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

Where is Generations?



Generations Updates

We are now about halfway through the second year of data collection (Follow-up 1 survey), and we hope to hear from each of you before the year is over! Your voice is vital to the success of the study. Because we use a representative sample, each participant represents other people like him or her. Therefore, each person who doesn't continue to participate represents a loss of important voices from the community.

So far, we have received follow-up surveys from more than 400 of you. Thank you! You will receive your follow-up survey one year after you have completed the original, baseline survey. Just a reminder that your responses are completely confidential and your personal information is not shared outside of the research team. Please contact us with any questions or concerns at *generations@ucla.edu*.

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Now that the baseline survey has been completed, we can tell you that we have 1,345 participants. This is providing a terrific wealth of information. See a breakdown of the final Generations participants on the following page.

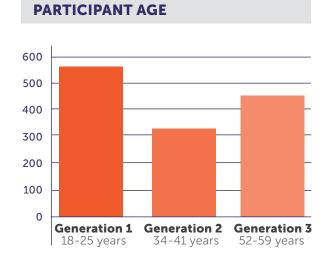
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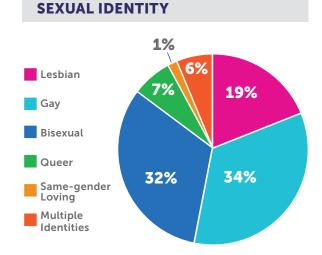
Hello Generations participants, I want to thank you again for your participation, dedication, and interest in the study. We have now completed the first year of data collection, and have already received follow-up surveys from many of you. The study is unique because, together with our sister TransPop study, it is designed to represent the LGBT community in the United States. Please take the time to complete your follow-up survey once you receive it. It should arrive, together with a small payment, about a year after you completed the first survey. Let us know if you have a problem accessing it or if you haven't received it.

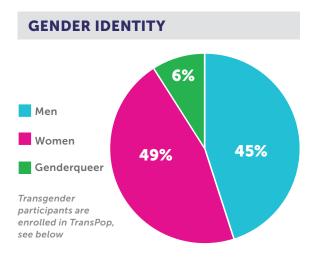
This newsletter will provide some updates about what we've done so far and let you know what's coming up. Please contact us with your ideas, feedback, or any questions at generations@ucla.edu. We look forward to staying in touch.

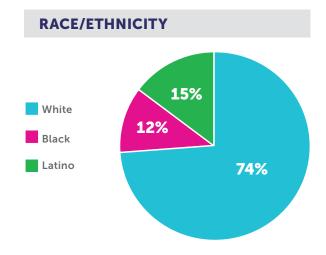
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Update on TransPop study



In previous newsletters, we told you about a transgender survey that we were conducting

called TransPop (www.transpop.org). TransPop has many of the same goals as the Generations study, and we hope to learn a great deal about the lives and health of transgender people from across the country from this study. We recently updated and improved the TransPop survey and will be enrolling new participants between June 2017 and December 2018. So far, more than 50 people have completed the survey.

Research Spotlight

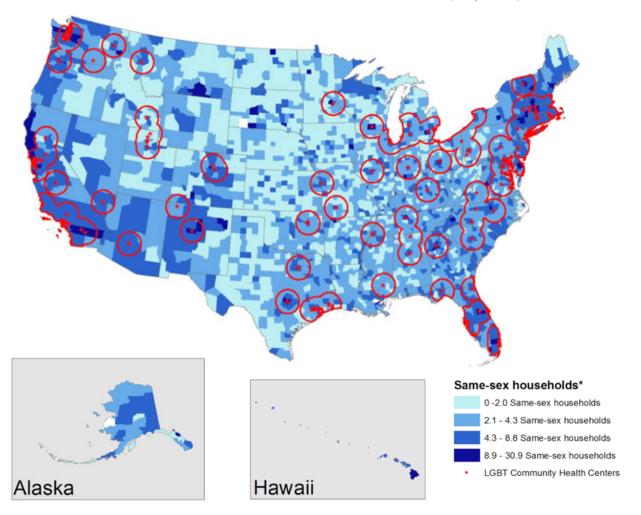
LGBT community health centers

Generations researchers Alexander Martos and Ilan Myer, together with Patrick Wilson of Columbia University, recently published a paper in the journal, PLoS One, examining the locations and services available at LGBT community health centers across the United States.

They found that LGBT community health centers are concentrated mainly in coastal states, in major urban cities, and in areas with large numbers of same-sex couples. The most commonly-available health services are wellness and counseling programs and HIV and sexual health programs.

The full paper is available, and free to read, here: http://bit.ly/2xGWAf8

Martos AJ, Wilson PA, Meyer IH (2017) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) health services in the United States: Origins, evolution, and contemporary landscape. PLoS ONE12(7): e0180544.



What this figure shows:

Each of the red dots shows the location of an LGBT community health center. Each dot is surrounded by a circle with a 60 mile diameter. The darker blue shades represent areas where greater numbers of same-sex couples reside. This shows that many areas with high concentrations of LGB people are not far from LGBT health services, but also that many areas of the country have no access to LGBT-specific health services at all.

generations coming up

Project Timeline: Believe it or not, the Generations researchers have been hard at work creating the second follow-up survey, which we will begin distributing in 2018. We look forward to giving you more details about the types of questions we will be asking you about in a future newsletter.

The Generations Study Team



Some of the Generations team members at the third annual investigators meeting in January, 2017 at UCLA. From *left to right, front row:* Bianca Wilson, Iessica Fish. Erin Toolis. Phillip Hammack. Left to right, back row: Evan Krueger, David Frost. Stephen Russell, Marguerita Lightfoot, Ilan Meyer, Alexander Martos



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