

Portland Pride 2005 Survey Results

LGBT Oregonians Smoke at Twice the Rate of the General Population.

<i>Breathe Free's Pride 2005 Survey</i>	
Lesbian & Bisexual Women	42.9%
Gay & Bisexual Men	44.6%
Queer	36.0%
Gender Variant*	41.0%

Percent of the general population of Oregonians who smoke: 19.9%.

* Respondents included in the "gender variant" category identified as "transgender," "trans," "transman," or "transwoman," as well as: "don't want to label," "female most days," "genderqueer," "depends on the day," "male bodied female," "two spirit," and "masculine female." 17.5% of our survey respondents identified in some way that was not "male" or "female;" 79% of these respondents were under age 35. Too few people identified their gender as "transgender" to present results specific to this group. While we understand that there are differences across these identities, combining them into a larger "gender variant" category was the closest we could come to having a group we could look at with statistical significance.

Unlike other research which has indicated that LGBT people of color smoke at higher rates than white LGBT people, our survey shows a similar rate, with about 23% of respondents identifying with non-white racial identities.

More research is needed that specifically targets transgender people and LGBTQ people of color.

Tobacco Use is the LEADING Cause of Preventable Death in the United States!

- ★ 76% of survey respondents reported that they would go out to bars as often or more often if bars were smokefree.
- ★ The majority of survey respondents indicated that they would like bars to be smokefree and support a smoking ban in public places.
- ★ Smoking bans support people in quitting.

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Support our communities by asking your favorite bar to go smokefree and by working with us for a smokefree Oregon.

This survey was collected a "convenience sample," which means that the information represents the specific population that participated and may not be applicable to the entire LGBTQ populations. In this case, the results reflect the experiences and opinions of people who attended Portland's Pride Celebration. 86% of respondents were under age 45, and most respondents (82.7%) were from the Portland metropolitan area and almost all of the other respondents from other Oregon metropolitan areas.