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What does transgender mean?

As the name implies, someone who is transgender is someone who transgresses gender boundaries. Transgender behavior encompasses everything from a boy wearing fingernail polish to someone having surgery to change their sex. Transsexuals are people whose gender identity is opposite of their anatomical sex. Many (but not all) transsexual people take hormones and/or undergo sex reassignment surgery. Female to male (FTM) people were born physically female but see themselves as partially to fully masculine. Male to female (MTF) people were born physically male, but see themselves as partially to fully feminine.