

# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health by State

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# **Executive Summary**

The Trevor Project, the leading suicide prevention organization for LGBTQ young people, produces innovative original research that amplifies the experiences of diverse LGBTQ young people and brings new knowledge and clinical implications to the suicide prevention field.

Since 2019, our annual national surveys have been among the largest and most diverse surveys of LGBTQ young people in the U.S. For the first time ever, we're publishing the findings of <u>our national survey</u>, which captured the experiences of nearly 34,000 LGBTQ people ages 13-24 across the United States in 2022, segmented by all 50 states.

These data provide critical insights into the suicide risk faced by LGBTQ young people, top barriers to mental health care, the prevalence of anti-LGBTQ victimization, and the negative impacts of recent politics. Importantly, this research also points to ways in which we can all support the LGBTQ young people in our lives by detailing per state LGBTQ young people's access to accepting communities, LGBTQ-affirming spaces, and social support among family and friends — protective factors that are consistently associated with better mental health and lower suicide risk.

It's essential to emphasize that because we still do not have known counts or registries of the LGBTQ youth population comprehensive data on the mental health and well-being of LGBTQ youth remains limited. These findings strive to underscore the unique challenges faced by young LGBTQ people, a group consistently found to be at significantly increased risk for suicide because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.

We hope that LGBTQ young people in every state will see themselves reflected in these experiences that so many have bravely shared; and that these data will equip fellow researchers, policymakers, and other youth-serving organizations in every state with the data necessary to celebrate and uplift LGBTQ young people and advocate for policies that work to end the public health crisis of suicide.



# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Alabama



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Alabama

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

47%

of LGBTQ youth in Alabama seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Alabama attempted

suicide in the past year

**Anxiety & Depression** 

74% of LGBTQ youth in Alabama reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 82% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

13%

**58%** of LGBTQ youth in Alabama reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 70% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Alabama



#### Access to care

#### 61% of LGBTQ youth in Alabama who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 57% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





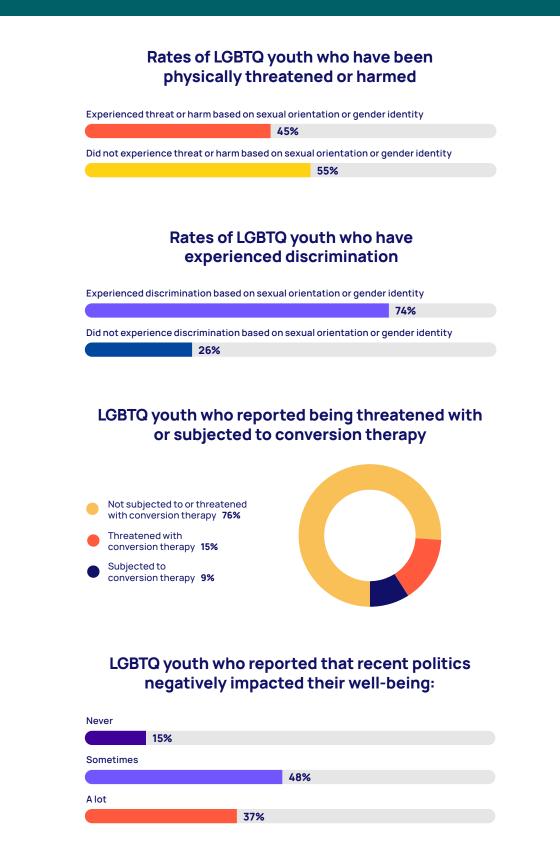
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
54%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
48%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
46%
I could not afford it
41%
I was not out about my LGBTQ identity and was afraid of being outed
37%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Alabama

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

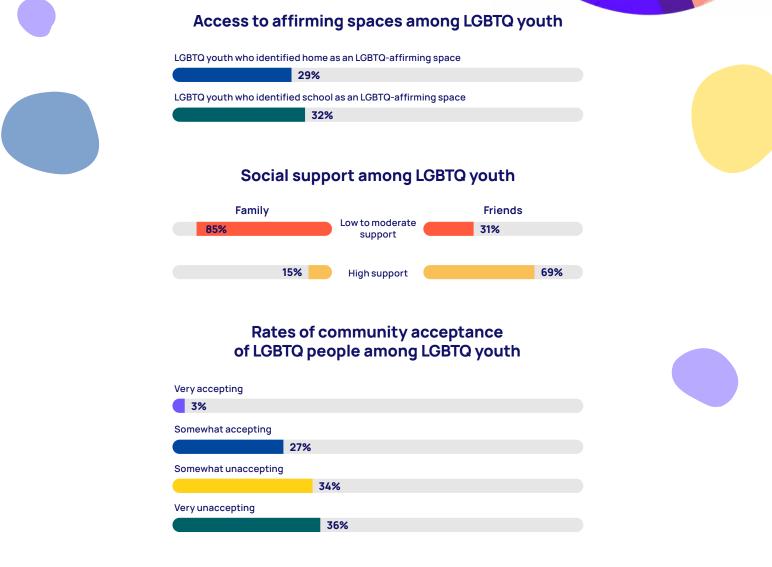




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Alabama

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Alabama?

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having active and open LGBTQ employees/students • rules against discrimination
if there are other LGBTQ people there • pride flags • openly LGBTQ friendly • people accept me and let me be me • respecting pronouns • LGBTQ education

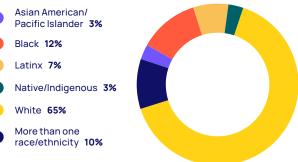


# **Demographics** in Alabama

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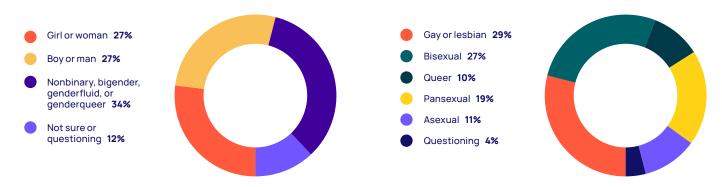


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth





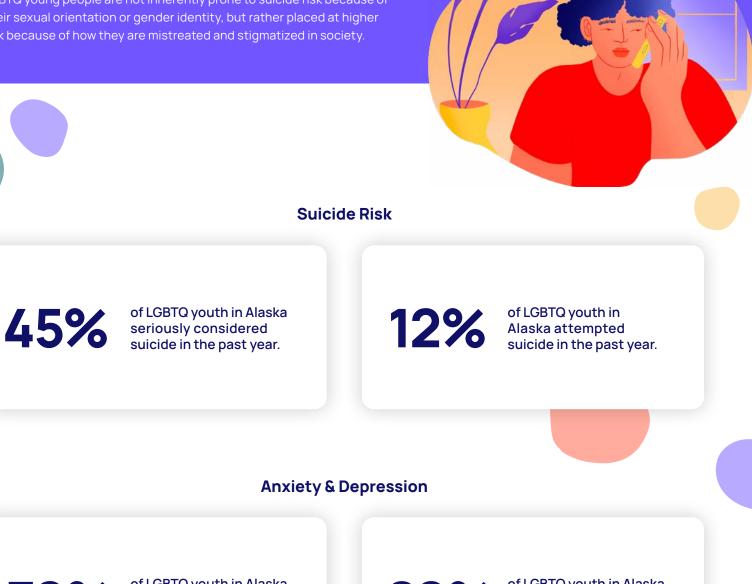


# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Alaska



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Alaska

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



72%

of LGBTQ youth in Alaska reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

62% of LGBTQ youth in Alaska reported experiencing symptoms of depression.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Alaska



#### Access to care

64% of LGBTQ youth in Alaska who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





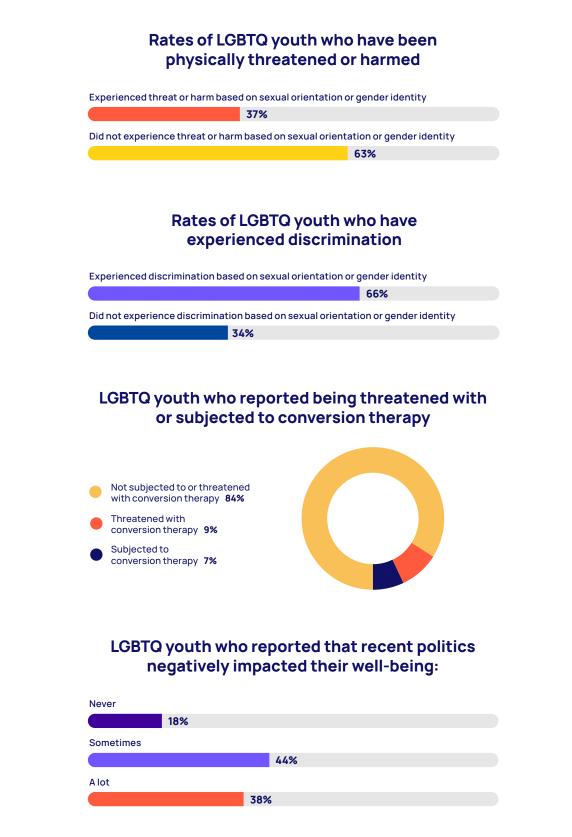
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
42%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
40%
I could not afford it
36%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
32%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
32%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Alaska

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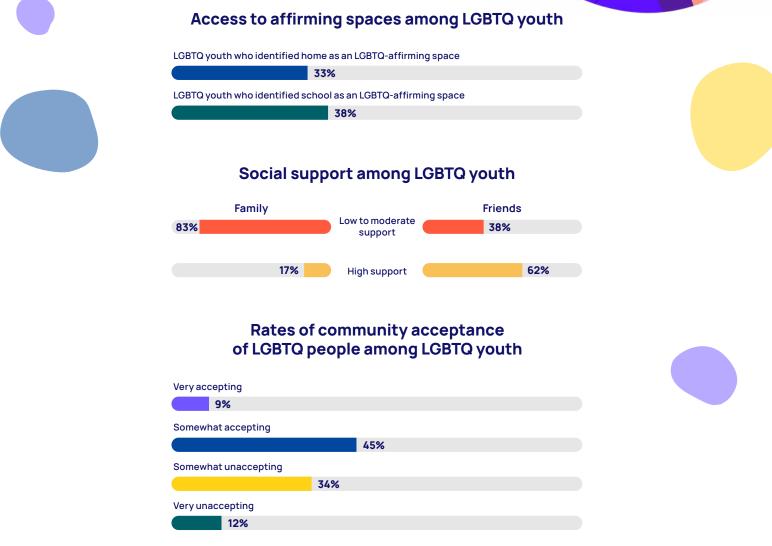




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Alaska

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Alaska?

