

AVEN Survey 2014

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1. In which year were you born?

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2. In which month were you born?

Mark only one oval.

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

3. What is your highest completed level of education?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than high school
- High school graduate (or equivalent)
- Some college (1-4 years, no degree)
- Associate's Degree (including occupational or academic degrees)
- Bachelor's Degree (BA, BS, AB, etc.)
- Master's degree (MA, MS, MENG, MSW, etc)
- Professional school degree (MD, DDC, JD, etc)
- Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD, etc)

4. Are you currently a student?

Mark only one oval.

- No, I am not currently in school
- Yes, in high school
- Yes, in an undergraduate program
- Yes, in a graduate program
- Other:

5. What is your religious preference?

Mark only one oval.

- Roman Catholic
- Protestant (including Seventh Day Adventists)
- Anglican
- Orthodox Christian
- Jehovah's Witness
- Mormon
- Other Christian denomination
- Muslim
- Orthodox Jewish
- Conservative Jewish
- Reform Jewish
- Hindu
- Buddhist
- Wiccan/Pagan/Polytheist
- Pantheist or Panentheist
- Atheist
- Agnostic
- Other non-religious
- Unsure

6. Nationality: Please select the country of which you are a citizen *

For those with dual citizenship, please select your primary country of residence
Mark only one oval.

- United States of America *Skip to question 7.*
- United Kingdom *Skip to question 10.*
- Canada *Skip to question 17.*
- New Zealand *Skip to question 19.*
- Australia *Skip to question 19.*
- Other: *Skip to question 19.*

Skip to question 19.

USA Nationality

7. Which state or US territory do you currently live in?

Mark only one oval.

- Alabama
- Alaska
- American Samoa
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland

- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Northern Marianas Islands
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

8. What is your race?

Check one or more boxes. Categories are based on US census data
Check all that apply.

- White
- Black/African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Samoan
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Other:

9. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

Skip to question 20.

UK Nationality

10. In which region do you currently reside?

Mark only one oval.

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Other:

11. How would you describe your national identity?

Mark only one oval.

- English
- Welsh
- Scottish
- Northern Irish
- British

What is your ethnic group?

Choose one section from A-E, then tick one box to best describe your ethnic group or Background. Categories based on UK census data.

12. A. White

Mark only one oval.

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- I am not white
- Other:

13. B. Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups

Mark only one oval.

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- I am not mixed
- Other:

14. C. Asian/Asian British

Mark only one oval.

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- I am not Asian
- Other:

15. D. Black/African/Carribbean/Black British

Mark only one oval.

- African
- Caribbean
- I am not black
- Other:

16. E. Other ethnic group

Mark only one oval.

- Arab
- N/A
- Other:

Skip to question 20.

Canada Nationality

17. What is your race?

Mark as many as apply. Categories based on Canadian Census Data.

Check all that apply.

- White
- Black
- Latin American
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Korean
- Japanese
- Arab
- South Asian (East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, etc.)
- West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)
- Aboriginal (North American Indian, Metis, or Inuit (Eskimo), etc.)
- Other:

18. What province do you currently reside in? *

Mark only one oval.

- Ontario
- Quebec
- British Columbia
- Alberta
- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan
- Nova Scotia
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Prince Edward Island
- Northwest Territories
- Yukon
- Nunavut
- Other/NA

Skip to question 20.

Nationality

19. What is your race/ethnicity?

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Skip to question 20.

Sex/gender

20. What sex were you assigned at birth?

i.e. What was written on your birth certificate

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Other:

21. Have you ever been officially diagnosed with an intersex condition?

Mark only one oval.

- No
- Yes
- Other:

22. Which of the following best describes your current gender identity?

Mark only one oval.

- Man/male
- Woman/female
- Other (see below)

23. If you chose "other" on the previous question, which of the following best describes you?

Mark only one oval.

- I did not choose "other"
- Genderqueer
- Neutrois
- Agender
- Bigender
- Other:

24. Do you consider your gender identity fluid?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

25. Do you consider yourself trans?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Identity

26. Which of the following labels do you most closely identify with? *

Mark only one oval.

- Asexual *After the last question in this section, skip to question 30.*
- Gray-A *After the last question in this section, skip to question 30.*
- Demisexual *After the last question in this section, skip to question 30.*
- None of the above *After the last question in this section, skip to question 35.*

27. If you chose "None of the above", then which of the following labels do you most closely identify with?

Mark only one oval.

- I did not choose "None of the above"
- Queer
- Straight
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Pansexual
- Other:

28. How strongly do you identify with your current orientation?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not strongly at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very strongly

29. Would you change your orientation if you could?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

Asexual Identity

30. Where did you first hear of asexuality?

Mark only one oval.

