

Demand for sexual services in Britain: does sex education matter?

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By analysing survey data from 1999-2001 and 2010-2012, researchers have estimated the demand for commercial sex among British men.

The *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* study found that men traveling abroad, men living in London, [drug users](#), religious men, and men with middle-class income are more often together with prostitutes than other men.

The most notable finding from a policy point of view was that learning about sex in school had a significant and sizeable negative effect on the expected number of times with a prostitute. The authors noted that requiring sex education in all schools could therefore help in reducing prostitution in Britain.

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