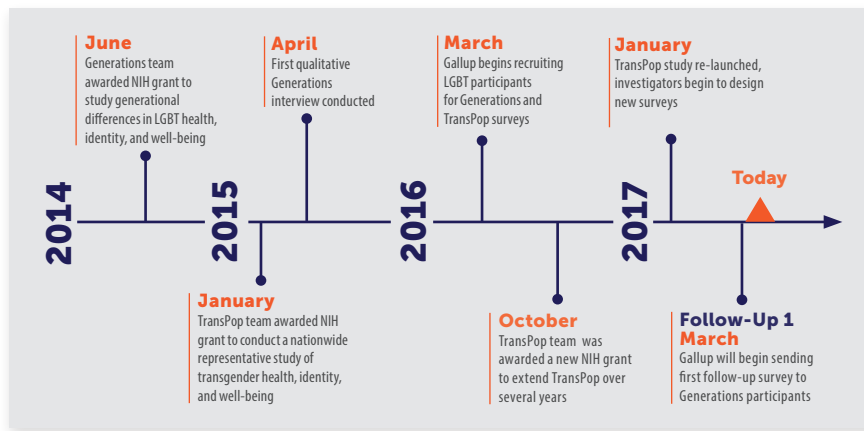


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A Study of the Life and Health of LGB People in a Changing Society

Where is Generations?



Why is it important to stick with the study?

Thanks again to those of you who have already completed the Baseline questionnaire. We have already learned a great deal from you, and are looking forward to continuing to learn from you over the next two years. While the first survey provided valuable information, it is important that we continue to hear from you on the Follow-up 1 and Follow-up 2 questionnaires, which you will receive annually. Much of our ability to do this research depends on your responses over time, so we thank you in advance for your help with this!

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New topics included on the Follow-up 1 questionnaire

We have also listened to your feedback and are including several new topics on the Follow-up 1 questionnaire. One of the new topics we

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Hello to all Generations participants! We want to thank you again for your participation, dedication, and interest in this unique and

groundbreaking study. It's hard to believe we are wrapping up the first year of data collection, and are already moving onto the first follow-up questionnaire! This newsletter will update you on what we've done so far, let you know what's coming up, and provide an inside look into the research process. 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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are exploring in detail is about your family and intimate relationship experiences. For example, we will ask you questions about whether you are in a relationship with anyone, and about your expectations for your relationships in the future.

What have we measured and how?

On the survey, you were asked questions about your health, your identity, and your life experiences. Some questions may have been straightforward, asking basic information about your sexual orientation labels, age, race, or education. Those questions are important for this research because they give us a way to define groups so that we can compare to see what differences exist between them. The rest of the questions help us to understand how these groups might differ in terms of several characteristics, such as life challenges and experiences, support, identity, and health.

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In social science research, a common way to evaluate those characteristics is to ask a set of questions that have proven to estimate certain experiences. For many topics, standard methods and questions already exist.

Identity: For example, one way that we explore identity is by measuring a participant's feeling about one of their identities compared to the feelings about other identities. For example, a person who identifies as "African American" and "gay" may feel more strongly linked with their "African American" identity than with their "gay" identity. And yet others with the same identities, may feel differently. Because we want

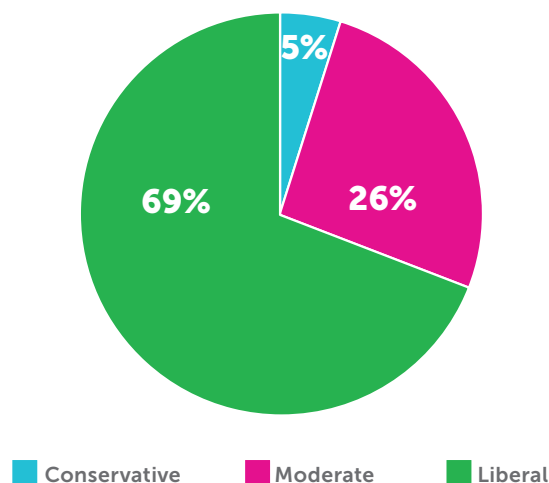
to understand the nuances of age, gender, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation, you were asked questions specifically about those categories.

