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## Introduction

SizeCon [micro] started like this:

Sometime in late April, I noted to other SizeCon staffers that one of our regular volunteers, Chwani, was running on-the-weekly sizekink videochats. It was mostly folks from The Coiled Fist, a community of and for gay macrophiles, *but* Chwani was interested in pulling in more diverse segments of the sizekink community. They'd apparently been doing it for a long time! Spurred by the recent pandemic lockdowns and a good hard look at how previous pandemics had gone, I knew keeping any amount of momentum to a community around an in-person event would require way more online engagement. I thought integrating Chwani into our staff proper was not only overdue but necessary.

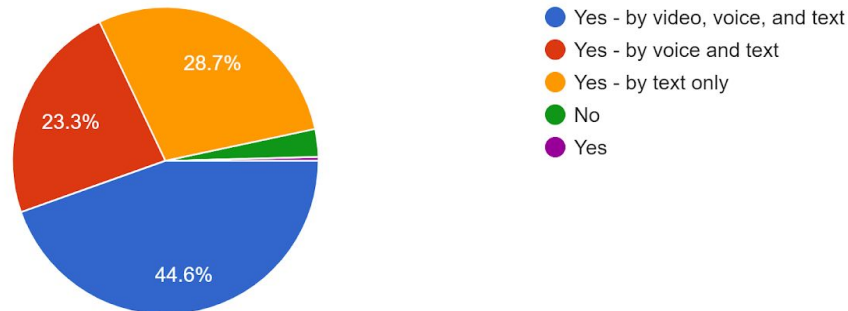
Not long after, our tech director for SizeCon '18 and Discord manager Griev floated the idea of an online con. Astra, our last-minute-miracle-find tech director for SizeCon '20 laid out a brief but comprehensive plan for how to *do* an online kink convention. It got people very excited!

We had our first meeting on it in early May. Astra composed a cost-benefit analysis. The plan was a single-day event with online social gatherings and a panel stream. Staff agreed that we should do it, though several agreed that we should keep it small-scale. I agreed, figuring that this con would be more of a proof-of-concept than something big, splashy, and robust.

I volunteered to compose an interest check poll, and see how warm #sizetwitter would be to an online convention. The results, which surprised us, looked like this after awhile:

Would you like to participate in an online SizeCon, and if yes, how?

240 responses



(Please ignore the single “Yes”, which was from a test vote during a draft stage.)

44.6%! That is 107 people, saying they’d be willing to attend an online sizekink event via videochat! It hovered right around 45% for months as more people took the poll. It very much shaped how we approached the structure of the con.

Several months’ worth of wrestling with Google Forms, OnlyFans, Discord, and OBS later, Astra was running tele-panelists through tech checks, Chwani was our new socials director and had trained up half-a-dozen social facilitators for a week’s worth of socials, and I was the convention director for our first online event! It was a hit, and the only overhead was OnlyFans’s take of ticket sales. We decided we would have future online conventions.

This isn’t here to provide a history lesson on how the first SizeCon [micro] came to be, with it all said and done. See, this is about that interest check poll.

Its main purpose was to gauge how people were willing to attend an online convention. I also composed the interest check poll to gauge what the composition of our online audience looked like. What were our demographics? Which demographics were under-served? What sizekinks required more representation?

In the interest of learning more, I composed a brief survey battery. It asked five relevant questions:

- *Would you like to participate in an online SizeCon, and if yes, how?*
- *Birth year?*
- *Gender identity?*
- *Sexual identity?*
- *“I enjoy people who are \_\_\_\_, experiencing \_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_, who respond by (feeling/acting) \_\_\_\_.”*

While the first four were simple and required short answers, the fifth was an intricate array meant to gauge everything from what sizekinks a respondent was interested in, the degree of the size disparity involved, preference for static or shifting states, the speed of size-related shifts (if any), and valued emotional responses.

It got a lot of data. So much that it got unwieldy to deal with. I wasn't sure where to start, and once I thought of a few options, I realized I would have to subdivide the task to communicate results in any span of time that wasn't completely excruciating.

Late September, I was asked specifically if I knew anything about the breakdown of cis-masculine macrophiles between non-cis-masculine macrophiles. Demographic stats are a pretty basic jumping-off point, so why not?

