



2022 Sexual and Gender Minority Documentation

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Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Methodology

BRFSS asks questions about sexual orientation and transgender status. These are used to create the following dimensions: Sexual Orientation, Sexual Orientation by Sex, Transgender and Sexual or Gender Minority.

Sexual Orientation

2011–2013

Survey Variable Name(s): SEXORIENT

Survey Text: “Because the Department of Health wants to ensure that this survey reflects the diversity of the state, I'd like to ask you about your sexual orientation. Please respond with the number that best indicates what is true for you.”

Source	Sexual Orientation	Sexual Orientation by Sex	
		If Male	If Female
1. Heterosexual or straight (attracted to opposite sex)	Straight	Straight	Straight
2. Homosexual or gay/lesbian (attracted to same sex)	Gay or lesbian	Gay, bisexual or something else	Lesbian, bisexual or something else
3. Bisexual (attracted to men and women)	Bisexual		
4. Something else	Something else		
Not sure	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator
Don't know			
Refused			

2014–2017

Survey Variable Name(s): SXORIENT

Survey Text: “We ask this question in order to better understand the health and health care needs of people with different sexual orientations. Do you consider yourself to be...” (Respondent can answer with either the number or the text/word.)

Source	Sexual Orientation	Sexual Orientation by Sex	
		If Male	If Female
Straight	Straight	Straight	Straight
Lesbian or gay	Gay or lesbian	Gay, bisexual or something else	Lesbian, bisexual or something else
Bisexual	Bisexual		
Other	Something else		
Don't know/Not sure	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator
Refused			

2018–2020

Survey Variable Name(s): SOFEMALE, SOMALE

Survey Text: “Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?”

Source	Sexual Orientation	Sexual Orientation by Sex	
		If Male	If Female
Straight, that is, not gay	Straight	Straight	Straight
Lesbian or gay	Gay or lesbian	Gay, bisexual or something else	Lesbian, bisexual or something else
Bisexual	Bisexual		
Something else	Something else		
I don't know the answer/ Respondent does not understand the question	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator	Removed from the denominator
Refused			

Transgender

2014–2020

Survey Variable Name(s): TRNSGNDR**Survey Text:** “Do you consider yourself to be transgender?”

Source	Transgender
Yes, transgender, male-to-female	Yes
Yes, transgender, female-to-male	Yes
Yes, transgender, gender nonconforming	Yes
No	No
Don't know/Not sure	Removed from the denominator
Refused	

Sexual or Gender Minority

2014–2020

This indicator is based on the responses to the sexual orientation and transgender questions combined.

Source	Sexual or Gender Minority
Yes, transgender, male-to-female	Yes
Yes, transgender, female-to-male	Yes
Yes, transgender, gender nonconforming	Yes
<i>OR IF</i>	
Gay or Lesbian	Yes
Bisexual	Yes
Something else	Yes
Straight and not transgender	No
If don't know, not sure or refused to both questions	Removed from the denominator

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

No sexual or gender minority data collected.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Methodology

Sexual Orientation

2011–2019 High School and 2017–2019 Middle School

Survey Variable Name(s):

- High School: Q130 (2011), Q106 (2013), Q8 (2015), Q67 (2017), Q66 (2019)
- Middle School: Q75 (2017), Q51 (2019)

Survey Text: “Which of the following best describes you?”

Source	Sexual Orientation	Sexual Orientation by Sex	
		If Male	If Female
Heterosexual (straight)	Straight	Straight	Straight
Gay or lesbian	Gay or lesbian	Gay, bisexual or something else	Lesbian, bisexual or something else
Bisexual	Bisexual		
Not sure	Not sure		

Transgender

2017–2019 High School

Survey Variable Name(s):

- High School: Q99 (2017), Q91 (2019)
- Middle School: Q52 (2019)

Survey Text: “Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?”

(This question was included in the 2019 middle school survey and will be added to HHDW with 2021 data once 2 years of data have been collected.)

Source	Transgender
No, I am not transgender	No
Yes, I am transgender	Yes
I am not sure if I am transgender	Not sure
I do not know what this question is asking	Removed from the denominator

Sexual or Gender Minority

2017–2019 High School

This indicator is based on the responses to the sexual orientation and transgender questions combined.

Source	Sexual or Gender Minority
Yes, I am transgender	Yes
I am not sure if I am transgender	Yes
<i>OR IF</i>	
Gay or lesbian	Yes
Bisexual	Yes
Not sure	Yes
Straight and not transgender	No

Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)

Methodology

Sexual Orientation

2017–2019

Survey Variable Name(s): HIR4

Survey Text: “Which of the following best describes you?”

Source	Sexual Orientation	Sexual Orientation by Sex	
		If Male	If Female
Heterosexual (straight)	Straight	Straight	Straight
Gay or lesbian	Gay or lesbian	Gay, bisexual or something else	Lesbian, bisexual or something else
Bisexual	Bisexual		
Not sure	Not sure		

Transgender

2017–2019

Survey Variable Name(s): HIR5

Survey Text: “Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?”

Source	Transgender
No, I am not transgender	No
Yes, I am transgender	Yes
I am not sure if I am transgender	Not sure
I do not know what this question is asking	Removed from the denominator

Sexual or Gender Minority

2017–2019

This indicator is based on the responses to the sexual orientation and transgender questions combined.

Source	Sexual or Gender Minority
Yes, I am transgender	Yes
I am not sure if I am transgender	Yes
<i>OR IF</i>	
Gay or lesbian	Yes
Bisexual	Yes
Not sure	Yes
Straight and not transgender	No

Vital Statistics

No sexual or gender minority data collected.