



Sexual & Gender Minority Research Activities at NIH



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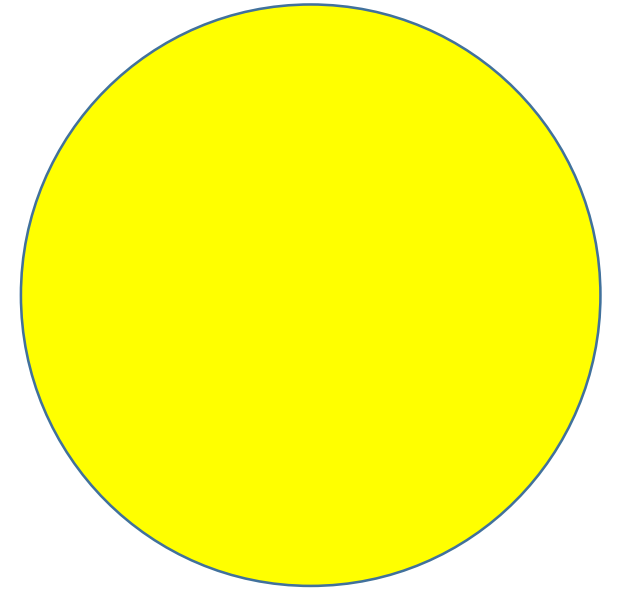


Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

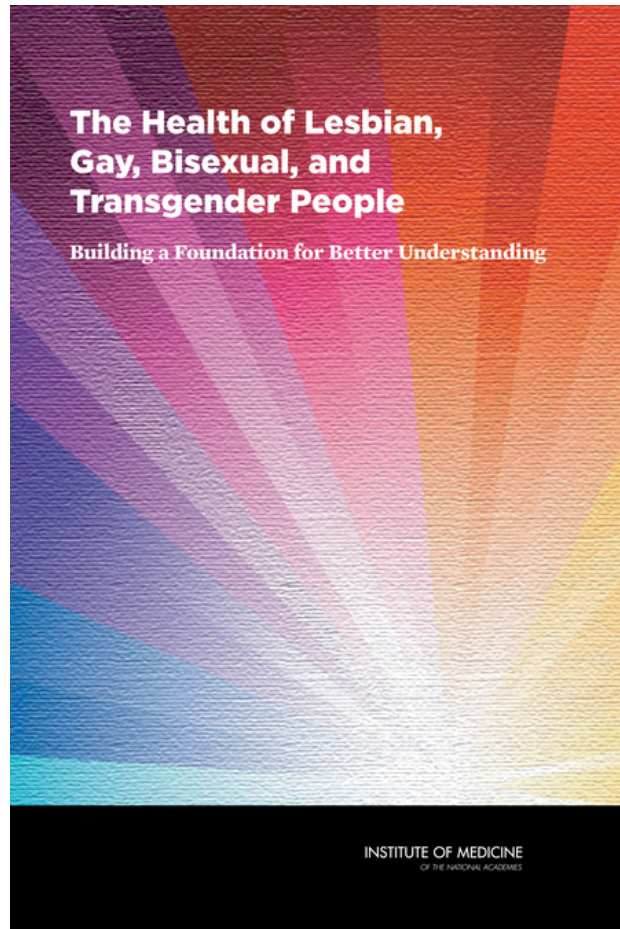
- Development of the Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO)
- SGM Research Strategic Plan & Progress to Date
- NIH SGM Grants Portfolio
- Looking Ahead



Development of the SGMRO



The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) People: Building a Foundation for Better Understanding



- Commissioned by NIH in 2009, published in 2011
- Response to a call for a state of the science report and information on existing NIH LGBT research portfolio
- Includes an extensive literature review of existing research on LGBT health
- First-ever comprehensive report on LGBT health



Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO)

- Created in 2015
- Within the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives
- Established as a part of NIH's response to the 2011 Institute of Medicine Report on LGBT Health Research



