

MEA ROMANCE SURVEY : RESULTS

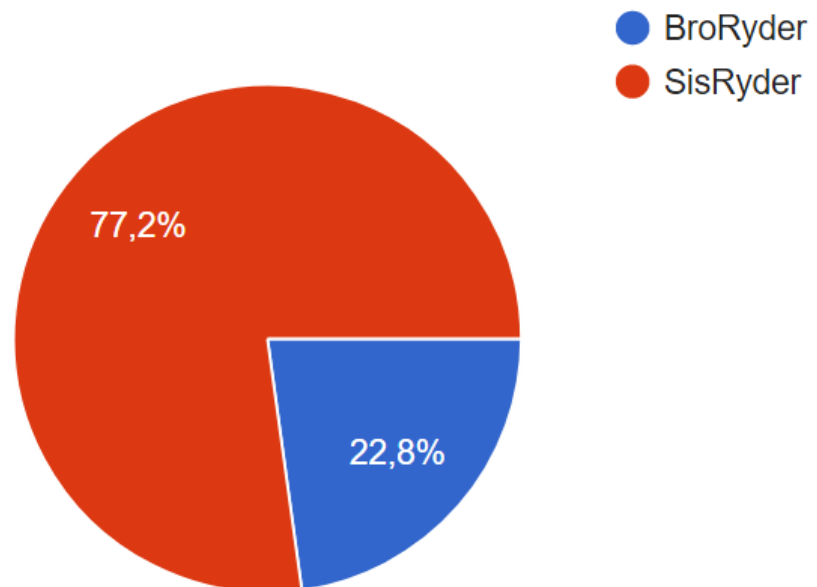
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Who were you playing?

1108 answers:

- 77,2% sisRyder players (855)
- 22,8% broRyder players (253)

1108 réponses



Who was your main romance in MEA?

1109 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):

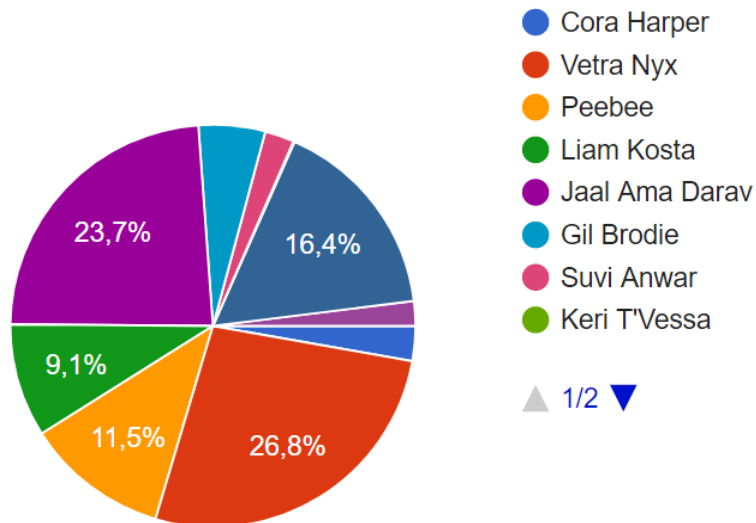
- 26,8% = Vetra Nyx
- 23,7% = Jaal Ama Darav
- 16,4% = Reyes Vidal
- 11,5% = Peebee
- 9,1% = Liam Kosta
- 5,3% = Gil Brodie
- 2,8% = Cora Harper
- 2,3% = Suvi Anwar

-2% = No one

-0,1% = Avela Kjar

Who was your main romance in MEA?

1109 réponses



BRORYDER PLAYERS (MAIN ROMANCE):

- Reyes (88)
- Gil Brodie (59)
- Vetra (37)
- Cora Harper (30)
- Peebee (24)
- No one (12)
- Jaal (2)
- Avela Kjar (1)

SISRYDER PLAYERS (MAIN ROMANCE):

- Jaal (261)
- Vetra (260)
- Peebee (103)
- Liam (101)
- Reyes (94)
- Suvi (26)
- No one (10)
- Cora (1)

Did you pursue another romance/flirt option?

