date. They would, however, love to kiss you.

**51** Single guys are more likely than other men are to spend money on stuff that can be worn, driven, or otherwise shown off outside the home.

**52** The body parts that guys get self-conscious about are their stomachs, body hair, and man boobs.

**53** Almost a quarter of 'em say they aren't insecure about *any* body part.

**54** First-date behavior that men read as high-maintenance red flags: making multiple food substitutions, complaining about the temperature, and having him hold your purse.

**55** Nearly twice as many single specimens would rather be in a relationship than keep playing the field.

**56** Men give more to charity when they think women will notice.

**57** When a guy smiles at you from across the room, it's an invitation to say *hi*. If he ignores you after that, it's more likely that he's too nervous to approach you than he's uninterested.

**58** Male online daters get more emotionally attached than women do. The anonymity of writing lets them express their emotions more readily than if they'd just met you.

**59** About half of guys out there like a chick with a bad-girl streak.

**60** The ones who go after those wild chicks say they dig the challenge...or think she'll be uninhibited in bed.

**61** Twenty-one percent of guys expect to be exclusive as soon as you're dating, but 35 percent—the majority—say after a month or so. Eighteen percent wait several months, and 10 percent say it's once you've had sex.

**62** The average bachelor spends about 10 minutes each day on personal calls or e-mails.

**63** Ninety-five percent of guys like when a chick comes on to them.

**64** Their favorite way for you to hit on them: just say *hi* or ask them a question about themselves.

**65** Most dudes say they plan to get married between the ages of 26 and 30. Stats bear that out—the average age for them to marry is 27.1.

**66** More available guys say they would rather get hitched when they're older than the national average as opposed to doing it superyoung.

**67** Forty-three percent Google you before you go on a date.

**68** Their top relationship no-no is oversharing personal details, like how many partners you've had. Runner-up: when you play *too* hard to get.

**69** Almost half don't want to get married until they can afford their own home. Forty percent want to wait until they can afford a nice wedding.

**70** It's not personal when they don't invite you along to watch sports. Guys get absorbed in the action and can't make small talk during the game.

**71** The cities with the most eligible bachelors, factoring in education, fitness, and philanthropy: San Francisco (yes, straight ones too); Minneapolis; San Jose, California; Arlington, Texas; and Raleigh, North Carolina.

**72** Thirty-two percent of dudes say they've cheated on a woman. But the number could be higher, since a third of them don't consider kissing someone cheating.

**73** Five: The number of dates most males say you should wait to have sex if you want a serious relationship

**74** *Does she think I'm interesting? Are we clicking?* These are the thoughts most likely running through his head when he's hitting on you.

**75** They often act like jerks so you'll dump them, figuring it's nicer than saying "I'm not feeling this."

**76** Only 13 percent of men describe their sex life in detail to their buddies.

**77** When lusty lads are around female prospects, they unconsciously exaggerate their facial and hand gestures and walk faster than normal.

**78** Guys who've been in the military have about twice as many sex partners as those who haven't.

**79** The first time they do it with a new girl, their top concern is that they'll finish too fast. They also worry about whether you're faking.

**80** Guys tend to daydream about physical activities: sex, golf, saving Angelina Jolie from a fire....

**81** Twelve percent of unattached males have used cocaine or street drugs in the past year—compared with 3.6 percent of married men.

**82** Even if it's not exactly true, murmur during sex that he has the biggest penis you've ever seen and he'll glow for days. If he's on the small side and that's not plausible, get the same ego-stroking effects by moaning loudly.

**83** Twenty-eight percent of single guys claim they've had threesomes, which is double the rate for married men and for all women.

**84** "You're so hot!" That's the top compliment a man wants to hear, followed by "You're funny," "You're great in bed," and "Damn, you're smart!"

**85** Dudes 18 to 34 spend an average of more than three hours a month on Facebook.com.

**86** Headed west? Of the 10 small cities with the most rich, single guys, 9 are in California.

**87** Four times as many dudes say just chilling together is more romantic than a nice dinner.

**88** But they aren't holding out for a supermodel. Most say they like girl-next-door or spotty types.

**89** Don't think you're the first to fawn over Fido—gentlemen with dogs know good and well they're babe bait.

**90** Most men—74 percent—still expect to pick up the tab on the first date. Fifteen percent say whoever did the asking out should pay, and 9 percent prefer to split the check.

**91** It's not just trying to buy your affection that makes them pick up the tab—paying for your meal gives guys a sense of accomplishment.

**92** Is that eye candy across the room interested in you? If he has pigeon toes (pointing inward) or one shoulder raised, survey says *yes*.

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When a guy touches your shoulders, it's a subconscious signal that he's into more than just sex.

**94** After doing something kinky with a new guy, you might offer a little white lie about how it's your first time trying that—it makes him feel special.

**95** Half of men say they have a female "type" they go for.

**96** One move players use: brushing against you and touching your elbow. It breaks your personal bubble, but it's more innocent than if they actually grabbed you elsewhere.

**97** When a hottie is sexually attracted to someone, his eyes open wider, his lips part, and his jaw slightly droops.

**98** More than a third of guys sometimes have trouble paying their bills.

**99** Many suitors test their dates at some point by making a gross joke. The idea: If you laugh and joke back, you'll accept the "real" him.

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Over half the single men out there believe in love at first sight.

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