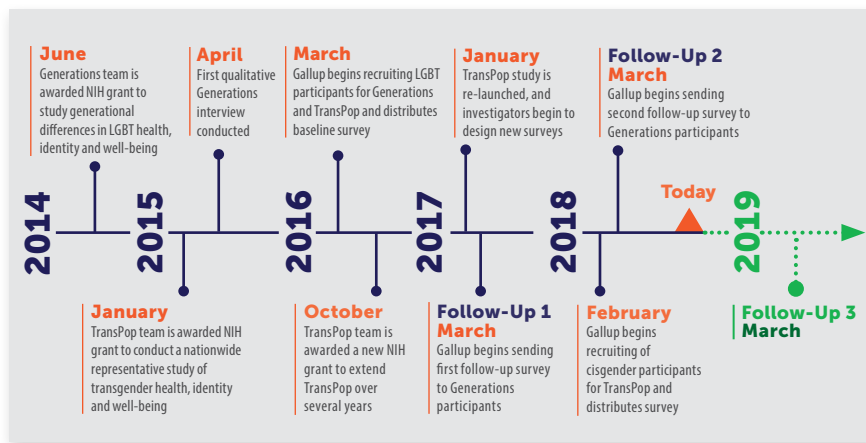


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A Study of the Life and Health of LGB People in a Changing Society

Where Is Generations?



Generations Updates

We have made great strides in data collection since beginning Generations, and we owe this progress to you! We are now in our third year of data collection and encourage you to send in your Follow-Up 2 surveys if you haven't done so already. If you haven't received the Follow-Up 2 survey yet, you will receive it one year after you completed the Follow-Up 1 survey. Didn't complete the last survey? That's okay! You can still take part in this third survey even if you were unable to complete the second survey.

Curious about how many others have participated in Generations at this point? **We now have a total of 1,585 participants who have completed surveys!**

Of course, your personal information is completely confidential, and any information that you have provided will not be connected to your identity.

Data from Generations has been essential in recent months in describing the problem of so-called conversion therapy as well as with showing the low uptake of PrEP use among sexually-active gay and bisexual men in the United States. See press we've received on the Spotlight page of our website (www.generations-study.com).

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Hello Generations participants! This newsletter features updates on what we've

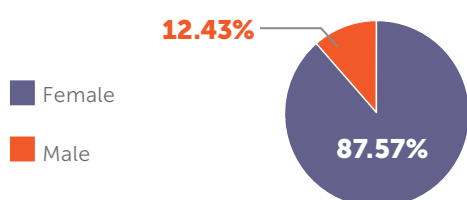
done so far and gives you a look at the exciting things we are working on as we move forward. We have completed the first follow-up surveys and are in the midst of the Follow-up 2 survey. We cannot emphasize enough how important your involvement is in raising awareness of the needs and experiences of LGBT populations. This research is the driving force behind positive policy changes in support of our community. Your continued involvement represents the voice of the LGBT community, so please take the time to complete the survey when you receive it. If you have a problem accessing the survey, or if you have not received it, please let us know at generations@ucla.edu. We look forward to staying in touch!

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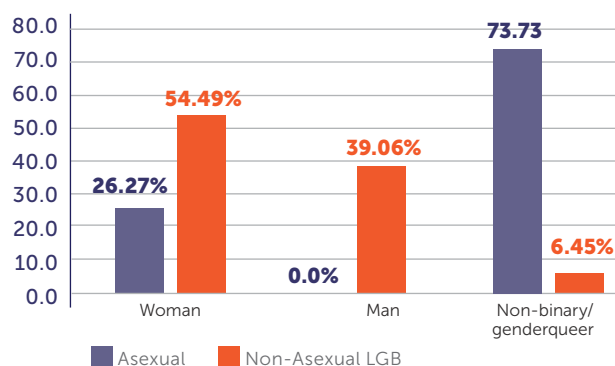
Research Spotlight: What is Asexual Identity?