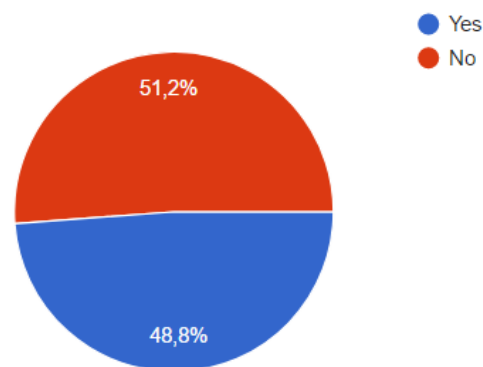
1106 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):

51,2% (566) = NO

48,8% (540) = YES

Did you pursue another romance/flirt option?

1106 réponses



BroRyder Players (with main LI):

- Reyes - No (51) - Yes (37)
- Gil - No (22) - Yes (37)
- Vetra - No (20) - Yes (17)
- Cora - No (15) - Yes (15)
- Peebee - No (12) - Yes (11) - NA (1)
- No one - No (12)
- Jaal - No (1) - Yes (1)
- Avela - No (1) - Yes (0)

SisRyder Players (with main LI):

- Jaal - No (131) - Yes (130)
- Vetra - No (151) - Yes (107) - NA (2)
- Peebee - No (45) - Yes (58)
- Liam - No (54) - Yes (47)
- Reyes - No (30) - Yes (64)
- Suvi - No (14) - Yes (12)
- No one - No (7) - Yes (3)

- Cora - Yes (1)

If you did pursue someone else, who was it?

Note: This could just be flirting with another character.

All players (broRyder + sisRyder players):

- Reyes (156)
- Peebee (149)
- Vetra (102)
- Jaal (87)
- Liam (73)
- Keri (60)
- Suvi (45)
- Everyone (36)
- Gil (28)
- Cora (11)
- Lexi (9)
- Avela (9)
- Drack (1)
- Kallo (1)

BroRyder Players:

- Reyes (46)
 - Peebee (26)
 - Gil (26)
 - Avela (9)
 - Keri (8)
 - Everyone (7)
 - Cora (6)
 - Vetra (6)
 - Jaal (2)
 - Lexi (1)
 - Liam (1)
 - Suvi (1)
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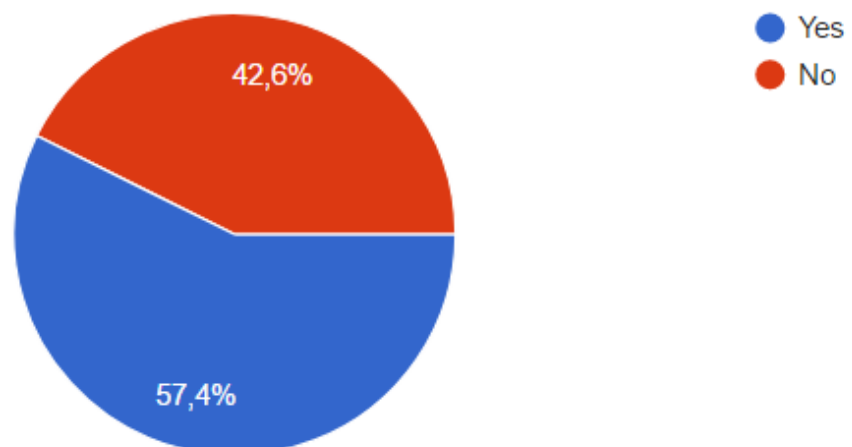
SisRyder Players:

- Peebee (123)
- Reyes (110)
- Vera (96)
- Jaal (85)
- Liam (72)
- Keri (52)
- Suvi (44)
- Everyone (29)
- Lexi (8)
- Cora (5)
- Gil (2)
- Drack (1)
- Kallo (1)

Did you plan to romance a specific LI before the game released and if so did you stick with that choice?

Note: It was a mistake to ask the question this way since we have two questions in one.

1107 réponses



1107 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):
57,4% (635) = YES

42,6% (472) = NO

BroRyder Players:

-Yes (128)

-No (125)

SisRyder Players:

-Yes (507)

-No (347)

BroRyder players reasons for not sticking with a specific LI:

Because the question was badly framed, some people didn't justify why they didn't go with their planned LI but why didn't plan on romancing a specific LI before playing.

Most of them said they were avoiding information before the game was launched or simply didn't know about the available LIs.

