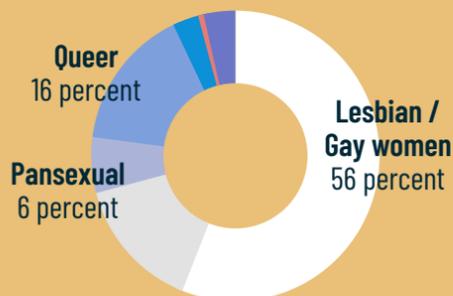# Changing Sexuality over Life Course

1 in 3 respondents reported that their sexuality / sexual orientation had changed over time. There were some key differences, however, in who was more likely to change, and in what ways.
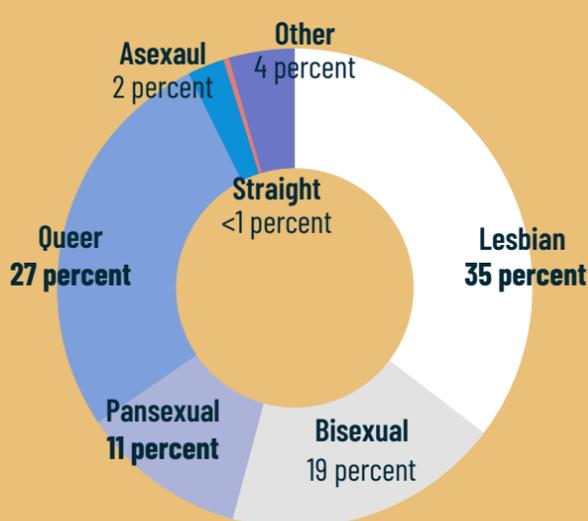
Sexuality

Q 2.2 What best describes your current sexuality or sexual orientation today?

Queer
16 percent

Pansexual
6 percent

Lesbian / Gay women
56 percent

All respondents

More than 1 out of 2 respondents (56 %) in the survey are "lesbians", but lesbians make up only 1 out of 3 respondents who reported that their sexuality had changed. "Queer" (16%) and "Pansexual" (6 %) respondents were significantly more likely to report their sexuality changing than others current orientations.

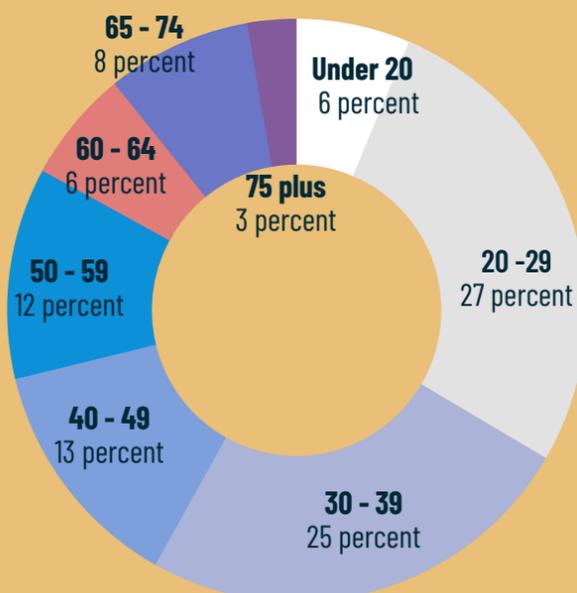**Q 2.5 Has your sexuality or sexual orientation changed over your life-time?**

Asexaul
2 percent

Other
4 percent

Straight
<1 percent

Queer
27 percent

Lesbian
35 percent

Pansexual
11 percent

Bisexual
19 percent

Respondents answering "Yes", by sexuality

"Lesbians" LEAST likely to change over their life-time.

"Pansexual" and "Queer" MOST likely to change over their life-time.

Age

Q 2.5 Has your sexuality or sexual orientation changed over your life-time?

65 - 74
8 percent

Under 20
6 percent

60 - 64
6 percent

75 plus
3 percent

50 - 59
12 percent

20 -29
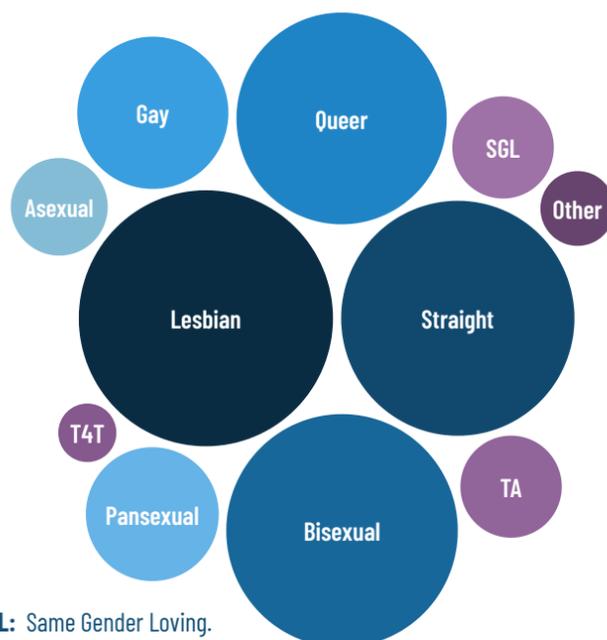27 percent

40 - 49
13 percent

30 - 39
25 percent

20 - 29 year olds make up 20 percent of **all** survey respondents; and 30 - 39 year olds make up 19 percent of all survey respondents.

Respondents answering "Yes", by age

20 - 39 years are MOST likely to report changing/fluid sexuality

50 and older are LEAST likely to report changing/fluid sexuality

Selected Orientations, by frequency

Gay

Queer

SGL

Asexual

Other

Lesbian

Straight

T4T

TA

Pansexual

Bisexual

SGL: Same Gender Loving.
TA: Trans Attracted.
T4T: Trans for Trans

- "**Lesbian**" was the **most selected orientation** (2,051) followed by "Straight" (1,728) and "Bisexual" (1,702) across respondents lifetimes.
- "**Straight**" was the most selected orientation when respondents were in their **teens** (973).
- "**Bisexual**" was the most selected orientation for respondents when they were in their **20s** (602).
- "**Lesbian**" (438) and "**Queer**" (384) were the most selected orientations for respondents during their **30s**.
- "**Straight**" was one of the **least selected orientations** for respondents reporting on their orientations in their **50s**, **60s** and **70s**.