

Sex Life Brings Joy to 3 Times More Russians Than in 1999

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A sex shop near Ostankino tower in Moscow. More Russians experience happiness in their sex lives than at the end of the last millenium. **Denis Grishkin**

Over the last 13 years, life in the bedroom has gotten markedly better for Russians, according to a new poll.

Eighteen percent of those surveyed last week by state-run pollster VTsIOM said their sex lives brought them happiness, compared to only 6 percent in 1999, Interfax reported Friday. Forty percent of those polled said their sexual habits brought them satisfaction, compared to 36 percent 13 years ago.

There are also fewer people who are dissatisfied with their sex lives — 4 percent now, compared to 10 percent in 1999.

Men were greater fans of their sex lives than women, with 21 percent of men saying they experience happiness and 47 percent satisfaction in their intimate relations, compared to 16 percent and 34 percent of women in those two respective categories.

A greater contrast came in the area of relationships with relatives and friends, which 38 percent of those polled last week said bring them happiness, compared to 12 percent in 1999.

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