

Foundation Center's Population Terms

Population terms describe WHO is being supported and details characteristics (age, sex, race/ethnic heritage, etc.) of the population(s) being targeted as the intended beneficiary of support. In *Foundation Directory Online*, the population terms are included in “Fields of Interest” in Search Grantmakers and “Subjects” in Search Grants.

8 Broad Fields by Population

Age groups	Health	Social and economic status
Ethnic and racial groups	Religious groups	Work status and occupations
Family relationships	Sexual identity	

Age groups

- Adults
- Older adults
- Seniors
- Young adults
- Children and youth**
 - Adolescents
 - Children
 - Infants and toddlers
 - Preteens
- Females**
 - Female adults
 - Female older adults
 - Female seniors
 - Female young adults
 - Female children and youth
 - Female adolescents
 - Female children
 - Female infants and toddlers
 - Female preteens
- Males**
 - Male adults
 - Male older adults
 - Male seniors
 - Male young adults
 - Male children and youth
 - Male adolescents
 - Male children
 - Male infants and toddlers
 - Male preteens

Ethnic and racial groups

- Indigenous peoples
 - Alaskan Natives

American Indians

- Australian Aborigines
- First Nations of Canada
- Native Hawaiians
- Pacific Islanders
- Multiracial people
- People of African descent**
- People of Asian descent**
- People of Central Asian descent
- People of East Asian descent
- People of South Asian descent
- People of Southeast Asian descent
- People of European descent**
- People of Latin American descent**
- People of Caribbean descent
- People of Central American descent
- People of South American descent
- People of Middle Eastern descent**
- People of Arab descent

Family relationships

- Caregivers**
- Families**
 - Families of choice
 - Families of origin
- Non-adult children**
 - Children of LGBTQ parents
 - Foster and adoptive children
 - Orphans
 - Transitioning children
- Parents**
 - Adolescent parents
 - Foster and adoptive parents
 - Grandparents

Single parents

- Stepparents
- Widows and widowers**

Health

- People with disabilities**
- People with hearing impairments
- People with intellectual disabilities
- People with learning disabilities
- People with other disabilities
- People with physical disabilities
- People with psychosocial disabilities
- People with vision impairments

People with diseases and illnesses

- Chronically ill people
- People with HIV/AIDS
- Terminally ill people

Substance abusers

Religious groups

- Baha'is
- Buddhists
- Christians
 - Catholics
 - Christian Scientists
 - Evangelicals
 - Mormons
 - Orthodox Christians
 - Protestants
 - Baptists
 - Episcopalians and Anglicans
 - Lutherans
 - Methodists
 - Presbyterians

Foundation Center's Populations Term Authority List

Confucists	Lesbians	Wrongfully incarcerated people
Hindus	Transgender people	Nomadic people
Interfaith groups	Social and economic status	Victims and oppressed people
Jewish people	At-risk youth	Victims of conflict and war
Conservative Jews	Dropouts	Victims of crime and abuse
Orthodox Jews	Out-of-home youth	Victims of disaster
Reconstructionist Jews	Slum youth	
Reform Jews	Economically disadvantaged people	Work status and occupations
Muslims	Extremely poor people	Academics
Shi'a	Homeless people	Researchers
Sufists	Low-income and poor people	Students
Sunnis	Working poor	Teachers
Secular groups	Immigrants and migrants	Activists
Shintos	Asylum seekers	Artists and performers
Sikhs	Cross-border families	Domestic workers
Tribal and indigenous religious groups	Immigrants	Emergency responders
Sexual identity	Internally displaced people	Farmers
Heterosexuals	Migrant workers	Military personnel
LGBTQ people	Refugees and displaced people	Retired people
Bisexuals	Undocumented immigrants	Self-employed people
Gay men	Incarcerated people	Sex workers
Intersex people	Detainees	Unemployed people
	Ex-offenders	Veterans
	Offenders	