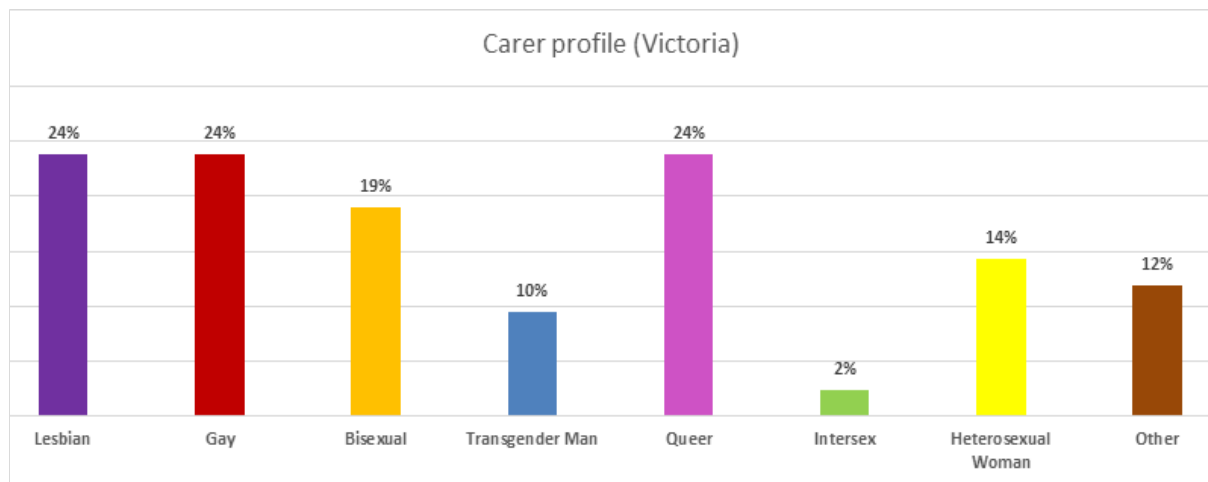


Carers Victoria Midsumma LGBTIQ Carers Survey 2018

In January 2018, Carers Victoria invited LGBTIQ people in care relationships* to answer a short survey about their experiences of caring and accessing support.