Nineteen participants in the Generations survey identified as asexual, compared to 1,303 non-aseexual lesbians, gay men, bisexuals (LGB), and other sexual minority participants. Here are some highlights:

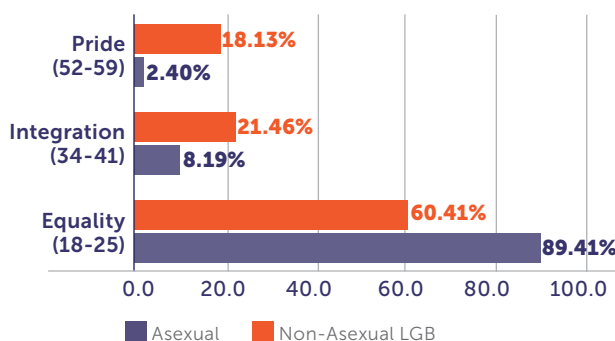
Most asexual participants were born female



The majority of asexual participants currently identify as gender non-binary or genderqueer



Asexual participants tend to be younger



Other noteworthy study findings include that asexual participants did not differ from their non-aseexual counterparts in terms of being in an intimate relationship; only **half** of those who identified as asexual reported absence of sex; and about **one-third** reported being somewhat or very attracted to men or women.

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The research on asexual identity was done in collaboration with Dr. Esther Rothblum. Dr. Rothblum is a Professor of Women's Studies at San Diego State University as well as a visiting distinguished scholar at the William's Institute, where she is a researcher and scientific advisor on the Generations Project.



In Other News

Generations data has been published in scientific journals and presented at conferences all over the U.S. on several topics, including:

- The role of minority stress in predicting cigarette smoking
- School-based sexual education experiences
- LGB youth's experiences at school
- HIV testing and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- LGB healthcare preferences
- Racial/ethnic differences in sexual identity development

Media Spotlight

OutCasting is a ground-breaking public radio show produced in New York by Media for the Public Good, Inc., that reaches more than 40 stations around the country. Why is it so special? It ventures way beyond the scope of mainstream media by focusing specifically on LGBT community-related issues from the perspective of LGBTQ youth and their allies — a population whose voice often falls under the radar.

In May 2018, OutCasting featured Ilan Meyer, PH.D., Williams Institute's Distinguished Senior Scholar and Generation's Principal Investigator, on the topic of minority stress — a theory developed by Meyer and commonly used to explain the health disparities of sexual and gender minority populations.

Please take a moment to check out OutCasting's conversation with Dr. Meyer [here](#)!

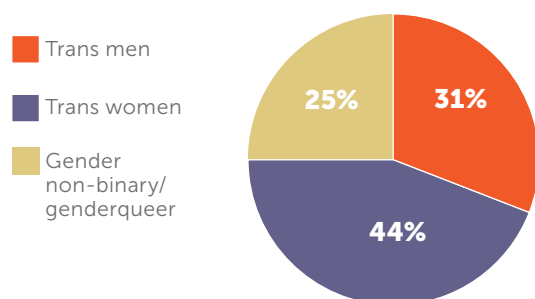
Update on TransPop Study

Generations' sister study, TransPop (www.transpop.org), is progressing and will continue enrolling new participants until the end of 2018.

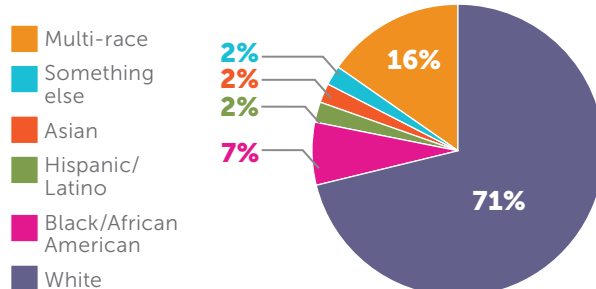
To date, TransPop data has provided us with a wealth of information on the health and well-being of transgender individuals throughout the U.S. Below is a sampling of data gathered so far:



