

# The BEE-HIVE Study

Building Equitable and Engaged HIV Prevention for Everyone: Fall 2022 Research Update



Art by Mei Lian Hoe



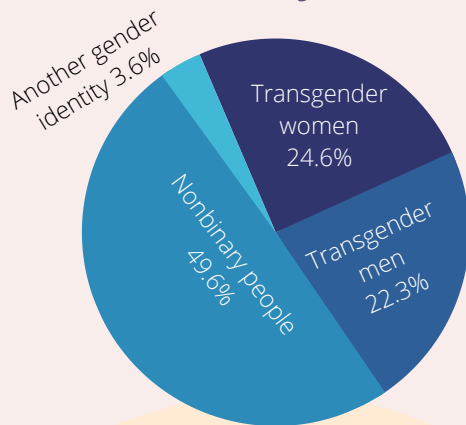
Hello, BEE-HIVE participants and friends! In this newsletter we share a few updates about who participated in the BEE-HIVE study, highlight exciting news in HIV prevention technology, and share some recommendations from survey participants for fostering sexual health and wellbeing among transgender and nonbinary young adults.

## Progress on the BEE-HIVE study

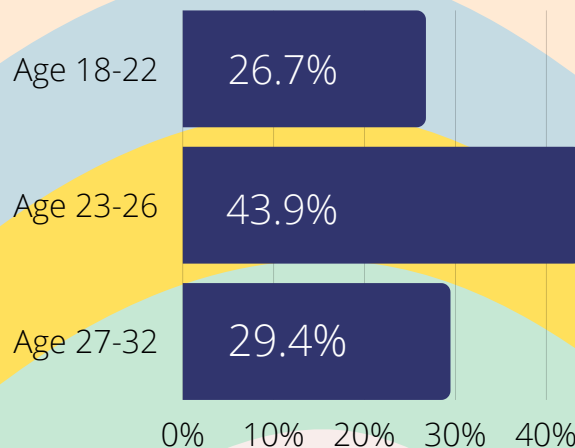
- BEE-HIVE has now completed data collection for both phases of the project!
- Phase 1: National online survey with 337 transgender and nonbinary young adults across the U.S.
- Phase 2: Interviews with 31 transgender and nonbinary young adults who took part in the online survey.
- THANK YOU for supporting this research and for helping public health professionals better understand and address the sexual health and HIV prevention needs of transgender and nonbinary young adults.

## Who took part in the BEE-HIVE online survey?

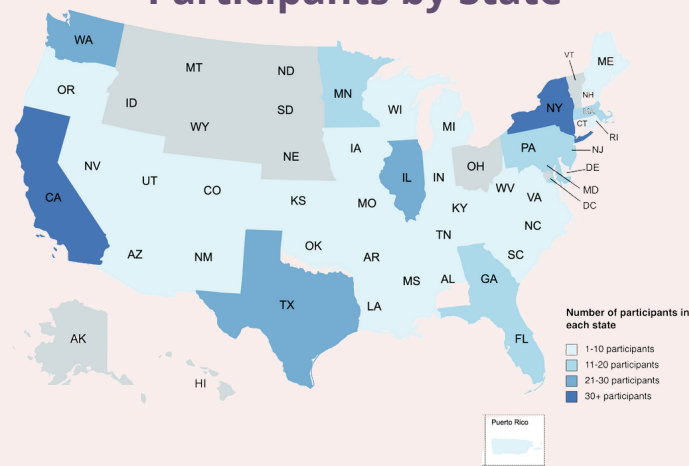
### Participants by Gender Identity



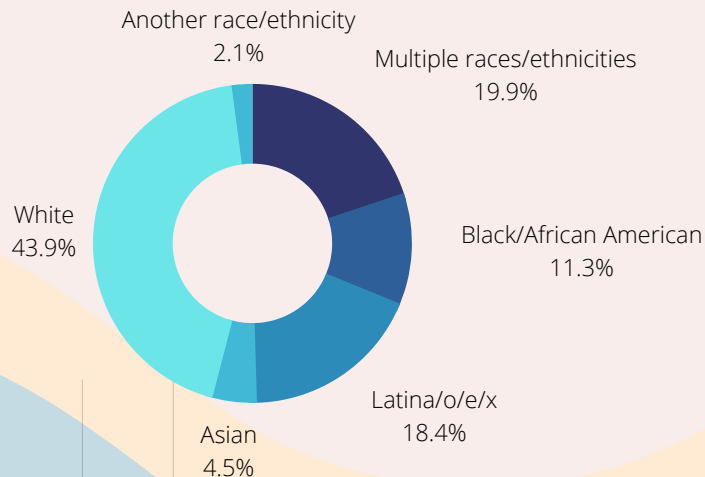
### Participants by Age



### Participants by State



### Participants by Race/Ethnicity



Art by Mei Lian Hoe



# FDA approves long-acting injectable PrEP

In December 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new medication called Apretude to prevent the spread of HIV. Apretude is a shot you can get from a doctor every two months to help your body fight the HIV virus. This medication is a new option for people who are interested in taking medicine to prevent HIV and do not want to take a daily pill. [Learn more at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website.](#)

## Wise words

We asked BEE-HIVE participants what advice they would give to transgender and nonbinary youth about fostering sexual health and wellbeing. Here are a few of the insights that they shared.

**BEE-HIVE participant, age 25:**  
*Talk, talk, talk, and listen, listen, listen...communication is effective and necessary.*

**BEE-HIVE participant, age 26:**  
*Focus on your body, do what's right for you, and trust in yourself.*

**BEE-HIVE participant, age 30:**  
*You deserve to have fun. You deserve to feel good. You deserve to enjoy yourself.*

## What's next for the BEE-HIVE study?



The BEE-HIVE online survey and interviews finished data collection in February. Our team is currently analyzing the survey and interview data and will be working on publishing and sharing our findings in the next year. Stay tuned for more! Questions? You can reach our team at [beehive@bu.edu](mailto:beehive@bu.edu).

## The BEE-HIVE Study Team



**Dr. Allegra Gordon**  
Principal Investigator  
Boston University School of Public Health



**Dr. Madina Agénor**  
Co-investigator  
Brown University School of Public Health



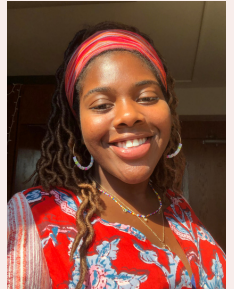
**Dr. Jackie Hughto**  
Co-investigator  
Brown University School of Public Health



**Dr. Kimberly Nelson**  
Co-investigator  
Boston University School of Public Health



**Sam Haiken, MPH**  
Study Coordinator  
Boston University School of Public Health



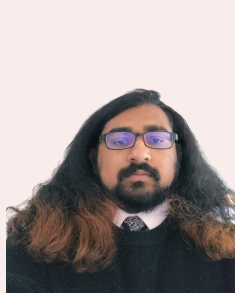
**Surya Adeleye**  
Research Assistant  
Tufts University



**Ally Cogan, MPH**  
Research Fellow  
Boston University School of Public Health



**Arthur Han, MPH**  
Research Assistant  
Boston University School of Public Health



**Akshay Nathan**  
Research Assistant  
Boston University School of Public Health



**Eity Trejo**  
Research Assistant  
Tufts University

## Acknowledgments

This work was facilitated by funding from the Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research (P30AI042853) and the Boston University School of Public Health.

Special thanks to all the BEE-HIVE Study participants.