





In May 2023, the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General released a public health Advisory, titled "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation: The Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community."

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# **Structure**

The number and variety of relationships and frequency of interactions

## EXAMPLES

Household size

Friend circle size

Marital/partnership status

# **Function**

The degree to which relationships serve various needs

### **EXAMPLES**

**Emotional support** 

Mentorship

Support in a crisis

# Quality

The positive and negative aspects of relationships and interactions

### EXAMPLES

Relationship satisfaction

Relationship strain

Social inclusion or exclusion



On a cross-country listening tour, people shared with Dr. Murthy that they felt isolated, invisible, and insignificant. "I have to shoulder all of life's burdens by myself," or "if I disappear tomorrow, no one will even notice."

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