SGMRO—What We Do

- **Coordinate** sexual and gender minority (SGM) health research activities across NIH
- **Represent** NIH at conferences and events focused on SGM research
- **Serve** as a resource for the extramural and NIH communities about SGM-related research activities
- **Connect** extramural researchers with key NIH contacts
- **Convene** conferences and workshops to inform priority setting and research activities
- **Collaborate** with NIH Institutes and Centers on the development of SGM health research reports
- **Manage** information dissemination related to SGM research
- **Leverage** resources and develop initiatives to support SGM health research

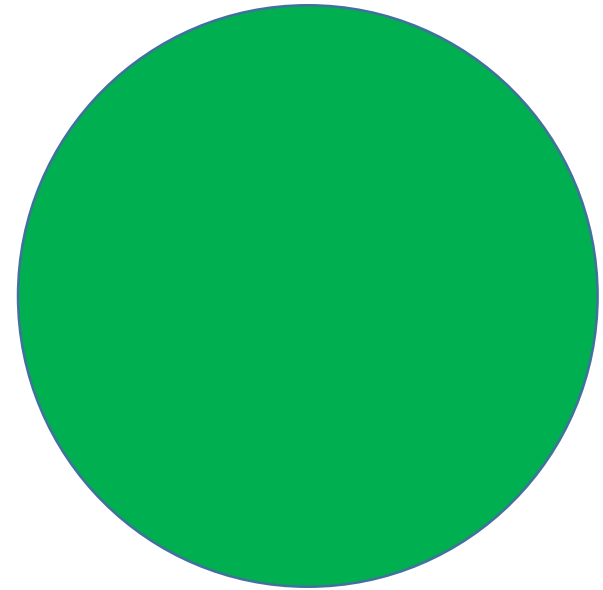


SGMRO—How We Accomplish Our Goals

- Sexual & Gender Minority Research **Coordinating Committee (RCC)** - representatives from across the Institutes and Centers.
- Sexual & Gender Minority Research **Working Group (RWG)** - representatives from extramural institutions; reports to the Council of Councils.



Sexual & Gender Minority
Research Strategic Plan &
Progress to Date



NIH SGM Strategic Plan

- Focuses on FY 2016-FY 2020
- Includes activities across the agency (not just the SGMRO)
- Serves as a blueprint for SGMRO priorities and collaborations



NIH SGM Strategic Plan



Goal 1: Expand the Knowledge Base of SGM Health and Well-being Through NIH-Supported Research



Goal One Progress



Funding Opportunity Announcements



Measurement Workshop & Website



Measurement Website



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Data and Measurement Frameworks

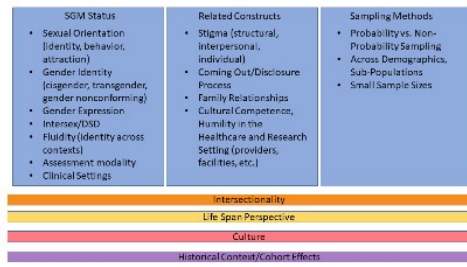
- Data Sources**
Access publicly-available, nationally-representative data sources that can be used answer your SGM-related health research questions.
- Examples of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Questions**
Find previously-used demographic and other questions that capture sexual identity, sexual attraction, sexual behavior, and gender identity.
- Publications**
Read publications related to SGM measurement research.

Activities and Related Resources

April 2018 Workshop: Methods and Measurement in Sexual & Gender Minority Health Research

In April 2018 the SGMRO hosted a workshop that covered three areas of research: SGM status, related measures, and sampling. The workshop, entitled *Methods and Measurement in Sexual & Gender Minority Health Research*, was guided by the schema below. For each of these primary topics, experts in the field considered the current state of research and identified a number of research opportunities that, if explored, would advance the field of SGM-related measurement research.