- Media
- LGBTQ community
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Blog
- AVEN
- Wikipedia
- Other places on the internet
- Other:

31. **At what age did you first *privately identify* as asexual, gray-A, demisexual, or some equivalent term?**

It counts even if you did not take the term seriously.

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32. **At what age did you first identify *to others* as asexual, gray-A, demisexual, or some equivalent term?**

If you never identified as such to others, please answer 0 or leave blank.

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33. **Prior to identifying as asexual/gray-A/demisexual/equivalent, did you identify as any other sexual orientation?**

If multiple answers apply, please choose the one you identified with most closely.
Mark only one oval.

- Straight
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Pansexual
- Queer
- I did not identify with any sexual orientation
- Other:

34. **Who/what helped you identify with your current orientation?**

Check all that apply.

- Online asexual community
- Online LGBTQ community
- Offline asexual community
- Offline LGBTQ community
- Friend
- Counselor
- Parents
- Other:

Attraction

Romantic attraction

35. Which of the following romantic orientation labels do you most closely identify with?

Mark only one oval.

- Aromantic
- Heteroromantic
- Homoromantic
- Biromantic
- Panromantic
- WTFromantic
- Androromantic
- Gynoromantic
- Skolioromantic
- I don't identify with a romantic orientation
- Other:

36. Do you identify as grayromantic and/or gray-aromantic?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

37. Do you identify as demiromantic?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

38. Which of the following groups are you romantically attracted to?

Check all that apply
Check all that apply.

- Men
- Women
- People with non-binary genders
- None

39. How strong would you say your romantic attraction is to men

Mark only one oval.

0 1 2 3 4

Not at all attracted Strongly attracted

40. **How strong would you say your romantic attraction is women?**

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Not at all attracted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly attracted

41. **How often do you experience romantic attraction?**

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Never	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Often

Sexuality

42. **How strong would you say your sexual attraction is to men?**

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Not at all attracted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly attracted

43. **How strong would you say your sexual attraction is to women?**

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Not at all attracted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly attracted

44. **How often do you experience sexual attraction?**

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Never	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Often

45. **How strong is your sex drive/libido?**

Sex drive, or libido, refers to the drive to engage in some kind of sexual gratification, whether through partnered sex or solo stimulation (e.g. masturbation).

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Nonexistent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Strong

46. **Do you consider yourself to have a sexuality, whatever that means to you?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

Relationships

Please Note: For the following questions, "significant relationships" refers to relationships beyond just family or close friends - typical examples could include marriage, domestic partnerships, boyfriend/girlfriend, girlfriend/girlfriend, boyfriend/boyfriend, etc. though not all significant relationships will fit these models exactly. Significant relationships need not necessarily be sexual or even romantic.

47. **What's your current relationship status?**

Mark only one oval.

- Single
 In at least one significant relationship (either romantic or not)
 Engaged/married

48. **How many significant relationships (either romantic or not) do you currently have?**

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49. **Have you ever had a partner who is asexual, grey-A or demisexual?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

50. **Have you ever had a partner who is NOT asexual, grey-A or demisexual?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

51. **Have you ever had a significant relationship that was romantic?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 I don't differentiate between romantic and nonromantic relationships

52. **Have you ever had a significant relationship that was non-romantic?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I don't differentiate between romantic and nonromantic relationships

53. **What is your preferred relationship style?**

Mark only one oval.

- Monogamous
- Polyamorous
- Sexually open but emotionally exclusive
- I prefer to remain single
- Other:

Sexual history

54. **Have you ever had any kind of consensual sexual activity with another person? ***

e.g. intercourse, oral sex, anal sex, manual stimulation

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 55.*
- No *Skip to question 60.*

Sexual History (part 2)

The following questions refer only to consensual, partnered sexual activity. Do not include nonconsensual encounters or solo activity

55. **At what age did you first become sexually active?**

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56. **What forms of sexual activity have you engaged in?**

Check all that apply.

- Penis-in-vagina sex
- Oral sex
- Anal sex
- Manual stimulation
- Other:

57. Are you currently sexually active?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *After the last question in this section, skip to question 67.*
- No *After the last question in this section, skip to question 60.*

58. If yes, how often do you engage in sexual activities?

Choose the closest option.

Mark only one oval.

- I am not currently sexually active
- 1-2 times a year or less
- 3-6 times a year
- 7-12 times a year
- 1-2 times a month
- Once every week
- A few times a week
- Daily

59. If you have been sexually active, what were/are your reasons for doing so?

Check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Curiosity
- To please a partner
- I find it pleasurable
- Social expectations
- To conceive a child
- Other:

Skip to question 67.

Celibacy

All questions about sexual activity refer only to consensual, partnered sexual activity. Do not include nonconsensual encounters or solo activity

60. Do you identify as celibate?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

61. If you answered 'no' to question 1, why?

Check all that apply.

