

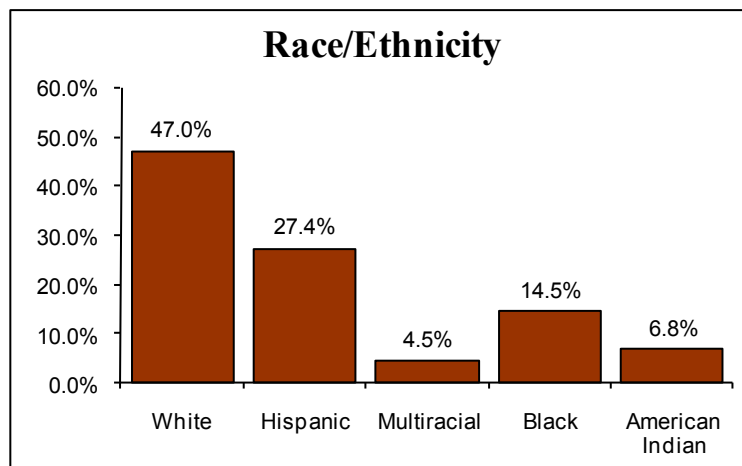
Research Brief Series I: General Description of LGBTQQ Individuals in AZ

Brief B: LGBTQQ Adult Women in the COPASA for Women Project

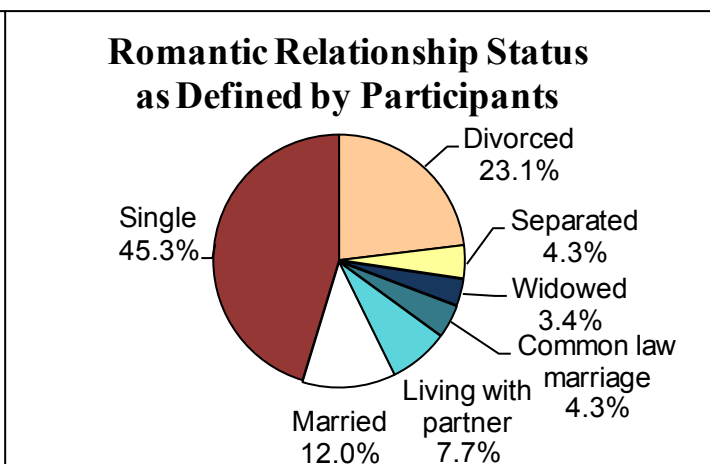
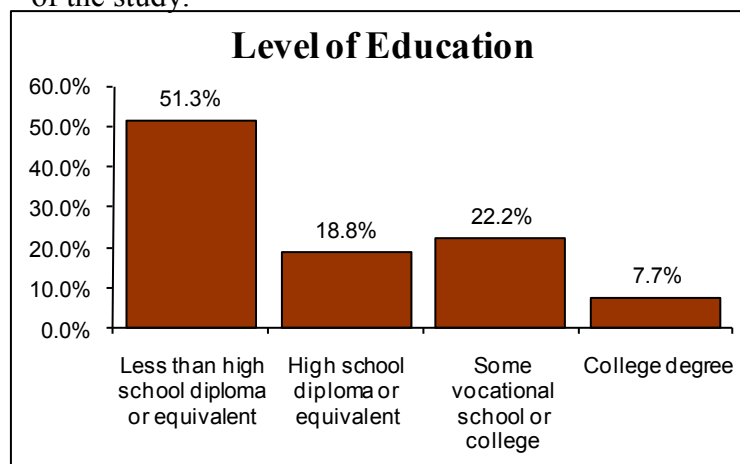
The [University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women's \(UA-SIROW\) COPASA for Women Project](#) was an HIV prevention project for women engaging in risky sexual practices or drug use. It addressed substance use, HIV and STD prevention, sexuality, and contextual issues (e.g., legal, economic, and social support). There were **117** adult women enrolled in the [COPASA Project](#) who self-identified as LGBTQQ.



Age	
18-24	8.5%
25-34	27.4%
35-44	49.6%
45-54	13.7%



- Half (49.6%) of these women were aged 35-44.
- The majority (74.4%) were White or Hispanic.
- Only 7.7% had a college degree and 51.3% did not have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- The majority (76.1%) were, by their definition, single, divorced, separated, or widowed at the time of the study.



- 47.0% of these women were homeless and only 14.5% were employed.
- Only 7.7% rated their health as excellent.
- Many had children who were not under their care; 76.1% had children, but only 13.8% had children in their care.

Current Housing	
Stable housing	53.0%
Homeless	47.0%

Employment	
Employed	14.5%
Unemployed	85.5%

Perceived Health Status	
Excellent	7.7%
Good	37.6%
Fair	36.8%
Poor	17.9%

Children and Childcare		
	Children birthed	Children in care
0	23.9%	86.3%
1-2	35.0%	10.3%
3-5	34.2%	3.5%
>5	6.9%	0.0%

Korchmaros, J. D., & Stevens, S. (2010, September). General description of LGBTQQ individuals in AZ: LGBTQQ adult women in the COPASA for Women Project (Research Brief No. 1.B). Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, [Southwest Institute for Research on Women](#).
Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adult women in AZ.

For more information about the [COPASA for Women Project \(Women-Centered HIV Risk Reduction Research Study\)](#), please see <http://sirow.arizona.edu/work/projects/view/?id=11> or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at sstevens@email.arizona.edu. The [COPASA for Women Project](#) was supported by grant RO1 DA10651 from the National Institutes of Health - National Institute on Drug Abuse (1997-2004).