Methods and Measurement in SGM-Related Health: Developing a Research Agenda



Quick Links

- Data Sources
- Examples of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Questions
- Publications
- SGM Related Projects (via NIH RePORTER)

Related Federal Reports

- Current Measures of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Federal Surveys [pdf](#)
- Evaluations of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Survey Measures: What Have We Learned? [pdf](#)
- Sexual Orientation in the 2013 National Health Interview Survey: A Quality Assessment [pdf](#)
- Toward a Research Agenda for Measuring Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Federal Surveys: Findings, Recommendations, and Next Steps [pdf](#)

Selected Glossaries of Terms

Glossary of LGBT Terms for Health Care Teams [pdf](#) (National LGBT Health Education Center)

General Definitions [pdf](#) (University of California, San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center)

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Methods and Measurement in Sexual & Gender Minority Health Research

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Related Federal Reports

- Current Measures of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Federal Surveys [pdf](#)
- Evaluations of Sexual Orientation



NIH SGM Strategic Plan



Goal 2: Remove Barriers to Planning, Conducting, and Reporting NIH-Supported Research about SGM Health and Well-being



Goal Two Progress



Gender Identity Data Collection



Health Disparity Population Designation



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Goal 3: Strengthen the Community of Researchers and Scholars Who Conduct Research Relevant to SGM Health and Well-being



Goal Three Progress



Regional SGM Research Seminars



Investigator Awards in SGM Health Research



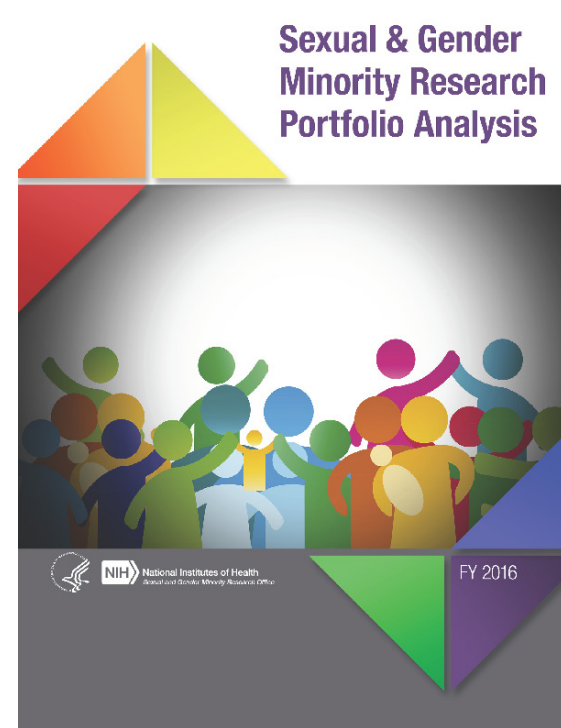
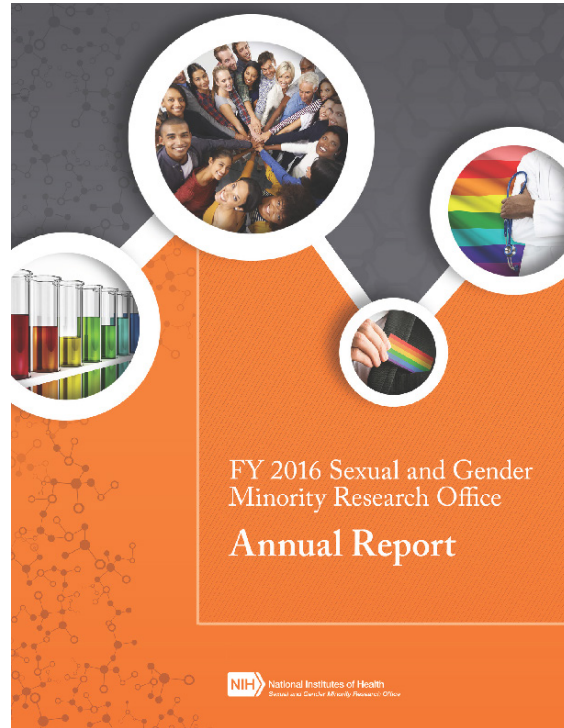
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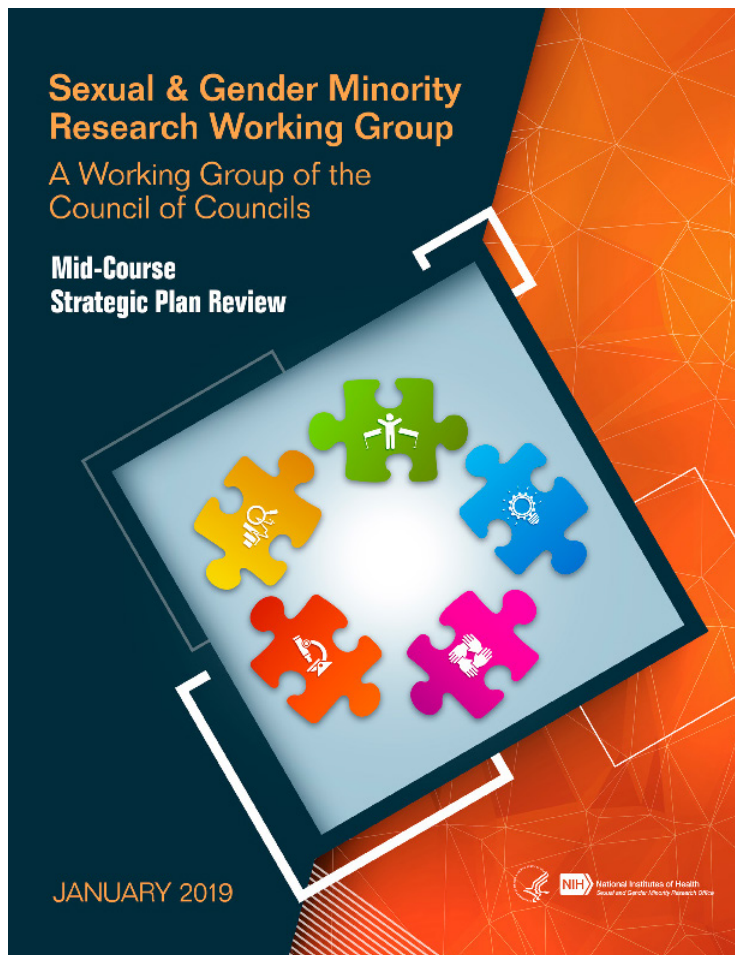
Goal 4: Evaluate Progress on Advancing SGM Research



