

## Who Participated?

So, you might be wondering who showed up to participate in this study. The information I'm sharing with you is based on information collected from 61 couples (122 individual men in partnered relationships). In addition to the final 122 participants, there were an additional 13 couples as well as 30 single gay men whose contributions—unfortunately—had to be filtered from the data set due to incomplete information or limited group response.

Data collection occurred in three phases. All 122 participants in the final data set provided five-minute responses to the requests that they tell me about themselves and their partners (Phase I) and completed an online questionnaire (Phase II). I conducted final in-depth interviews with 14 couples (28 individual men), a subset of the 122-man group (Phase III).

You came from fifteen states, with most participants living in dense urban settings or suburban cities and towns located nearby large cities (see Table 1). The majority of this sample (105 participants, 86.1% of 122) was raised by two parents, one male and one female. Of those 105 participants, 100 (82.0% of 122 participants) were raised by two biological parents, one male and one female. Additional statistics regarding participant caregiver arrangements are found in Table 1.

### *Age Range and Length of Relationships*

You and your cohort of participants ranged in age from 34 to 86 (see Table 1, Table 2, and Figure 1) with an average participant age of 55.83 years. The largest group of participants by age was comprised of 27 participants (22.1%) ages 45-49 (see Table 1 and Figure 1). The longest standing couple in the participant sample had been together for 51 years, representing 1.6% of the participants. The mean number of years couples had been together was 24.84, with 30.99 being the mean age at which participants met their mates. See Table 1.

**Table 1. General Demographics.**

<u>Frequency Distributions</u>			
Characteristics	Descriptor	Frequency	Percentage
General Demographics (N=122)			
Age Distribution*	34-39	6	4.9
	40-44	8	6.6
	45-49	27	22.1
	50-54	19	15.6
	55-59	17	13.9
	60-64	17	13.9
	65-69	14	11.5
	70-74	5	4.1
	75-79	7	5.7
	80-84	1	0.8
85-89	1	0.8	
Race/Ethnicity	White	115	94.3
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	2.5
	Asian	2	1.6
	Black or African American	1	0.8
	Latin or Hispanic (nonwhite)	1	0.8
State of Residence	California	16	13.1
	Colorado	8	6.6
	Florida	4	3.3
	Illinois	44	36.1
	Iowa	2	1.6
	Kentucky	2	1.6
	Louisiana	4	3.3
	Massachusetts	6	4.9
	Minnesota	2	1.6
	Missouri	2	1.6
	New Jersey	4	3.3
	New York	12	9.8
	Pennsylvania	2	1.6
	Texas	2	1.6
	Wisconsin	12	9.8

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Years Together**	10-15	14	11.5
	16-19	26	21.3
	20-24	24	19.7
	25-29	28	23.0
	30-34	14	11.5
	35-40	6	4.9
	41-45	8	6.6
	46 or more	2	1.6
College Education	No College Degree	16	13.1
	Yes, Associate's Degree	6	4.9
	Yes, Bachelor's Degree	100	82.0
			0.0
Graduate Education	No Graduate Level Degree	58	47.5
	Masters, Doctorate or Professional Degree	64	52.5
Work Status	Employed Full-Time	67	54.9
	Employed Part-Time	2	1.6
	Unemployed	3	2.5
	Retired	28	23.0
	Taking Care of Home is Full Time Job	1	0.8
	Other †	21	17.2
Annual Income	\$0 to \$19,999	13	10.7
	\$20,000 to \$39,999	16	13.1
	\$40,000 to \$59,999	25	20.5
	\$60,000 to \$79,999	20	16.4
	\$80,000 to \$99,000	12	9.8
	\$100,000 to \$124,999	15	12.3
	\$125,000 to \$149,000	6	4.9
	\$150,000 to \$174,999	8	6.6
\$175,000 or more	7	5.7	

Raised by:	Two parents, one male, one female	105	86.1
	Two biological parents, one male, one female	100	82.0
	Two non-biological parents, one male, one female	1	0.8
	One biological female parent and a non-biological male parent (e.g., step-father or boyfriend/partner)	4	3.3
	One biological female parent	7	5.7
	Other ††	10	8.2

