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LGBT Demographic Survey Report 2016

A TOTAL SAMPLE OF 102 RESPONDENTS , WHO ALL LIVE IN THE BAHAMAS, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

ABOUT:

The SASH Bahamas Demographic Survey was conducted between August 2016 to December 2016.

It sought to start a continued official mapping of the Bahamian LGBT community, so as to develop a beginning understanding of who the typical community members are, and the

extent to which the community represents the wider Bahamian LGBT community.

The results of this survey was also to benefit LGBT advocacy objectives.

WHAT WE ASKED YOU:

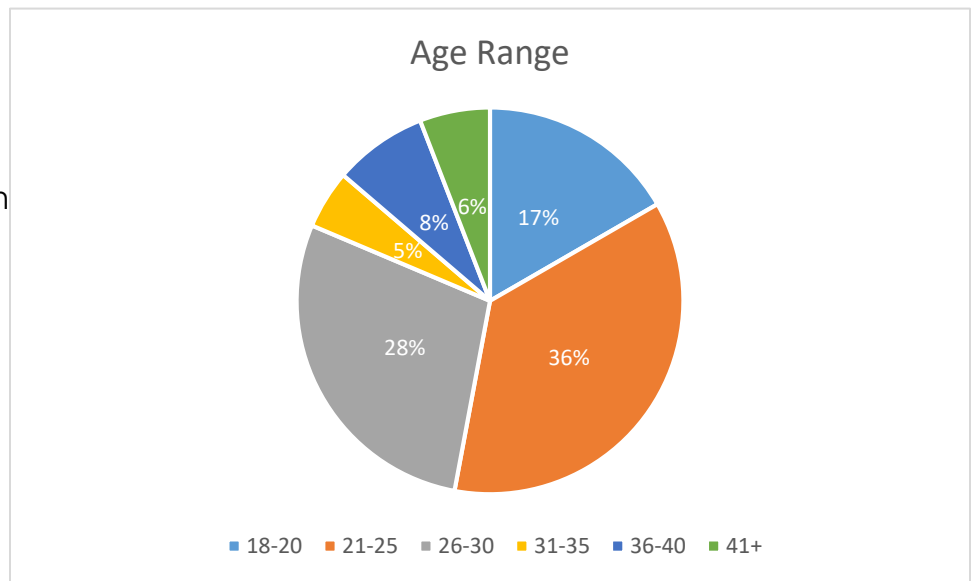
To develop a firm understanding of the typical Bahamian LGBT community individual, we asked respondents a range of questions from where they lived, to their sexuality, to their education level; to see how they compare to a typical individual from the heterosexual community.

WHAT YOU TOLD US:

The following are the results of the survey:

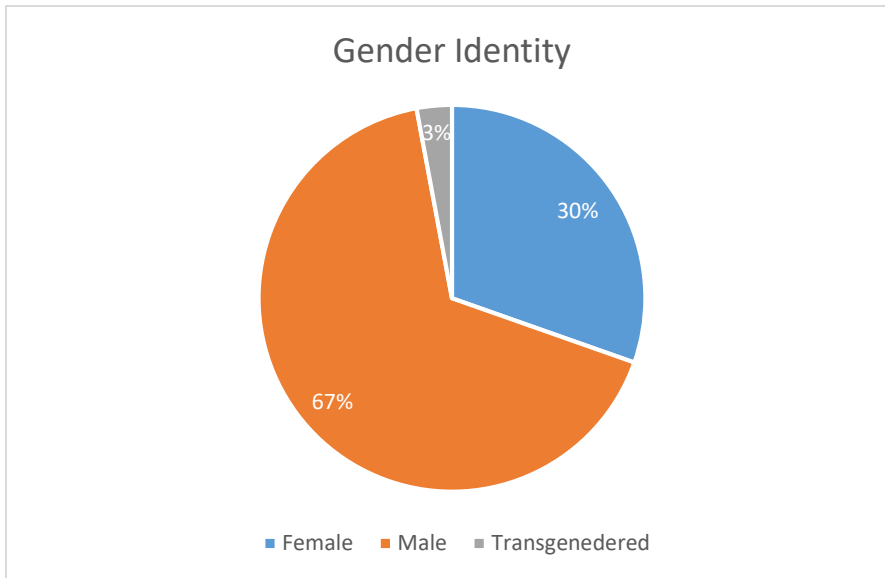
AGE GROUP

The age group data shows that participation across the age groups was skewed **towards** the 'younger' age groups - with the **30 and under** groups comprising of 81% of the total respondents.



