

# 'Sexual orientation' in the Norwegian Survey on Quality of Life

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# Introduction

- In the first national survey on Quality of Life questions on **sexual orientation & gender identity** was included.
- We can now study LGBT+'s quality of life compared to the population, and other population groups with regards to
  - Variables on **living conditions** (income, residence, social relations, education and so on) and...
  - Variables on **quality of life** (how people experience their lives)



# How Statistics Norway measured Quality of Life, and how it's relevant for LGBT-research

- The main purpose of the survey is to gain knowledge about Norwegian 's *quality of life*, and *study differences in satisfaction between population groups*.
- Includes questions on:
  - general satisfaction with life
  - Subjective satisfaction with physical- and mental health, residence, leisure time, economical situation
  - optimism for the future, general engagement, management of life, social relations and positive and negative feelings



# The LGBT questions in the questionnaire

What gender do you associate yourself with?	man
	woman
	other
	do not wish to answer
What sex are you attracted to?	men
	women
	all sexes
	other
	no sexes
	don't know
Do you consider yourself to be ...	do not wish to answer
	straight
	gay or lesbian
	bisexual
	other
	don't know
do not wish to answer	



# 'Should I stay or should I go?'

- Does not want to answer questions on sexual orientation and gender identity:
  - What sex do you identify yourself as: 0,10 percent
  - What sex are you sexually attracted to: 0,07 per cent of the population in total
  - Do you consider yourself to be ...: 0,15
- Leaves the questionnaire after questions on sexual orientation and gender identity:
  - Most respondents stay and answers questions on
  - 0,3 per cent of the population. 52 out of 18 122 people.
- **Approximately 5 per cent of the population can be considered gay, lesbian, bisexual or have other sexual orientation**
  - Gay/lesbians 62 per cent male
  - Bisexual 64 per cent female
  - Other sexual orientation: 54 per cent female / 46 per cent male



# Distribution of Answers on LGBT-Questions

1) What sex do you identify yourself as?			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency
Male	8765	48,38	8765
Female	9261	51,12	18026
Other	73	0,40	18099
No answer	17	0,09	18116
Deviation between stated gender in survey and registered gender	128	0,7	

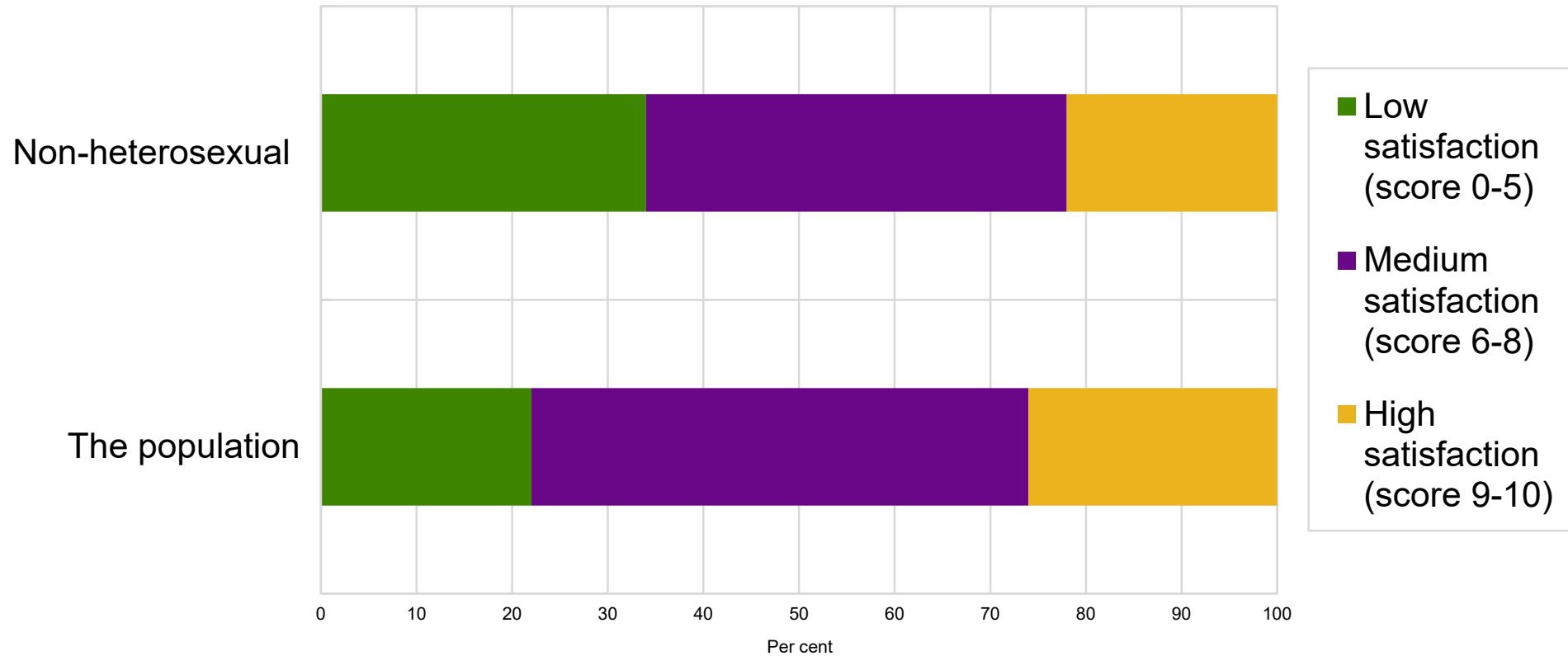
2) Do you consider yourself to be ...			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency
Heterosexual	16948	93,66	16948
Gay or lesbian	208	1,15	17156
Bisexual	388	2,14	17544
Other	419	2,32	17963
Don't know	105	0,58	18068
No answer	27	0,15	18095

3) What sex are you attracted to?			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency
Men	8730	48,21	8730
Women	8573	47,35	17303
All sexes	398	2,20	17701
Other	29	0,16	17730
No sex	322	1,78	18052
Don't know	43	0,24	18095
No answer	12	0,07	18107



# Life Quality Among LGBT-Population

Figure: General satisfaction with life. Per cent. 2020



# Thank you!

