

## Sexual Orientation, Census 2021 Update

For the first time Census data has been captured around sexual orientation, this gives us the opportunity to examine where those who identify with an LGB+ orientation live in Greater Lincolnshire. Data was collected by person and household. The question about sexuality was optional for anyone over the age of 16.

Area name	Straight or Heterosexual (%)	Gay or Lesbian (%)	Bi-sexual (%)	Pan-sexual (%)	Asexual (%)	Queer (%)	All other sexual orientations (%)	Not Answered (%)
<b>England</b>	89.37	1.54	1.29	0.23	0.06	0.03	0.02	7.46
<b>East Midlands</b>	89.77	1.28	1.25	0.21	0.06	0.02	0.02	7.90
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	89.75	1.43	1.31	0.22	0.06	0.03	0.02	8.92

Lincolnshire lies within the East Midlands region, whilst North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire lie within the Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Both the East Midland and Yorkshire and the Humber regions sexual orientation statistics were largely in line with the England wide statistics. Both regions had a slightly lower proportion of people identifying as gay or lesbian, or pansexual. Both the East Midlands and the Yorkshire and Humber had a higher number of people choosing to answer the question than the England average.

District	Straight or Heterosexual (%)	Gay or Lesbian (%)	Bi-sexual (%)	Pansexual (%)	Asexual (%)	Queer (%)	All other sexual orientations (%)	Not Answered (%)
Boston	88.15	0.98	0.86	0.24	0.04	0.01	0.03	9.69
East Lindsey	89.87	1.20	0.84	0.12	0.05	0.01	0.00	7.90
Lincoln	84.74	2.16	3.42	0.51	0.16	0.05	0.05	8.92
North Kesteven	91.30	1.12	0.96	0.14	0.05	0.01	0.01	6.42
South Holland	89.27	0.91	0.84	0.16	0.03	0.00	0.04	8.75
South Kesteven	91.25	1.06	0.97	0.14	0.03	0.01	0.01	6.54
West Lindsey	91.22	1.09	1.01	0.14	0.05	0.00	0.01	6.47
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	<b>89.85</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>7.65</b>
North East Lincolnshire	90.79	1.23	1.10	0.15	0.05	0.01	0.02	6.65
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<b>Greater Lincolnshire</b>	<b>89.93</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>7.40</b>

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Area name	Straight or Heterosexual	Gay or Lesbian	Bisexual	Pan-sexual	Asexual	Queer	All other sexual orientations	Not Answered
Boston	50,755	567	493	137	23	5	20	5,581
East Lindsey	109,121	1,461	1,019	144	63	8	6	9,596
Lincoln	73,780	1,880	2,974	441	143	45	40	7,764
North Kesteven	89,493	1,093	940	133	47	11	11	6,290
South Holland	70,520	720	663	125	24	2	32	6,911
South Kesteven	107,682	1,246	1,145	161	40	8	8	7,722
West Lindsey	72,167	862	802	113	38	3	9	5,122
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	<b>573,518</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>48,986</b>
North East Lincolnshire	115,780	1,564	1,400	196	68	11	25	8,480
North Lincolnshire	126,559	1,565	1,281	309	51	5	27	9,670
<b>Greater Lincolnshire</b>	<b>815,857</b>	<b>10,958</b>	<b>10,717</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>67,136</b>

Boston had a slightly higher proportion of people identifying as pansexual (0.24%) or other sexual orientation (0.03%). The proportion of people responding to the question (90.31%) was lower than the national average (92.54%) and the lowest proportion of respondents within the Greater Lincolnshire region (92.60%).

East Lindsey had a lower proportion of people choosing to answer the question (92.10%) compared to the English national average (92.54%), but the same as the East Midlands average.

Lincoln had a lower than national average (89.37%) and East Midlands (89.77%) average of people identifying as straight or heterosexual (84.74%). A larger proportion of Lincoln respondents identified as gay or lesbian, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, queer or other. This was of particular note in respondents identifying as bisexual, with an almost three times higher proportion (3.42%) than the East Midlands average (1.25%). Lincoln had a lower proportion of people choosing to respond to the question than the East Midlands average and lower than the English national average.

North Kesteven had a higher proportion (91.30%) of people identifying themselves as straight or heterosexual compared to both the East Midlands (89.77%) and England (89.37%). North Kesteven was also the local authority which had the highest proportion of people responding to this question (93.58%) in the Greater Lincolnshire region as well as the highest proportion of people identifying as straight or heterosexual within Greater Lincolnshire.

South Holland had a slightly lower proportion of respondents identifying as heterosexual or straight (89.27%) compared to the national and East Midlands average (89.77%). South Kesteven also had a higher than national average (89.37%) and East Midlands (89.77%) proportion of respondents identifying as straight or heterosexual (91.25%). West Lindsey had a had a higher than national average (89.37%) and East Midlands (89.77%) proportion of respondents identifying as straight or heterosexual (91.22%) and West Lindsey had a higher than national (92.54%) and East Midlands (92.10%) averages of people choosing to respond to the question (93.53%).

Lincolnshire as a whole had a slightly higher proportion of people identifying as straight (89.85%) compared to both the English national average (89.37%) and the East Midlands average (89.77%). Slightly more

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people within Lincolnshire identified as bisexual (1.26%) compared to the East Midlands average (1.25%), but still less than the England average (1.29%). A lesser proportion within Lincolnshire identified as gay or homosexual, queer or pansexual compared to both the East Midlands and the national average. The proportion of people within Lincolnshire identifying as asexual or other sexual orientations was the same as both the England and East Midlands average. Lincolnshire had a lower proportion of people choosing to answer this question (92.35%) compared to the national average (92.54%) but higher than the East Midlands average (92.10%).

North East Lincolnshire had a higher than national average (89.37%) and Yorkshire and the Humber (89.75%) proportion of respondents identifying as straight or heterosexual (90.79%) and subsequently a lower than the Yorkshire and the Humber and national average proportion of people identifying as any of the other sexual identities. North East Lincolnshire had a higher than national (92.54%) and the Yorkshire and the Humber (91.08%) averages of people choosing to respond to the question.

North Lincolnshire had a higher than national average and Yorkshire and the Humber proportion of respondents identifying as straight or heterosexual (90.74%) and as such a lower than the Yorkshire and the Humber and national average proportion of people identifying as any of the other sexual identities, with the exception of people identifying as pansexual (0.22%) which was in line with the Yorkshire and the Humber average. North Lincolnshire had a higher than national (92.54%) and the Yorkshire and the Humber (91.08%) averages of people choosing to respond to the question (93.07%).

Overall Greater Lincolnshire had a slightly higher proportion of people identifying as straight or heterosexual (89.93%) compared to the national average (89.37%) and lower proportions of all of the other sexual orientations. Greater Lincolnshire also had a higher proportion of people opting to answer this optional question (92.60%) compared to the national average (92.54%).