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Needs Assessment Survey of Greater Sudbury and Surrounding Areas 2003 - 2004

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BACKGROUND

- ❖ Access AIDS Network and Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario
- ❖ Meeting to find ways to improve and diversify services for LGBT2-SQ and PFLAG Community of the City of Greater Sudbury
- ❖ Pilot survey of community members and organizations to finalize survey for Sudbury Pride

METHODS

- ❖ Survey questionnaire designed to assess types and focus of supportive services (i.e. telephone information services; resource centre/library; workshops; counselling; support groups; spiritual support)
- ❖ Questions designed to assess needs of LGBT2-SQ and PFLAG people and the role that age might play in assessing needs
- ❖ Pretest of questionnaires
- ❖ Distributed to drop-off boxes at 5 locations (local gay bar, local ASO, Social Planning Council of Sudbury, local University) during Sudbury's Gay Pride Week (2003)
- ❖ Advertising "blitzes"
- ❖ Survey questionnaires numbered for site location, completed and anonymous returned to PI - analyzed by CLEAR

RESULTS

SAMPLE

N = 250 Survey Questionnaires distributed



N = 162 (65%) Questionnaires returned



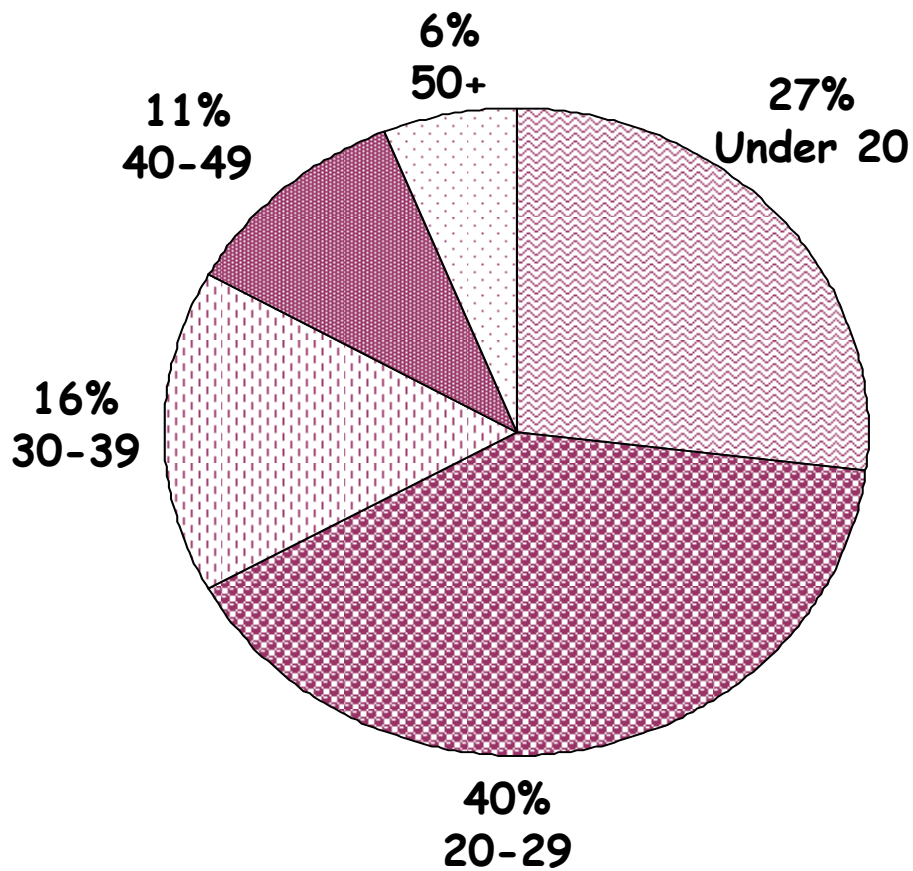
122/200 LGBT2-SQ (61%)

40/50 PFLAG (80%)

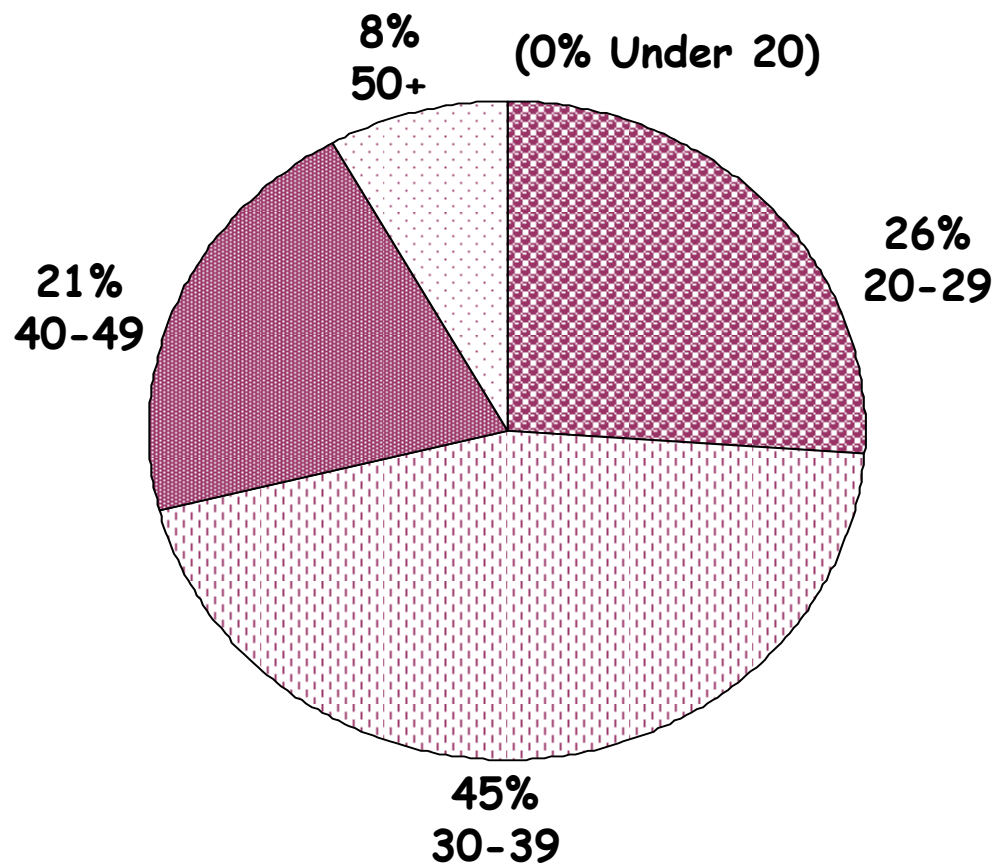
CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Figure 1: Age Distribution

LGBT2-SQ (N=117)



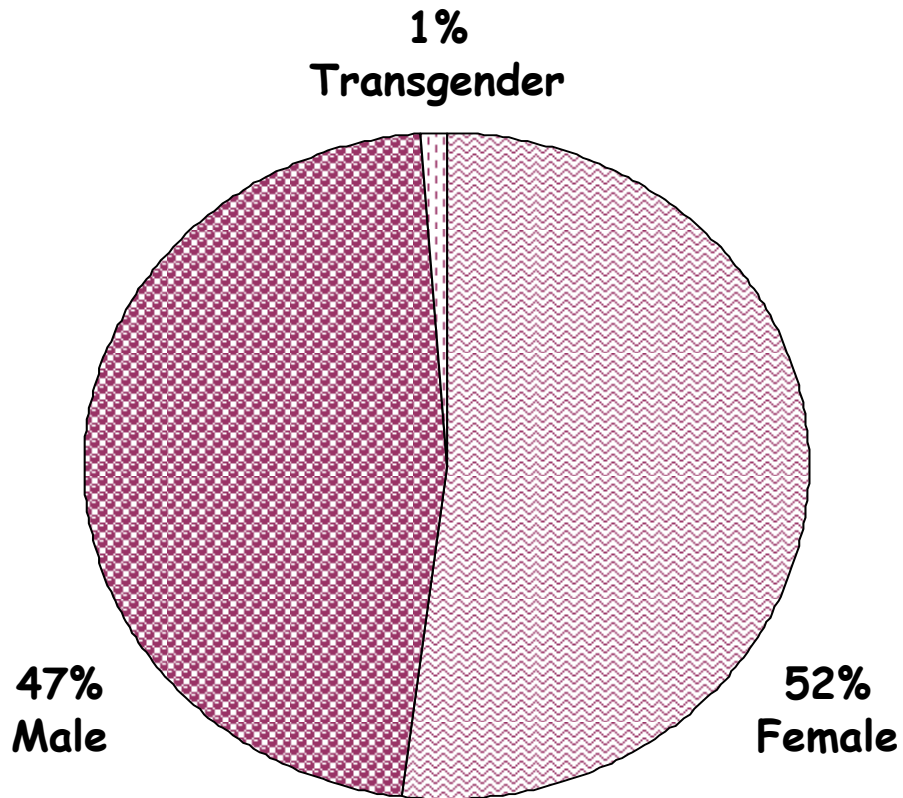
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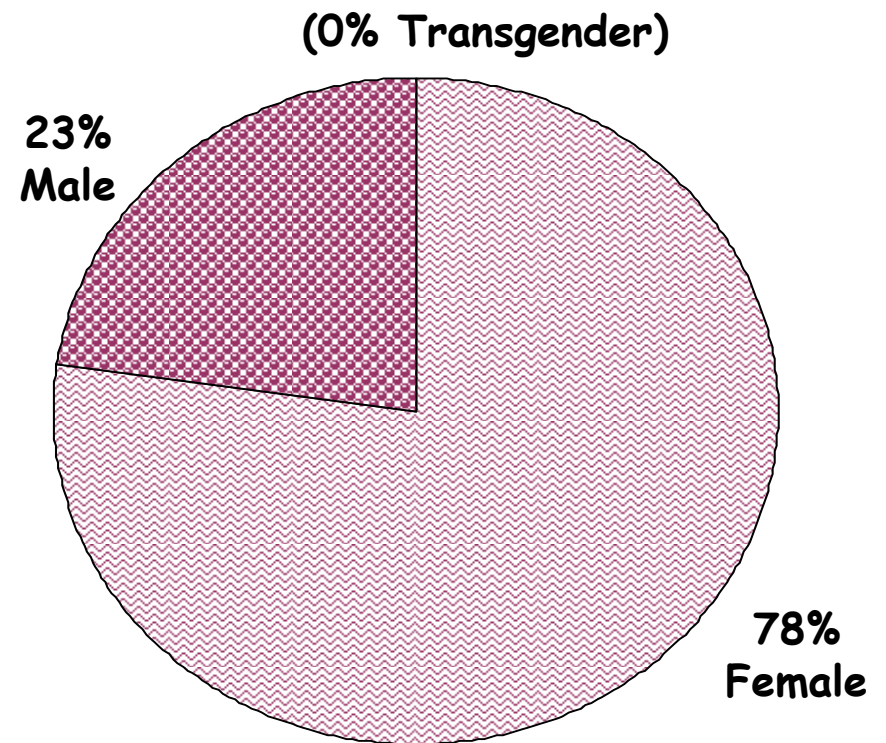
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Figure 2: Gender