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other out LGBTQ people that are active and happy in the space • pride flags • seeing adults ask for and respect people's pronouns • LGBTQ pride symbols

• having other people like me • signs designating somewhere a safe space • resources for LGBTQ people • being open minded and understanding

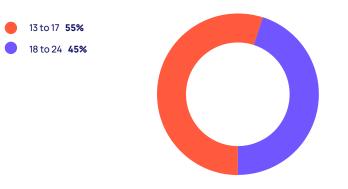


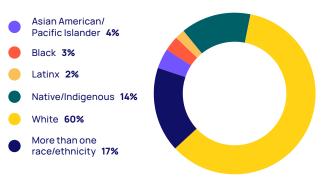
# **Demographics** in Alaska

Age of LGBTQ youth

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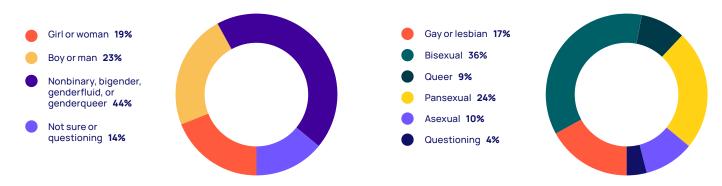






#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Arizona



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Arizona

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 49%

of LGBTQ youth in Arizona seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 19% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

16% of LGBTQ youth in Arizona attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in Arizona reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

65% of LGBTQ youth in Arizona reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 70% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Arizona

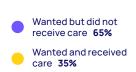


#### Access to care

#### 65% of LGBTQ youth in Arizona who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

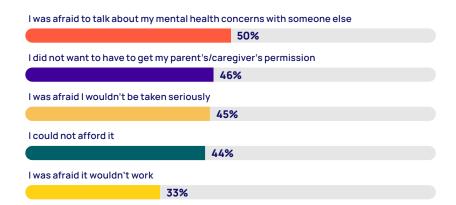
including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





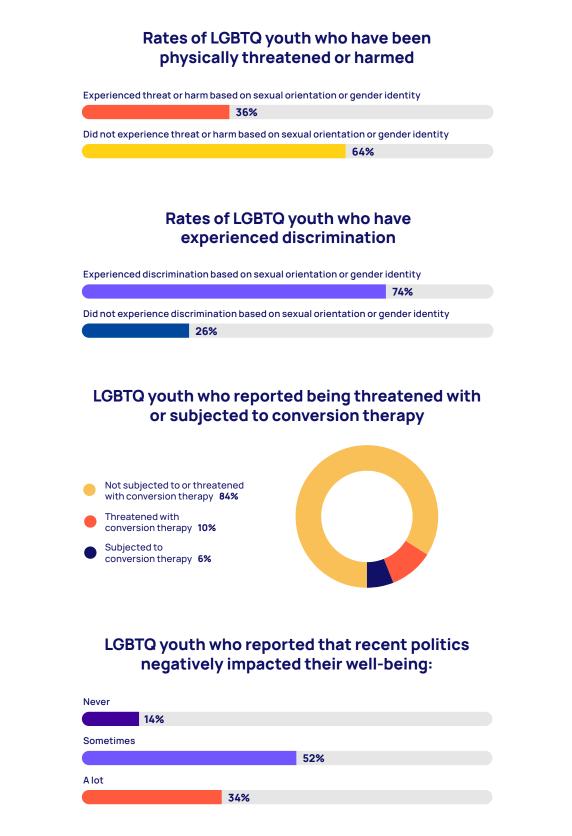
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Arizona

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

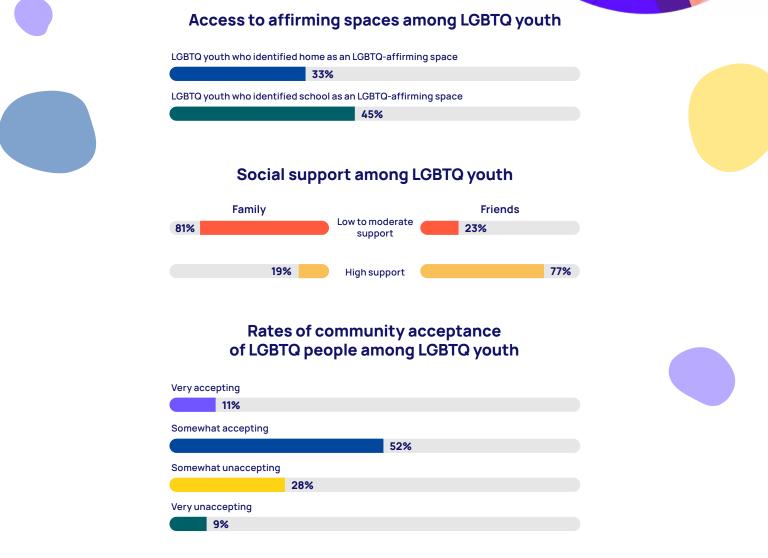




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Arizona

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Arizona?

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window signs declaring them to be LGBTQ friendly spaces • LGBTQ staff members

• if they include sexual orientation and gender identity in their list of protections

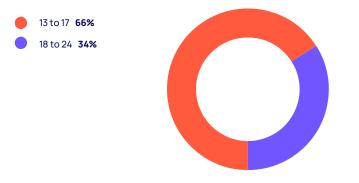
friends and teachers who are also LGBTQ
 when they ask for pronouns
 the vibe
 pride flags
 I can openly hold my girlfriend's hand

# **Demographics** in Arizona

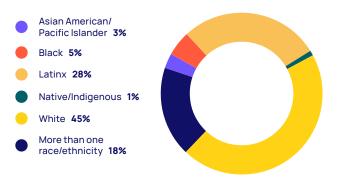
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

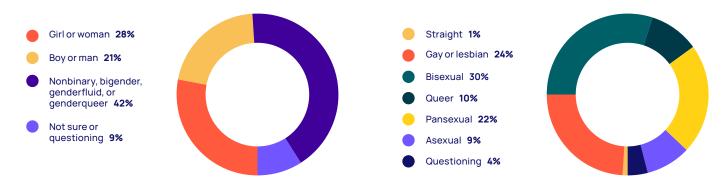


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Arkansas



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Arkansas

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

# 48%

of LGBTQ youth in Arkansas seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 59% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 22% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

suicide in the past year

17% of LGBTQ youth in Arkansas attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

74% of LGBTQ youth in Arkansas reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 83% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

62% of LGBTQ youth in Arkansas reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 68% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Arkansas



#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in Arkansas who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

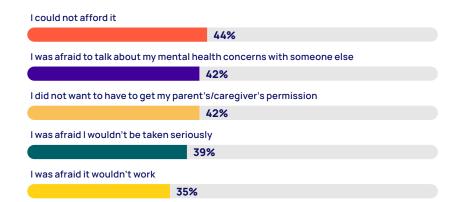
including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





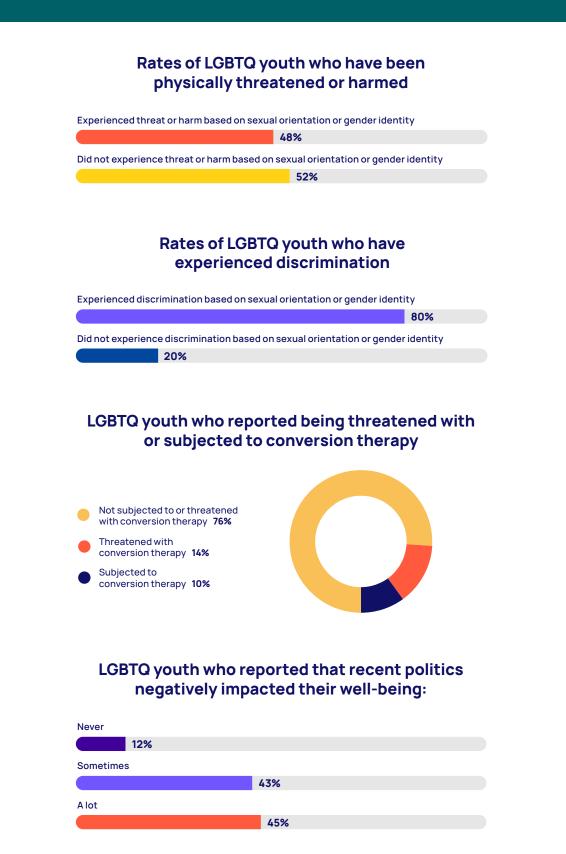
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Arkansas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

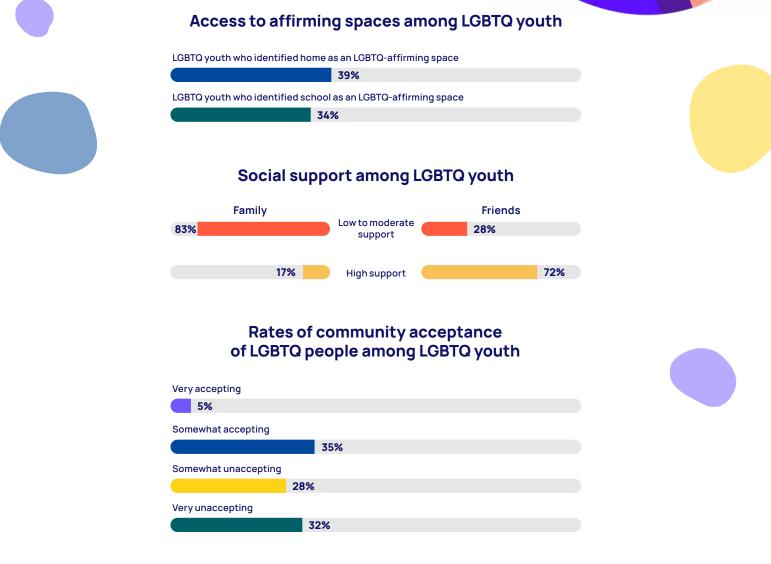




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Arkansas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Arkansas?

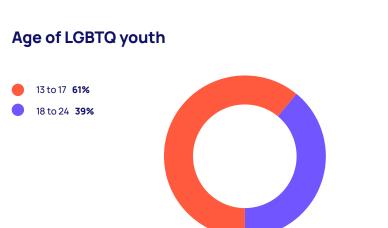
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having resources open and available for LGBTQ people • if they outwardly say they are LGBTQ friendly on their website or on signs • LGBTQ adults • pride flags •
 listening to people around me and how they talk about LGBTQ people •
 does not discriminate against me and allows me to be myself
 other out students • when they treat everyone equal

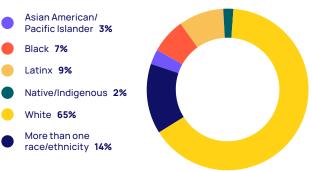


# **Demographics** in Arkansas

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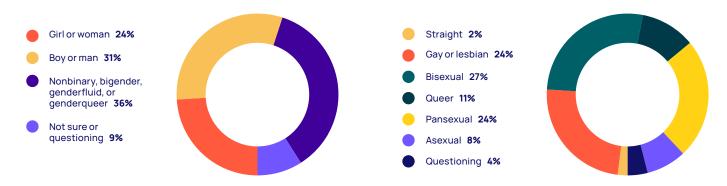


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth



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# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health California



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in California

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

44% of LGBTQ youth in California seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 19% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14% of LGBTQ youth in California attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

**69%** of LGBTQ youth in California reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 75% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**58%** of LGBTQ youth in California reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in California



#### Access to care

#### 62% of LGBTQ youth in California who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

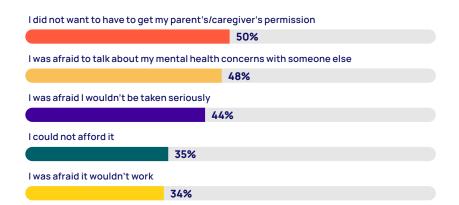
including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





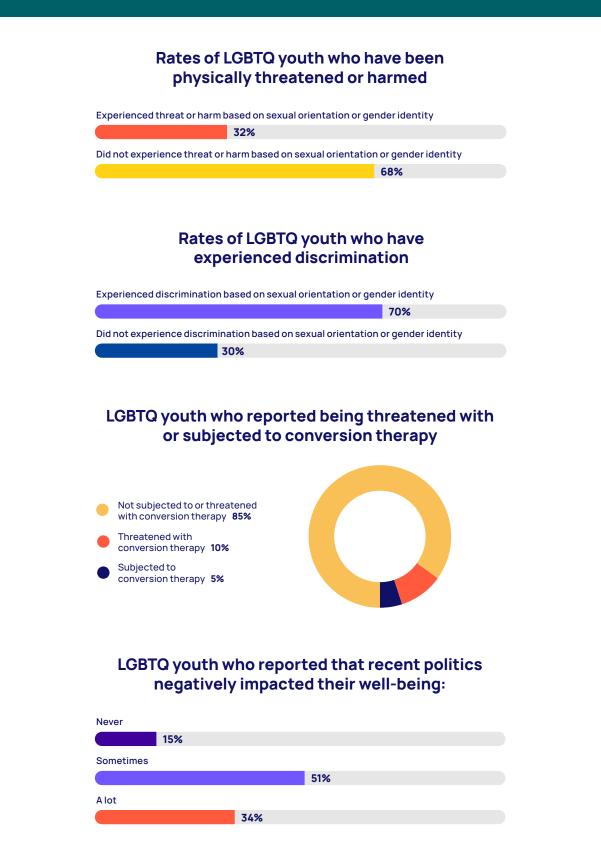
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in California

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

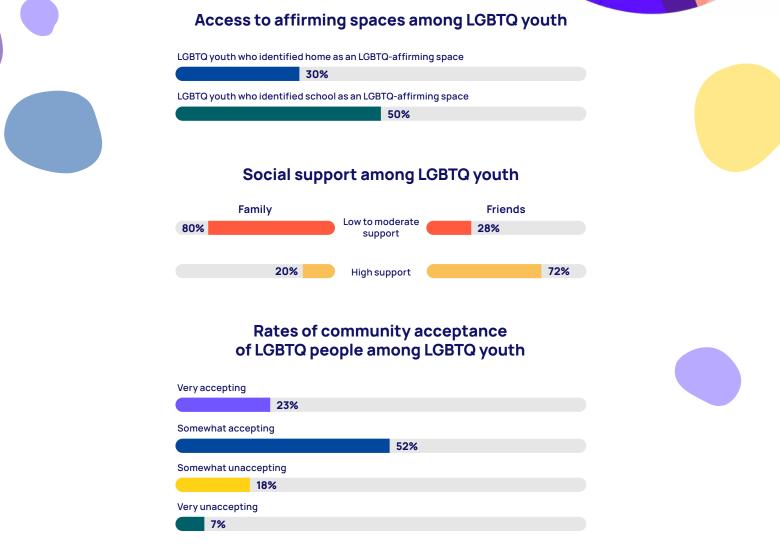




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in California

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in California?