## *Findings*

Respondents largely identified themselves as cismasculine, and overwhelmingly reported preferring height-based size-kinks.

### *Types of sizekink fantasies?<sup>1</sup>*

Of the sample size of 242 respondents, 238 chose to answer the sizekink preference battery. Of those 238:

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<sup>1</sup> Definitions in quotes included in this subsection are my own unless otherwise noted, and are not meant to reflect assertions from SizeCon, its staff beyond myself, or its attendees in any fashion. Please know that decisions I made on how to define things were made in the interest of efficiently quantifying this data in a way that wouldn't make my head explode. To that effect, I will not entertain discussions on semantics regarding these definitions, unless I made a grievous error or exclusion on the topic.

- 183 reported having “height-based” fantasies, with 141 preferring giants and 137 preferring tinies,
- 121 reported having fantasies with “hyper” qualities, a variety of partialism wherein specific body parts are/become disproportionately larger than others,
- 49 reported having some variety of “whole body” fantasy, wherein the body is imagined to be a cavity that can be filled or emptied with a (generally gaseous, liquid, or semisolid) material,<sup>2</sup> with 47 preferring being/getting inflated and 28 preferring being/getting deflated,
- 67 reported having some variety of “body mass composition” fantasy (either being or becoming large<sup>3</sup> in a manner involving body tissue: fat, muscle, or potentially otherwise<sup>4</sup>), with 38 preferring fat mass and 45 preferring muscle mass, and
- 13 provided non-answers, with 6 preferring not to answer and 7 proving inconclusive.

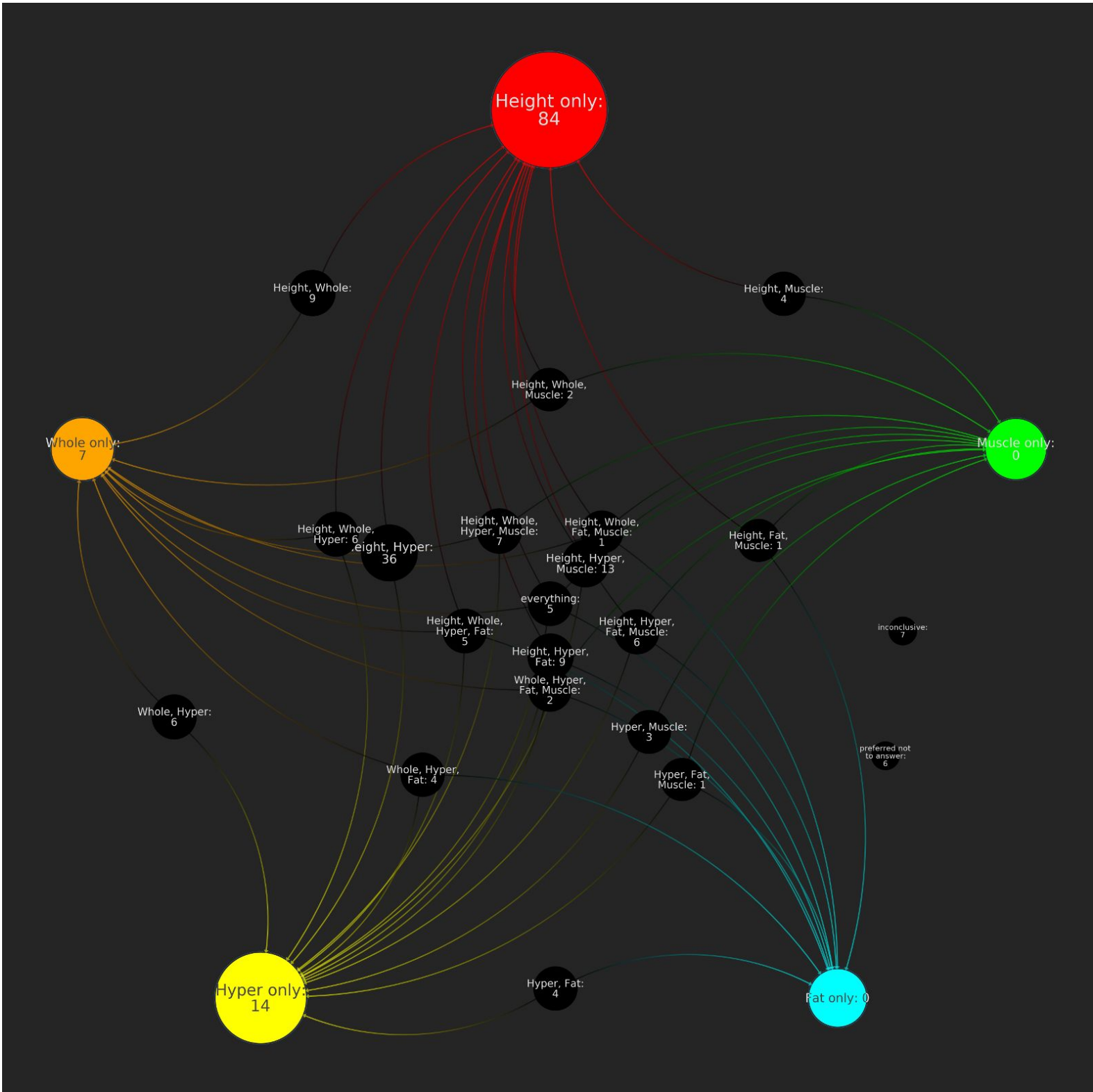
Math kids will note that those numbers don’t add up to 242 respondents. That’s because people have multiple, complicated, and nuanced fantasies! Numbers will be reported in a similar fashion going forward.