LGBT2-SQ (N=120)



PFLAG (N=40)



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LGBT2-SQ (N=121)

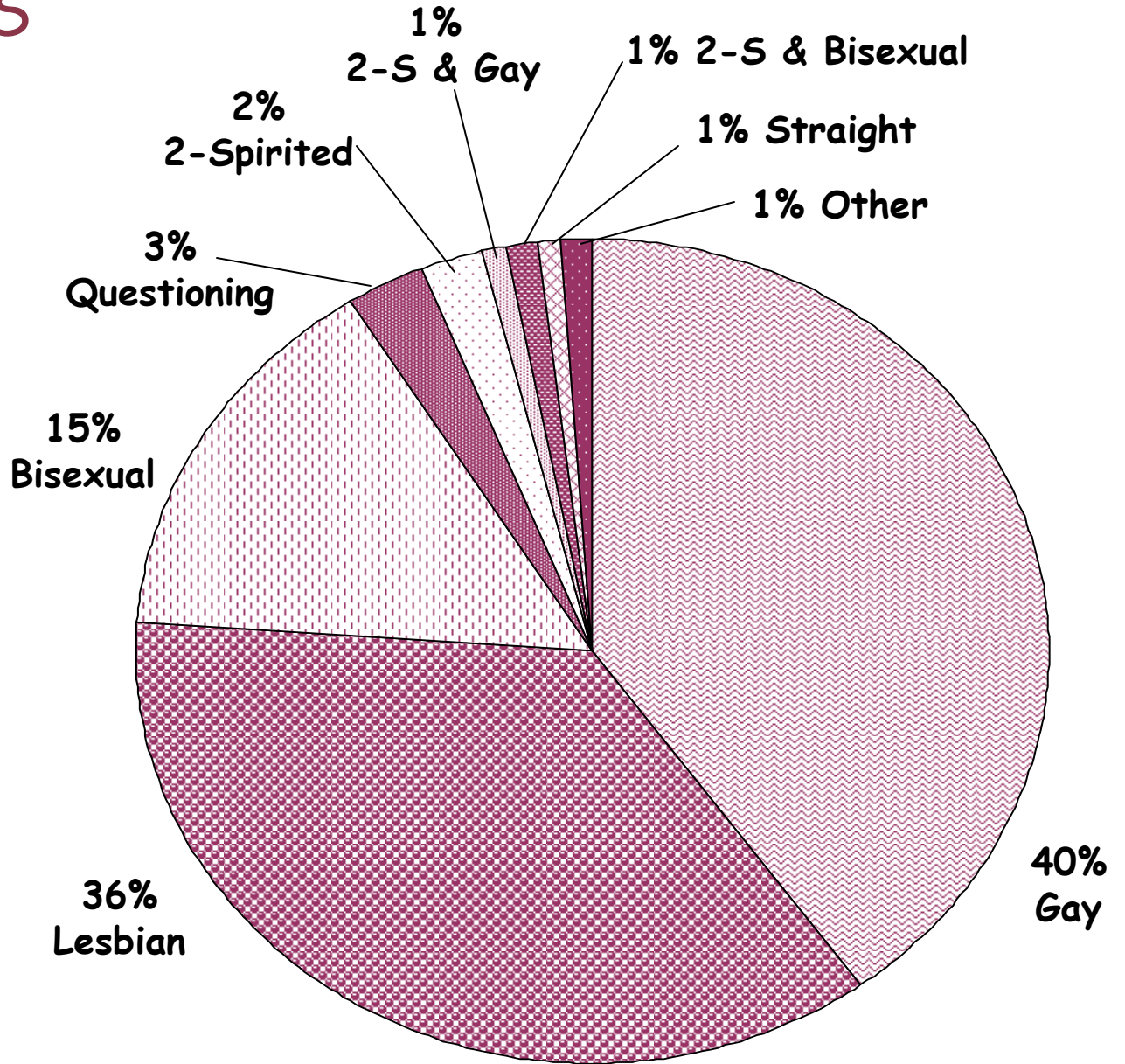


Figure 3a:
Do you identify as being...

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PFLAG (N=89)

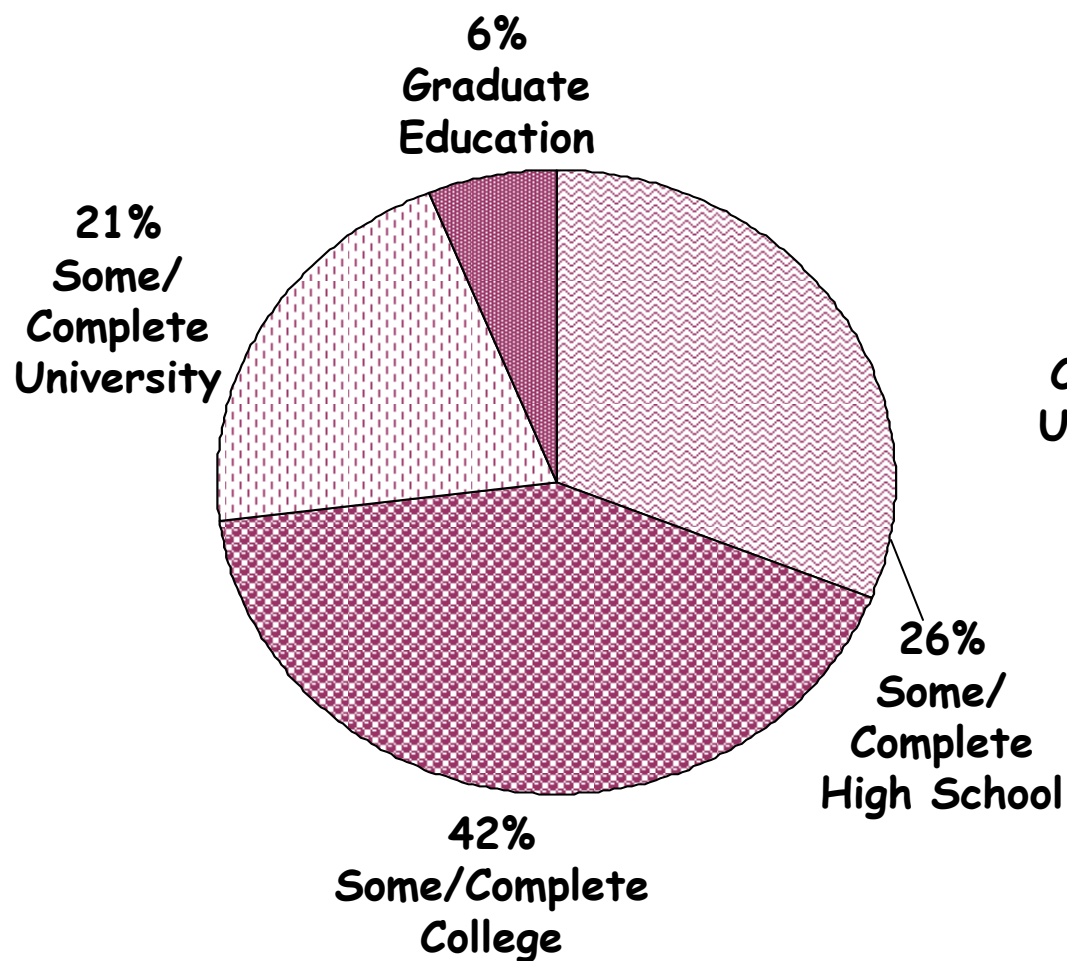
DO YOU IDENTIFY AS BEING...	%
Parent of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	7.5
Brother/sister of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	7.5
Spouse/partner of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	5.0
Ex-spouse of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	2.5
Family member of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	20.0
Friend of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	72.5
Co-worker of a LGBT2-SQ Individual	50.0
Supportive community member	52.5
Other	5.0

Figure 3b:
Do you identify as being...

