

SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITIES 2020 SUB-REPORT

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Sexual & Gender Minorities experiencing homelessness on O'ahu on the night of January 22, 2020

Sexual & Gender Minorities (SGM): An umbrella term that encompasses populations included in the acronym "LGBTI" (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & intersex) and individuals whose sexual orientation or gender identity varies.

This report looks at individuals who reported a gender identity different from the sex they were assigned at birth, a gender identity other than male/female, indicated a sexual orientation other than straight or indicated they were intersex. We currently do not have sufficient data on SGM individuals living in Shelters, due to different surveys used for the Shelter Population. 2020 was the first year SGM questions were asked of every individual who completed the survey, therefore we are unable to compare to previous years.



6%

Sheltered

12 individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Safe Haven Programs

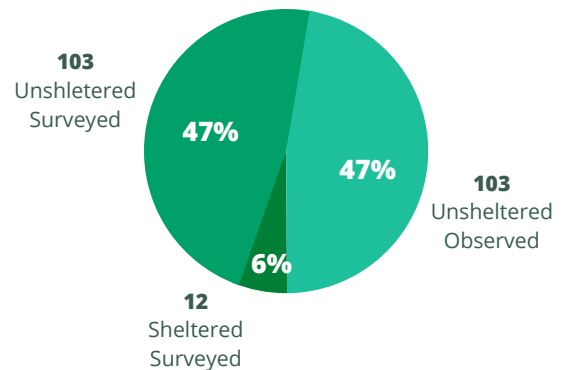


94%

Unsheltered

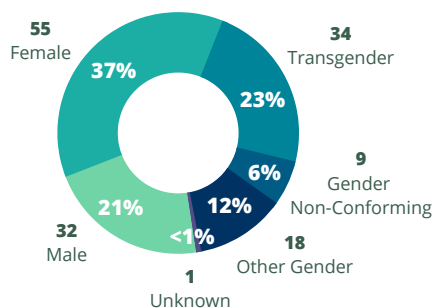
206 individuals were staying on the streets or other place not meant for human habitation

Survey & Observation Distribution

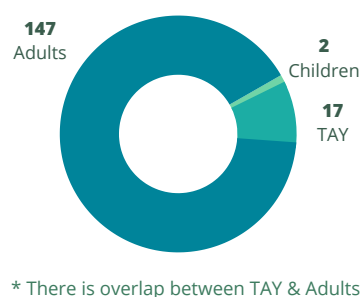


For the purposes of analysing demographics and characteristics the remainder of this report will exclude 69 observations which do not include any information apart from "other gender". The following information will look at the remaining 149 SGM individuals.

Gender



Age Groups*



Adults: Persons 18 years and older. **TAY (Transitional Age Youth):** Persons 18 - 24 years old. **Children:** Persons under 18 years old.

37% were female and 41% were transgender, gender non-conforming, or another gender not specified.

Transgender, gender non-conforming (GNC) and other gender individuals make up the largest portion of the SGM population. Within the PIT Count Population they account for 3%, while in Hawai'i transgender individuals account for .78% of the overall population.

Hawai'i's transgender population data obtained from Report on transgender prevalence in the US by the Williams Institute (2016).

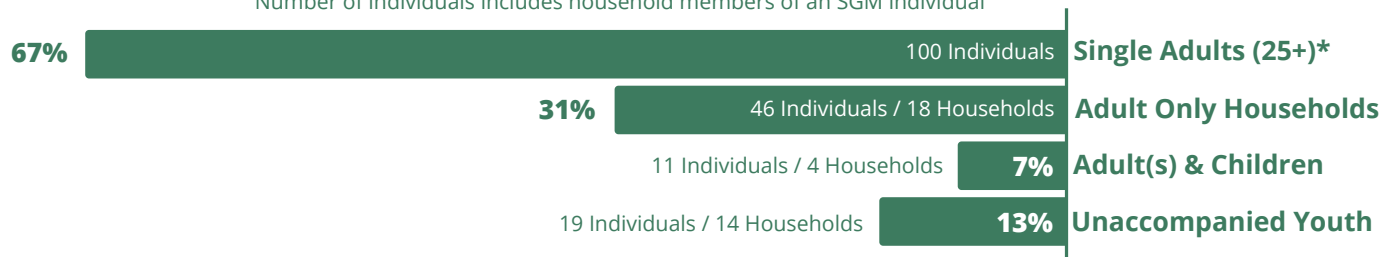
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The vast majority of SGM individuals were adults (99%) and the majority of adults were single adults (100 or 68%). 19% of individuals (29) were in adult only households.