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<sup>2</sup> Note that this fantasy can also include the inflation/deflation of clothes a particular respondent is wearing, as opposed to the (un)filling of the body. That said, I know I got the “inner cavity” idea from somewhere (maybe Katharine Gates?). If you remember whom, please poke me over Twitter about it.

<sup>3</sup> Some respondents may have indicated that they find, say, fat mass loss relevant to their particular sizekink. Such a fantasy is technically a sizekink; however, it is also a normative and traditional fantasy that exists predominantly outside of sizekink. Such responses will not be counted in this specific report.

<sup>4</sup> I imagine novel permutations of this include fantasies involving excessive skin or viscera; those were not reported fantasies in write-ins! C’mon body horror folks, it’s spooky season, step it up.



(Here’s a preference map! Size of the colored buttons reflect total respondents into said preferences, as opposed to respondents ONLY into those things. Mind the black buttons between “Fat only” and “Muscle only”, those are the non-answers, “inconclusive” and “preferred not to answer”.)

## *Gender identity?*

Of the sample size of 242, 239 chose to answer the question about gender identity.

- cis-masc: 142, 58.7%
- cis-femme: 17, 7.0%
- trans-femme: 11, 4.5%
- non-binary: 10, 4.1%
- genderfluid: 8, 3.3%
- androgynous: 4, 1.7%
- genderqueer: 2, 0.8%
- bigender (*write-in*): 1, 0.4%
- *preferred not to answer*: 41, 16.9%
- *inconclusive write-ins*: 3, 1.2%

This leaves us with 195 answers for this particular question with which we can do any meaningful math. This can be broken down into various ways. In terms of total respondents:

- 65.7% identified as cisgender and 4.5% identified as transgender.
- 58.7% identified as masculine and 11.6% identified as feminine.
- 10.3% identified as outside, between, or shifting in the above paradigms.
- 0% identified as trans-masculine. This is not to say that there are no trans-males in sizekink communities or with sizekink paraphilias, or even taking the poll.

## *Sexual identity?*

Of the sample size of 242, all chose to answer the question about gender identity.

- straight: 108, 44.6%
- gay: 53, 21.9%
- bisexual: 38, 15.7%
- pansexual: 12, 5%
- asexual: 9, 3.7%
- lesbian: 4, 1.7%
- queer (*write-in*): 2, 0.8%
- preferred not to answer: 6, 2.5%

There were also a number of one-off write-ins: “mostly straight,” “biromantic & demisexual,” “straight but can be bi,” “panromantic asexual,” “bicurious,” “nonbinary, attracted to women,” “gray-ace,” “not totally sure to be honest,” “demisexual,” and “straight & grey-ace”. Lots of nuance and variety out there!

