

Glossary of Terms: Definitions of SOGI Categories

| Sexual Orientation: How people describe their emotional and physical attraction to others. | |
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| Lesbian | Describes women who are mainly emotionally and physically attracted to other women. |
| Gay | Describes men who are mainly emotionally and physically attracted to men, but can also describe women who are attracted to women. |
| Straight or heterosexual | Describes women who are mainly emotionally and physically attracted to men, and men who are mainly emotionally and physically attracted to women. |
| Bisexual | Describes people who are emotionally and/or physically attracted to people of all genders. |
| Queer | Describes people who think of their sexual orientation as outside of societal norms. Some people view the term queer as more fluid and inclusive than traditional categories for sexual orientation. |
| Pansexual | Describes people who are emotionally and physically attracted to people of all gender identities, or whose attractions are not related to gender identity. |
| Something Else | It is an option for people whose sexual orientation is not listed in the response options provided, including people who do not have a sexual orientation. |
| Don't know | It is an option for people who do not know their sexual orientation, are questioning their sexual orientation, or do not understand the meaning of sexual orientation. |
| Prefer not to answer | It is an option for people who do not wish to share their sexual orientation. |
| Gender Identity: Is a person's inner self of being a girl/woman/female, a boy/man/male, something else, or having no gender. | |
| Female/woman/girl | Describes people assigned female at birth who have a female gender identity. |
| Male/man/boy | Describes people assigned male at birth who have a male gender identity. |
| Nonbinary, genderqueer, or not exclusively female or male | Describes people whose gender identity is beyond the traditional binary of girl/woman and boy/man. |
| Transgender girl/woman/female | Describes people assigned male at birth who have a female gender identity. |
| Transgender boy/man/male | Describes people assigned female at birth who have a male gender identity. |
| Another gender | It is an option for people whose gender identity is not listed in the response options provided, including people who do not have a gender identity. |
| Don't know | It is an option for people who do not know their gender identity, are questioning their gender identity, or do not understand the meaning of gender identity. |
| Prefer not to answer | It is an option for people who do not wish to share their gender identity at this time. |
| Sex Assigned at Birth: Is the sex assigned to an infant and written on the original birth certificate. | |
| Sex assigned at birth | Female, male, or X/another sex. |
| X/Another sex | It is for people born in jurisdictions that allow a third assigned sex option and whose parents assigned their sex as nonbinary or X on their birth certificate. |
| Don't know | It is an option for people who do not know their assigned sex at birth or who do not understand the question. |
| Prefer not to answer | It is an option for people who do not wish to share their sex assigned at birth at this time. |