The age group most highly represented was the **21 – 25** category, which represented 36% of the survey and the second most highly represented group was the **26 – 30** category, comprising of 29 persons (28%). The age group with the least representation was the **41+** category.

GENDER IDENTITY



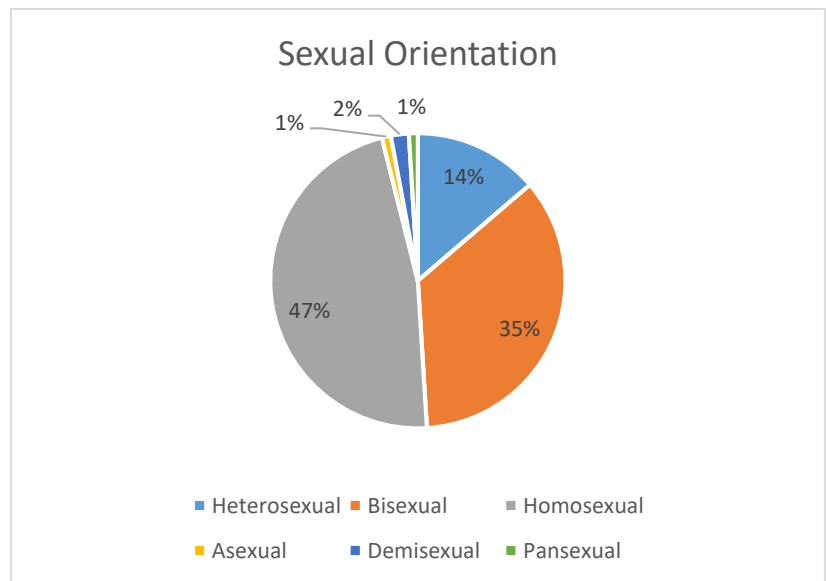
The gender identity most represented was the male category, with some 68 respondents (67%). The female category came up to 30% with the Trans population being represented by 3%.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

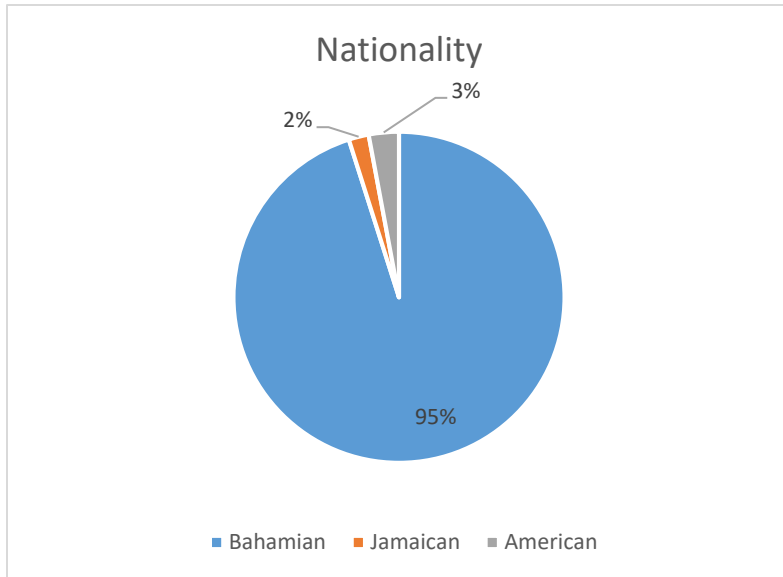
The results show that 47% of respondents identified as **homosexual** with 35% of the sample comprising of **bisexuals**.

4% of the sample was comprised of the following orientations: **asexual**, **pansexual**, and **demi-sexual**.

The remaining 14% of the survey responses were comprised of the **heterosexual** category.



NATIONALITY



The data showed that 95% - some 97 individuals – identified as **Bahamian**.