Do you want to see the preference map that communicates all the above data, alongside the sizekink preferences? [Well, here it is!](#) Be warned, it comes in the form of a large

PDF. In this specific preference map, I've chosen to split "Height" into giant & tiny, and "Whole Body" into inflation and deflation, for the sake of a more descriptive map. Legend is in the lower left. Please note that the "attracted to/asexual" colors that are the lower four keys in the legend mark the flags which surround the bits representing individual respondents.

### *How do identities relate to macrophilia & microphilia?*

Nomenclature in sizekink is a strange beast. There are clear, straight across fantasies that represent the most commonly known versions. Someone who wants to see giant people walk over the horizon is a macrophile. Someone else who wants to find tiny people hiding in their cupboards is a microphile.

Between those are an intense variety of size-disparity relationships. For example, if someone wants themselves to shrink while surrounded by people who remain their normal size, is that person a microphile for wanting to be small, or are they are macrophile for wanting to be surrounded by people imposingly larger than they are? Should automicrophilia and automacrophilia<sup>5</sup> become terms we consider, in order to differentiate between wanting to be around disparately larger/smaller than normal people and wanting to be disparately smaller/larger than normal?

For the purposes of this section, we will distinguish between microphilia and automacrophiliac fantasies, and between macrophilia and automicrophiliac fantasies. Both sides share similar dynamics, with the key difference being whose viewpoint is being eroticized: there's always a tiny, and there's always a giant. That is to say, even a straight-across giant/tiny fantasy can have elements of both.

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<sup>5</sup> The Internet says that the earliest relevant-to-us usage of these terms was by SpookyPancake, a user on the website "Is It Normal?" who was attempting to answer a question posed on or after May 14, 2017: "What do you guys think of people with a vore fetish(?" It's possible that these terms were coined earlier by someone else in another community.

<https://www.isitnormal.com/post/what-do-you-guys-think-of-people-with-a-vore-fetish-246232>

Also, for this specific section there will be no distinguishing between participants who also reported preferring hyper-partialist, whole body, and body-mass-related sizekinks. If we try, we'll be here all day; it can be for a future report.

Finally, percentages in parentheses will track versus specific demographics, and then against the sample size as a whole:

Of the 142 cis-masc respondents, 2 opted to not complete the sizekink preference battery. Of those 140:

- 36 (25.4%, 14.9% total) reported wanting themselves to be/become giant,
- 58 (40.8%, 24.0% total) reported wanting themselves to be/become tiny,
- 41 (28.9%, 16.9% total) reported having fantasies about masc giants,
- 50 (35.2%, 20.7% total) reported having fantasies about femme giants,
- 12 (8.5%, 5.0% total) reported having fantasies about enby giants,
- 35 (24.6%, 14.5% total) reported having fantasies about masc tinies,
- 37 (26.1%, 15.3% total) reported having fantasies about femme tinies,
- 10 (7.0%, 4.1% total) reported having fantasies about enby tinies,
- 28 (19.7%, 11.6% total) reported having various sizekinks that did not include macro/micro fantasies, and
- 4 (2.8%, 1.7% total) were inconclusive.

Of the group of 53 self-reported non-cis-masc respondents, 2 opted to not complete the sizekink preference battery, Of those 51:

- 22 (41.5%, 9.1% total) reported wanting themselves to be/become giant,
- 37 (69.8%, 15.3% total) reported wanting themselves to be/become tiny,
- 32 (60.4%, 13.2% total) reported having fantasies about masc giants,
- 35 (66.0%, 14.5% total) reported having fantasies about femme giants,
- 16 (30.2%, 6.6% total) reported having fantasies about enby giants,
- 22 (41.5%, 9.1% total) reported having fantasies about masc tinies,
- 20 (37.7%, 8.3% total) reported having fantasies about femme tinies,
- 10 (18.9%, 4.1% total) reported having fantasies about enby tinies,



- 26 (49.1%, 10.7% total) reported having various sizekinks that did not include macro/micro fantasies, and
- 4 (7.5%, 1.7% total) were inconclusive.

## *Observations*

While cis-men are incredibly overrepresented in this study, I hope future iterations will be a little more balanced in that respect.