The reasons for not sticking with a specific LI:

-Planned LI was not available to broRyder (47) - *Players mostly mentioned the fact that Jaal and Liam are not available to broRyder.*

-Liking another LI (21) - *Most said they decided to romance Reyes instead of the LI they had planned.*

-The LI was not available at all (3)

-LI didn't fit the idea they had of them (1)

-Thought LI wouldn't mind Ryder having a fling but they did (1)

-Disliked the planned LI's storyline (3) - *This is about Gil and his baby storyline.*

-Was influenced by fandom to change LI (1)

-No idea why they didn't stick with LI (1)

SisRyder players reasons for not sticking with a specific LI:

Because the question was badly framed, some people didn't justify why they didn't go with their planned LI but why didn't plan on romancing a specific LI before playing.

A large number (65) said they wanted to get to know the characters first.

Most of them expressed the importance of "organic" romances or said

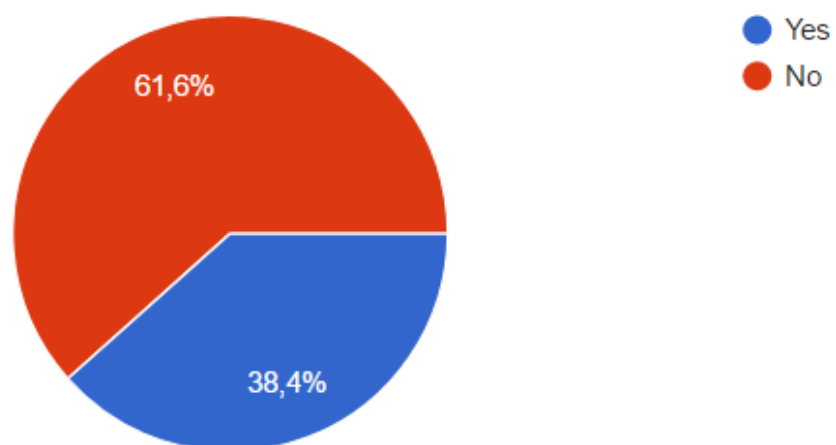
they don't want to pick an LI based on their looks. Some deliberately avoided any information before launch (24) and two players were uninterested in the possible LIs.

The reasons for not sticking with a specific LI:

- Liking another LI (86) - *LIs that players liked more: Jaal, Reyes, Liam, Peebee, Vetra and Suvi*
- LI was not available to their Ryder's gender (13) - *Players mentioned Cora*
- LI wasn't right for their Ryder (11)
- LI was not available at all (7) - *It's mostly about Kallo with one mention of Jien*
- Didn't like the Lis available (4)
- Players decided to change Ryder's gender and had to switch Li (2)
- Issues with the romance (2) - *The romance didn't have enough content*
- Players didn't like the planned LI (2) - *This is about Peebee*
- Stuck with an LI after flirting (1)
- No reason (1)
- Too many hot people around (1)

Did you want to romance someone else who was not available to your Ryder's gender?

1104 réponses



1104 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):

61,6% (680) = NO
38,4% (424) = YES

BroRyder Players:

-Yes (128)
-No (125)

SisRyder Players:

-Yes (407)
-No (436)

If so, who? You can elaborate if you want.

BRORYDER PLAYERS WANTED TO ROMANCE:

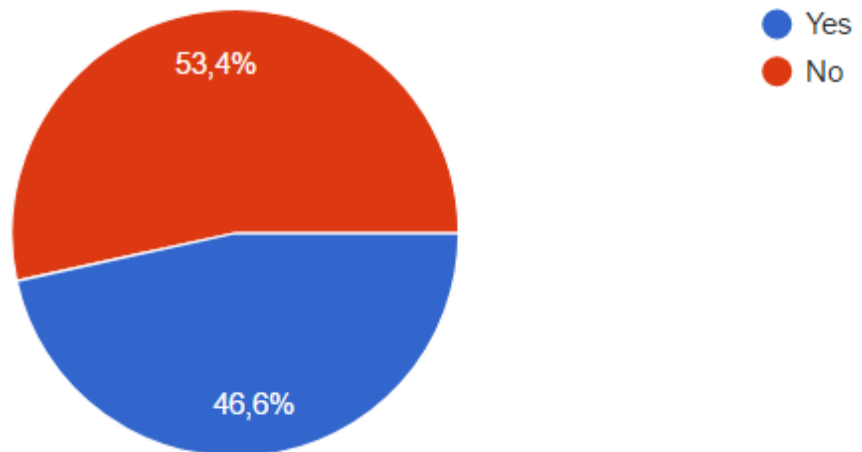
- Lexi (20)
- Kandros (18)
- Drack (16)
- Kallo (13)
- Avitus (12)
- Evfra (8)
- Jaal (5)
- Liam (3)
- Krogan (3)
- Salarian (2)
- Sloane (2)
- Raeka (2)
- Kesh (2)
- All (1)
- Turian (1)
- Drell (1)
- Quarian (1)
- Dr Camden (1)
- Yale (1)
- Fawkes (1)
- Blasto (1)
- Dr Carlyle (1)
- Vederia (1)
- Tann (1)
- Addison (1)
- Suvi (1)