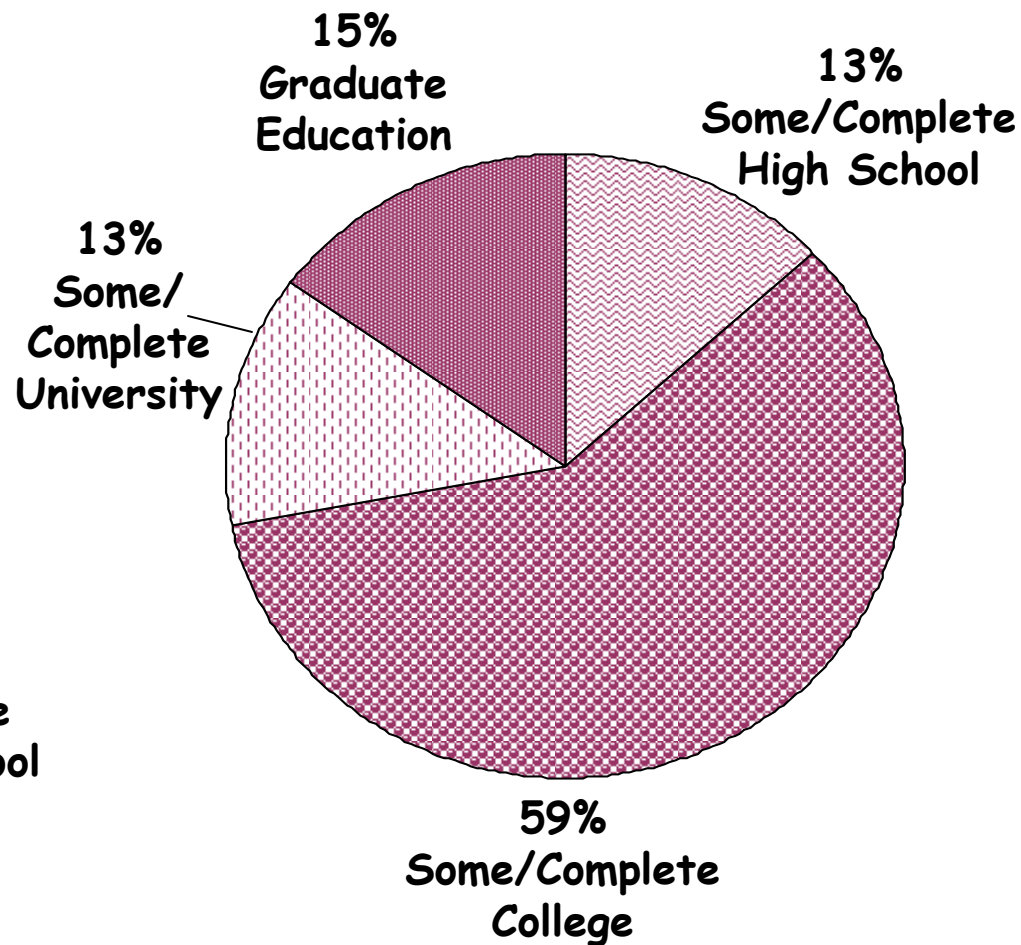
CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Figure 4: Education

LGBT2-SQ (N=121)



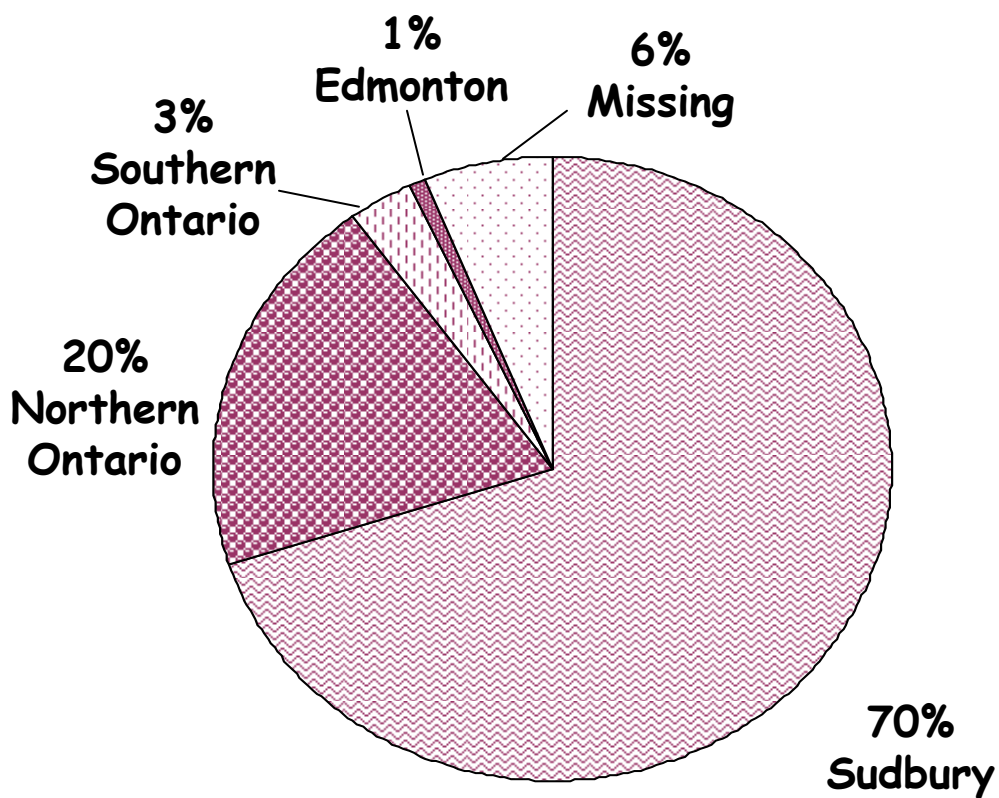
PFLAG (N=39)



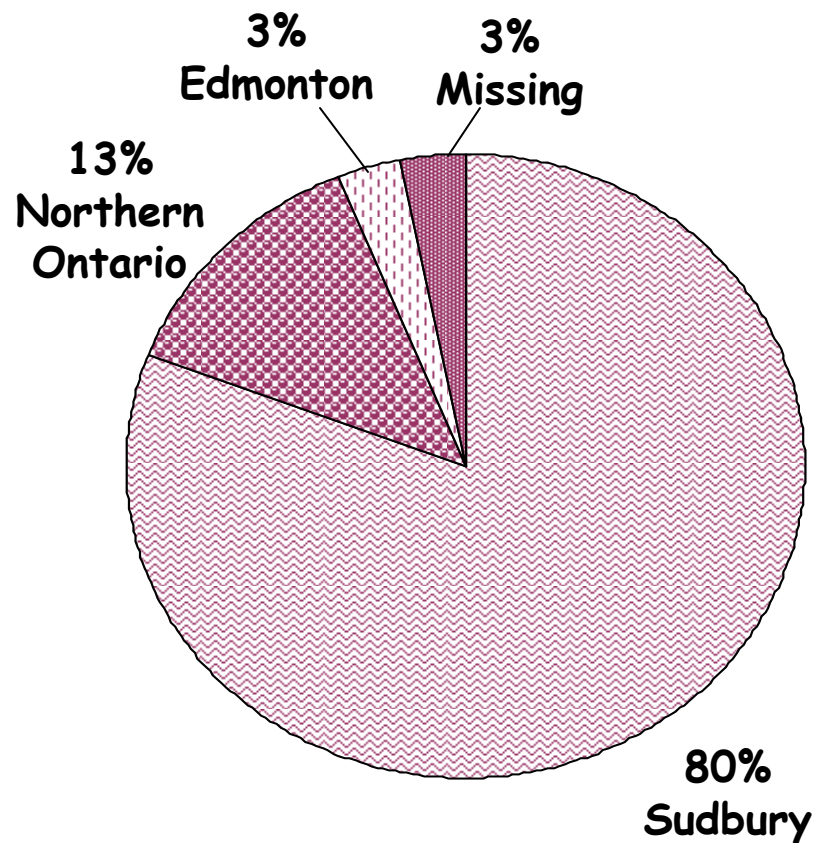
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Figure 5: Place of Residence

LGBT2-SQ (N=122)



PFLAG (N=40)

