

Census 2021: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Topic Summary

The source of all the data presented is the 2021 Census.

Key points

- Census 2021 was the first census to collect information on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- 4.1% of people aged 16+ chose to identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or a different sexual orientation (LGB+).
- 0.76% of people chose to identify as a gender different from the sex they were assigned at birth.

Sexual Orientation

For the first time, Census 2021 included a voluntary question about sexual orientation for people aged 16+. People were given the opportunity to define their sexual orientation according to pre-defined options, or to define as something else.

92.1% of people chose to answer the question about sexual orientation. Of the people who chose to answer the question on sexual orientation, 4.48% identified as LGB+.

Sexual orientation	People aged 16+	% including not answered	% excluding not answered
Straight or Heterosexual	401,537	88.01%	95.52%
Gay or Lesbian	7,395	1.62%	1.76%
Bisexual	9,018	1.98%	2.15%
Pansexual	1,562	0.34%	0.37%
Asexual	445	0.10%	0.11%
Queer	257	0.06%	0.06%
All other sexual orientations	147	0.03%	0.03%
Not answered	35,889	7.87%	

Gender Identity

The census question on gender identity was also voluntary and asked of people aged 16+ for the first time in 2021.

93.7% of people chose to answer the question on gender identity. Of the people who chose to answer the question, 0.81% said that their gender identity was different to their sex registered at birth.

Gender identity	People aged 16+	% including not answered	% excluding not answered
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	423,911	92.91%	99.19%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	1,526	0.33%	0.36%
Trans woman	550	0.12%	0.13%
Trans man	524	0.11%	0.12%
All other gender identities	857	0.19%	0.20%
Not answered	28,881	6.33%	