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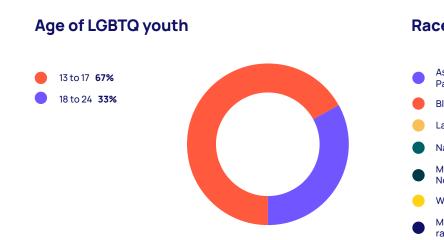
seeing that other LGBTQ people are out and happy in the space • a certain vibe
diverse authority figures • asking and using correct pronouns and name • if they have "LGBTQ friendly" in their description online • diverse LGBTQ staff

publicly out leaders/organizers
 other LGBTQ people of color

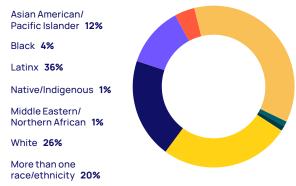


# **Demographics** in California

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 27% Boy or man 25% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 38% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 27% Bisexual 31% Queer 11% Pansexual 18% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Colorado

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Colorado

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

45% of LGBTQ youth in Colorado seriously considered suicide in the suicide in the past year

including 52% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 17% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14% of LGBTQ youth in Colorado attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

76% of LGBTQ youth in Colorado reported experiencing symptoms of any

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**60%** of LGBTQ youth in Colorado reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 66% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Colorado



#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in Colorado who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

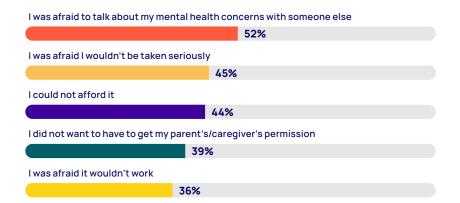
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#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





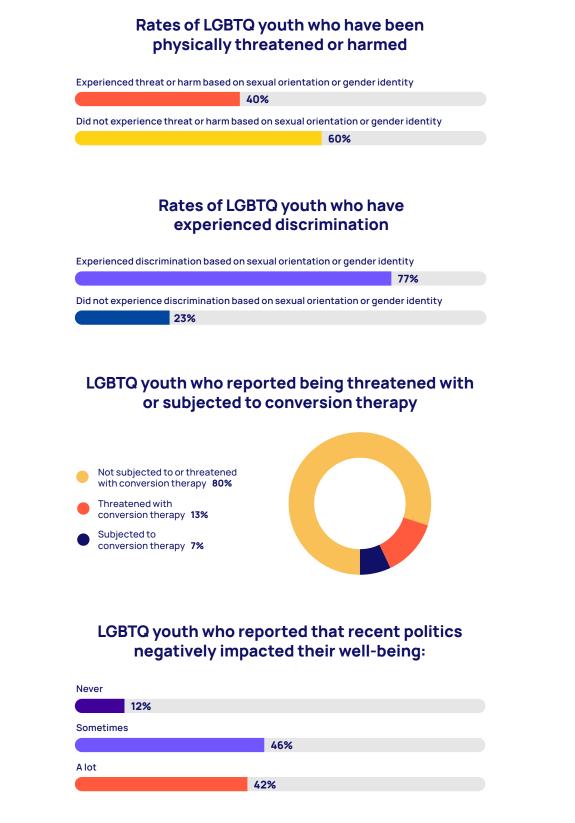
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Colorado

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

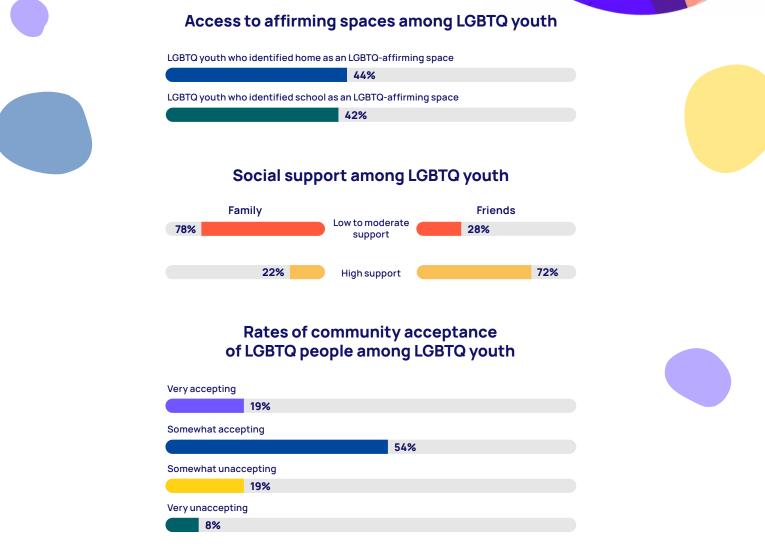




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Colorado

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Colorado?

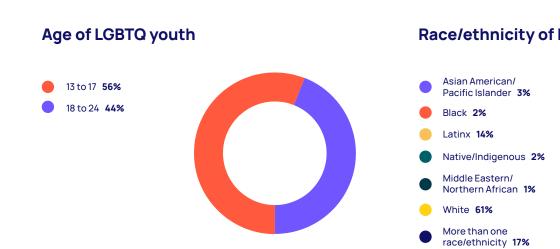


a supportive environment of people • asking about pronouns in an open way
 other LGBTQ people • how people talk about or treat LGBTQ people •
 pride flags • the vibe • having openly LGBTQ staff •
 LGBTQ people in positions of authority

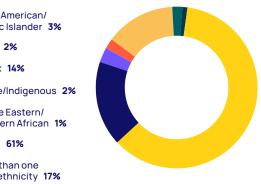


## **Demographics** in Colorado

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Gay or lesbian 27% Girl or woman 31% Bisexual 29% Boy or man 24% Queer 10% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or Pansexual 22% genderqueer 36% Asexual 8% Not sure or questioning 9% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Connecticut

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Connecticut

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

42%

of LGBTQ youth in **Connecticut seriously** considered suicide in the past year

including 53% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

11%

of LGBTQ youth in **Connecticut attempted** suicide in the past year

including 13% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

69%

of LGBTQ youth in **Connecticut reported** experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 74% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in **53%** Connecticut reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Connecticut

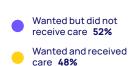


#### Access to care

#### 52% of LGBTQ youth in Connecticut who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 50% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





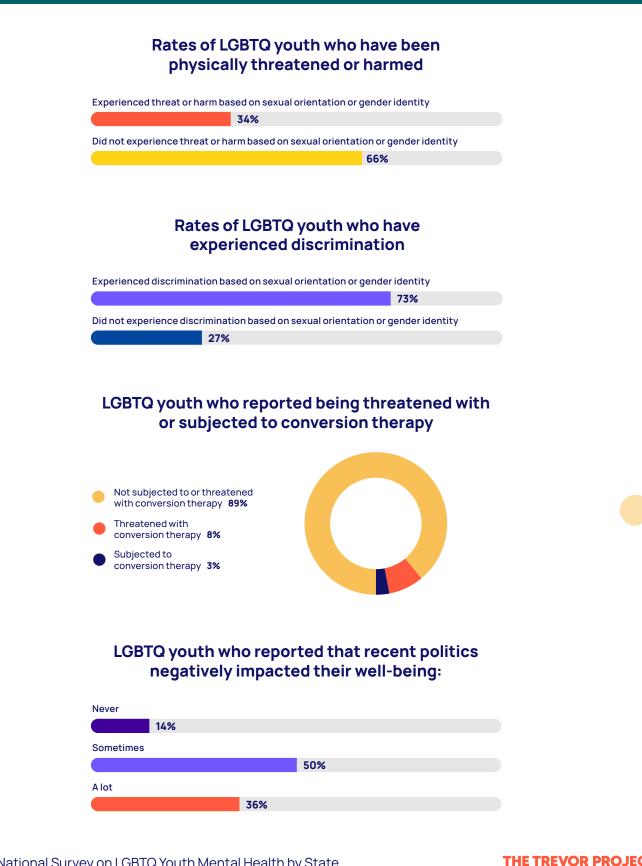
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else				
50%				
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission				
48%				
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously				
40%				
l was afraid it wouldn't work				
34%				
I could not afford it				
28%				



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Connecticut

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization - including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy - report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

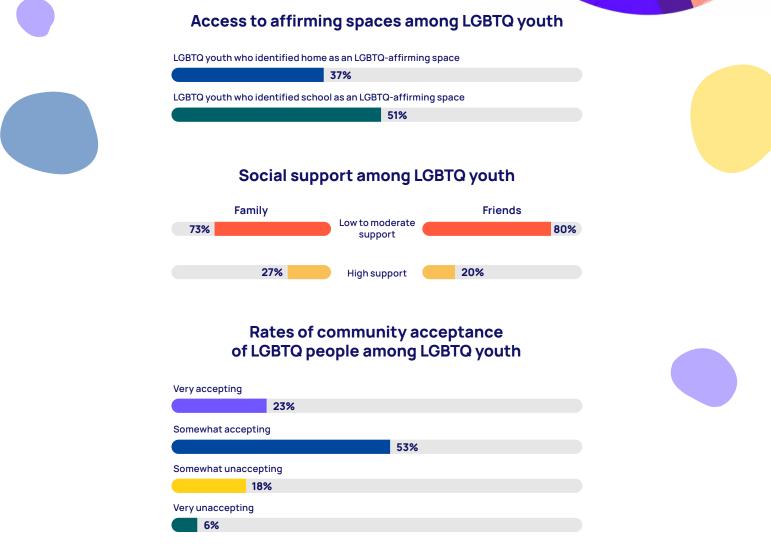




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Connecticut

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Connecticut?