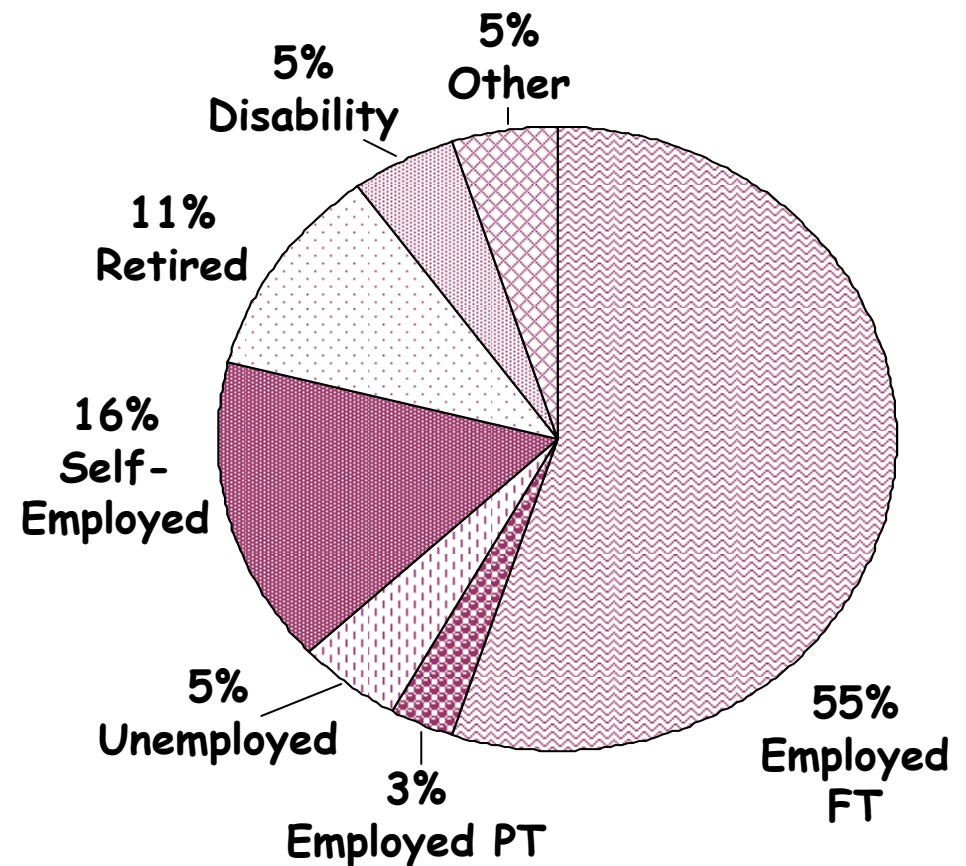
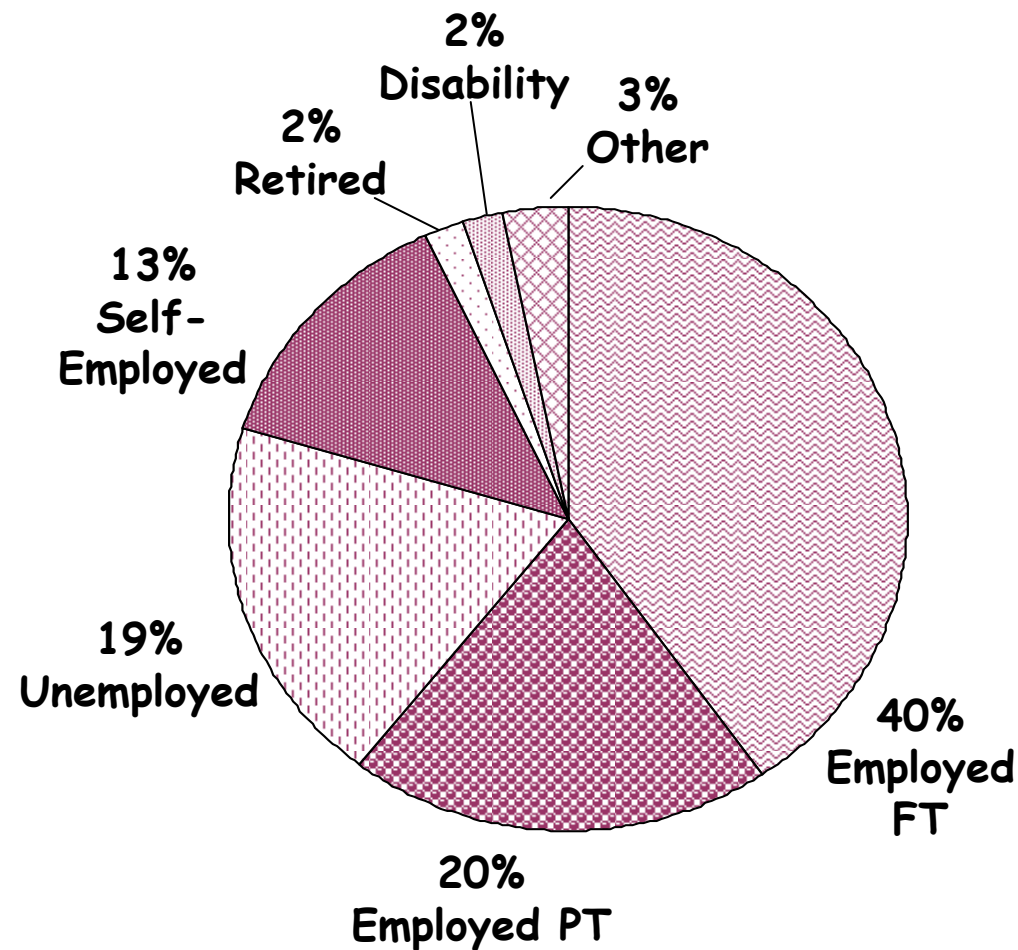


CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Figure 6: Work Status

LGBT2-SQ (N=119)

PFLAG (N=40)

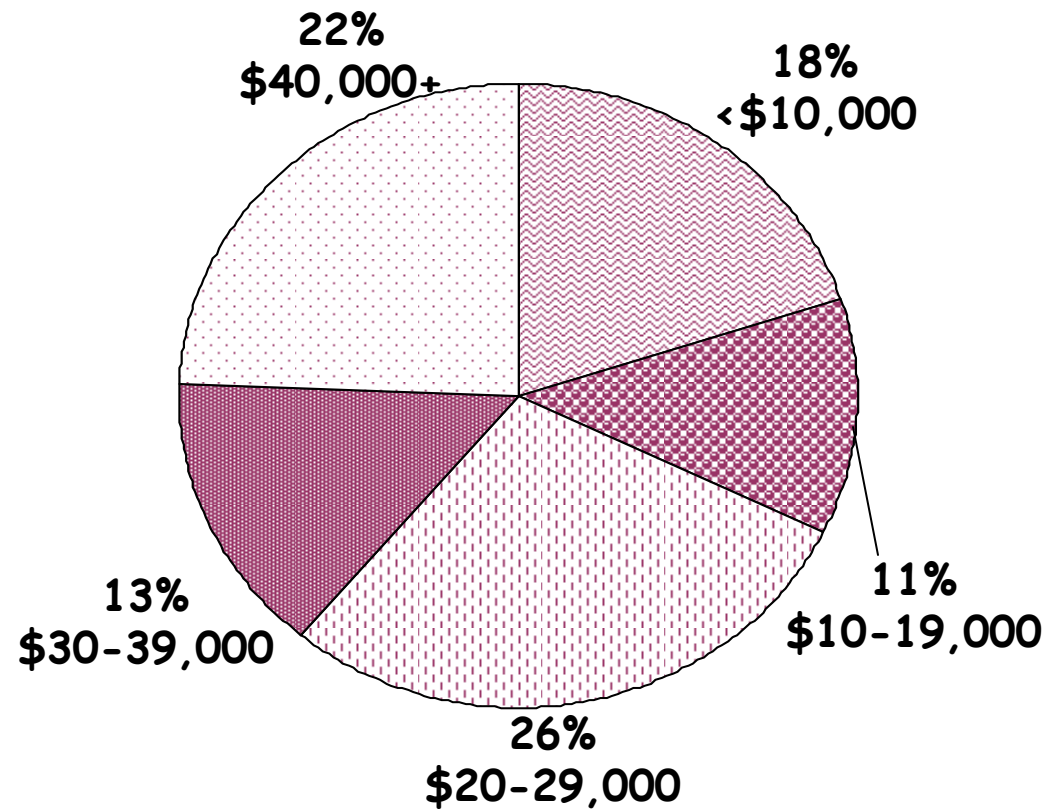
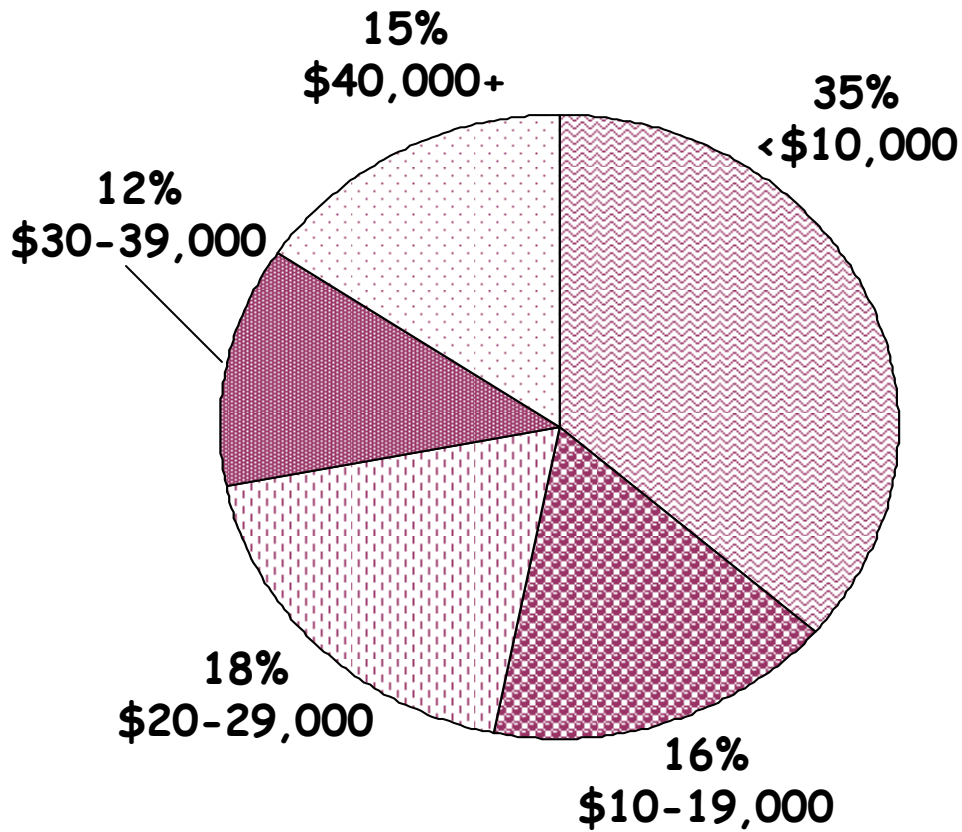