2 unaccompanied minors and 17 youth were identified, the majority being unsheltered (89%).

Individuals by Household Type

Number of individuals includes household members of an SGM individual



* For the purposes of this graph we separated Adults ages 25 years and older from Unaccompanied Youth. For the remainder of the report any reference to Adult will be any persons 18 years old or older.

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) and Multiracial individuals made up the largest percentages of the SGM PIT Count population. 89% of Multiracial individuals indicated having NHPI racial background. 52% of the overall SGM PIT Count population identified NHPI as either their only race or part of their multiracial background.

Race/Ethnicity: SGM PIT Count Population

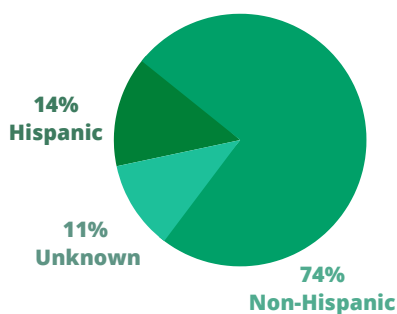


Race/Ethnicity: O'ahu Population



B / AA: Black and African American. AIAN: American Indian and Alaskan Native. NHPI: Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander.

Hispanic Ethnicity



Comparing the percentage of each of the racial groups on O'ahu to the percentage of each of the racial groups included in the 2020 SGM PIT Count population, NHPIs were 1.4 times (or 140%) more likely to represent individuals in the SGM PIT Count population as compared to the general population of O'ahu, and AIAN while only representing a small percentage of the population are 2 times (or 200%) more likely. Conversely, Asians were 86% less likely to represent individuals in the SGM PIT Count population compared to the general population.

14% of the SGM PIT Count population indicated Hispanic ethnicity, as compared to 10% of the O'ahu population.

O'ahu population data obtained from most recent available U.S. Census data (ACS, 2018).

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This section examines characteristics of the 115 adults in 90 households surveyed as either sheltered or unsheltered in the 2020 PIT Count.

Chronically Homeless: A person who is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter AND has been homeless for at least 1 year continuously or on at least 4 or more occasions over the past 3 years that add up to at least 12 months AND has a disability.

Disabling Condition is classified as a Serious Mental Health Illness, Disability, Substance Use Disorder or living with HIV/AIDS.

Serious Mental Health Illness, Substance Use Disorder and Disability are classified as a condition(s) that substantially impairs a person's daily life.

Health	SGM	PIT Count
Chronically Homeless	56%	24%
Disabling Condition	68%	40%
Disability	45%	28%
Serious Mental Health Illness	50%	25%
Substance Use Disorder	32%	18%
HIV / AIDS	4%	4%

Sexual and Gender Minorities have higher rates of disabling conditions as compared to the overall homeless population.

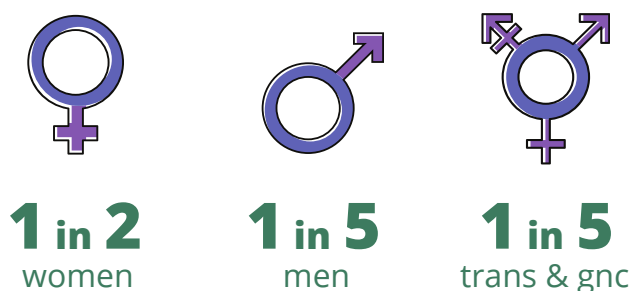
- 56% are chronically homeless indicating that they have experienced homelessness for a long period of time while living with a disabling condition.
- Nearly half have a physical, developmental or other disability that impairs their daily life.
- Half have a serious mental health illness.

Domestic Violence is significantly higher among the SGM PIT Count population as compared to the O'ahu PIT Count population.

- 38% of SGM adults have experienced DV as compared to 13% of the overall homeless population.

Domestic Violence also plays a larger role in why SGMs are currently experiencing homelessness as compared to overall homeless population.

- 13% of SGM adults are currently fleeing DV, as compared to 4% of the overall homeless population.



