

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

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| 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

Hindus

Interfaith groups

Jewish people

Conservative Jews

Orthodox Jews

Reconstructionist Jews

Reform Jews

Muslims

Shi'a

Sufists

Sunnis

Secular groups

Shintos

Sikhs

Tribal and indigenous religious groups

Sexual identity

Heterosexuals

LGBTQ people

Bisexuals

Gay men

Intersex people

Lesbians

Transgender people

Social and economic status

At-risk youth

Dropouts

Out-of-home youth

Slum youth

Economically disadvantaged people

Extremely poor people

Homeless people

Low-income and poor people

Working poor

Immigrants and migrants

Asylum seekers

Cross-border families

Immigrants

Internally displaced people

Migrant workers

Refugees and displaced people

Undocumented immigrants

Incarcerated people

Detainees

Ex-offenders

Offenders

Wrongfully incarcerated people

Nomadic people

Victims and oppressed people

Victims of conflict and war

Victims of crime and abuse

Victims of disaster

Work status and occupations

Academics

Researchers

Students

Teachers

Activists

Artists and performers

Domestic workers

Emergency responders

Farmers

Military personnel

Retired people

Self-employed people

Sex workers

Unemployed people

Veterans