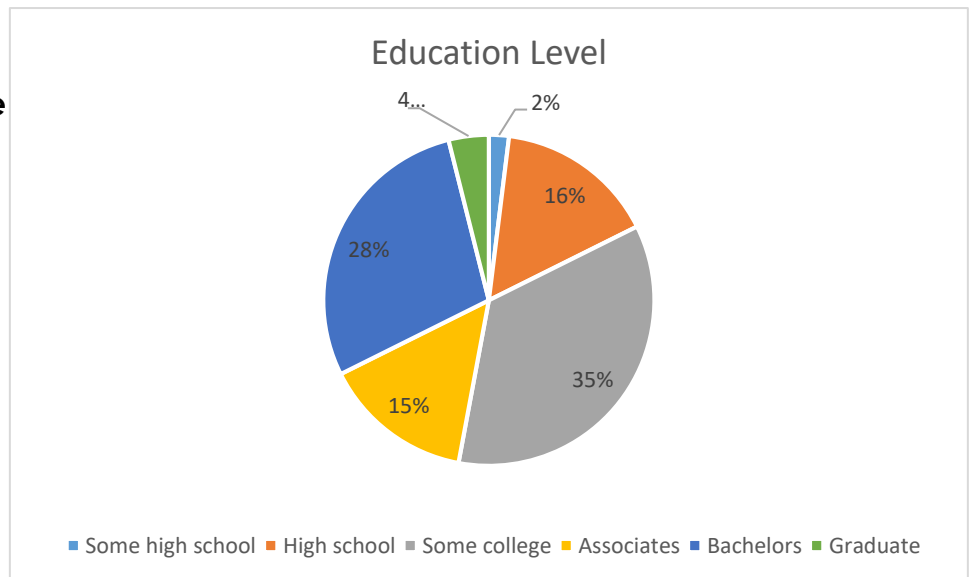
The remaining nationalities of **Jamaican** and **American** was represented with 2% and 3% respectively.

EDUCATION LEVEL

The results showed that 35% of the respondents possessed some **college education**.

The next biggest group was the **some high school**, representing 28% of the sample.

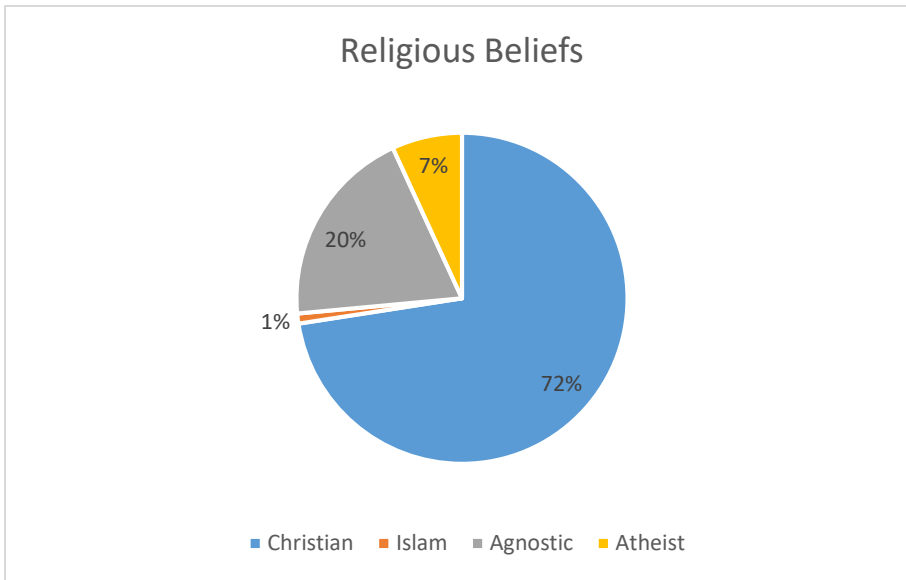
15% of respondents said that they had an **associate's degree**.



4% of the sample possessed a **graduate degree** and the other 2% of the sample mentioned possessing a **bachelor's degree**.

The final 16%, some 16 individuals, of the sample said that they obtained a **high school education**.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS



The results show that 72%, some 74 individuals, identified as being **Christian**.

20% of the sample identified as **Agnostic**.

