

Relationship Indicators 2022

LGBTQIA+ Communities



1.6mil

Australians (8.2%) identified as part of a LGBTQIA+ community

21.5%

said their most important relationship was with their **friends**

23.8%

said their most important relationship was with their **siblings**

People in LGBTQIA+ communities were less likely than people who identified as straight to select a partner as their most important person

80.8%

faced pressures in their important relationship in the past six months

Top pressures:



Mental health
52.3%



Study or work commitments
46.3%



Money problems
40.1%

38.6%

manage relationship issues on their own

46.6%

would consult **friends** and 34.7% would consult family when facing challenges in their relationships

[We practice] open communication about what we feel, creating a safe space for each other. Taking care of myself so I don't burn out while supporting them [through mental health challenges]

– LGBTQIA+ woman, 25-34 years

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32.6%

said they often
feel lonely

29.2%

were emotionally
lonely*

*Emotional loneliness is the lack of
a significant person with whom you
have an attachment to

34.5%

were socially lonely**

**Social loneliness is the lack of a
larger support network

89.9%

said they felt loved

My friend
supports me
more than
any family
member

– LGBTQIA+, woman,
65-74 years

She loves me
unconditionally
and is always
there to listen

– LGBTQIA+ person,
55-64 years

54.7%

said their family
group played an
important role in
their life

We are very
close and get mistaken
for twins often, despite
being years apart. He would
be the person I am closest
to...We will make or buy each
other food, play video games
together, go on drives together
and vent to each other

– Asexual woman talking about the
relationship she has with her brother,
18-25 years

65.6%

said their friends
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important role in
their life