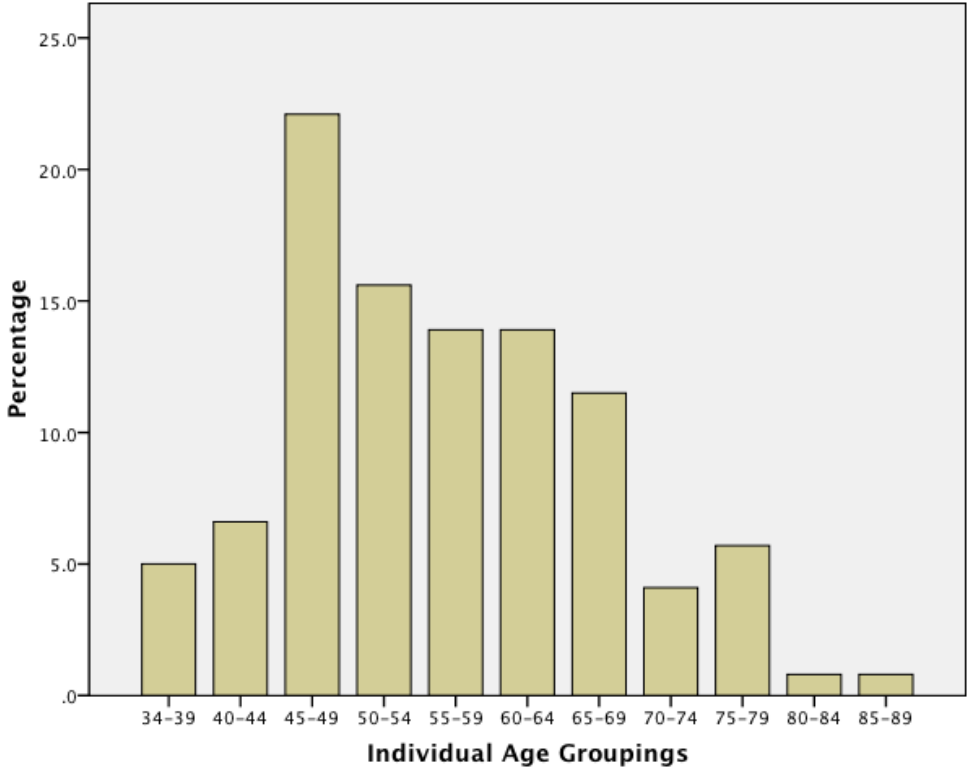
\*\* Calculated from the date the couple began dating

\* From each participant's last birthday at the time he began the online questionnaire. Note that some participants were younger than 40 at the start of the study. They were allowed to participate because they were not significantly younger than 40 and their partners, aged 40 or older, had initiated the couples' participation.

† Includes participants who were self-employed, disabled, retired from one career but in a new career, and those who were retired, but pursuing volunteer or creative activities that were not necessarily remunerative.

†† Includes participants who were raised by biological parents for a portion of their childhoods then by other care-giver arrangements thereafter. These changing caregiver constellations occurred due to either the death of a biological parent or divorce of biological parents.

Figure 1. Participant Ages by Groups.



**Table 2. Participant Age Frequency Distributions.**

<u>Frequency Distributions</u>		
<u>Participant Age</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Participant Ages (N=122)		
34	1	0.8
36	2	1.6
37	1	0.8
38	2	1.6
42	5	4.1
43	1	0.8
44	2	1.6
45	4	3.3
46	13	10.7
47	2	1.6
48	5	4.1
49	3	2.5
50	6	4.9
51	2	1.6
52	3	2.5
53	6	4.9
54	2	1.6
55	4	3.3
56	2	1.6
57	4	3.3
58	4	3.3
59	3	2.5
60	5	4.1
61	4	3.3
62	4	3.3
63	2	1.6
64	2	1.6
65	2	1.6
66	2	1.6
67	4	3.3
68	2	1.6
69	4	3.3
70	3	2.5
71	2	1.6
75	4	3.3
76	1	0.8
77	2	1.6
83	1	0.8
86	1	0.8