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Figure 7: Personal Income from all Sources

LGBT2-SQ (N=113)

PFLAG (N=38)

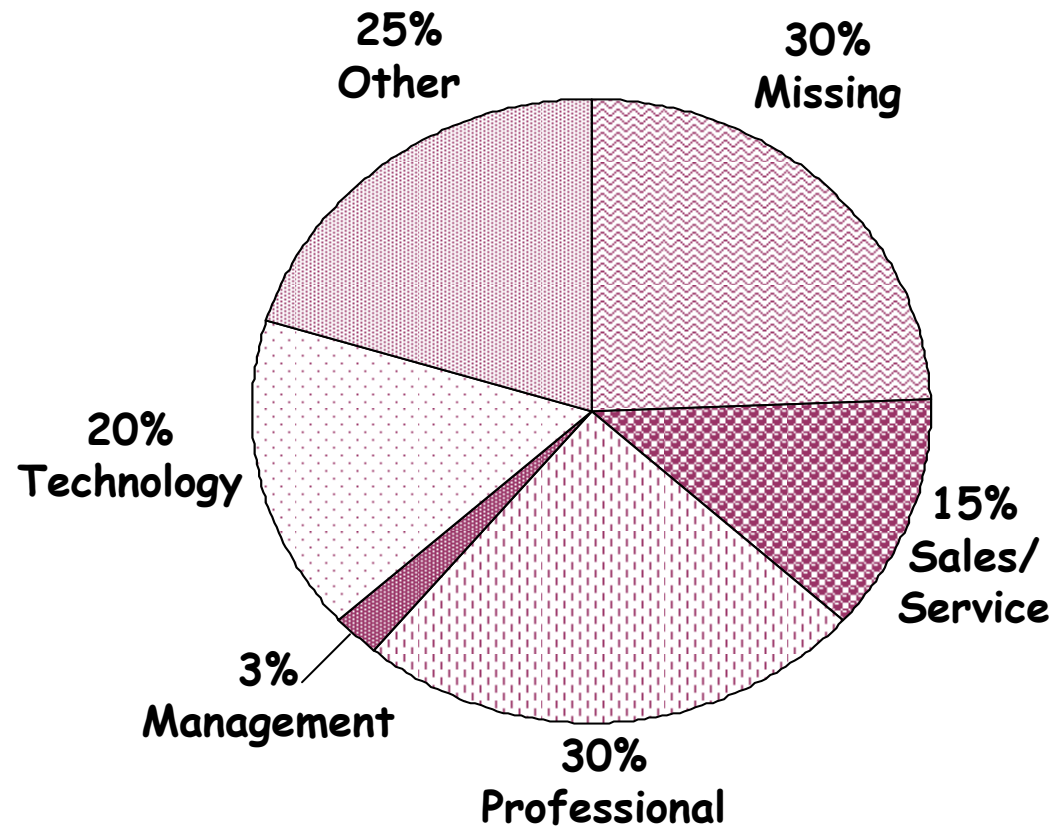
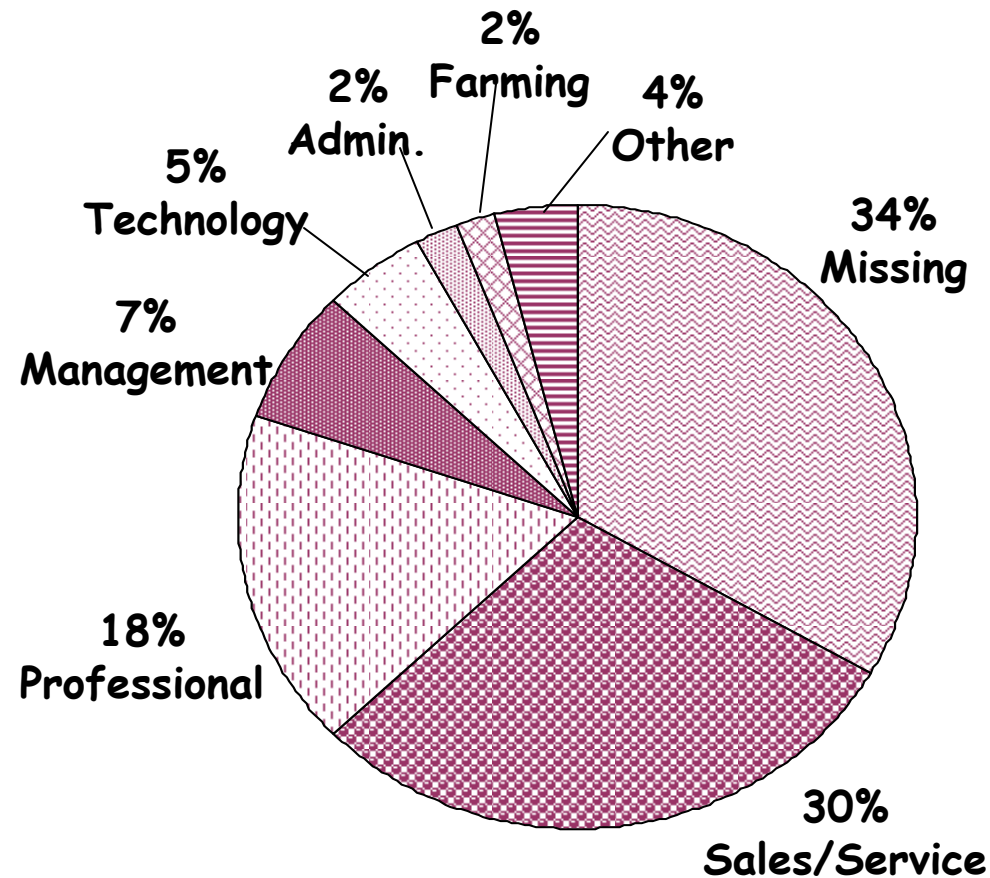


CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Figure 8: Occupation

LGBT2-SQ (N=122)

PFLAG (N=40)



CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Table 1
Income by Student Status

	LGBT2-SQ Student (N=44)	PFLAG Student (N=7)
Annual Income	%	%
Less than \$10,000	65.9	
\$10,000 - \$19,000	15.9	14.3
\$20,000 - \$29,000	6.8	14.3
\$30,000 - \$39,000	2.3	14.3
\$40,000 - \$49,000	4.5	14.3
\$50,000 - \$59,000		
Over \$60,000	4.6	42.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Table 2
Relationship Status of Respondents

