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ABSTRACT

Title	Updates on Terminology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Survey Measures
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<p>Updates on Terminology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Survey Measures¹</p> <p>Limited information exists on the sexual and gender minority (SGM) population and the methodological considerations for collecting such data. A research agenda has been organized to improve sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) measures in federal surveys. A primary research priority is further examination of the terminology and ordering of response options for SOGI questions. This presentation presents finding from a paper published by the Federal Committee on Statistics Methodology (FCSM) SOGI Research Group. This presentation focuses on recent research and data collection efforts and reviews key terms used in collecting data on SGM populations and data collection methodologies. Specifically, this paper examines recent SOGI response options terminology. Beyond the typical response options (e.g., "straight," "lesbian/gay," "bisexual," or "male," "female," "transgender"), open-ended responses provided by respondents who identify as "something else" (i.e. another sexual orientation or gender identity) are also explored. Item non response and the use of "don't know" or "refused response" options are discussed for respondents who do not see themselves in the identities provided. The presentation ends with areas for future research.</p> <p>1. Rachel E. Morgan, Christina Dragon, Gemirald Daus, Jessica Holzberg, Robin Kaplan, Heather Menne, Amy Symens Smith, and Maura Spiegelman. 2020. Updates on Terminology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Survey Measures. FCSM 20-03. Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology. August 2020.</p>	