

Sexual orientation and gender identity in Oxford

As part of the first ever Census 2021 release on sexual orientation and gender identity¹, the ONS has made available data and supporting information for this topic. The Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) has produced a summary report with the latest Census figures. This summary report will explore Census 2021 figures on sexual orientation and gender identity classifications in Oxford compared to the county and national averages. For more information on this topic, please visit [Sexual orientation and gender: Census 2021 in England and Wales](#).

Key findings:

- For the sexual orientation indicator, the majority of usual residents aged 16 years and over selected *straight or heterosexual* (80.4%), this was lower than both Oxfordshire and England averages at 88.4% and 89.4% respectively.
- Of those who selected an option other than Straight, the largest group was Bisexual with 3.6%, this is higher than both Oxfordshire and England at 1.7% and 1.3% respectively. Other groups include *Gay or lesbian* (2.4%), *Pansexual* (0.5%), *Asexual* (0.2%), and *Queer* (0.1%).
- The proportion of those who did not answer this question is higher in Oxford (12.7%) than Oxfordshire and England averages at 7.9% and 7.5% respectively.
- In terms of gender identity, the majority of respondents (usual residents aged 16 years and over) selected *Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth* (88.8%), this is lower than both county (93.3%) and national (93.5%) averages.
- Of those who selected a gender identity different from sex registered at birth, the largest group was *Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given* (0.6%), followed by *Non-binary* (0.2%).
- *Trans women* and *Trans men* make up 0.4%, and *All other gender identities* (0.1%).
- The proportion of Trans gender, and other gender identity classifications in Oxford are higher than both Oxfordshire and England averages.
- The proportion of those who did not answer this question is higher in Oxford (9.9%) than Oxfordshire and England averages at 6.1% and 6.0% respectively.

¹ The questions on sexual orientation and gender identity were voluntary and were only asked of those aged 16 years and over.

Figure 1. Sexual orientation in Oxford, Oxfordshire, and England in 2021.

Sexual orientation	Oxford	Oxfordshire	England
Straight or Heterosexual	80.4%	88.4%	89.4%
Gay or Lesbian	2.4%	1.5%	1.5%
Bisexual	3.6%	1.7%	1.3%
Pansexual	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%
Asexual	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Queer	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
All other sexual orientations	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Not answered	12.7%	7.9%	7.5%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2023

Figure 2. Gender identity in Oxford, Oxfordshire, and England in 2021.

Gender identity	Oxford	Oxfordshire	England
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	88.8%	93.3%	93.5%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Trans woman	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Trans man	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Non-binary	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
All other gender identities	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Not answered	9.9%	6.1%	6.0%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2023

Sources:

[Sexual orientation and gender: Census 2021 in England and Wales, ONS, 2023](#)

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