LGBT2-SQ (N=119)				PFLAG (N=39)		
Your Relationship Status				%		
Single		47.1		35.9		
In a same- sex relationship		33.6		2.6		
In an opposite-sex relationship		6.7		12.8		
Presently dating/seeing someone		4.2		2.6		
Common-law		5.9		12.8		
Married opposite-sex spouse		0.8		33.3		
Married same-sex spouse		1.7				
Length of Present Relationship Status				Length of Present Relationship Status		
	N	Mean # months	SD	N	Mean # months	SD
Single	4/56	7.75	7.85			
Same-sex	37/40	34.95	51.57	1/1	0.80	0.00
Opposite-sex	8/8	6.16	5.97	5/5	100.00	61.10
Dating	5/5	6.65	7.94	1/1	3.00	0.00
Common-law	7/7	32.86	19.46	5/5	54.20	38.40
Married (opposite-sex)	1/1	202.38	124.41	13/13	202.40	124.40
Married (same-sex)	2/2	258.00	229.10			
	64/119			25/39		
Length of Longest Relationship				Length of Longest Relationship		
Single	37/56	25.90	28.50	3/14	216.00	158.80
Same-sex	37/40	63.00	63.90	1/1	84.00	0.00
Opposite-sex	7/8	11.60	23.00	0/5		
Dating	4/5	5.80	8.30	0/1		
Common-law	6/7	40.20	12.20	2/5	253.50	222.70
Married (opposite-sex)	1/1	18.00		2/13	270.00	296.98
Married (same-sex)	1/2	96.00				
	93/119			8/39		

CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Table 3
Family Status

	LGBT2-SQ	PFLAG
	%	%
Do you have children?	N=115	N=39
Yes	12.2	71.8
No	87.8	28.2
If yes, how many children do you have?	N=14	N=28
1	35.7	21.4
2	28.6	53.6
3	28.6	17.9
4		7.1
6	7.1	
Are your children living with you?	N=14	N=29
Yes	50.0	72.4
No	28.6	10.3
Some are	7.1	13.8
Shared Custody	14.3	3.4
Age of children in years (14 respondents out of 115)	N=31	N=59
>1-5	19.4	25.4
6-11	33.3	23.7
12-17	25.8	18.6
18-23	16.1	13.6
<23	5.5	18.6

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 4
Witness to Gay Bashing

	LGBT2	PFLAG
	%	%
WITNESS TO GAY BASHING	N=122	N=40
Yes	76.2	60.0
No	18.1	27.5
Not Stated	5.7	12.5
1) Verbal Gay Bashing	N=122	N=40
Yes	94.6	95.8
No	2.2	
Not stated	3.2	4.2
Location	N=88	N=23
All over (downtown, malls, on street, many places)	19.3	39.1
Bars	13.6	4.3
School (at school, high school, college)	27.3	8.7
City (specific): Kapuskasing, Rouyn, Sudbury, Sturgeon Falls, Toronto	13.6	13.0
Other (transit, group situation)	2.3	8.7
Not stated	23.9	26.1

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 4 (Cont'd)
Witness to Gay Bashing

	LGBT2	PFLAG
	%	%
2) Emotional Gay Bashing	N=93	N=24
Yes	60.2	50.0
No	30.1	33.3
Not stated	9.7	16.7
Location	N=56	N=12
All over (everywhere, streets, mall, transit)	12.5	
Bars	3.6	
School (high school, college)	16.1	16.7
Home (at home)	5.4	
Work (at workplace)	3.6	8.3
City (specific): Toronto, Sudbury, Kapuskasing	8.9	8.3
Not stated	50.0	66.7
3) Physical Gay Bashing	N=93	N=24
Yes	40.9	12.5
No	48.5	75.0
Not stated	9.7	12.5
Location	N=38	N=3
All over (downtown, malls on the streets, many places)	15.8	33.3
Bars	7.9	
School (at school, college)	21.1	
Home (at friend's home, at someone's house)	2.6	
City (specific): Sudbury, Kapuskasing, Montreal, Toronto	13.2	33.3
Not stated	39.5	33.3

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 4 (Cont'd)
Witness to Gay Bashing

	LGBT2 %	PFLAG %
REPORTED GAY BASHING AS A WITNESS	N=93	N=24
Yes	36.6	25.0
No	57.0	62.5
Not Stated	6.5	12.5
To Whom	N=34	N=6
Police (cops, 911, OPP)	41.2	50.0
Official (administrator, principal, school administrator)	32.4	50.0
Family (mother)	2.9	
ASO (ACCESS)	2.9	
Not stated	20.6	
If not, why not?	N=53	N=15
Fear/shame	11.3	20.0
Acted	3.8	40.0
Not needed/not serious	20.8	
Powerless	28.3	13.3
Not stated	35.8	26.7

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 5
Witness to Gay Bashing By Age Group

	Under 20	20-29	30 & Up
	%	%	%
WITNESS TO GAY BASHING	N=29	N=45	N=38
Yes	86.2	77.8	79.0
No	13.8	22.2	21.0
1) Verbal Gay Bashing	N=25	N=32	N=30
Yes	96.0	93.9	100.0
No	4.0	3.1	0.0
Location	N=24	N=31	N=30
All over	20.8	29.0	13.3
Bars	4.2	12.9	23.3
School/College	62.5	25.8	3.3
Work	4.2	0.0	3.3
City (specific)	4.2	16.1	16.7
Missing	4.2	16.1	40.0

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 5 (Cont'd)
Witness to Gay Bashing By Age Group

	Under 20 %	20-29 %	30 & Up %
2) Emotional Gay Bashing	N=24	N=30	N=27
Yes	66.7	63.3	70.4
No	35.3	36.7	29.6
Location	N=16	N=19	N=19
All over	18.8	10.5	10.5
School	31.3	10.5	5.3
Home	6.3	10.5	0.0
Work	0.0	5.3	5.3
City	6.3	10.5	10.5
Bars	0.0	10.5	0.0
Missing	37.5	42.1	68.4
3) Physical Gay Bashing	N=24	N=30	N=27
Yes	25.0	56.7	48.2
No	75.0	43.3	51.9
Location	N=6	N=17	N=13
All over	16.7	17.6	23.1
School	50.0	29.4	0.0
City	16.7	5.9	15.4
Bar	0.0	11.8	7.7
Missing	16.7	35.3	53.8

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 6
Victim of Gay Bashing

	LGBT2 %	PFLAG %
VICTIM OF GAY BASHING	N=112	N=34
Yes	47.3	2.9
No	52.7	87.1
1) Verbal Gay Bashing	N=53	N=1
Yes	92.5	
No	1.9	100.0
Not stated	5.7	
Location	N=49	N=1
All over (downtown, party, everywhere)	22.4	
Bars	2.0	
School (college)	24.5	
Work	12.2	
City (specific): Sudbury, Toronto, Kapuskasing)	10.2	
Not stated	28.6	100.0

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

**Table 6 (Cont'd)
Victim of Gay Bashing**

	LGBT2	PFLAG
	%	%
2) Emotional Gay Bashing	N=53	N=1
Yes	66.0	100.0
No	24.5	
Not stated	9.4	
Location	N=35	N=1
All over (party, downtown, streets)	11.4	
School	22.9	
Home	8.6	
Work (workplace)	8.6	
City (specific): Kapuskasing, Toronto, New Sudbury	11.4	
Not stated	37.1	100.0
3) Physical Gay Bashing	N=53	N=1
Yes	34.0	100.0
No	56.6	
Not stated	9.4	
Location	N=18	N=1
All over (downtown)	11.1	
School (high school, school grounds)	22.2	
City (specific): Kapuskasing, Toronto, New Sudbury	27.8	
Not stated	38.9	100.0

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 6 (Cont'd)
Victim of Gay Bashing

	LGBT2 %	PFLAG %
REPORTED GAY BASHING AS A VICTIM	N=53	N=1
Yes	41.5	
No	49.1	100.0
Not Stated	9.4	
To Whom	N=22	N=0
Police (cops, OPP)	27.3	
Official (Administrator, Boss, Doctor, Teacher, etc)	40.9	
Family/friend (partner)	9.1	
ASO (ACCESS)	4.5	
Not stated	18.2	
If not, why not?	N=22	N=1
Fear/shame	11.5	
Acted	3.8	
Not needed/not serious	7.7	
Powerless	26.9	
Not stated	50.0	100.0

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 6 (Cont'd)
Victim of Gay Bashing

	LGBT2 %	PFLAG %
PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF GAY BASHING	N=110	N=32
Yes	10.9	6.3
No	89.1	93.8
Reported Property Damage	N=12	N=2
Yes	33.3	
No	58.3	50.0
Not stated	8.3	50.0
If not, why not?	N=7	N=1
Embarrassed	14.3	
Uncertain	14.3	
On news		100.0
Why bother?	14.3	
Not stated	57.1	

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 7
Victim of Gay Bashing by Age Group

	Under 20 %	20-29 %	30 & Up %
Have you ever been a victim of "gay bashing"?	N=27	N=45	N=37
Yes	55.6	40.0	54.1
No	44.4	60.0	46.0
Was it verbal? (missing=4)	N=15	N=18	N=20
Yes	93.3	100.0	100.0
No	6.7	0.0	0.0
Not stated		5.6	10.0
Was it emotional?	N=15	N=18	N=20
Yes	66.7	68.8	82.4
No	33.3	31.3	17.7
Not stated			
Was it physical?	N=15	N=18	N=20
Yes	33.3	31.3	47.1
No	66.7	68.8	52.9
Not stated			
Did you report it?	N=15	N=18	N=20
Yes	61.5	50.0	31.6
No	38.5	50.0	68.4
Not stated			

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 8
Sources of Discrimination