SISRYDER PLAYERS WANTED TO ROMANCE:

- Lexi (111)
- Kallo (101)
- Drack (37)
- Evfra (32)
- Kandros (76)
- Sloane (15)
- Kesh (12)
- Krogan (9)
- Raeka (7)
- Avitus (7)
- SAM (6)
- Salarian (6)
- Avela (4)
- Everyone (4)
- Quarian (4)
- Male Turian (3)
- Cora (3)
- Female Angara (2)
- Bain Massani (2)
- Dunn (2)
- Thane (2)
- Tann (2)
- Jien (2)
- Dr Carlyle (2)
- Vladimir (2)
- Taavos (1)
- Akksul (1)
- Tallo (1)
- The turian who sent Ryder into an ambush (1)
- Kaetus (1)
- Drell (1)
- Sid (1)
- Lani (1)
- Rogue Kett (1)
- Gil (1)
- Jaal (1)
- Voeld Asari Pilot (1)
- Voeld Sniper (1)
- Archon (1)
- Your Twin (1)

Did you want to romance someone else who was not available to your Ryder at all?

1093 réponses



1093 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):

53,4% (584) = NO

46,6% (509) = YES

BroRyder Players:

-Yes (146)

-No (106)

SisRyder Players:

-No (574)

-Yes (278)

If so, who? You can elaborate if you want.

BroRyder Players:

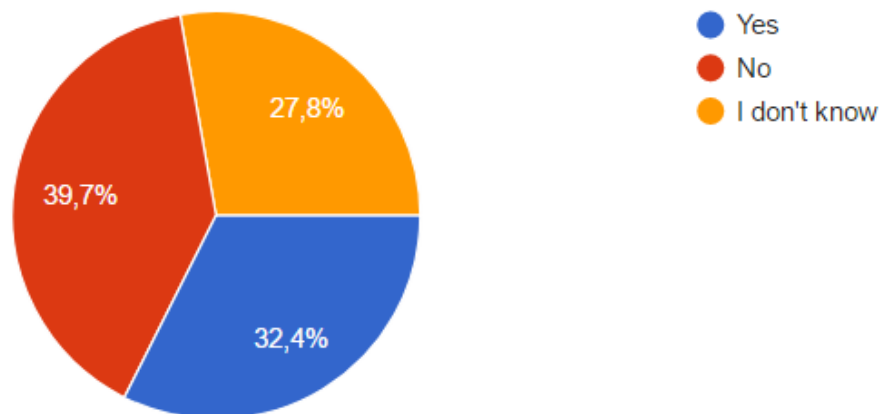
- Jaal (97)
- Liam (76)
- Suvi (10)
- Everyone (4)
- Male teammate (2)
- Kallo (2)
- Turians (1)

SisRyder Players:

- Cora (189)
- Gil (25)
- Avela (20)
- Lexi (4)
- Turians (1)
- Krogan (1)
- SAM (1)

Are you satisfied with the romance options in MEA?

1107 réponses



1107 answers (include bro and sisRyder players):

-39,7% (440) = NO

-32,4% (359) = YES

-27,8% (308) = I DON'T KNOW

BroRyder players:

-NO (129)

-YES (65)

-IDK (58)

SisRyder players:

-NO (311)

-YES (294)

-IDK (250)

If you're not satisfied, why?