Goal Four Progress



Mid-Course Strategic Plan Review



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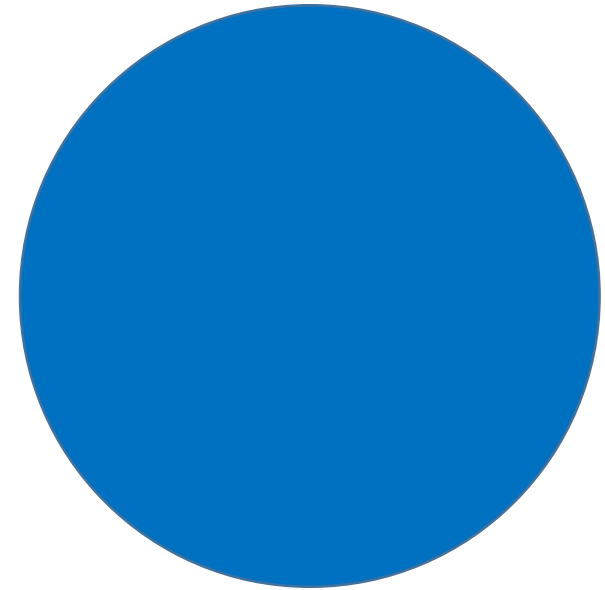
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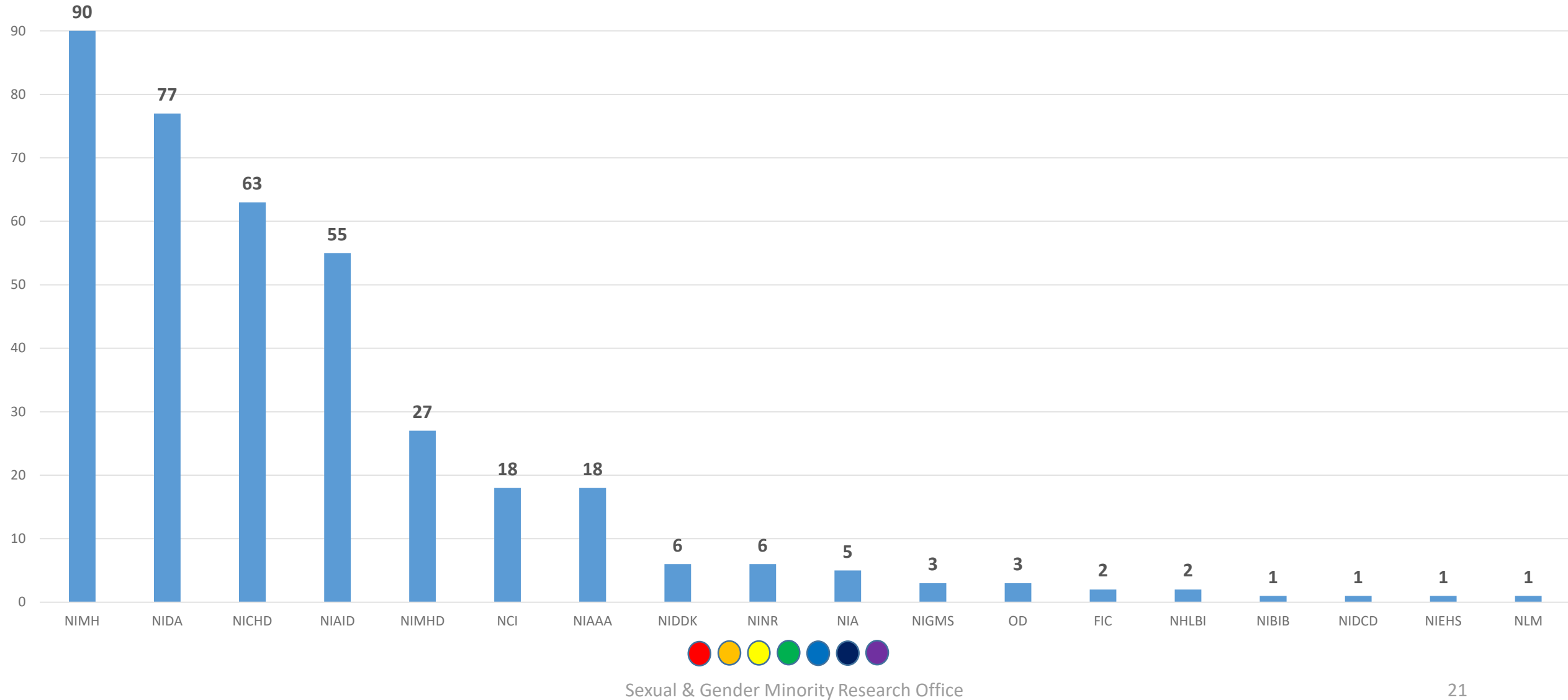


