## GENERAL FINDINGS Sexual Orientation

The 2022 DAPP found that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and asexual individuals accounted for 12.1 percent of the staff and board at participating foundations ( $n=265$ ), a slight decrease over the 13.6 percent identified in the 2020 survey ( $\mathrm{n}=325$ ). However, the number of heterosexuals also dropped, from 77.2 percent in 2020 to 73.8 percent in 2022 . The number of participants identified with a different identity increased again this year, by nearly 4 percentage points to 10.1 percent. It is also worth noting that the number of participants declining to state an identity rose from 2.6 percent in 2020 to 4.1 percent in 2022.

PEOPLE WORKING IN PHILANTHROPY, BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION 2022 FINDINGS


## 7.4\% 0.2\% 4.5\% 10.1\% lesbian or gay asexual bisexual different identity

|  | 2018 FINDINGS | 2020 FINDINGS | 2022 FINDINGS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LESBIAN OR GAY | $9.8 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| BISEXUAL | $6.3 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ |
| ASEXUAL | N/A | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| HETEROSEXUAL | $80.4 \%$ | $77.2 \%$ | $73.8 \%$ |
| DIFFERENT IDENTITY | N/A | $6.6 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ |
| DECLINE TO STATE | $3.5 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |

When participants were asked if they would describe their sexual orientation in any additional terms, over 100 individuals wrote in "queer"-a considerable increase over the 2020 DAPP. Nearly 30 individuals wrote in "pansexual."

WRITE-IN RESPONSES FOR "DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR IDENTITY IN ANY OTHER WAY?"
gyo mexu) epesson Sexually Fluid
ACE black dyke I do not sexually identify
Homoromantic asexual gay Currently re-evaluating Energetic based, not gender based biromantic? idk
Woman with potential Bisexual Questioning

FTM - Transgender Man
Feminist Lesbian
Equal Opportunity Lover


Non-binary lesbian


NOTE: Each word cloud in this report contains all of the write-in answers provided for the given category. The larger the font size, the greater number of respondents who wrote in that particular response.

The 2022 DAPP survey found that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and asexual people working in philanthropy continued to be most represented at public foundations - where again nearly half of the staff and board identified as something other than heterosexual. There was a notable 6 percentage point increase in people working at public funders who claimed a different identity.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, BY FOUNDATION TYPE


|  | COMMUNTY <br> FOUNDATIONS | CORPORATE <br> FUNDERS | PRIVATE <br> FOUNDATIONS | PUBLIC FUNDERS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LESBIAN OR GAY | $2.6 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ |
| BISEXUAL | $4.7 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| ASEXUAL | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| HETEROSEXUAL | $79.4 \%$ | $73.1 \%$ | $77.3 \%$ | $53.1 \%$ |
| DIFFERENT IDENTITY | $7.3 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $22.7 \%$ |
| DECLINE TO STATE | $6.0 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |

While the Pacific region saw the highest number of lesbian, gay, and bisexual participants ( $n=128$ ), the Northeast supplanted the Pacific as the region with the highest proportion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual participants. Approximately 10 percent of people from the Northeast identified as lesbian or gay, while approximately 4 percent identified as bisexual. Both the Midwest and the Northeast saw notable increases in participants claiming a different identity, by 5 and 6 percentage points respectively over the 2020 survey.

## SEXUAL ORIENTATION, BY REGION



- LESBIAN OR GAY ○ BISEXUAL ○ ASEXUAL ○ HETEROSEXUAL ○ DIFFERENT IDENTITY/DECLINE TO STATE

|  | MIDWEST | MOUNTAIN | NORTHEAST | PACIFIC | SOUTH |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LESBIAN OR GAY | $3.9 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| BISEXUAL | $4.5 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| ASEXUAL | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| HETEROSEXUAL | $80.8 \%$ | $71.0 \%$ | $69.3 \%$ | $72.6 \%$ | $72.5 \%$ |
| DIFFERENT IDENTITY | $6.0 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ |
| DECLINE TO STATE | $4.9 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ |

