

Person and Man with Swollen Belly

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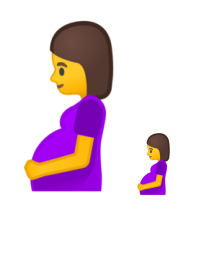
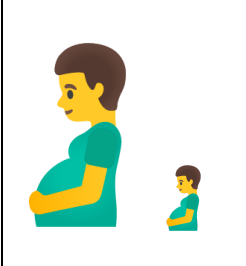
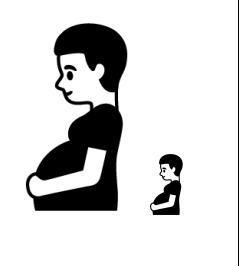
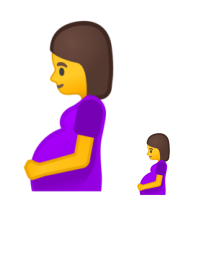
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Background

This follows priorities set out in [L2/19-101](#), as well as details of vendors intention to display gender inclusive emoji designs from 2019 onward, noted in [L2/19-078](#). This document picks up where [L2/19-231R](#) leaves off with a focus on “man” and “person” with swollen belly.

ESC is recommending atomic characters to represent two new characters: (1) person with swollen belly and (2) man with swollen belly. Skin-tone modifiers are omitted from the charts.

I + II. Identification and Images

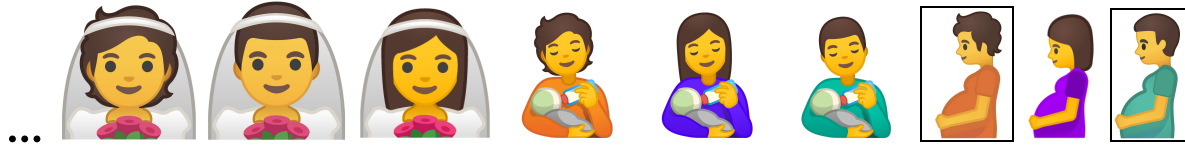
Sample Image (clr)	Sample Image (bw)	Proposed Unicode and CLDR name	Possible CLDR English keywords	Closest Unicode Emoji
		Person with swollen belly	Pregnant, hungry, full, food,	
		Man with swollen belly	Pregnant, hungry, full, food,	

Note: The total number of new characters is two, and the total number of new sequences is 10 (2 × 5 = 10).

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III. Sort location

[person-role](#)



Introduction

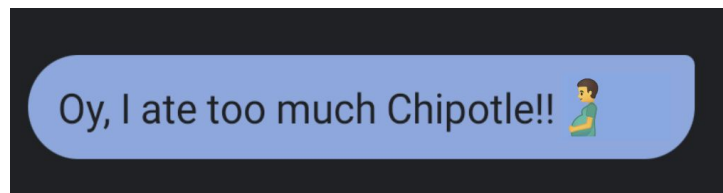
Let's cut to the chase. Will these emojis be useful?

One's sex does not dictate the capacity to care for children in the home or work in the market. In the same way sex equality law has aimed combat harmful sex stereotypes, there are a great deal of parallels regarding how one's sex does not dictate the capacity to cary children.

This is not a new phenomenon. Pregnancy has been indiscriminate of gender throughout history but it is only now being formally recognized. The British Medical Association's (BMA's) advises to use 'pregnant people' instead of the stereotype term 'pregnant woman'. And, although 'a large majority of people who have been pregnant or have given birth identify as women', there are intersex men and transmen who get pregnant.

Jessica Clarke, a law professor at Harvard University, suggests that, 'law could see pregnancy not as something that only happens to women's bodies, but also as a bodily condition experienced by people who do not identify as women'¹.

But this proposal goes beyond gender ... encoding people emoji with swollen bellies embraces how people repurpose emojis for entirely new uses. Finally, an emoji to denote that uncomfortable feeling after you ate too much at lunch.



The point is: this emoji isn't about gender advocacy. This is about understanding how language is fluid and representation of a person with a swollen belly has value as an emoji expression.

¹ https://harvardlawreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/894-991_Online.pdf