NIH SGM Grants Portfolio



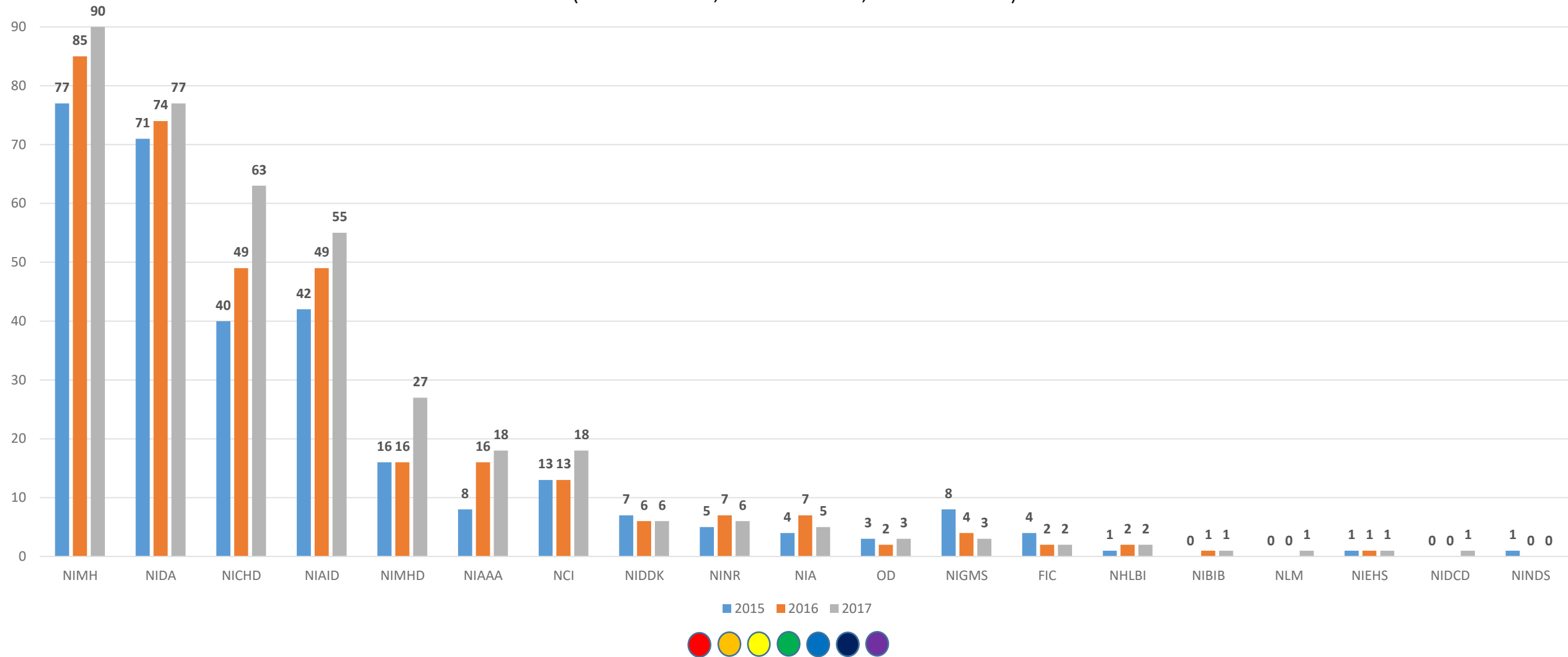
Source: NIH Reporter

FY 2017, Number of SGM-Related Projects by NIH Institute/Center/Office (N = 379)