What BroRyder players didn't like about the romances:

- Lack of m/m options (70) - *Many mentioned the fact that there was no m/m squadmate LI*
- Lack of content for m/m romances (32)
- Lack of content for non-straight romances and bias in favor of straight romances (15)
- Animation made for sisRyder (8)
- Poor content (offensive, badly done) (6) - *It's about Gil's storyline with Jill*
- Homophobic overtones (4)
- No gay aliens (4)
- Rushed romances (4)
- More effort in some romances than others (3) - Romances in general
- Tame love scenes/No sex scenes (3)
- Player felt their sexuality was disrespected (3)
- Queerbaiting (2)
- No LI was appealing (2)
- Wanted more content (2)
- Not the possibility to have multiple romances in one playthrough (1)
- Characters not being bisexual (1)
- Wanted playersexual (1)
- The LI wanted was unavailable (1)
- Not the possibility to be poly (1)
- Fetishism (1)

What BroRyder players would suggest to make the romances better:

- More content (105) - More dialogues, more scenes, possibility of having non-squadmate LIs as squadmates
- Fix the issues with Gil's storyline, the baby and Jill (17)

- More explicit sex scenes (18) - No fade to black
- More romance options (13)
- Give more depth (13)
- Fix the animation (12)
- Have others reference the relationship (10)
- Make LI bi (8) - *7 players mentioned Jaal, one mentioned Cora*
- More options (6) - More options in an existing romance, more flirting options as well
- More fluff and affection (5)
- More content post final mission (4)
- Recurring kissing scenes (2)
- Having no strings attached romances the entire game (1)
- Not having polygamy without consent (1) - *This person meant romancing two characters at the same time, like Gil and Reyes, without them mentioning it*
- Possibility to be poly (1)

What SisRyder players didn't like about the romances:

- Lack of m/m and f/f romance options (180) - *Many mentioned that while they were satisfied with their romances, they felt like the m/m community deserved much better.*
- Romances not treated equally (59) - *Players felt some characters got a better romance (Cora, Jaal, Peebee) while other romances were not a priority*
- Lack of content (57)
- Lack of options (38) - *This is about options in general but also about the lack of alien LIs (like krogan, salarians, angara, ...). Players who mentioned salarian options were sad there wasn't a real ace romance*
- LI not made bi (34) - *This is about Jaal, Cora and Liam. Players who talked about Cora mentioned Bioware's history of creating female characters with butch looks who can't be romanced by the female protag.*
- Lack of depth/bad writing (23)

- Lack of explicit sex scenes (13) - *Some mentioned the fade to black that some romances don't get, others really want naked turians.*
- Not player sexual (11)
- Issues with the animations (9) - *Players believe animations are made for straight romances and applied to other romances*
- Bioware made promises they didn't keep (8)
- Sexualization of female characters (8)
- Issues with homophobic or bad m/m romances (7) - *A lot of those are about Gil's storyline with Jill*
- No content post locking the romance (6)
- LI(s) not available at all (4)
- Can't achieve romance achievement unless you romance a female character (1)
- Romances not well integrated in the game (1)
- No poly options (1)
- Too easy to romance the LI (1)
- No one night stand option for a straight sisRyder (1)

What SisRyder players would suggest to make the romances better:

- More or equal content for all romances (240) - More dialogues, more scenes, possibility of having non-squadmate LIs as squadmates
- Recurring romantic scenes (79) - Kissing, date, cuddles, hugs, ...
- Explicit sex scenes (74) - *Many players didn't like the fade to black that Bioware does, many expressed a need for full frontal turian nudity and a lot of people called Bioware cowards.*
- Make LI bi (24)
- Better animation (17) - *Players felt some scenes were clearly animated with BroRyder in mind.*
- Add more LGBT content (15)
- Add more depth (15)
- Fix the pacing (15)
- Add more romance options (14)

- Less continuity errors (12) - This is about the LI not reacting to Ryder going through major events despite the fact that Ryder and LI are together
- Better and less awkward romances (12)
- Have others reference the relationship (8)
- Add more content after the last mission (6)
- Add more poly options (4)
- Add ace options (4)
- Make it less sexual (3)
- Do research before writing sex scenes (2)
- Better voice acting (2)
- Add more fun moments (2)
- Change the formula for romance (1)
- Make it less cheesy (1)
- Make it playersexual (1)
- Add more women in the writers team (1)
- Make romances non exclusive (1)