Source	LGBT2-SQ (N=88)				PFLAG (N=14)			
	Direct %	Indirect %	Both %	N/A %	Direct %	Indirect %	Both %	N/A %
Family/friends	42.0	29.5	3.4	25.0	28.6	35.7		35.7
General Community	35.2	22.7	2.3	39.8	21.4	21.4		57.1
Workplace	17.0	26.1	3.4	53.4	21.4	14.3	7.1	57.1
Clergy	15.9	23.9	1.1	59.1		42.9		57.1
Educational System	13.6	27.3	2.3	56.8	14.3	35.7		50.0
Retail Industry	13.6	14.8		71.6	7.1	28.6		64.3
Government agencies/services	12.5	22.7		64.8	7.1	21.4		71.4
Medical Profession	12.5	11.4		76.1		21.4		78.6
Politicians	11.4	18.2		69.3		21.4		78.6
Police	10.2	17.0		72.7	7.1	21.4		71.4
Media	9.1	20.5		70.5	7.1	21.4		71.4
Other	8.0	3.4		88.6	7.1	7.1		85.7
Social Services	3.4	14.8		81.8	7.1	21.4		71.4
Source	LGBT2-SQ (N=107)				PFLAG (N=34)			
	Yes %		No %		Yes %		No %	
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Two-Spirited and Questioning Community	28.0		72.0		3.1		96.9	

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION

Table 9
Sources of Discrimination by Age Group

Source	Under 20 (N=18)				20 – 29 (N=31)				30 & Up (N=36)			
	Direct %	Indirect %	Both %	N/A %	Direct %	Indirect %	Both %	N/A %	Direct %	Indirect %	Both %	N/A %
Family/Friends	61.1	22.2	5.6	11.1	25.8	41.9	3.2	29.0	47.2	19.4	2.8	30.6
General Community	55.6	33.3		11.1	32.3	16.1	3.2	48.4	27.8	25.0	2.8	44.4
Workplace	22.2	16.7		61.1	22.6	16.1	3.2	58.1	11.1	38.9	2.8	47.2
Educational System	16.7	50	11.1	22.2	19.4	22.6		58.1	8.3	22.2		69.4
Retail Industry	16.7	11.1		72.2	12.9	9.7		77.4	13.9	22.2		63.9
Government Agencies/ Services	11.1	33.3		55.6	9.7	22.6		67.7	16.7	19.4		63.9
Media	11.1	44.4		44.4	9.7	12.9		77.4	8.3	16.7		75.0
Medical Profession	11.1	5.6		83.3	9.7	9.7		80.7	16.7	13.9		69.4
Politicians	11.1	33.3		55.6	9.7	9.7		80.7	13.9	19.4	2.8	63.9
Other	11.1			88.9	6.5	6.5		87.1	8.3	2.8		88.9
Clergy	5.6	33.3		61.1	16.1	19.4		64.5	22.2	25.0	2.8	50.0
Police	5.6	16.7		77.8	9.7	9.7		80.7	13.9	22.2		63.9
Social Services (ODSP, OW)		16.7		83.3	3.2	16.1		80.7	5.6	13.9		80.6

Summary of Respondent Characteristics

Demographics of Sample

- * Majority from Sudbury
- * Represents age spectrum, gender and gender identity
- * High level of post-secondary education
- * High level of employments in sales/service/professions/technology
- * Modest level of annual income
- * LGBT2-SQ
 - ↳ Majority single or in same-sex stable relationship
 - ↳ 12% have 31 children
- * PFLAG
 - ↳ Single or married with opposite sex stable relationship
 - ↳ 72% have 59 children

Discrimination Experiences

- * Majority experienced gay bashing as witness or victim
- * Locale of event age-related
 - ↳ Under 20 years - more at school
 - ↳ Over 30 years - in professional encounters

TYPES AND FOCUS OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES REQUESTED

Table 10
Telephone Support and Information by Age Group

	Under 20 %	20-29 %	30 & Up %
Does the City of Greater Sudbury & area need anonymous telephone support & information line for the LGBT2-Sq & PFLAG community?	N=31	N=45	N=39
Yes	51.6	84.4	74.4
No	6.5	2.2	5.1
Don't know	41.9	13.3	20.5
Would you use the telephone support/information line?	N=31	N=45	N=39
Yes	45.2	40.0	43.6
No	29.0	31.1	30.8
Don't know	25.8	28.9	25.6
When would you most likely call on weekday?	N=17	N=24	N=22
Morning	5.9	0.0	13.6
Afternoon	0.0	0.0	4.6
Evenings	64.7	70.8	68.2
Don't know	29.4	29.2	13.6
When would you most likely call on weekend?	N=17	N=20	N=16
Morning	5.9	5.0	6.3
Afternoon	17.7	15.0	12.5
Evenings	29.4	40.0	37.5
Don't know	47.1	40.0	43.8
Would you volunteer for this type of service after some training?	N=30	N=45	N=38
Yes	60.0	71.1	55.3
No	13.3	13.3	29.0
Don't know	26.7	15.6	15.8

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Table 11
Resource Centre/Library by Age Groups

	Under 20 %	20-29 %	30 & Up %
Do you feel that there is a need for a resource library?	N=30	N=46	N=36
Yes	76.7	84.8	92.3
No	3.3	10.9	5.1
Don't know	20.0	4.4	2.6
What items or services you would prefer to have access to in a resource library?			
Adult Material	43.5	35.9	38.9
Books	69.6	66.7	58.3
Condoms	82.6	43.6	11.1
Internet access	47.8	66.7	58.3
Lending library (books, videos, magazines, etc)	60.9	56.4	83.3
Magazines	39.1	51.3	27.8
Pamphlets	26.1	41.0	41.7
PFLAG information/resources	43.5	66.7	58.3
Newsletters	8.7	43.6	44.4
Travel Info	13.0	25.6	30.6
Videos	34.8	35.9	27.8
Other	4.4	5.1	0.0

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Table 11 (Cont'd)
Resource Centre/Library by Age Groups

	Under 20	20-29	30 & Up
	%	%	%
When would you most likely visit in weekday?	N=20	N=38	N=35
Morning	10.0	5.3	2.9
Afternoon	45.0	29.0	17.1
Evenings	30.0	36.8	60.0
Don't know	15.0	29.0	20.0
When would you most likely visit in weekend?	N=21	N=34	N=32
Morning	9.5	5.9	12.5
Afternoon	61.9	44.1	46.9
Evenings	9.5	20.6	15.6
Don't know	19.1	29.4	25.0
Where should it be located?	N=26	N=42	N=36
Downtown	76.9	85.7	77.8
South End	7.7	4.8	5.6
New Sudbury	15.4	4.8	11.1
West End	0.0	4.8	5.6
Would you volunteer for the library?	N=28	N=43	N=36
Yes	42.9	53.5	33.3
No	21.4	27.9	41.7
Don't know	35.7	18.6	25.0

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Table 12
Workshops by Age Group

Workshop Type to Join	Under 20 (N=24) %	20-29 (N=41) %	30&Up (N=33) %
Coming Out	61.5	51.2	38.9
Safer Sex	53.9	39.5	22.2
Human Rights	50.0	46.5	44.4
Developing Pride	42.3	51.2	30.6
Homophobia in Workplace	42.3	46.5	33.3
Gay History	42.3	48.8	36.1
Relationship Building	38.5	44.2	50.0
Self-esteem	34.6	34.9	33.3
Spirituality	34.6	23.3	19.4
Feminism	34.6	23.3	16.7
Getting to Know Body	30.8	32.6	19.4
Intimacy	30.8	32.6	27.8
Addiction	26.9	16.3	16.7
Transgendered Living	23.1	16.3	13.9
Legal Issues	23.1	34.9	25.0
Internalized Homophobia	23.1	25.6	8.3
Religion	19.2	8.6	11.1
Sexism & its Effects	19.2	27.9	16.7
Gay & Gray	15.4	16.3	11.1
Pre-commitment Preparation	15.4	23.3	16.7
Other	3.9	14.0	8.3

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Table 13
Personal Experiences: Counselling

Type of service ever accessed	LGBT2-SQ (N=93) %	PFLAG (N=30) %
Private Counsellor	63.4	66.7
Peer Support Group	25.8	10.0
Crisis/Helpline	25.8	6.7
Certified Support Group	15.1	6.7
Elder/Healer/Ceremony	5.4	3.3
Other Counselling Services	5.4	6.7
Clergy Support	4.3	13.3

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Table 14
Preferred Counselling Topics by Age Group

	Under 20 %	20-29 %	30 & Up %
Issues most likely to discuss	N=26	N=44	N=36
Depression	65.4	52.3	36.1
Coming out	53.9	63.6	52.8
Same-sex relationship	53.9	68.2	63.9
Self-esteem	53.9	52.3	44.4
Acceptance from family	42.3	65.9	47.2
Addiction	42.3	20.5	27.8
Anger	42.3	36.4	41.7
Abuse	34.6	40.9	22.2
Opposite-sex relationship	34.6	9.1	11.1
Parenting	23.1	25.0	22.2
Transgendered issues	7.7	6.8	8.3
Other issues: gay sex	3.9	0.0	0.0
Preferred Orientation of Counsellor	N=26	N=42	N=35
LGBT2-SQ	26.9	47.6	57.1
Heterosexual	3.9	0.0	0.0
Doesn't matter	65.4	33.3	37.1
Not sure	3.9	19.1	5.7
Preferred sex of Counsellor	N=25	N=39	N=34
Male	28.0	12.8	23.5
Female	16.0	30.8	32.4
Not important	56.0	56.4	44.1