The 2022 DAPP survey found that lesbian, gay, and asexual people working in philanthropy were most represented among independent contractors, while bisexuals working philanthropy were most represented among non-supervisory staff. The proportion of board members and supervisory staff who identified with different identities saw significant increases over the 2020 DAPP. The percentage of board members with different identities nearly doubled from 5.9 percent in $2020(n=22)$ to 11.4 percent in 2022 ( $n=31$ ). The percentage of supervisory staff with different identities doubled from 3.9 percent ( $n=29$ ) in 2020 to 8.1 percent in 2022 ( $n=54$ ).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, BY BOARD, STAFF, AND CONTRACTOR ROLE


|  | BOARD | SUPERVISORY <br> STAFF | NON-SUPERVISORY <br> STAFF | INDEPENDENT <br> CONTRACTOR | CRANTMAKING <br> VOLUNTEERS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LESBIAN OR GAY | $11.7 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ |
| BISEXUAL | $1.8 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ |
| ASEXUAL | $0.0 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| HETEROSEXUAL | $72.2 \%$ | $75.3 \%$ | $73.5 \%$ | $60.0 \%$ | $73.5 \%$ |
| DIFFERENT IDENTITY | $11.4 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ |
| DECLINE TO STATE | $2.9 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |

Across various staff roles, lesbian and gay people continue to be most represented among executive staff. Bisexuals continued to be most represented among advancement and development staff. There was a modest increase in the proportion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual advancement and development staff, stemming from the increase in advancement and development staff participating in 2022 ( $\mathrm{n}=121$ ). The percentage of lesbian and gay people among advancement and development staff increased from 3.5 percent in 2020 to 8.2 percent in 2022, while the percentage of bisexual advancement and development staff doubled from 6.2 percent in 2020 to 11.5 percent in 2022 . While the percentage of asexual people participating dropped across several roles, 70.1 percent more participants either claimed a different identity or declined to state their sexual orientation in 2022 ( $n=312$ ) as opposed to $2020(n=220)$.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, BY STAFF ROLES


- LESBIAN OR GAY O BISEXUAL ○ ASEXUAL ○ HETEROSEXUAL ○ DIFFERENT IDENTITY/DECLINE TO STATE

|  | ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF | ADVANCEMENT/ DEVELOPMENT STAFF | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EXECUTIVE } \\ & \text { STAFF** } \end{aligned}$ | FINANCE STAFF | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OTHER } \\ & \text { PROFESSIONAL } \\ & \text { STAFF } \end{aligned}$ | PROGRAM STAFF | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NO } \\ & \text { RESPONSE } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LESBIAN OR GAY | 4.1\% | 8.2\% | 13.6\% | 3.1\% | 6.5\% | 7.4\% | 10.1\% |
| BISEXUAL | 4.1\% | 11.5\% | 1.7\% | 2.6\% | 5.8\% | 5.0\% | 2.4\% |
| ASEXUAL | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.5\% | 0.3\% | 0.0\% | 0.3\% |
| HETEROSEXUAL | 78.5\% | 54.1\% | 69.5\% | 82.1\% | 73.6\% | 74.1\% | 71.4\% |
| DIFFERENT IDENTITY | 8.3\% | 14.8\% | 11.0\% | 5.6\% | 9.9\% | 9.6\% | 13.5\% |
| DECLINE TO STATE | 5.0\% | 11.5\% | 4.2\% | 6.1\% | 3.8\% | 3.9\% | 2.4\% |

[^0]Over 40 percent of lesbian and gay participants identified as people of color ( $n=69$ ); the majority of bisexual participants also identified as people of color ( $n=45$ ). Fully one quarter of asexual participants identified as people of color. More than one in five lesbian and gay participants identified as a person with a disability and nearly 46 percent of bisexuals identified as people with disabilities.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND ASEXUAL PEOPLE IN PHILANTHROPY, BY SELECT INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES

LESBIAN
OR GAY

BISEXUAL

## ASEXUAL



## LcBTC OUTNESS

In the four years that have passed since the inaugural 2018 Diversity Among Philanthropic Professionals (DAPP) survey and The Philanthropic Closet: LGBTQ People in Philanthropy (2018), the landscape for LGBTQ employees has changed. In 2020, the Supreme Court ruled in Bostock v. Clayton County that gay and transgender people are protected against employment discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. But are LGBTQ people working in philanthropy any more "out" in the workplace - meaning that they have disclosed their sexual orientation to most or all of their workplace colleagues?

Sadly, things don't appear to have changed much between 2018 and 2022. Nearly half of all LGBTQ people working in philanthropy are still in the closet, meaning they are not out to all or most of their co-workers.

LGBTQ OUTNESS, 2018 AND 2022
2018
42.3\% OUT AT WORK
("All or most of them")
$53.4 \%$ NOT OUT AT WORK
("Some of them" / "Only a few of them" / "None of them")
2022 DECLINE TO STATE/
NO RESPONSE 10.8\%
$\mathbf{4 1 . 3 \%}$ ("All or most of them") $\quad \mathbf{4 8 . 0} \%$ ("Some of them" / "Only a few of them" / "None of them")


[^0]:    * Non-Financial, Non-Program, and Non-Development Staff