**have experienced
Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence (DV): also commonly referred to as Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), describes physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and/or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse.

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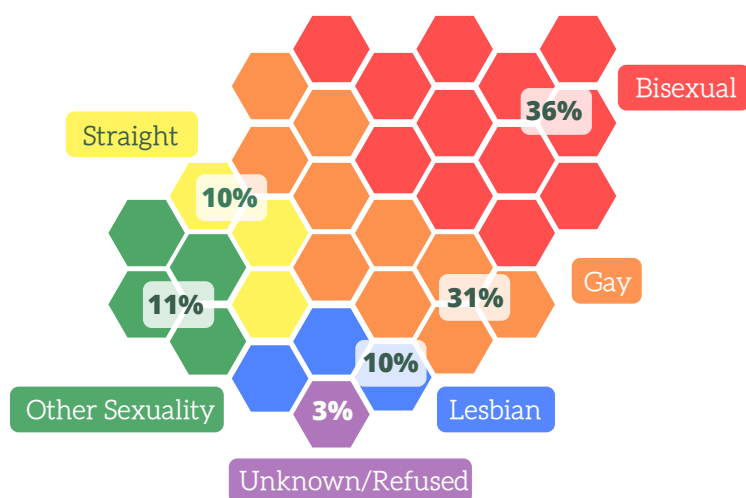
This section examines characteristics of the 103 adults in 78 households surveyed as unsheltered in the 2020 PIT Count.

More than 1/3 of the SGM population has experienced homelessness before the age of 18, indicating a history of housing instability.

Regions 1 and 7 had the largest percentage of SGM individuals with 38% and 33% respectively, followed by Region 2 and 3 with 13% and 7%.

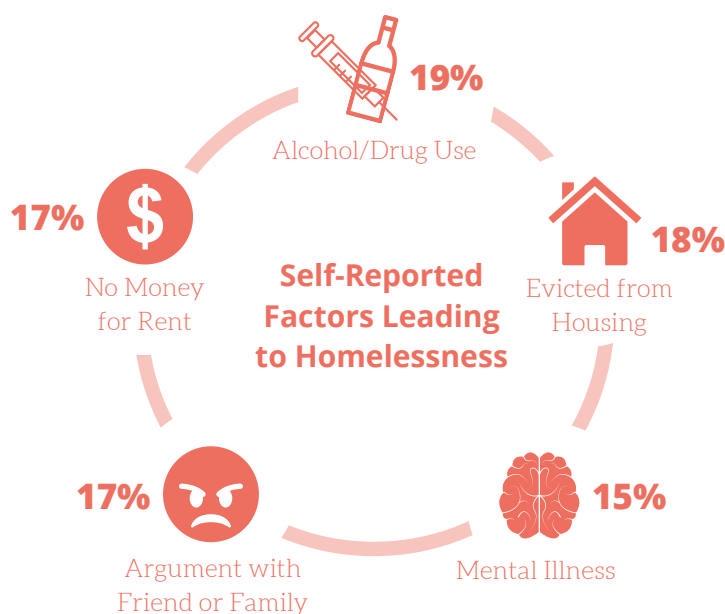
The majority of SGM individuals identified as Bisexual (37) and Gay (32). The leading causes for factors leading to homelessness were Alcohol/Drug use and housing trouble.

Sexual Orientation



39% experienced homelessness before the age of 18

21 persons by themselves.
17 persons with their family.
1 person by themselves & with their family.
1 person refused to specify.



* Surveyed individuals may choose multiple reasons for currently experiencing homelessness.

Summary & Next Steps

Transgender, gender non-conforming and other gender individuals make up a significant percentage per capita of not only the Point In Time Count Population but also close to half of the SGM Population.

Sexual and Gender Minorities have higher rates of disabling conditions as compared to the overall PIT Count Population with mental illness and substance use double. SGM individuals also have a lifetime history of domestic violence that is three times higher as compared to the overall PIT Count Population.

The lack of SGM specific questions in the Shelter population make it difficult to compare against the Unsheltered population. We suggest that the same questions be asked of the Sheltered and Unsheltered population to better understand if there are differences between them.

This report points to more information needed about our SGM and specifically our transgender, gender non-conforming, and other gender individuals; especially as it pertains to services and understanding if there is a service gap in regards to their care.