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Text alternative for Census 2021 sexual orientation infographic for Northern Ireland

The infographic presents sexual orientation characteristics of Northern Ireland's population on census day in 2021.

Population aged 16 and over

The usual resident population aged 16 years and over in Northern Ireland on census day 2021 was 1,514,700.

For the Census 2021 usually resident population aged 16 years and over:

- 90.0% identified as straight or heterosexual
- 1.2% identified as gay or lesbian
- 0.7% identified as bisexual
- 0.2% identified as an other sexual orientation
- 7.9% did not answer

2.1% of the Northern Ireland population aged 16 years and over identified as LGB+ (Gay, lesbian, bisexual, other sexual orientation). This equates to 31,600 people.

Local Government Districts

For the Census 2021 usually resident population aged 16 years and over in the Local Government Districts (LGD):

- 2.0% identified as LGB+ in Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD
- 1.5% identified as LGB+ in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD
- 4.1% identified as LGB+ in Belfast LGD
- 1.4% identified as LGB+ in Causeway Coast and Glens LGD
- 2.1% identified as LGB+ in Derry City and Strabane LGD
- 1.2% identified as LGB+ in Fermanagh and Omagh LGD

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- 2.1% identified as LGB+ in Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD
- 1.6% identified as LGB+ in Mid and East Antrim LGD
- 1.1% identified as LGB+ in Mid Ulster LGD
- 1.5% identified as LGB+ in Newry, Mourne and Down LGD
- 2.0% identified as LGB+ in Ards and North Down LGD