I find it remarkable that the most preferred self-sizekink by far is the desire to be tiny. This may help explain the phenomenon of folks demanding others play “the giant” during G/t roleplay, something folks reading this report may be well familiar with.

A surprising amount of people are into deflation! At first I thought it was an error in how respondents were reporting, until I realized there were a handful of folks who reported *only* being into deflation.

In the same vein, some folks *seemed* to report having the inversion of hyper fantasies? While there were certainly folks who just knocked reports of their tiny and hyper fantasies together in a way that made them difficult to parse, there *were* a small handful of respondents who specifically reported enjoying shrinking breasts, butts, etc. There doesn't seem to be a catch-all term for that opposite end of partialism, no general name for those preferences, including small feet, hands, etc. I would like to propose “hypo”.

There were a handful of respondents who registered not only wanting to be a particular size, but wanting everyone else matching their self-reported gender to be that size, and then wanting their desired opposites/partners to be a size on the opposite end of the spectrum. For example, there were a handful of men who wanted themselves and other men to be tiny, while at the same time wanting women to be giant. Lots of power exchange energy there. There are likely similar trends hidden with the responses that I haven't shaken out yet.

Do you have any of your own questions you think this data could answer? I'm [@ManInOrange](#) via Twitter; feel free to ask.

- Penner

## Methodology

This report is based off of the results of a Google Poll, composed in English only, with results submitted between May 18th and August 10th 2020, among a sample of 242 respondents. The earliest self-reported birth year of any respondent was 1974, and the latest was 2002; it can be assumed respondents were between the ages of 18 to 74. Average age of respondents was ~30.

As there is no estimate to how many people have sizekink-based paraphilias, I cannot accurately express a margin-of-error. In addition to this, the wording of questions and potential difficulties for participants in understanding the formatting of the poll may introduce additional error or bias into these findings.

The audience that composes our respondents can be assumed to be entirely composed of people with Internet access, and largely English-reading Internet-users with Twitter accounts. We trawled for respondents via our Twitter account and the #sizetwitter hashtag.

There were no controls for region, race/ethnicity, education level, or income. As any responses were self-reported, answers about age, gender identity, and sexual identity were taken on a good-faith basis. We also had no way of controlling whether or not someone submitted results multiple times; no one reported submitting multiple times.

The poll asked five relevant questions:

- *Would you like to participate in an online SizeCon, and if yes, how?*

This was a multiple-choice question, that could be answered “Yes - by video, voice, and text,” “Yes - by voice and text,” “Yes - by text only,” and “No”.

- *Birth year?*

This was a short answer that only accepted numbers between “1905” and “2005”. Participants who entered anything outside that range would receive an error message.

- *Gender identity: “I’m someone who identifies as:”*

This was a multiple-choice question with a write-in option. If participants were not writing in their response, they could report themselves as “androgynous,” “cisfeminine,” “cismasculine,” “genderfluid,” “genderqueer,” “intersex,” “non-binary,” “transmasculine,” “transfeminine,” or “prefer not to answer.”

- *Sexual identity: “My sexuality is:”*

This was a multiple-choice question with a write-in option. If participants were not writing in their response, they could report themselves as “asexual,” “bisexual,” “gay,” “lesbian,” “pansexual,” “straight,” or “prefer not to answer.”

- *“I enjoy people who are \_\_\_\_, experiencing \_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_, who respond by (feeling/acting) \_\_\_\_.”*

This was a multi-stage, multi-choice question that allowed multiple answers. The first and third fields featured a selection of checkbox options that included write-in options, whereas the second and fourth fields featured a far larger selection via a checkbox grid with no write-in option. It was also the only section we allowed participants to opt-out of or take repeatedly in the scope of a single response, to a minimum of not-at-all and to a maximum of three times.

A number of answers to the fifth question lead to results being marked as “inconclusive.” Examples of inconclusive results include:

- Respondents specifying “*I enjoy people who are \_\_\_\_, experiencing \_\_\_\_,*” but then failing to specify “*of their \_\_\_\_*”.
- Respondents failing to specify “*I enjoy people who are \_\_\_\_,*” but then specifying “*experiencing \_\_\_\_, of their \_\_\_\_*”.
- Respondents using any of the write-in options to enter blanks.