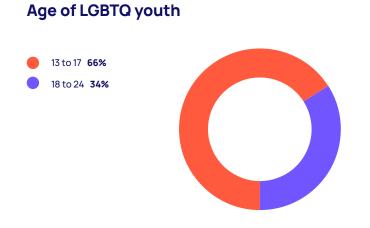
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a diverse group of people • attitudes and words of the people around me • leaders are allies • asking for pronouns • other members of the LGBTQ community • I can be myself • pride flags • policies about acceptance and inclusion

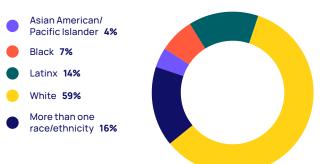


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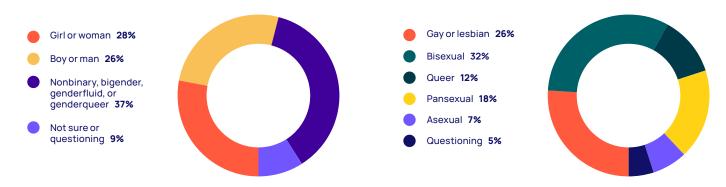


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Delaware

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# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Delaware

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

49% of LGBTQ youth in Delaware seriously considered suicide in the post way

**17%** of LGBTQ youth in Delaware attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

74%

of LGBTQ youth in Delaware reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

of LGBTQ youth in Delaware **555%** of LOBIC youthing composition of the symptoms of depression.



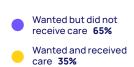
# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Delaware



#### Access to care

65% of LGBTQ youth in Delaware who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





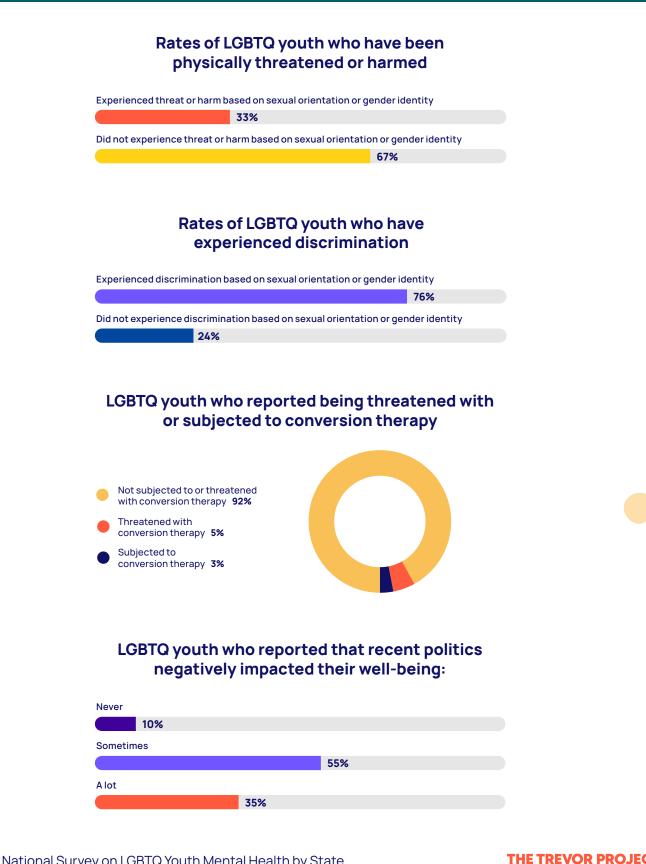
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
48%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
46%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
46%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
32%
I could not afford it
30%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Delaware

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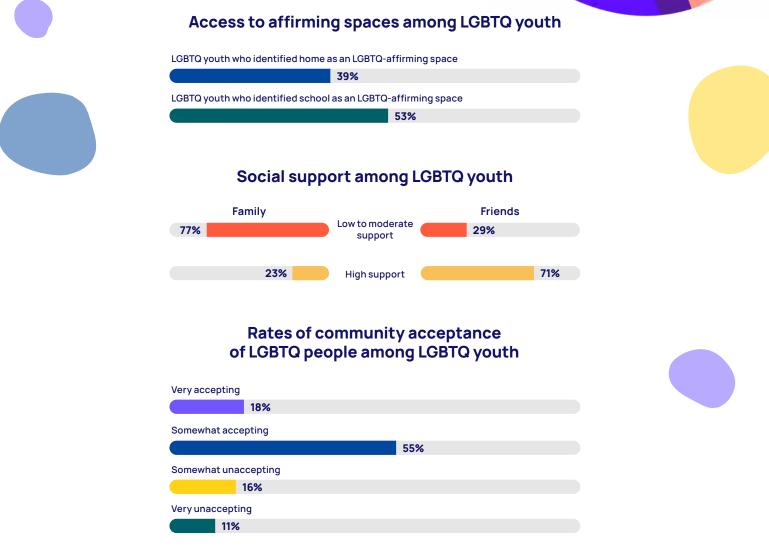




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Delaware

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Delaware?

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other LGBTQ people who are there and open about their identities • pride flags
 LGBTQ clubs or groups • inclusive or specifically LGBTQ programming • teachers using transgender students' preferred names and/or pronouns

• openness about LGBTQ support • if I feel comfortable being out •

they respect LGBTQ people

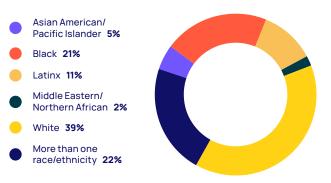


## **Demographics** in Delaware

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 24% Boy or man 23% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 38% Not sure or questioning 15% Gay or lesbian 18% Bisexual 36% Queer 11% Pansexual 17% Asexual 12% Questioning 6%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Florida



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Florida

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 45%

of LGBTQ youth in Florida seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

16% of LGBTQ youth in Florida attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

73% of LGBTQ youth in Florid reported experiencing symptoms of anyiety of LGBTQ youth in Florida symptoms of anxiety

including 77% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**60%** of LGBTQ youth in Florida reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 67% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Florida



#### Access to care

#### 65% of LGBTQ youth in Florida who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

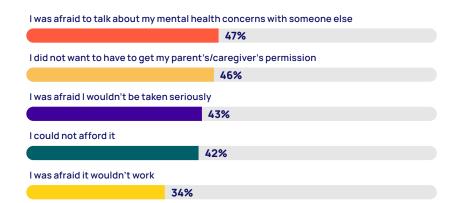
including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





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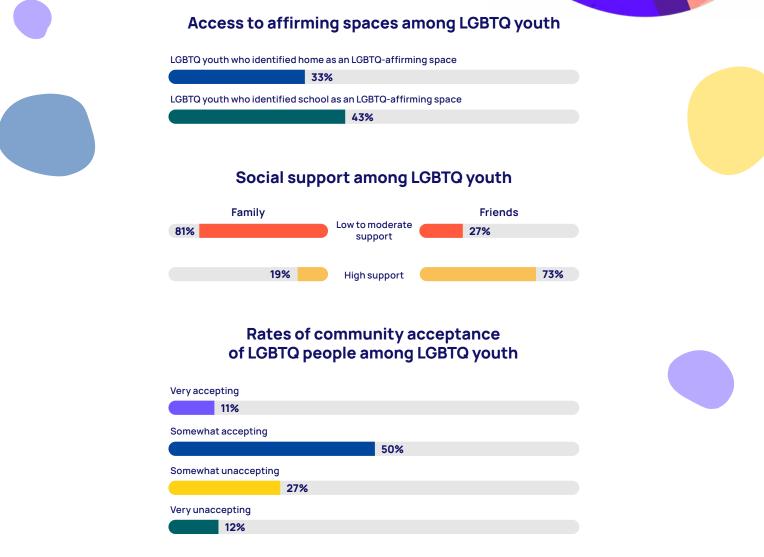




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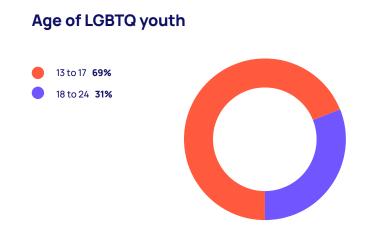
What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Florida?

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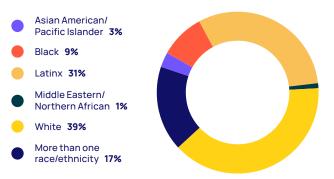
teachers with LGBTQ supporting decorations in their classroom • pride flags
policies put in place to protect LGBTQ people against hate and discrimination •
LGBTQ representation • how they treat LGBTQ people • public displays of support
signs that show they are a safe space for everyone
employees wearing pride or pronoun pins

# **Demographics** in Florida

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

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# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Georgia



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Georgia

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 46%

of LGBTQ youth in Georgia seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 55% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 16% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14% of LGBTQ youth in Georgia attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

72% of LGBTQ youth in Georgia reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**59%** of LGBTQ youth in Georgia reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 67% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Georgia



#### Access to care

#### 64% of LGBTQ youth in Georgia who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 62% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





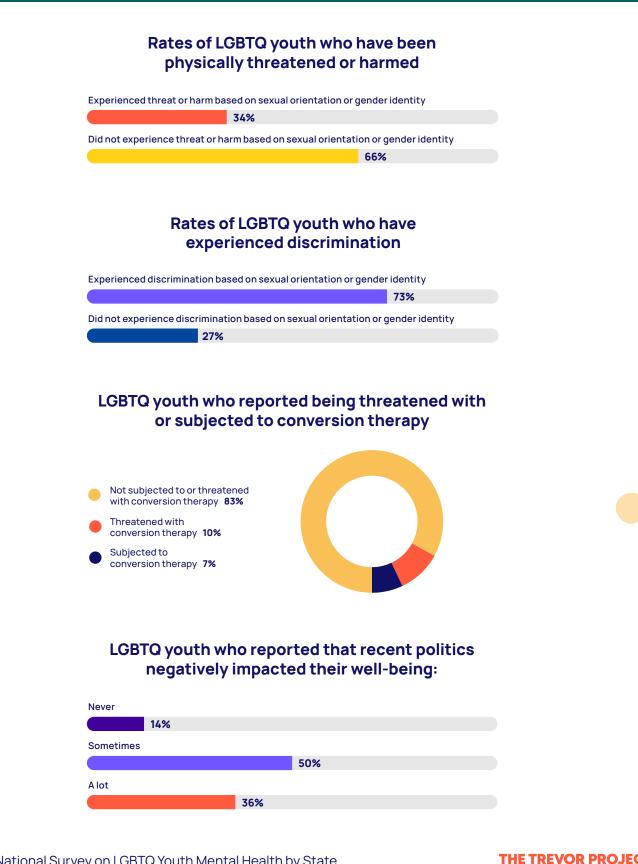
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

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48%				
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else				
47%				
I could not afford it				
43%				
l was afraid l wouldn't be taken seriously				
42%				
l was afraid it wouldn't work				
33%				



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Georgia

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization - including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy - report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.



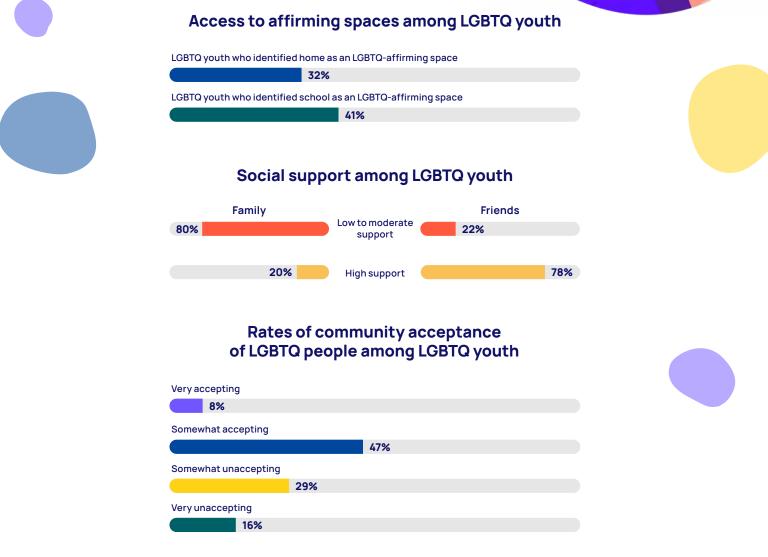


# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Georgia

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.



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What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Georgia?