IV. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility

n/a

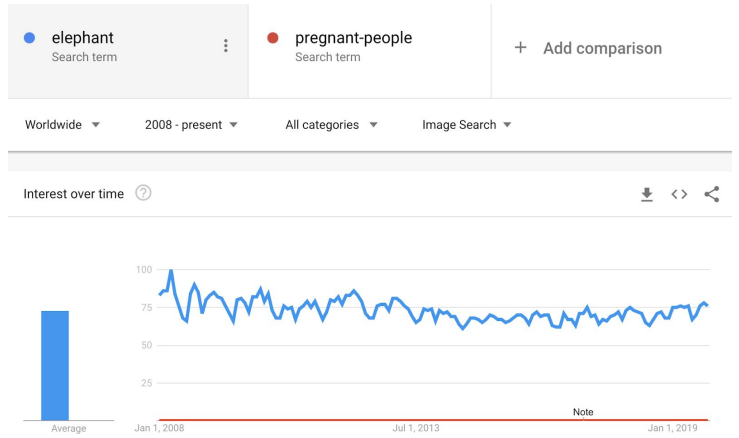
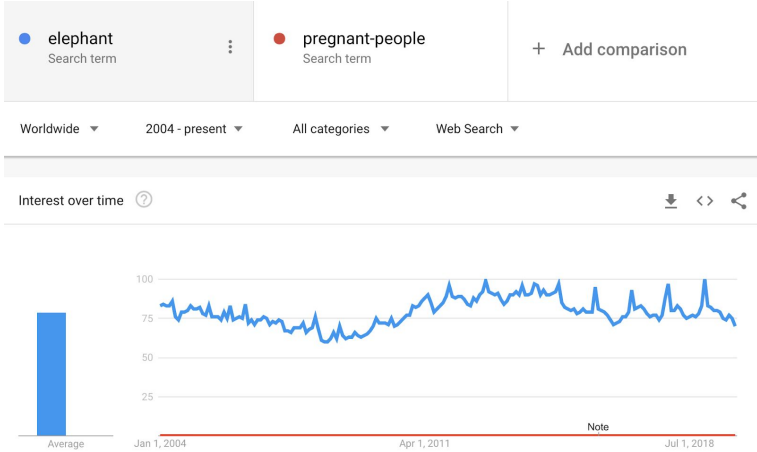
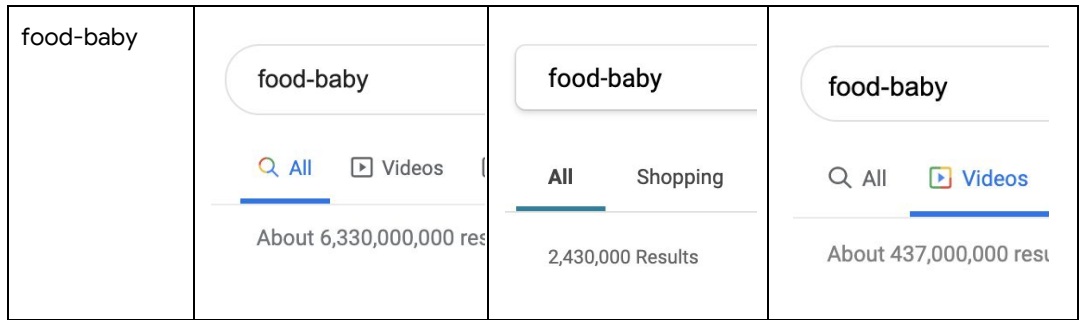
B. Expected use

1. Frequency

Frequency data indicates both pregnant-people and pregnant-man clock in at and over the median search threshold.

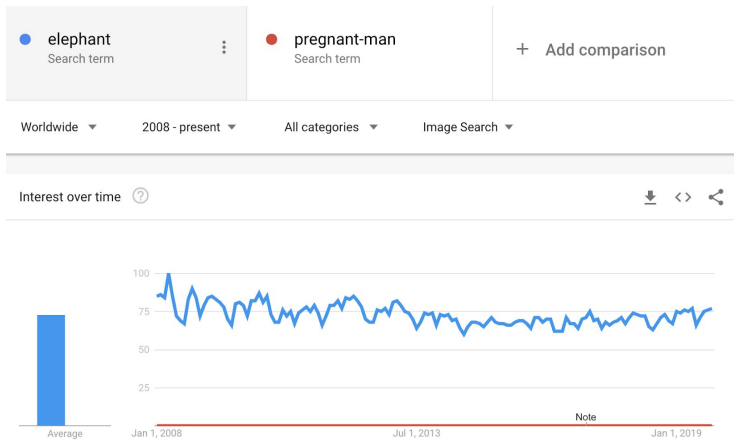
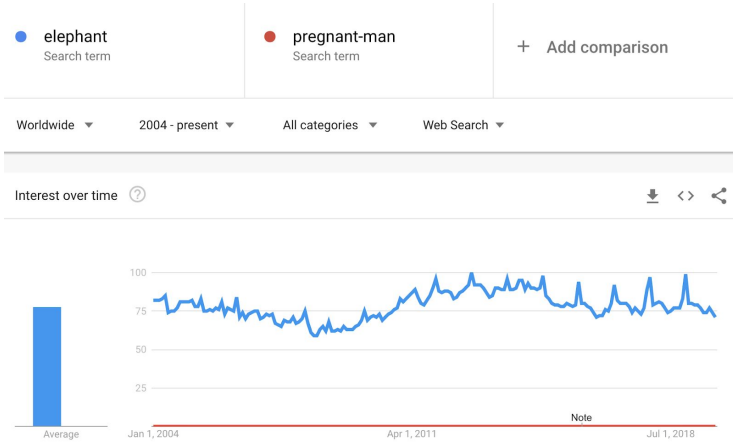
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pregnant-people	458,000,000	133,000	66,500,000	See below	See below
pregnant-man	405,000,000	190,000	24,800,000	See below	See below
food-baby	6,330,000,000	2,430,000	437,000,000	See below	See below
bloated	45,800,000	10,300,000	5,110,000	See below	See below