Who responded to the survey

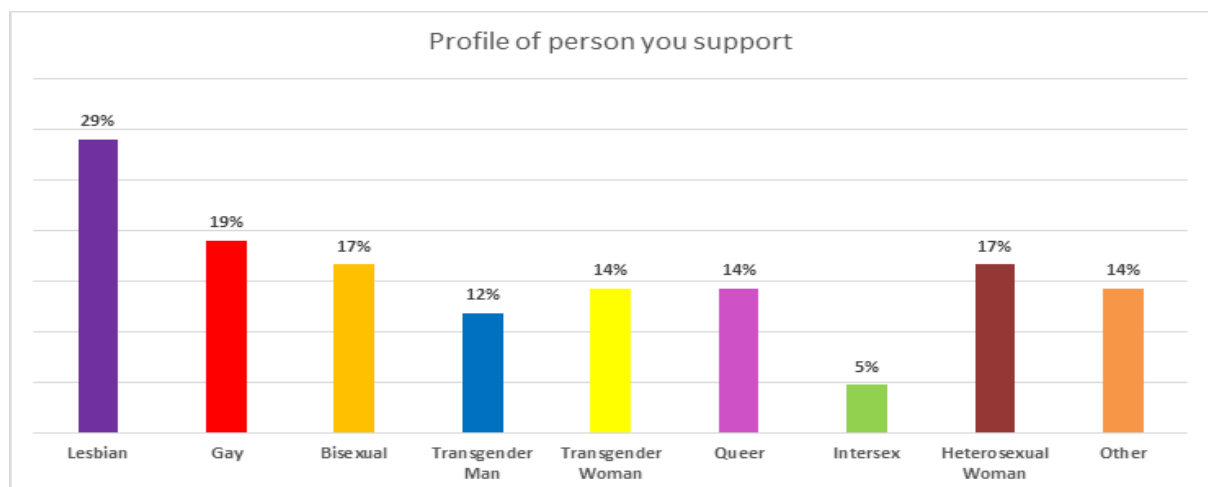
- 86% current carers; 14% past carers



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LGBTIQ care relationships

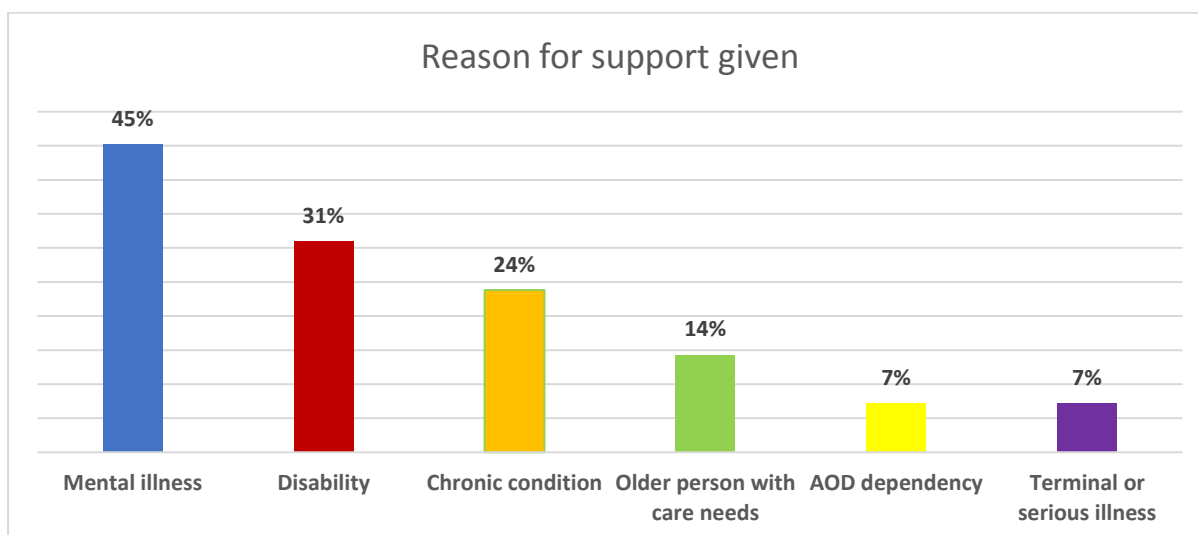
- Only 57% identified as a “carer”
- Almost half (48%) had needed similar support themselves at some point



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* Care relationships provide informal support to someone with a disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal or serious illness, or an older person with care needs. Carers may be friends, partners, neighbours, biological family members or family of choice.

- The majority (45%) of carers were supporting someone with mental illness, followed by someone with disability (31%) and chronic condition (24%).



Accessing services and supports

- 79% had a positive overall experience with health and community services – this includes those accessing only LGBTIQ services[#]
- 21% reported negative service experiences – many describing significant physical, mental and emotional impacts[#]
- 50% said LGBTIQ events were accessible and 50% said they received support in their community for themselves and the person they support.

Carers Victoria thanks everyone involved in designing, promoting and responding to this survey. Responses help us better understand the needs of LGBTIQ people in care relationships so we can advocate for improved services.

We are always keen to hear about the experiences of Victorian LGBTIQ carers and carers who support an LGBTIQ person. You can contact us on 1800 242 636 or at www.carersvictoria.org.au. Stay in touch with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

[#] The 79 percent of positive service experiences included respondents who reported exclusively using LGBTIQ services, over mainstream services. While the negative experiences reported were regarding mainstream service use. Therefore, more inquiry is needed to learn which services LGBTIQ carers are using and which are helpful or not helpful.