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LGBTQ staff • advocating for trans rights • clear statement of their support

 open support for the LGBTQ community that is not just words or monetary donations, but actions • rules protecting LGBTQ people • other LGBTQ people • seeing people that are just like me

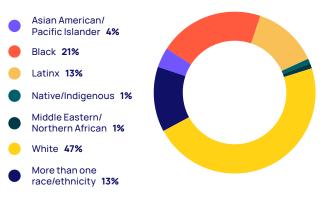


# **Demographics** in Georgia

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

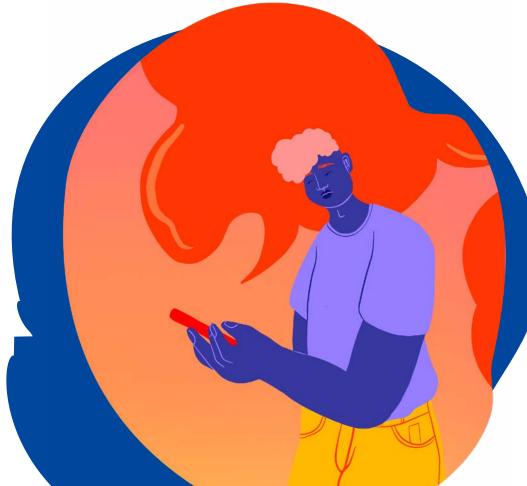
#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 22% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 40% Not sure or questioning 8% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 25% Bisexual 32% Queer 9% Pansexual 21% Asexual 9% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Hawaii



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Hawaii

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

52% of LGBTQ youth in Hawaii seriously considered suicide in the past year.

17% of LGBTQ youth in Hawaii attempted suicide in the parts suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in Hawaii reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

**53%** of LGBTQ youth in Hawaii reported experiencing symptoms of depression.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Hawaii



#### Access to care

54% of LGBTQ youth in Hawaii who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





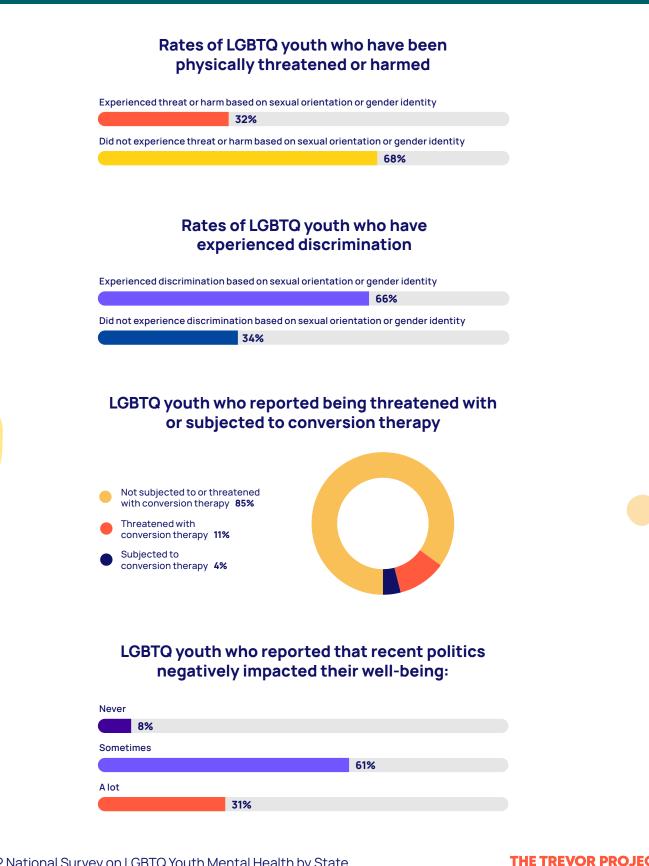
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission				
		61%		
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else				
		51%		
l was afraid it wouldn't wo	rk			
	42%			
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously				
	40%			
could not afford it				
	37%			



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Hawaii

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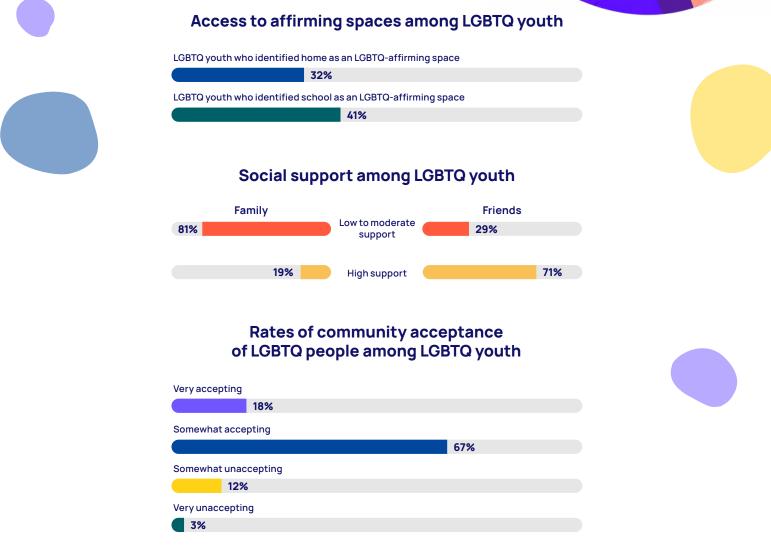




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Hawaii

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





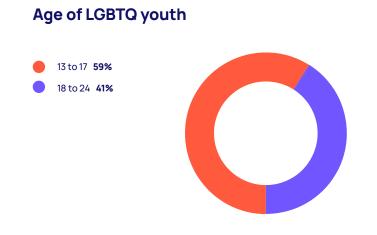
What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Hawaii?



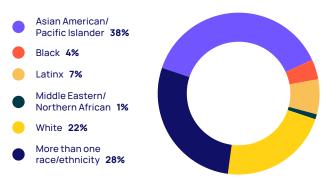
access to LGBTQ care • flyers to show support/resources • pride flags • openly-LGBTQ people • they use my pronouns and my chosen name
 • seeing diversity of identities and experiences • respecting pronouns • people who respect who I am

# **Demographics** in Hawaii

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 28% Boy or man 20% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 38% Not sure or questioning 14% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 20% Bisexual 35% Queer 8% Pansexual 13% Asexual 21% Questioning 2%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Idaho



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Idaho

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 52%

of LGBTQ youth in Idaho seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 27% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

19% of LGBTQ youth in Idaho attempted suicide in the part

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

73% of LGBTQ youth in Idaho reported experiencing symptoms of appriate

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**56%** of LGBTQ youth in Idaho reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Idaho



#### Access to care

#### 55% of LGBTQ youth in Idaho who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 51% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else

48%
I could not afford it

45%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission

42%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously

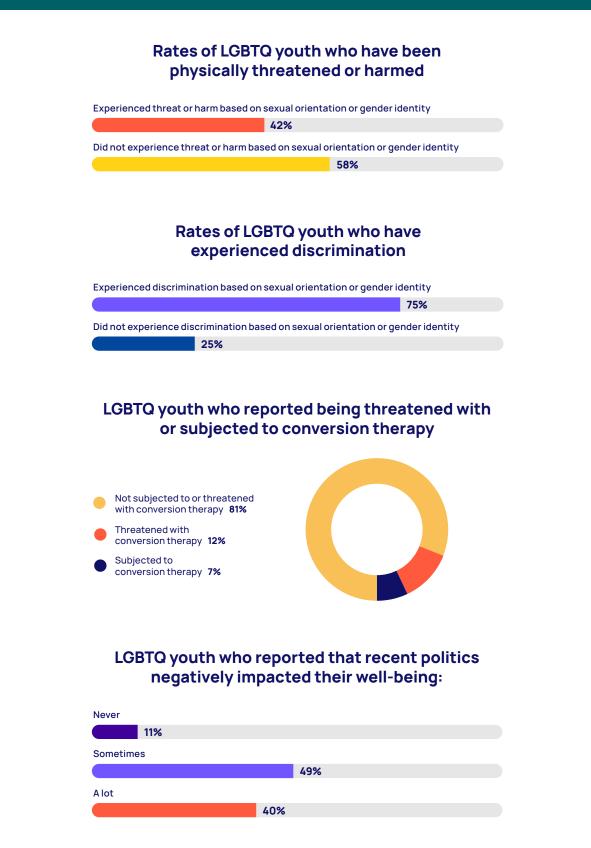
37%
I was afraid it wouldn't work

33%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Idaho

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

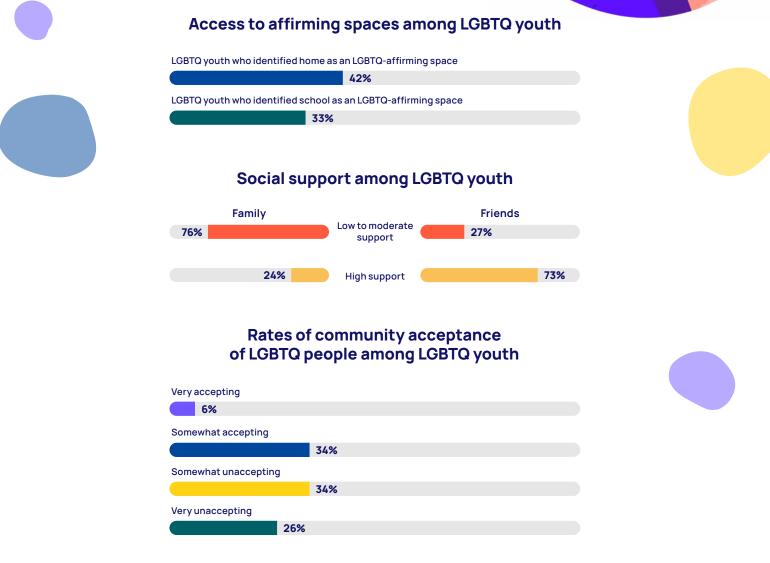




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Idaho

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Idaho?

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LGBTQ club or a GSA • other organizers and community members who are LGBTQ • people there openly support the LGBTQ community • how they treat me • pride flags • seeing other LGBTQ people happy and comfortable in the environment • when leadership support LGBTQ in private and public • the way people talking about LGBTQ people

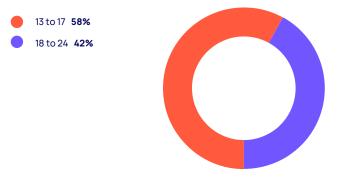


# **Demographics** in Idaho

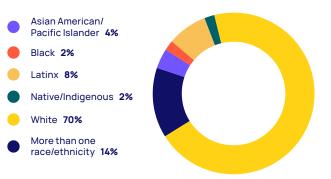
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

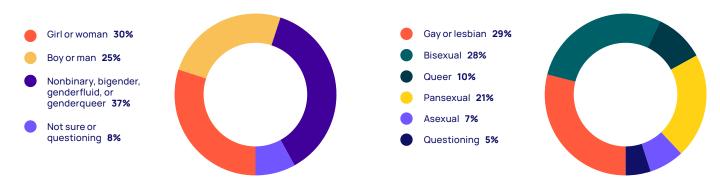


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Illinois



# **Mental Health & Suicide Risk** in Illinois

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



of LGBTQ youth in Illinois attempted suicide

in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

# 41%

of LGBTQ youth in Illinois seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 51% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 16% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

74% of LGBTQ youth in Illinois reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

12%

**55%** of LGBTQ youth in Illinois reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 62% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Illinois

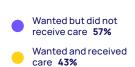


#### Access to care

#### 57% of LGBTQ youth in Illinois who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 57% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