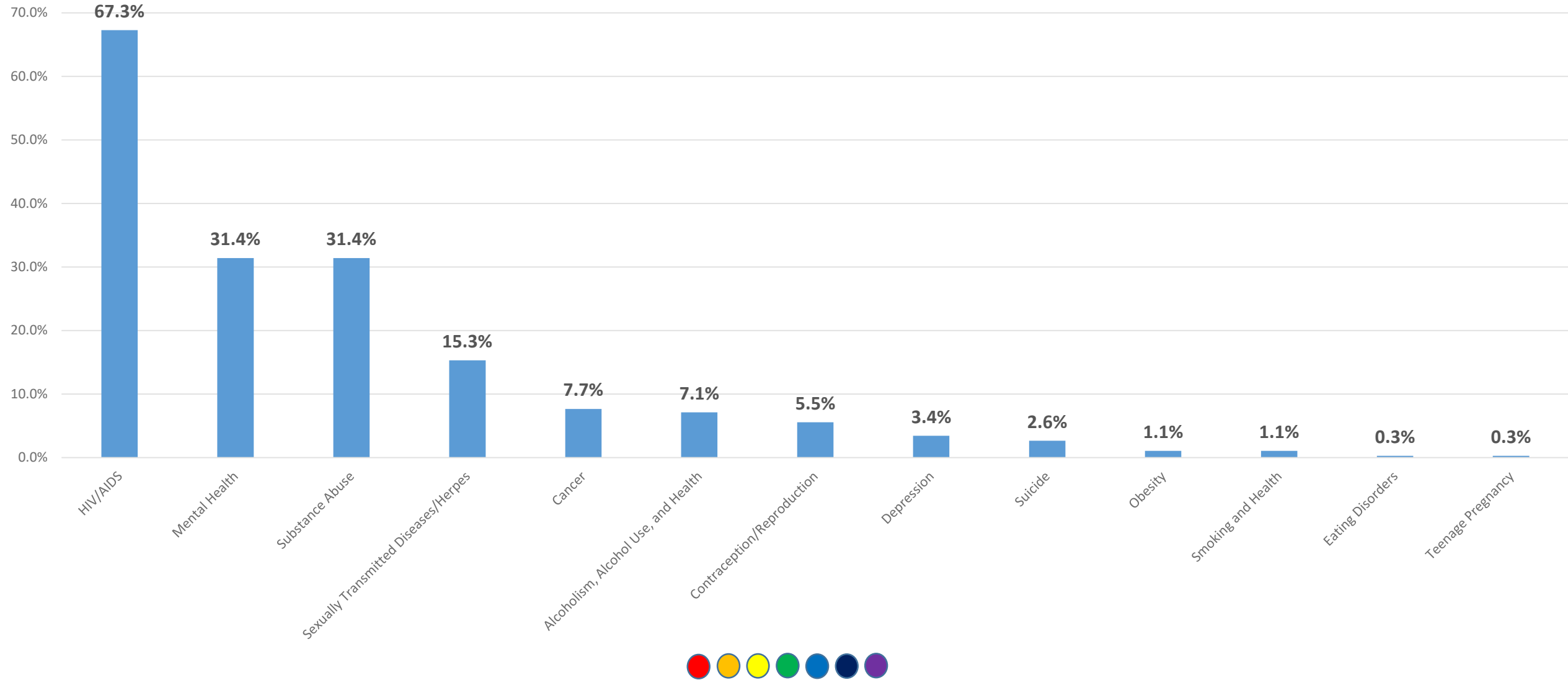


FY 2015-2017, Number of SGM-Related Projects by NIH Institute/Center/Office

(2015 = 301, 2016 = 334, 2017 = 379)