LGBT Issues and the Trump Administration

Every president brings new perspectives and priorities to the job. We know that many of you might be concerned about the future of the LGBT rights movement under the Trump administration. A report from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law (<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/press-releases/media-advisory-trump-administration-proposes-to-end-important-data-collection-on-lgbt-elders-and-people-with-disabilities/>) discusses the administration's plans to end data collection on older LGBT adults in the National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants, which provides valuable information about the experiences and needs of older LGBT Americans. This makes your continued participation in the Generations study even more important!

We want to hear from **all** Generations participants, who we know have diverse views across the political spectrum. Based on the information you provided, these are the political views of Generations participants. Take a look:

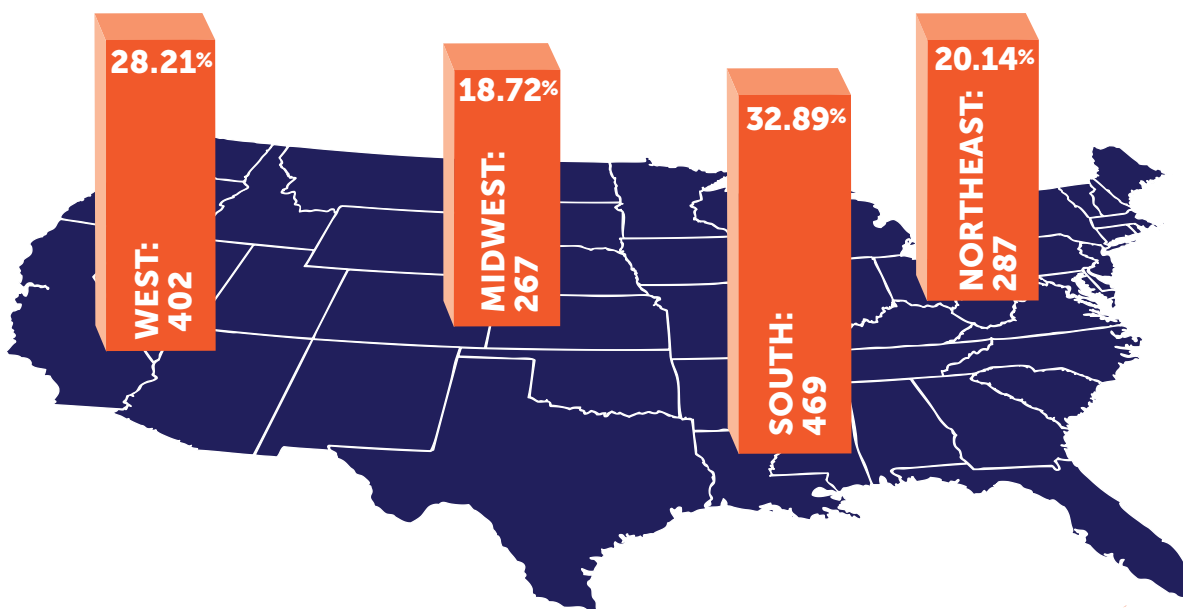
Political Views of Generations Participants



Since it is so important for us to hear from all Generations participants, with diverse views and experiences, we worked very hard to make sure

we heard from individuals from across the United States... and it worked! Generations participants come from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Geographic Location of Generations Participants



Some research papers we are working on

While we are just beginning to skim the surface of the data you have provided, these are summaries of a few of the papers we have in the works.

1. Perspectives on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among gay and bisexual men in the United States. This paper examines differences and similarities in how the different generations understand and use PrEP.
2. Multi-generational, racial/ethnic, and gender differences and perspectives on the use of sexual identity labels (for example, gay/lesbian vs. bisexual vs. queer vs. pansexual).

3. Variations in healthcare preferences among the three generations. Among other things, this paper will examine differences in where Generations participants seek medical services.

Other research activities

We have also used the data you provided in other ways. For instance, results and lessons learned from the Generations study have been presented at different conferences across the United States, as well as in Japan, and in Croatia! Researchers from around the globe have been interested to hear about and learn from the information you provided. ■

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COMING UP

Project Timeline: We will be wrapping up recruitment in the next couple of months, and now we look forward to staying in touch with each of you over the next few years to ask you new questions, as well as some old ones to keep track of how you're doing.

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