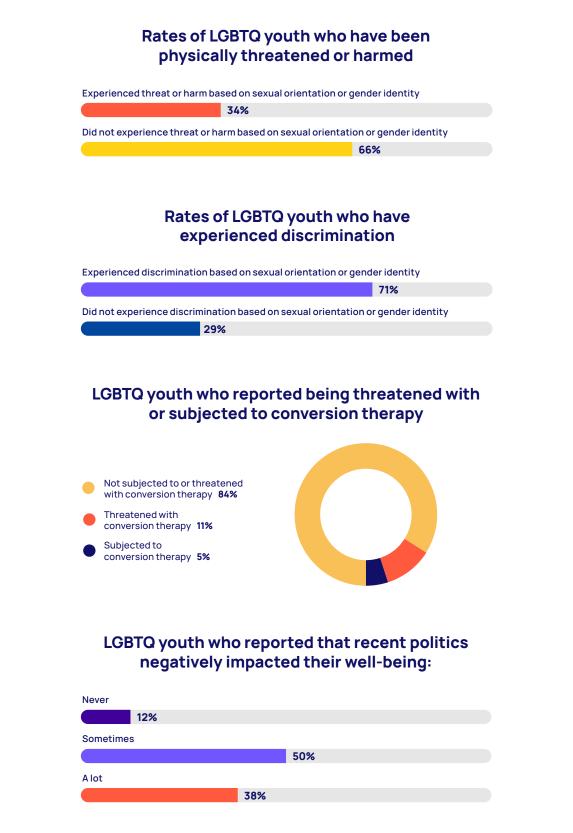
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
46%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
45%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
42%
I could not afford it
41%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
35%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Illinois

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

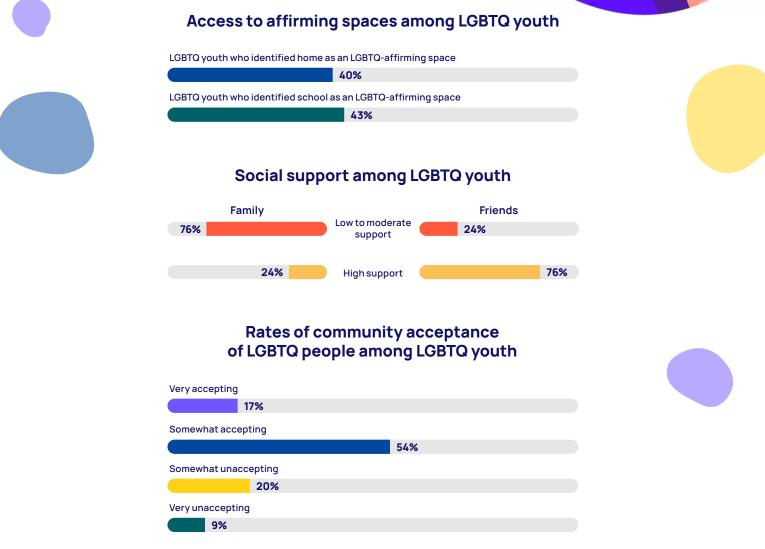




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Illinois

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Illinois?



friends I trust • attitudes towards LGBTQ people • anti-discrimination policies • good reviews from other LGBTQ people • signs that say "safe space" • if I see other LGBTQ people able to be happy • pride flags • other openly transgender people

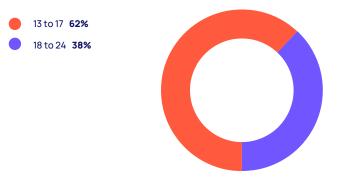


# **Demographics** in Illinois

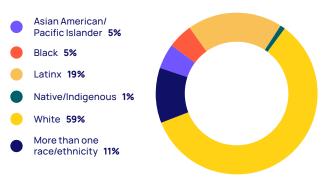
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

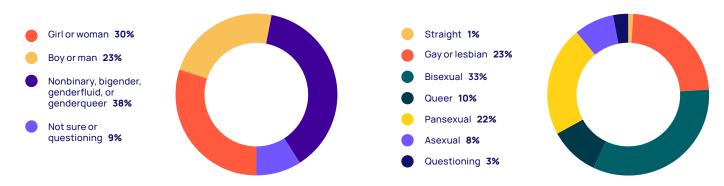


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Indiana



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Indiana

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



of LGBTQ youth in Indiana attempted suicide

in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 45%

of LGBTQ youth in Indiana seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 19% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in Indiana reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 80% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

15%

**58%** of LGBTQ youth in Indiana reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Indiana



#### Access to care

#### 62% of LGBTQ youth in Indiana who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





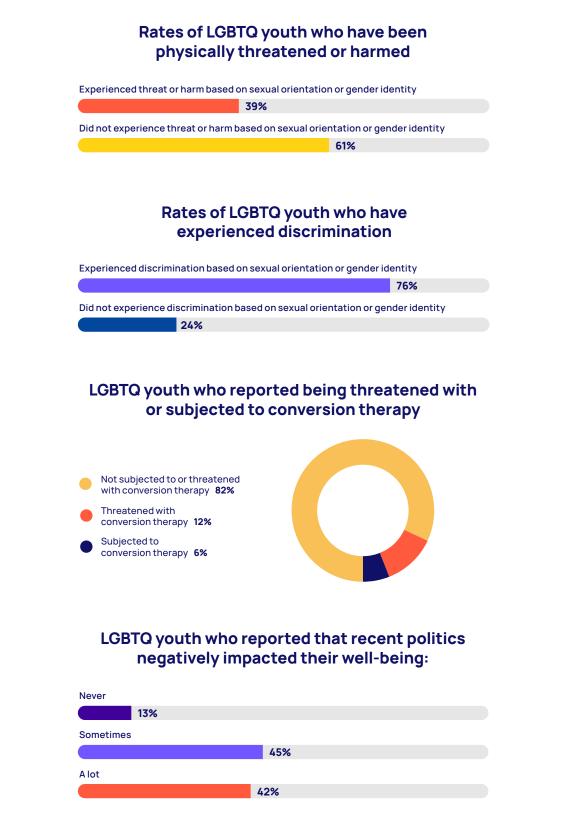
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
48%
I could not afford it
45%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
44%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
42%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
37%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Indiana

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

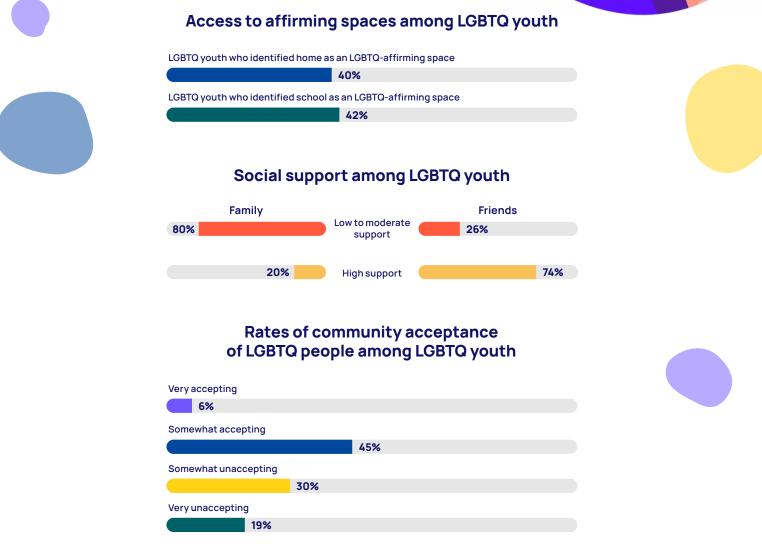




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Indiana

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Indiana?

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if I can be myself • anti-discrimination policies to protect LGBTQ people •
 making safe clubs for LGBTQ students • staff members who are out as LGBTQ
 • pride flags • other open LGBTQ people • seeing diversity in staff •
 how they treat openly LGBTQ people

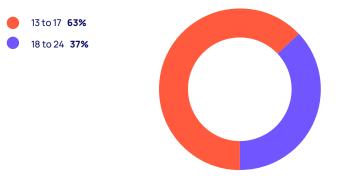


# **Demographics** in Indiana

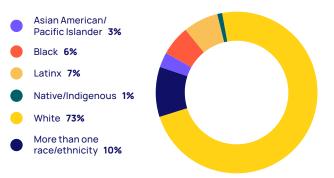
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

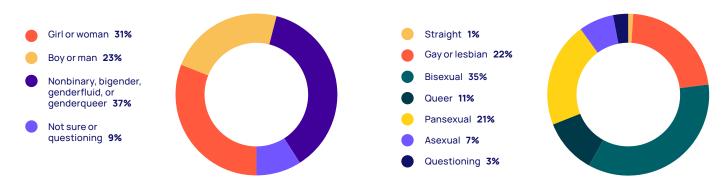


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health lowa

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Iowa

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



of LGBTQ youth in Iowa attempted suicide

in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 44%

of LGBTQ youth in Iowa seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 52% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 22% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

76% of LGBTQ youth in Iowa reported experiencing symptoms of environment

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

16%

of LGBTQ youth in Iowa 61% of LGBTQ youth in Iowa reported experiencing symptoms of depression symptoms of depression

including 66% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Iowa



#### Access to care

#### 56% of LGBTQ youth in Iowa who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

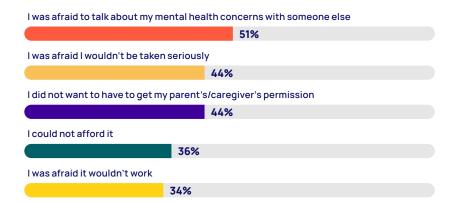
including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





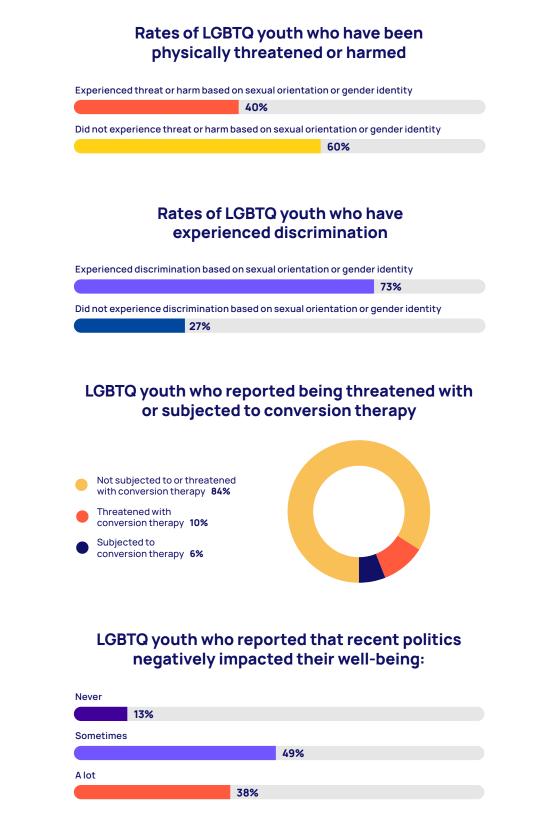
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Iowa

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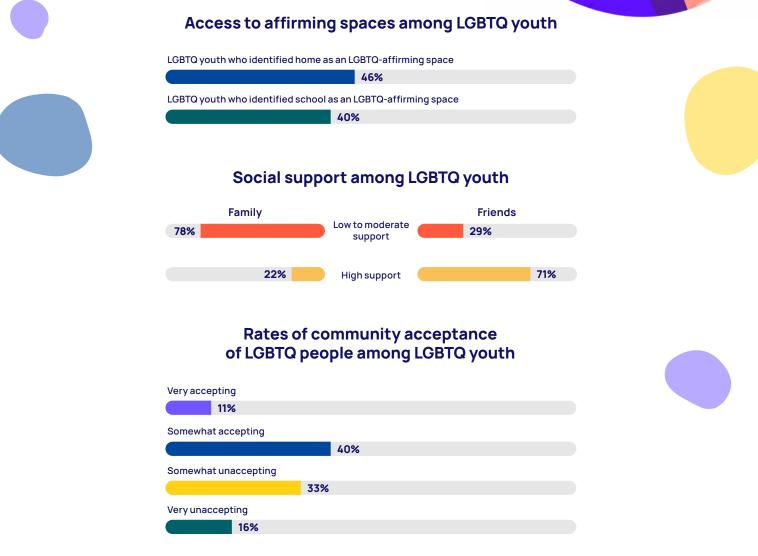




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Iowa

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in lowa?



