

Advancing Equity through Robust Sexual and Gender Minority Representation through Data Collection

2022 was a critical year in advancing data collection for sexual and gender minority populations. In March, the National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) published their consensus report, *Measuring Sex, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation*, funded and requested by the National Institutes of Health. Only three months later, President Biden issued Executive Order "Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals" (EO 14075) recognizing that advancing equity and full inclusion requires improvements in data collection and evidence use. The EO called for three major federal initiatives to help drive and shape the advancing data collection; a Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity, federal agency SOGI Data Action Plans, and Best Practices for the Collection of SOGI Data for Federal Statistical Surveys published from the Office of the Chief Statistician of the United States. While not all advances on collecting sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristic data is happening in the federal realm, the work of many federal agencies like Census Bureau, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the National Institutes for Health has significant impact on advancing and directing work in other spheres.

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