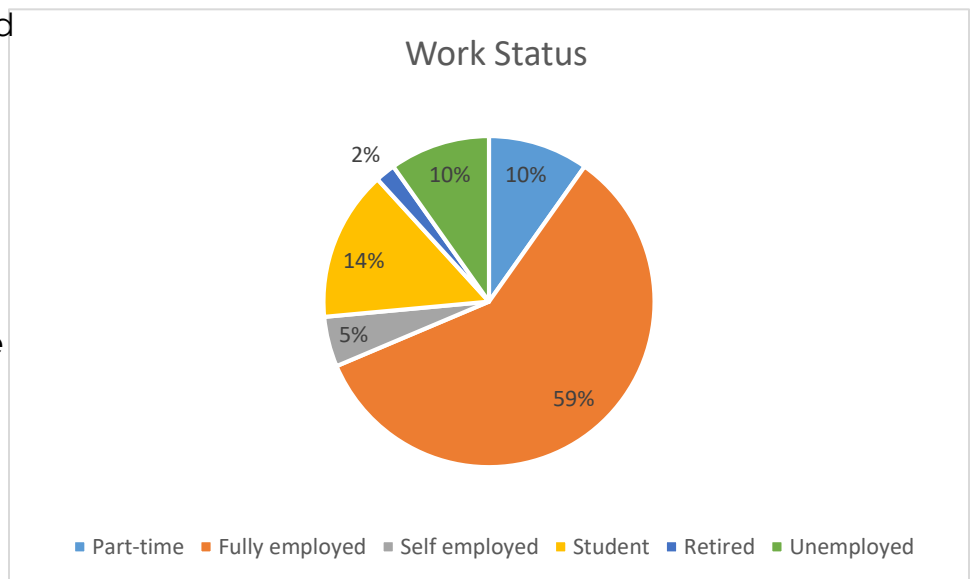
7% of the sample identified atheist, with the remaining 1% identifying as **Muslim (Islam)**.

WORK STATUS

59% of the sample stated that they are **fully employed**. 14% of the sample identified as **students**, with 5% identifying as **self-employed**.

Additionally, those that said they were **part-time** or **unemployed**, both categories was comprised of 10%.

Finally, 2% of the sample reported that they were **retired**.

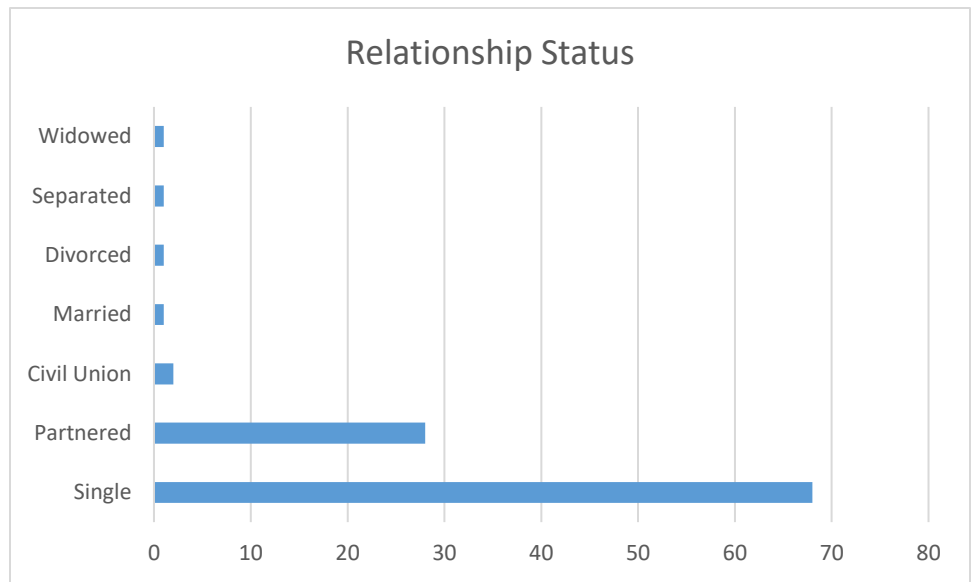


RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The majority of the sample, some 68 persons, reported that they were **single**.

Those that mentioned they were **partnered** - in a committed relationship - totalled to 28 persons.