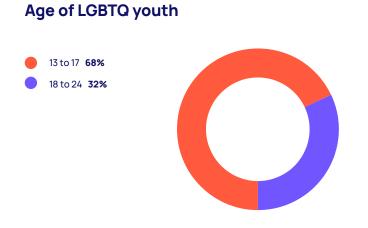
displaying of pronouns • diversity of the staff/leadership • pride flags • seeing LGBTQ people thrive in the environment • LGBTQ safe space signs
• signs that say they support the community • if I'm respected •

the resources available to LGBTQ students

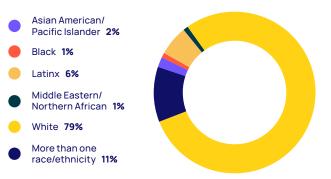


# **Demographics** in lowa

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 23% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 11% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 24% Bisexual 31% Queer 9% Pansexual 21% Asexual 11% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Kansas



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Kansas

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk



of LGBTQ youth in Kansas seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 51% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 23% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Kansas attempted

suicide in the past year

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

73%

of LGBTQ youth in Kansas reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

15%

**58%** of LGBTQ youth in Kansas reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Kansas



#### Access to care

#### 61% of LGBTQ youth in Kansas who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





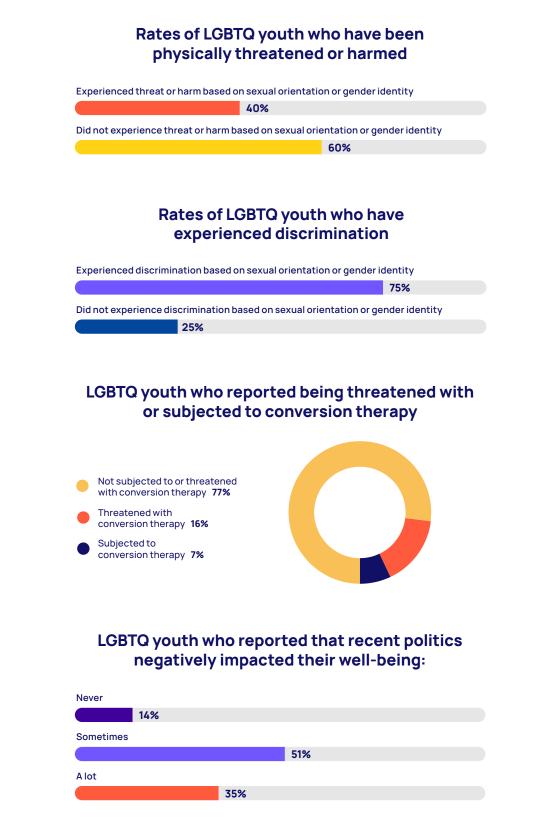
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
46%
I could not afford it
44%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
44%
l was afraid l wouldn't be taken seriously
42%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
33%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Kansas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

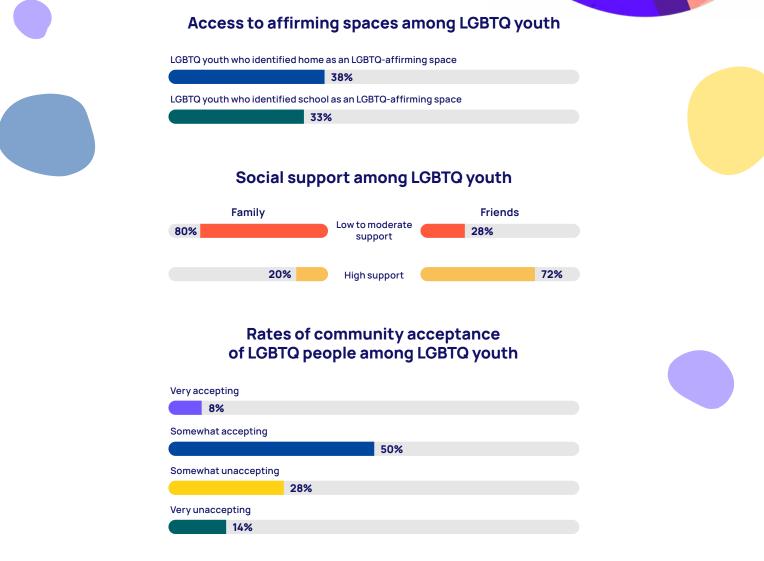




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Kansas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





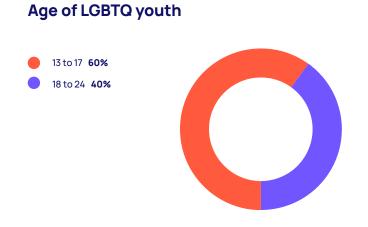
What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Kansas?

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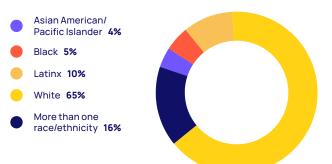
asking for pronouns and chosen name • seeing others comfortably expressing themselves • actively upholding anti-discrimination policies • efforts towards inclusion and accessibility • I feel comfortable when walking in • how people talk about the LGBTQ community • pride celebrations • supportive teachers

# **Demographics** in Kansas

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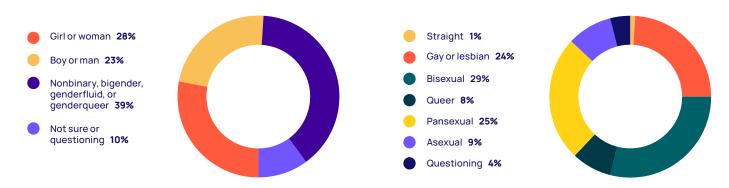


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Kentucky

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Kentucky

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

# 49%

of LGBTQ youth in Kentucky seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 59% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

17%

of LGBTQ youth in Kentucky attempted suicide in the past year

including 24% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

**78%** of LGBTQ youth in Kentucky reported experiencing symptoms of equilibrium

including 85% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

62% of LGBTQ youth in Kentucky reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 68% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Kentucky



#### Access to care

#### 58% of LGBTQ youth in Kentucky who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

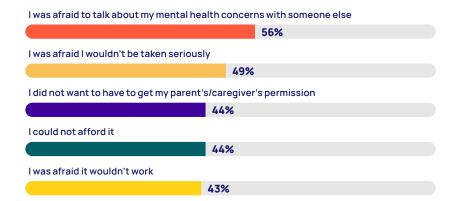
including 55% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





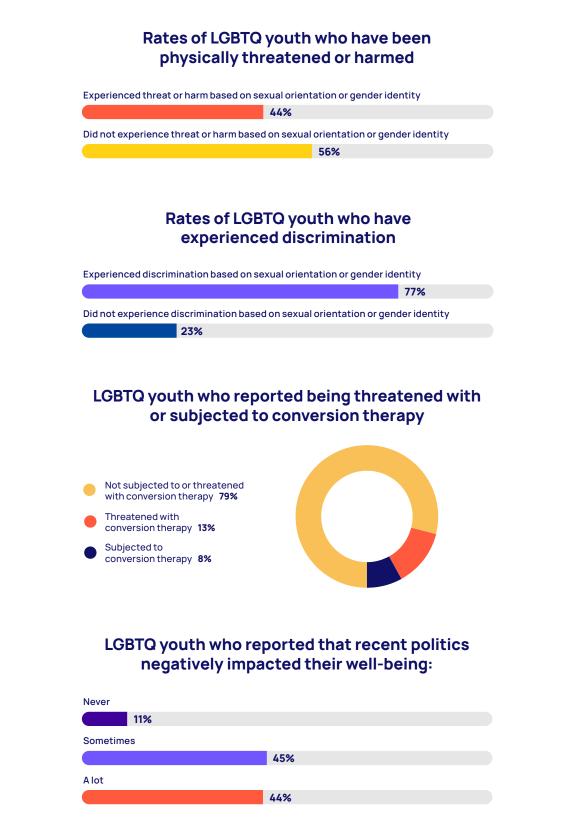
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Kentucky

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

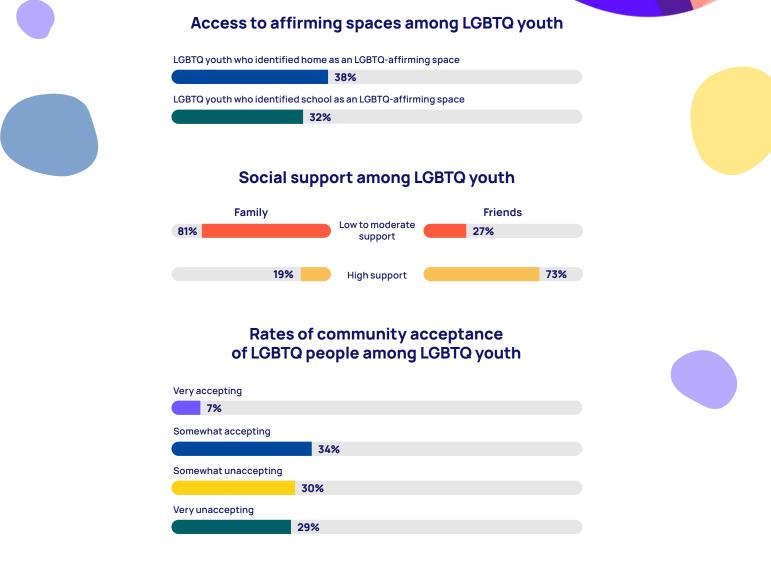




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Kentucky

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Kentucky?

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being able to express myself fully • how they treat LGBTQ people • pride flags

- how the staff handle bullying/discrimination LGBTQ representation
  - people being accepting and willing to learn about LGBTQ people
    - there are other openly LGBTQ people safe place stickers

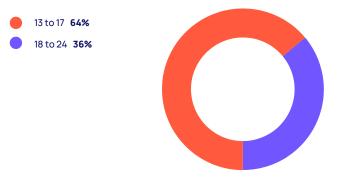


# **Demographics** in Kentucky

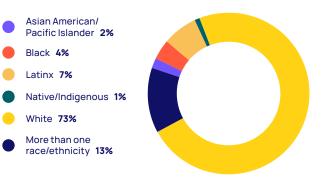
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

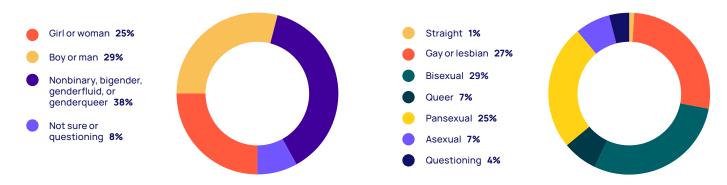


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Louisiana



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Louisiana

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk



of LGBTQ youth in Louisiana seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 50% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

13%

of LGBTQ youth in Louisiana attempted suicide in the past year

including 13% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

71%

of LGBTQ youth in Louisiana reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

58%

of LGBTQ youth in Louisiana reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 67% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Louisiana

