

Significant Jump in Americans Identifying as LGBTQ

The percentage of Americans identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or some other category outside of heterosexual has swelled to “a new high,” according to Gallup.

The research firm found 7.1% of Americans self-identify as falling into one of these categories, a notable increase from the 5.6% who said the same in 2020.

But perhaps the biggest takeaway is that the 2021 proportion is double the 3.5% who called themselves part of the LGBTQ community in 2012.

Digging a bit deeper into the 7.1%: the largest cohort among LGBTQ Americans is those who call themselves bisexual (57%), with 21% calling themselves gay, 14% lesbian, 10% transgender and 4% for all other identities.

Meanwhile, 86.3% said they are straight or heterosexual, with just under 7% giving no response. The data in the Gallup polling came from a totality of 12,000 interviews conducted throughout 2021.

It appears the statistic is being driven up by young Americans, as 21% of adult Generation Zers (those born between 1997 and 2003) count themselves among the LGBTQ population, as Gallup noted. {eo}

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