Only 2 individuals said they were in a **civil union**.



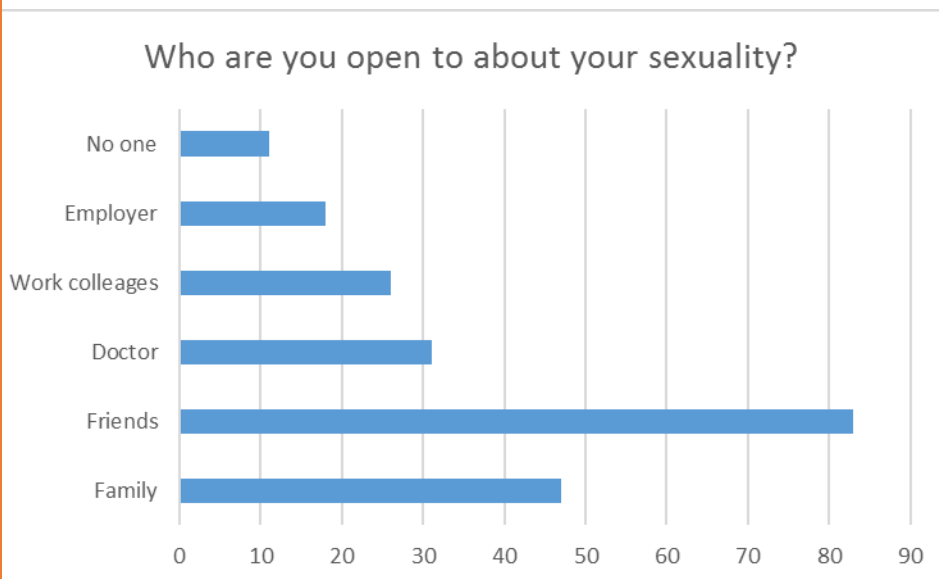
For the remaining categories of **Widowed, Divorced, Married, and Separated**, there were only 1 person identifying in each of those.

OPENESS WITH SEXUALITY

Participants in the survey cited that they were most open about their sexuality with their **Friends**.

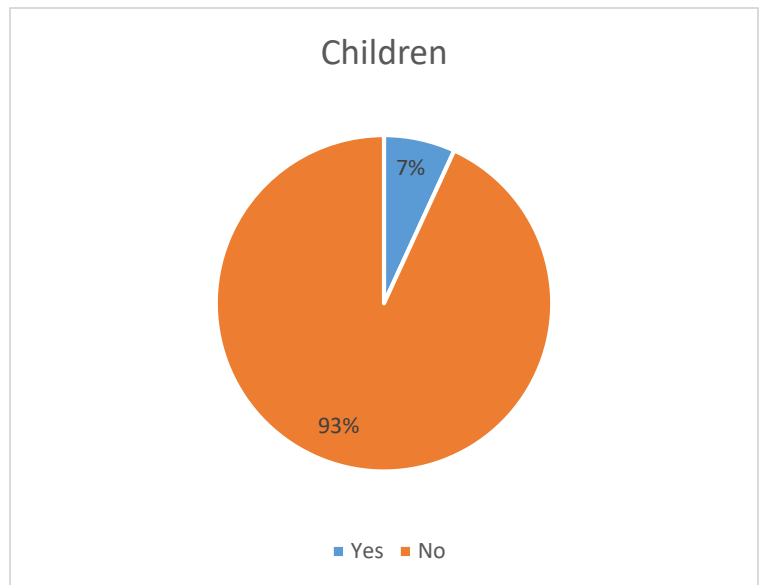
Family was the second highest category in which respondents said they were open with, followed by **Doctor, Work Colleagues, and Employer** respectively.

The category receiving the smallest amount of responses was the **No One** category.



CHILDREN

The sample was asked if any had biological children, of which 7% said **Yes**, and the remaining 93% responding **No**.