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Table 15
Support Groups by Age Group

Support Groups - most likely to join and/or help facilitate (choose 3)	Under 20 (N=24)		20-29 (N=41)		30 & Up (N=33)	
	Yes %	Not Chosen %	Yes %	Not Chosen %	Yes %	Not Chosen %
Youth Group (14-21)	50.0	25.0	7.3	63.4	6.1	63.6
Young Adults (18-29)	41.7	33.3	34.2	29.3	3.0	66.7
Depression Support Group	37.5	25.0	34.2	31.7	21.2	57.6
Gay/Bisexual Men Discussion Group	33.3	29.2	12.2	56.1	27.3	54.6
Spirituality Group	29.2	41.7	21.2	46.3	18.2	57.6
Bisexual Group	25.0	37.5	19.5	41.5	6.1	78.8
Lesbian Discussion Group	20.8	50.0	34.2	36.5	33.3	42.4
Questioning Sexual Orientation	20.8	37.5	34.2	26.8	12.1	57.6
2-Spirited Group	16.7	45.8	4.9	61.0	6.1	69.7
Loss & Grief	12.5	58.3	4.9	68.3	15.2	60.6
Lesbian Mothers	8.3	58.3	26.8	51.2	12.1	72.7
Gay and Gray (Co-ed)	8.3	62.5	2.4	70.7	9.1	72.7
Clergy Support Group	8.3	58.3	2.4	70.7		81.8
Gay Fathers	8.3	62.5	4.9	68.3	6.1	75.8
Transgendered Group	8.3	58.3		70.7	6.1	72.7
Gay Parents (Co-ed)	4.2	62.5	14.6	63.4	6.1	78.8
Mid-life Gay Men	4.2	62.5	2.4	70.7	21.2	57.6
Mid-life Lesbians	4.2	62.5	9.8	63.4	6.1	75.8

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Table 16
Preferences for LGBT2-SQ Groups to Join or Organize by Age Group

Support group most likely to be joined and/or organized...						
	Under 20 (N=22)		20-29 (N=34)		30 & Up (N=27)	
Type of Group	Yes	Not Chosen	Yes	Not Chosen	Yes	Not Chosen
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Sharing or Talking Circles	36.4	22.7	29.4	23.5	44.4	22.2
Club Drug Users Support Group	22.7	31.8	5.9	41.2	3.7	59.3
Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse	13.6	40.9	20.6	29.4	18.5	44.4
Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)	9.1	40.9	2.9	50.0	3.7	51.9
Narcotics Anonymous (NA)	4.6	40.9	5.9	38.2	7.4	48.2
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	4.6	40.9	2.9	41.2	11.1	44.4
Co-dependents Anonymous (COA)		45.5	2.9	44.1	18.5	48.2
Would you prefer these LGBT2-SQ groups to be...						
	Under 20 (N=25)		20-29 (N=36)		30 & Up (N=24)	
Type of Group	%		%		%	
Women only	4.0		21.6		29.2	
Men only	16.0				25.0	
Co-ed (women & men)	80.0		75.7		41.7	
Depends on subject					4.2	
Not sure			2.7			

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Table 17
Social Groups: Recreation by Age Group

Of the following recreational groups, which five would you most likely join or like to help organize?						
Type of Group	Under 20 (N=23)		20-29 (N=38)		30 & Up (N=34)	
	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %
Movie Group	60.9	30.4	31.6	52.6	23.5	50.0
Camping Group	56.5	30.4	29.0	44.7	14.7	32.4
Theatre Group	56.5	43.5	29.0	57.9	11.8	82.4
Religious Services Group	56.5	43.5	21.1	76.3	8.8	88.2
Spirituality Group	52.2	39.1	31.6	47.4	2.9	79.4
Travel Group	52.2	47.8	7.9	82.4	2.9	91.2
S&M, B&D Group	52.2	43.5	5.3	73.7	2.9	94.1
Arts & Crafts Group	47.8	43.5	29.0	57.9	20.6	70.6
Cross-dressers Group	47.8	47.8	10.5	73.7	2.9	94.1
University/College Students Group	43.5	30.4	26.3	60.5		94.1
Political/Social Action Group	43.5	47.8	23.7	71.1	5.9	88.2
2-Spirit Gathering	43.5	43.5	18.4	73.7	2.9	82.4
Transgendered Group	39.1	47.8	26.3	55.3	8.8	55.9
Horticultural Group	39.1	60.9	21.1	76.3	8.8	82.4
Group for Professionals	39.1	60.9	13.2	76.3	8.8	82.4
Painting Group	39.1	56.5	18.4	79.0	2.9	94.1
Nudist Group	39.1	43.5	5.3	71.1		91.2
Pottery Group	34.8	60.9	21.1	63.2	8.8	82.4
Bears & their Admirers	34.8	60.9	7.9	84.2		97.1
Other Recreation Group	26.1	69.6	5.3	89.5		100.0

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Table 18
Social Groups: Sport by Age Group

Of the following sports groups, which five would you most likely join or like to help organize?

Type of Group	Under 20 (N=23)		20-29 (N=38)		30 & Up (N=29)	
	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %	Co-ed %	Not Chosen %
Swimming Group	56.5	30.4	18.4	63.2	6.9	89.7
Bowling Group	43.5	47.8	29.0	60.5	24.1	48.3
Volleyball Group	43.5	39.1	23.7	60.5	13.8	65.5
Yoga Group	43.5	30.4	21.1	55.3	17.2	72.4
Walking Group	39.1	52.2	26.3	65.8	20.7	48.3
Skating Group	39.1	56.5	18.4	73.7	3.5	86.2
Hiking Group	34.8	60.9	18.4	65.8	10.3	65.5
Cycling Group	34.8	56.5	10.5	81.6	10.3	79.3
Cross-country Skiing	34.8	60.9	10.5	81.6	3.5	86.2
Canoeing Group	30.4	60.9	18.4	60.5	10.3	55.2
Baseball Group	30.4	65.2	15.8	55.3	13.8	72.4
Snowboarding Group	30.4	65.2	13.2	79.0	3.5	93.1
Downhill Skiing	30.4	60.9	10.5	81.6	3.5	96.6
Hockey Group	30.4	65.2	7.9	71.1	6.9	89.7
Football Group	30.4	65.2	5.3	81.6	6.9	89.7
Slow Pitch Group	30.4	65.2	2.6	63.2	3.5	86.2
Other Sports Groups	26.1	60.9	5.3	86.8	6.9	86.2
Aerobics Group	21.7	69.6	10.5	76.3	6.9	79.3

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Table 21
Religious/Spirituality Groups by Age Group

	Under 20	20-29	30 & Up
	%	%	%
Are your Spiritual needs being met?	N=25	N=44	N=36
Yes	52.0	43.2	38.9
No	28.0	22.7	27.8
N/A	20.0	34.1	33.3
Are your religious needs being met?	N=25	N=45	N=36
Yes	36.0	31.1	27.8
No	28.0	24.4	27.8
N/A	36.0	44.4	44.4
Do you identify with a religious or spiritual tradition?	N=25	N=43	N=37
Yes	40.0	46.5	46.0
No	36.0	27.9	32.4
N/A	16.0	23.3	18.9
Don't know	8.0	2.3	2.7
Would you be interested in: (multiple answers)			
LGBT2-SQ Church Service?	28.6	43.2	30.8
Spiritual Counselling?	35.0	33.3	37.0
Scripture Study?	16.7	18.8	10.0
Meditation Groups?	40.9	47.2	40.7
Prayer Groups?	11.8	29.0	14.3
Elder, Healer or Ceremony?	23.5	29.0	25.0
Other Circle	0.0	4.2	0.0

SUMMARY

Types and Focus of Supportive Services

- ❖ Most popular resources were:
 - ↳ A library/resource centre (85%)
 - ↳ Telephone support and information line (75%)
- ❖ Workshops were supported by 49%
- ❖ Focus of most services recommended addressed issues of psychological and social development
 - ↳ Counselling topics: feelings (depression, self-esteem, developing pride)
 - ↳ Workshop topics: skills (relationship building, coming out, homophobia, human rights)
 - ↳ Support groups (sexual identity)
- ❖ Age was a factor in the types and timing of support services

DISCUSSION

- ❖ Response rate was high (65% versus usual study response rate of 20%)
- ❖ Results lend direction and support for the expansion and “age tailoring” of certain resources
- ❖ Indicate where volunteer support may be forthcoming
- ❖ Reveal the extent of gay bashing in this community and the challenges of how to respond
 - ↳ Increase public awareness

IMPLICATIONS/QUESTIONS

- 1) How can an ASO help with Health Promotion Activities in a rural urban setting?
- 2) How can a community respond to discrimination/gay bashing?