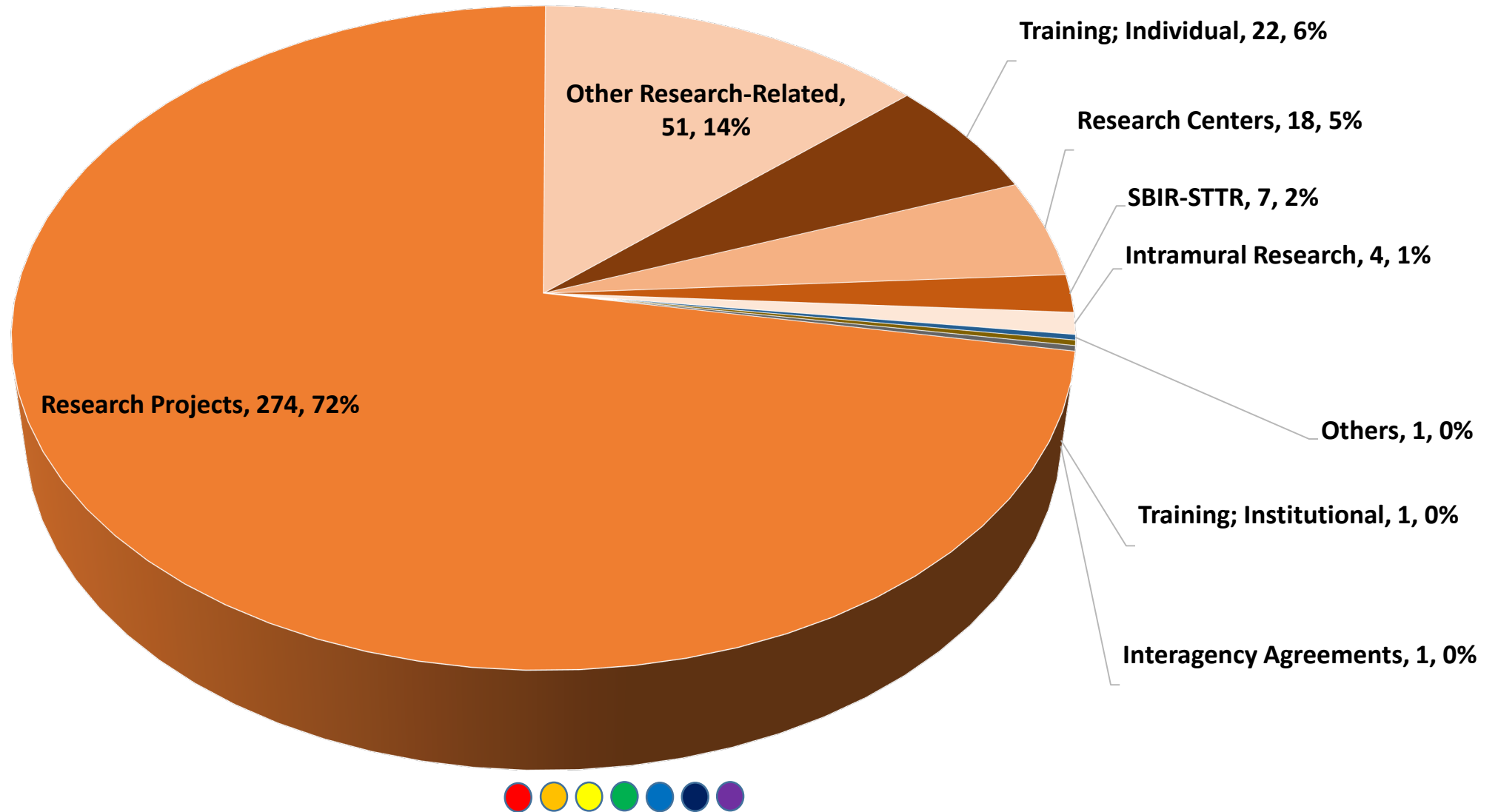


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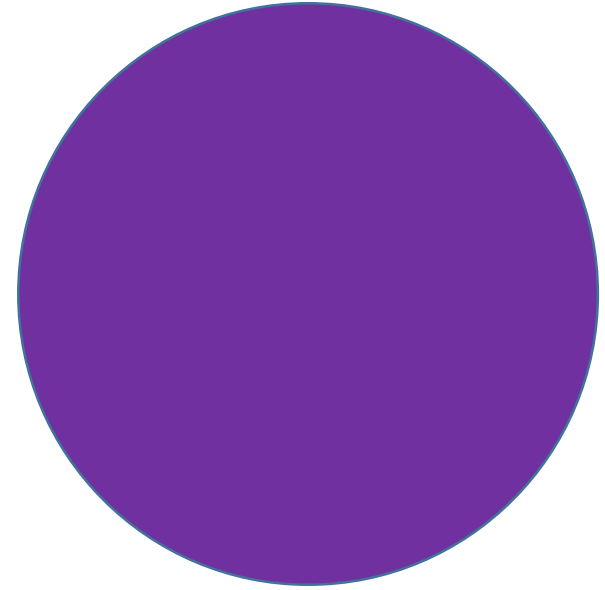


Proportion of SGM-Related Projects by NIH

Grant Type (N = 379)



Looking Ahead



Future Plans: 2019 and Beyond

- Request for Information: Measurement Report
- Regional Workshops
 - Emory University (May 30)
- Investigator Awards Program Expansion
- *All of Us*
- Bisexual Health Workshop
- Strategic Plan (FY21-FY25)



Questions?



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