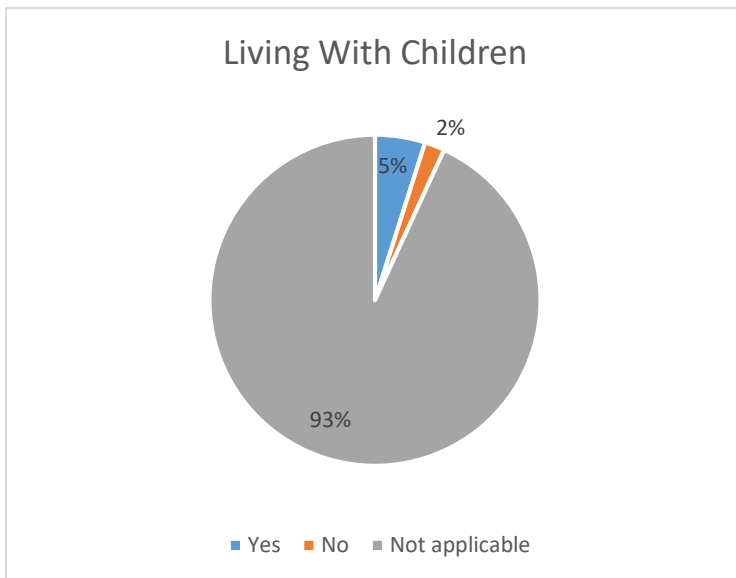


LIVING WITH CHILDREN

Relative to the previous question, we asked **respondents who had biological children** if they lived with their kids.

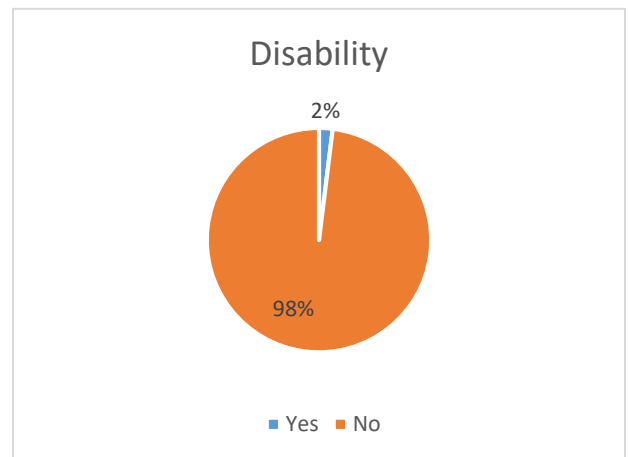
2% of those that had children said that they didn't live with them, while the remaining 5% who had kids, said that they did live with them.

93% of the sample did not answer this question as they did not have kids.



DISABILITY

Respondents were asked if they possessed any disability or handicap, in which 2% confirmed that they did have a disability, while the remaining 98% did not have a disability.



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

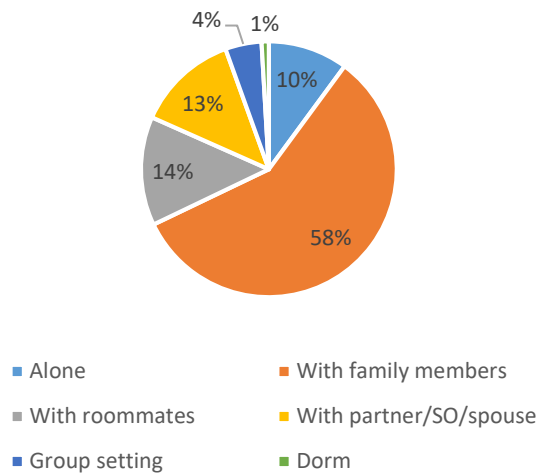
Respondents were asked about their living arrangements; specifically, with who do they live with.

58% of the sample indicated that they live with their **family members**. 14% of the sample said that they live with **roommates**, with 13% saying that they live with their **partner or significant other or spouse**.

4% of the sample said that they lived in a **group setting** – a replica of a hostel or safe house situation where individuals stay until they can “do better for themselves” and move out on their own.

