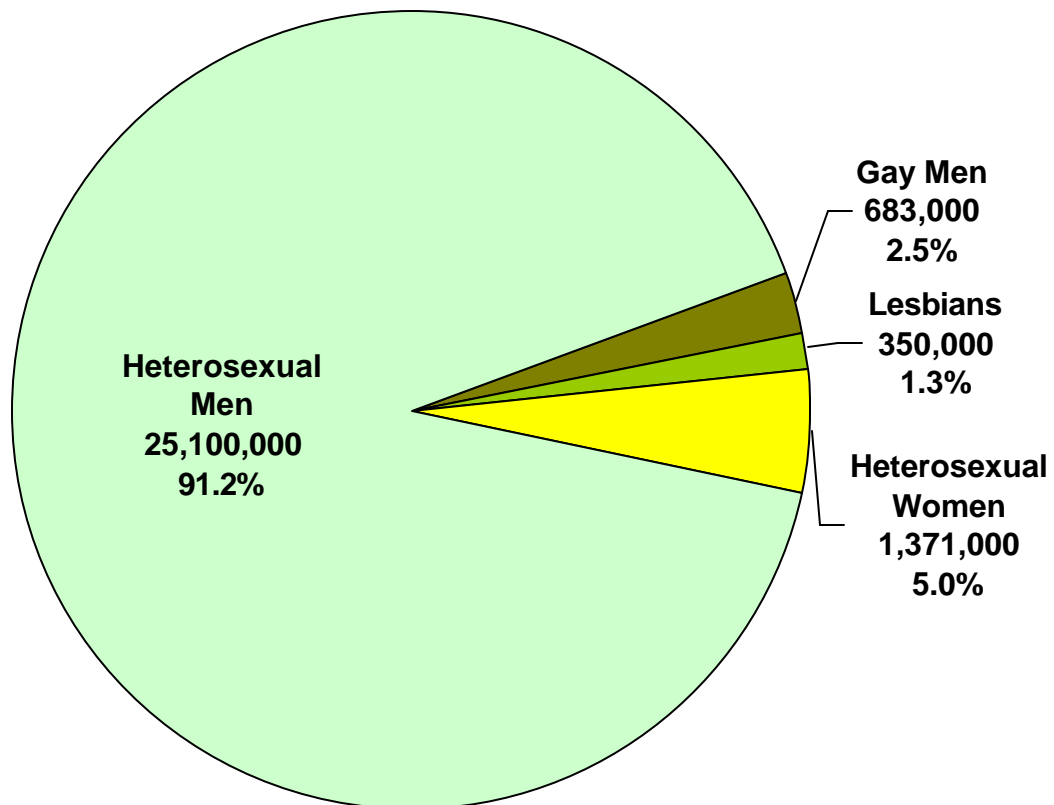


GAY VETERANS TOP ONE MILLION

An estimated 1 million veterans in the United States are gay men or lesbians. Recent surveys suggest that 4 percent of U.S. adults are gay or lesbian and that 17 percent of gay men and 8 percent of lesbians have served in the military. This means that of the 27.5 million veterans counted in Census 2000, 683,000 (2 percent) are gay men and 350,000 (1 percent) are lesbians.

Sexual Orientation of U.S. Veterans



Sources: Urban Institute estimates based on analyses of General Social Survey (1988-1996), National Health and Social Life Survey (1992), Voter News Service polling (2000), U.S. Census (2000).