- N/A: I identify as celibate.
- I think 'celibacy' suggests deliberate effort in not having sex.
- I don't think a person can be both asexual and celibate.
- I think 'celibacy' has strong religious connotations that don't fit me
- I'm not currently sexually active, but open to it, so I don't think 'celibate' would fit me.
- Other:

62. Which of the following labels would you most likely use to describe yourself?

Mark only one oval.

- Celibate
- Abstinent
- Not Sexually Active / Sexually inactive
- Antisexual
- Non-sexual
- I don't use any labels related to my sexual inactivity
- Other:

63. How long has it been since you were last sexually active?

Mark only one oval.

- I have never been sexually active
- <1 year
- 1 - 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-15 years
- 15-20 years
- 20-25 years
- 25-30 years
- 30+ years

64. How long do you intend to not be sexually active? *

Mark only one oval.

- Until marriage
- Until I am in an appropriate relationship
- Until another specific time in the future
- Permanently
- Until I feel like doing otherwise
- My sexual inactivity is not intentional
- Undecided
- Other:

65. What is the main reason you're not sexually active?

Mark only one oval.

- Religious reasons
- By default, or lack of interest
- Sex-repulsion
- I just prefer it that way
- Waiting for the right circumstances
- I want to be sexually active, but it's difficult or impossible
- Other:

66. How strongly do you consider celibacy/sexual inactivity to be a part of your identity?

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Not at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very strongly

Skip to question 67.

Mental health

67. Have you ever considered suicide or had suicidal thoughts?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

68. Have you ever attempted suicide?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

69. **Have you ever been diagnosed with any mental disorders?**

If yes, please choose "other" and name.

Mark only one oval.

No

Other:

Asexual communities

70. **Where did you first participate in an asexual community?**

Mark only one oval.

I have never participated in an asexual community

AVEN (English)

Alt-lang AVEN

Tumblr

Facebook

Twitter

Google+

Livejournal

Reddit

YouTube

Pinterest

Apositive

Meetup.com

Offline asexual group

Other:

71. **How old were you when you first participated in an asexual community?**

if you have never participated in an asexual community, you can leave this blank.

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72. How much do you currently READ or WATCH content from the following asexual communities?

Mark only one oval per row.

	0 (Never)	1	2	3	4 (Often)
AVEN (English)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alt-language AVEN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tumblr	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Google+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LiveJournal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reddit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinterest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apositive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetup.com	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offline asexual groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

73. How much do you currently POST or COMMENT in the following asexual communities?

Mark only one oval per row.

	0 (Never)	1	2	3	4 (Often)
AVEN (English)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alt-language AVEN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tumblr	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Google+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LiveJournal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reddit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinterest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apositive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetup.com	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offline asexual group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

74. How positive or negative have your experiences in the following asexual communities been?

If you have not been involved in a given community, choose "N/A"

Mark only one oval per row.

	Very Negative	Somewhat Negative	Mixed/No Opinion	Somewhat Positive	Very Positive	N/A - I am not involved with this community
AVEN (English)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alt-language AVEN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tumblr	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Google+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LiveJournal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reddit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinterest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apositive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetup.com	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offline asexual group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

75. Do you currently read/watch/participate in any asexual community not listed above?

If yes, please choose "other" and name the community

Mark only one oval.

No

Other:

76. What is the main reason that you participate in asexual communities?

Mark only one oval.

To find people like myself

To talk about asexuality

To have general discussions

To know more about myself

To find friends or partners

N/A - I do not participate in asexual communities

Other:

LGBTQ+ identities

77. Do you consider yourself LGBTQ+?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, with no reservations
- Yes, but with some reservations
- No

78. Do you consider yourself Queer?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, with no reservations
- Yes, but with some reservations
- No

79. Do you consider yourself part of the LGBTQ+ community, the queer community, or a related community?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No, but I wish I could be
- No, and I don't wish to be
- Only as an ally
- Other:

80. Which aspects of yourself allow you to identify with LGBTQ+ or LGBTQ+ communities

Check all that apply.

- Sexual orientation
- Romantic orientation
- Gender
- I am an ally
- I do not identify with LGBTQ+ or LGBTQ+ communities

86. **“Our society has too much sex in it, and it would be better if it were diminished.”**

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Agree

87. **Do you consider yourself sex-positive or negative, when it comes to sex in general?**

Mark only one oval.

- Sex-positive
- Sex-negative
- Neither/both/unsure

Survey

88. **Where did you find this survey?**

Mark only one oval.

- AVEN
- Tumblr
- Facebook
- Reddit
- Twitter
- Other social media
- Word of mouth
- Other:

89. **Feedback (optional)**

Do you have any comments about this survey?

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