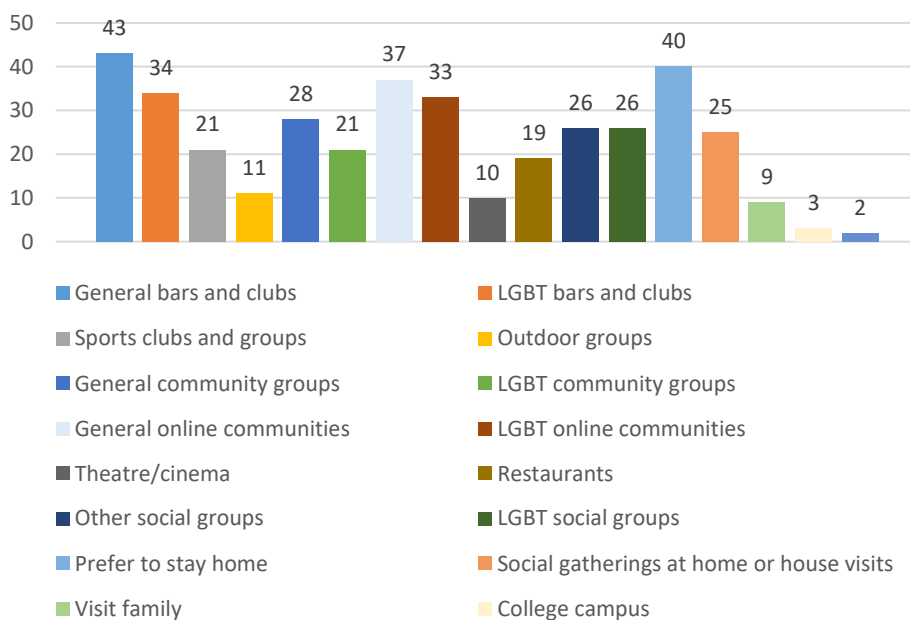
10% of the sample said that they live **alone**, with the remaining 1% saying that they live in a **dorm**.

Living Arrangements



WHERE DO YOU SOCIALIZE

Where do you socialize or meet new people?



The sample was asked to select the places that they socialize with their peers or where they go to meet new people.

The places that received the most frequent responses were **general bars and clubs, general community groups, general online communities, LGBT groups, and LGBT bars and clubs**.

The smallest category was **social gatherings at home or house visits**.

SECRETIVE ABOUT SEXUALITY

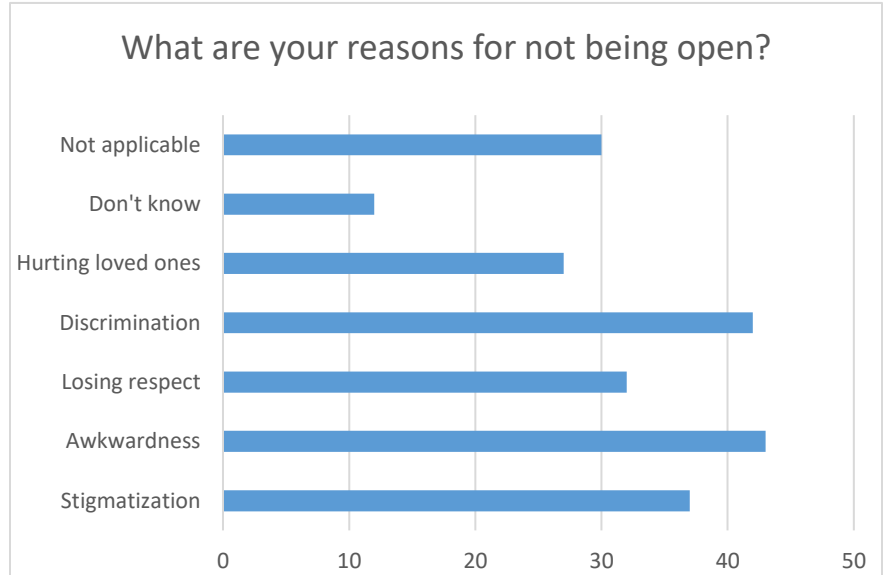
Respondents were asked their reasons for not being open about their sexuality.

The most compelling reason coming forth was fear of **discrimination**, followed closely by fear of **stigmatization** and **awkwardness**.

The next most selected response was **losing respect** - presumably from their friends and family - with **hurting loved ones** following closely behind.

The category with the least amount of responses was those who said they **don't know** why they were not open about their sexuality.

Noted was those who selected **not applicable** for their response. The assumption there is that those who selected **not applicable** are open about their sexuality.



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