Search term	Google Search	Bing Search	Google Video Search
Pregnant-people	<p>pregnant-people</p> <p>All Videos</p> <p>About 458,000,000 results</p>	<p>pregnant-people</p> <p>All Videos</p> <p>2,940,000 Results</p>	<p>pregnant-people</p> <p>All Videos</p> <p>About 126,000,000 results</p>
Pregnant-man	<p>pregnant-man</p> <p>All Images</p> <p>About 459,000,000 results</p>	<p>pregnant-man</p> <p>All Images</p> <p>904,000 Results</p>	<p>pregnant-man</p> <p>All Images</p> <p>About 130,000,000 results</p>



Above: pregnant-people | Google Trends: Image and Web

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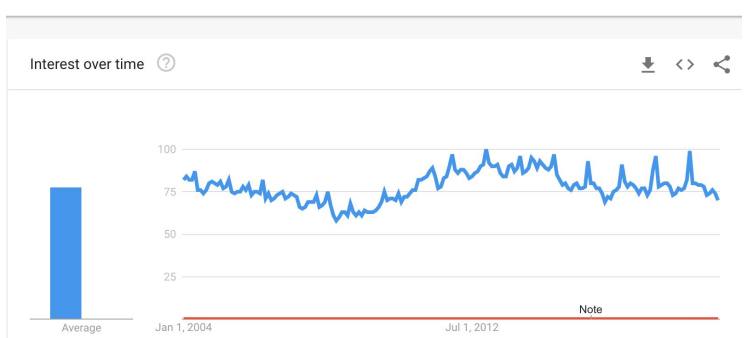
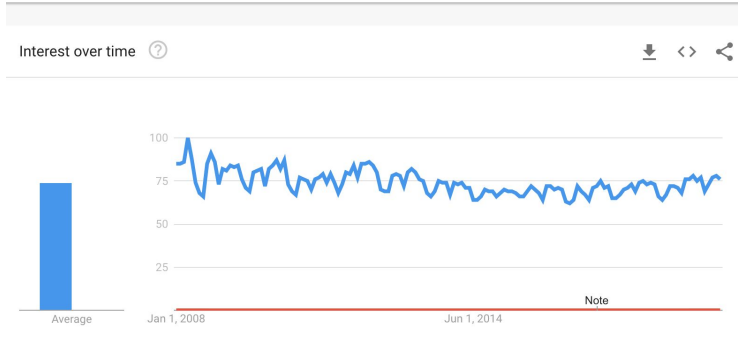
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Worldwide 2008 - present All categories Image Search

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2. Multiple usages

- Family
 - I have exciting news! 🧑
- Feeling full after eating
 - Ugh, I ate too much 🧑
- Body-Image
 - My pants don't fit 🧑

3. Use in sequences

- Pregnancy
 - The baby is kicking! 🌟 🧑
 - Can't wait to meet the baby 🧑 🤰 ❤️ ❤️
 - Pregnancy glow ✨ 🧑 ✨
- Food
 - How long does it take for a food baby to gestate 🍼 🧑
- Love
 - Me: 🧑
sees cute video of my niece
 - me: 🧑
 - so hot 🧑 😍 😍 😍 😍 😍 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞
- General Kindness to Others

- Please offer your seat if someone is in need:



Pregnant person



The elderly



People with children



People with disabilities

4. Breaking new ground

Currently, emojis only depict people assigned female at birth in a role of pregnancy. If emojis are designed in a manner to be as inclusive as possible this emoji should present it's gender more ambiguously.

Additionally, a major gap in the emoji inventory is a manner to depict satisfaction after eating a great meal. This emoji has potential to have great utility outside of literally representing the pregnancy use case.

C. Image distinctiveness

Yes.

D. Completeness

With the passage of this emoji, we are left with seven explicitly gendered emojis as documented in [L2/19-231](#):

- Prince + Princess (*no proposals at this time*)
- Dancing woman + Dancing man (*no proposals at this time*)
- Woman in headscarf (*no proposals at this time*)

V. Selection factors — Exclusion

F. Overly specific

No.

G. Open-ended

No, this is not part of a set of similar items.

H. Already representable

No.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

J. Transient

Not applicable.

K. Faulty comparison

Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

L. Exact Images

An exact image is required.

VI. Data Files

PREGNANT PERSON

1FXXX

1FXXX 1F3FB

1FXXX 1F3FC

1FXXX 1F3FD

1FXXX 1F3FE

1FXXX 1F3FF

PREGNANT MAN

1FXXX

1FXXX 1F3FB

1FXXX 1F3FC

1FXXX 1F3FD

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