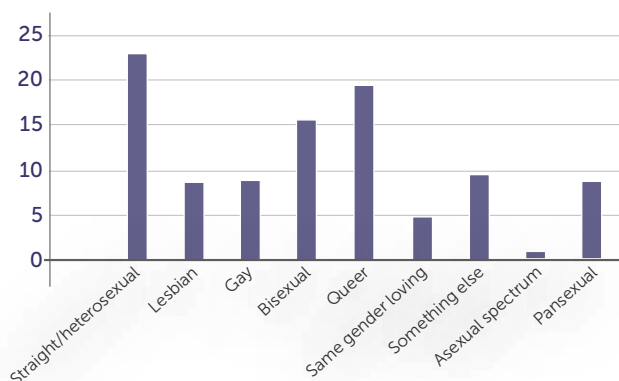
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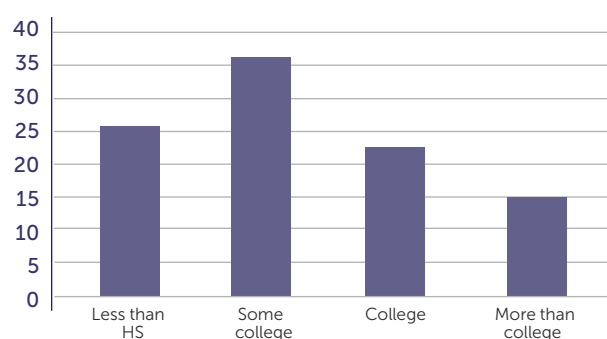
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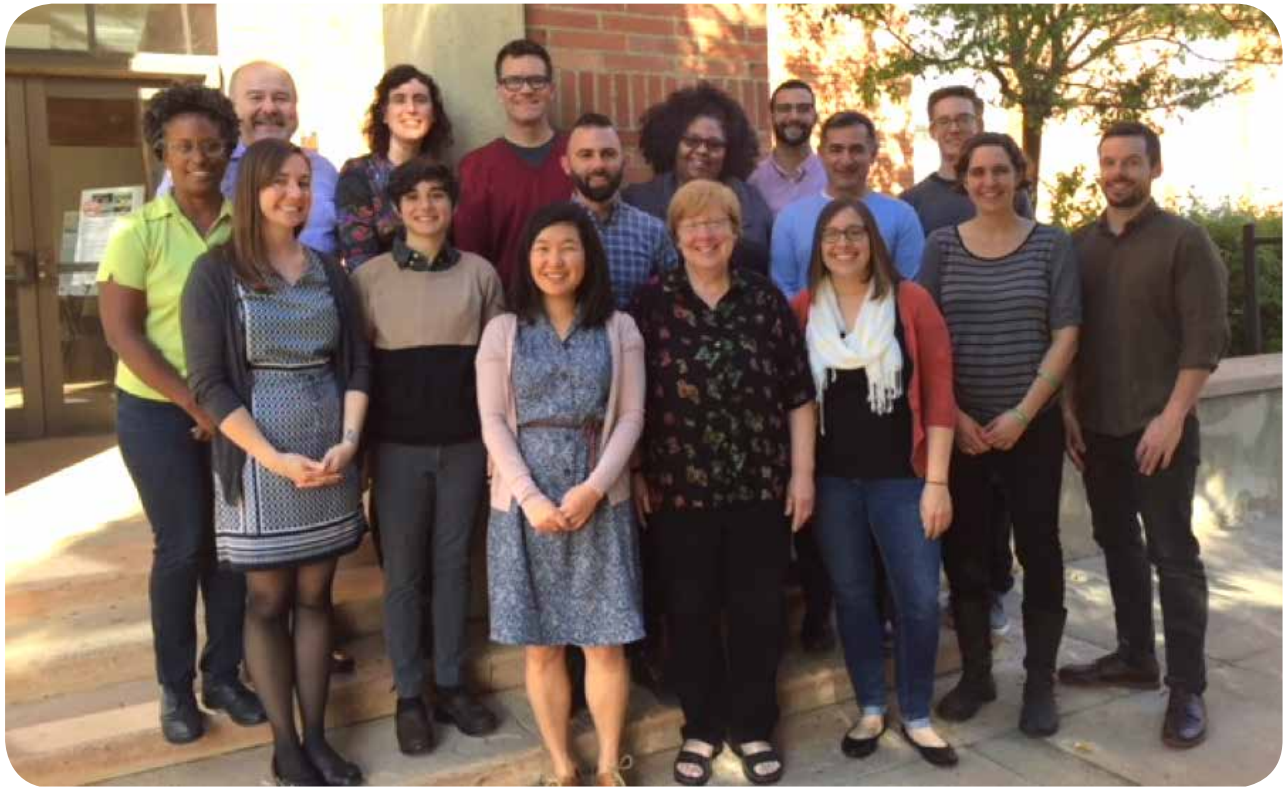
SEXUAL ORIENTATION



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The Generations Study Team



Some of the Generations team members at the fourth annual investigators meeting Jan. 4-5, 2018, at UCLA. From left to right, front row: Soonie Choi, Esther Rothblum, Jessica Fish, Allegra Gordon, David Frost. From left to right, second row: Erin Toolis, Meg Bishop, Phillip Hammack, Ilan Meyer. From left to right, back: Marguerita Lightfoot, Gary Harper, Diana Van Bergen, Stephen Russell, Bianca Wilson, Alexander Martos, Evan Krueger.



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