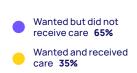


#### Access to care

#### 65% of LGBTQ youth in Louisiana who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





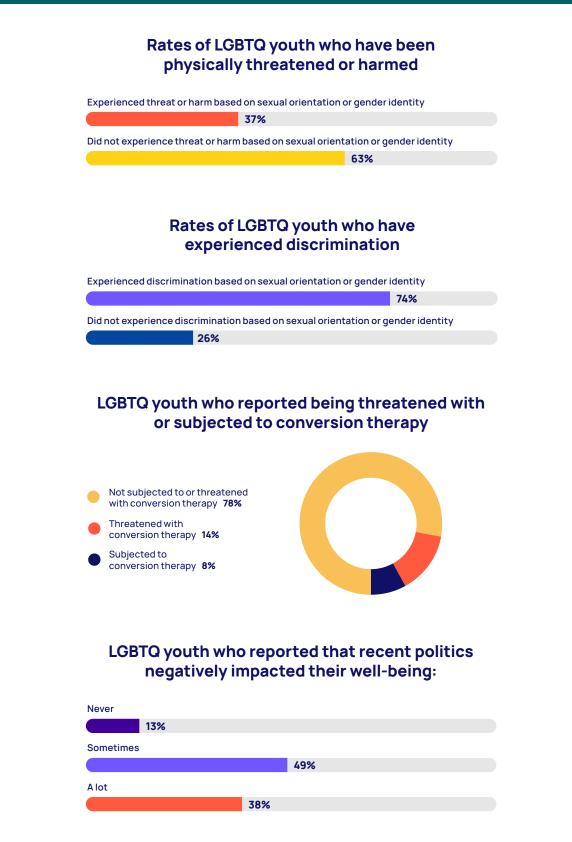
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
45%
I could not afford it
43%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
42%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
42%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
35%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Louisiana

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

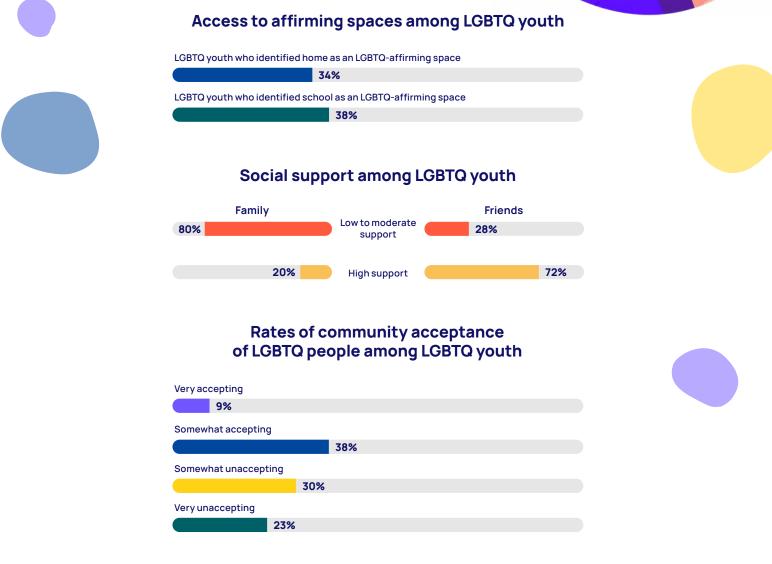




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Louisiana

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





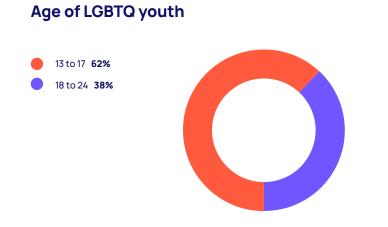
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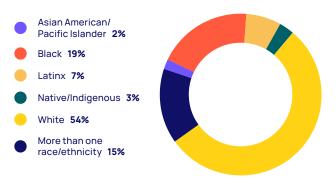
teachers that openly talk about LGBTQ associated topics • pride flags •
offer support for those who do not have a support system • LGBTQ workers/staff
other LGBTQ people in the place • people there who make me feel safe
• if they advocate LGBTQ safety • the treatment of LGBTQ students

## **Demographics** in Louisiana

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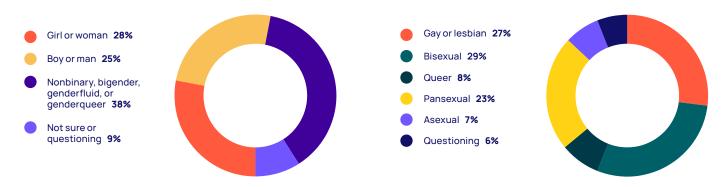


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







## 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Maine

## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Maine

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.





## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Maine



Access to care

60% of LGBTQ youth in Maine who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else

42%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously

42%
I could not afford it

42%
I was afraid it wouldn't work

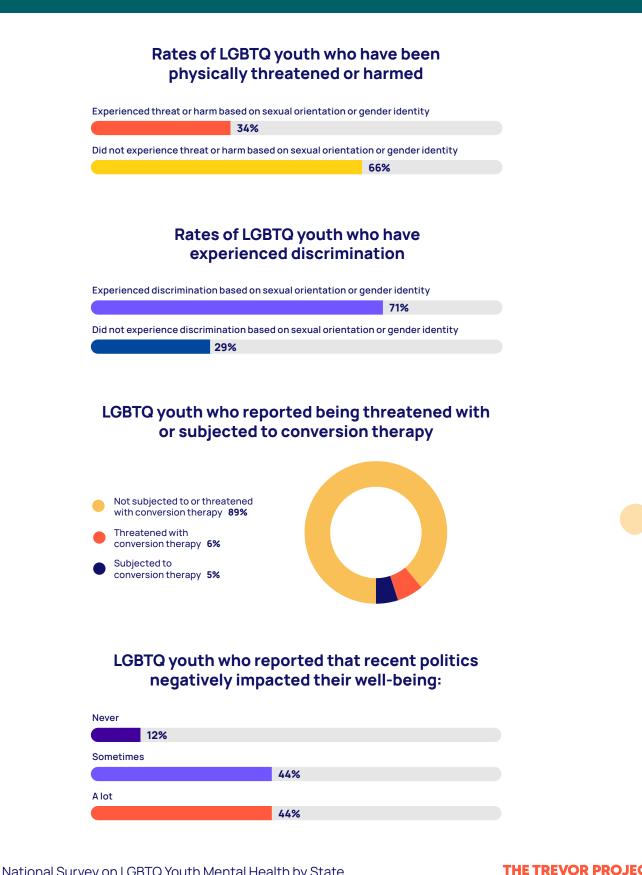
34%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission

30%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Maine

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization - including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy - report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

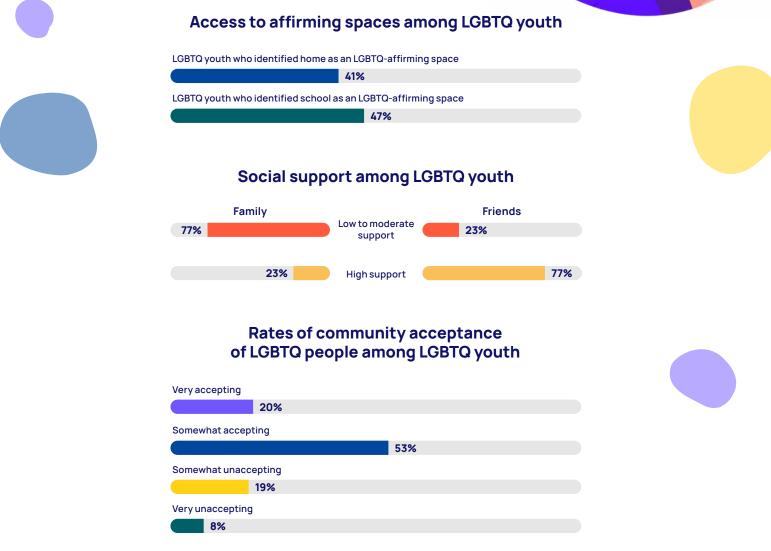




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Maine

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Maine?

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**abundance of openly LGBTQ people** • LGBTQ staff and peers • **pride flags** • how people talk about the community • they respect my pronouns and identity

 they're actively engage in ensuring that every individual LGBTQ person there feels welcomed and supported • open discussions about LGBTQ issues • anti-discrimination or bullying policies

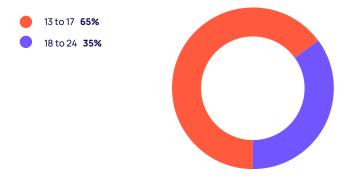


## **Demographics** in Maine

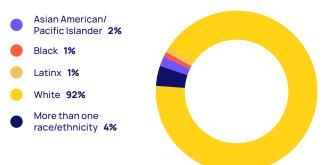
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## Age of LGBTQ youth

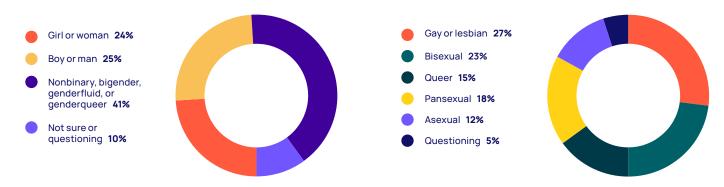


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Maryland



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Maryland

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

## 43%

of LGBTQ youth in Maryland seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 49% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 17% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

suicide in the past year

14% of LGBTQ youth in Maryland attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

**68%** of LGBTQ youth in Maryland reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 73% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**53%** of LGBTQ youth in Maryland reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Maryland



#### Access to care

#### 52% of LGBTQ youth in Maryland who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 49% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





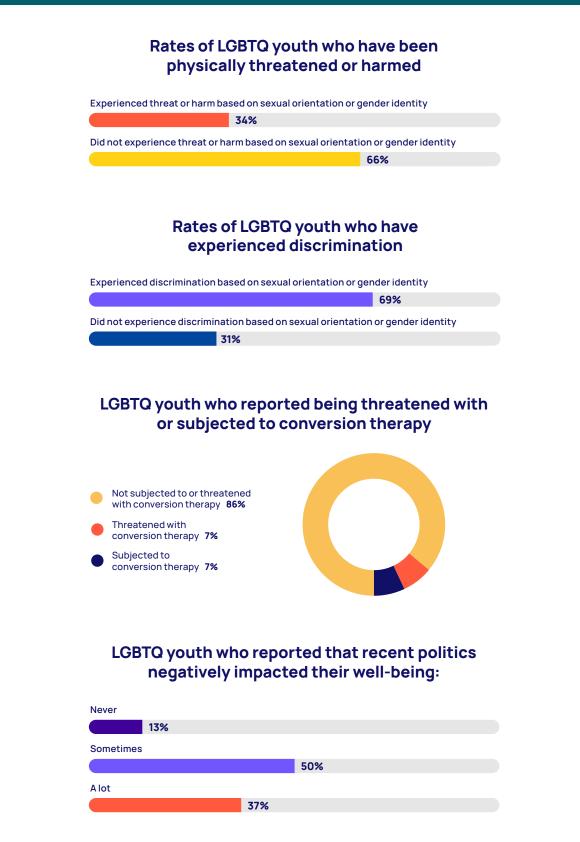
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
49%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
46%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
40%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
39%
I could not afford it
34%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Maryland

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

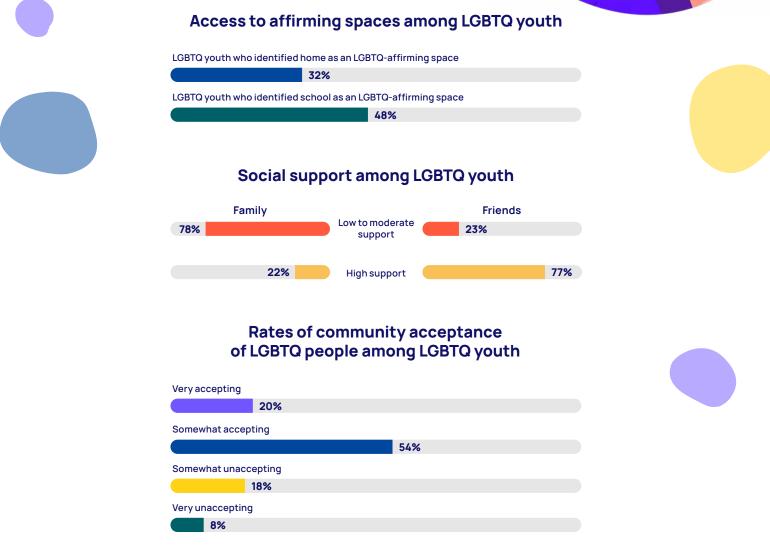




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Maryland

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Maryland?

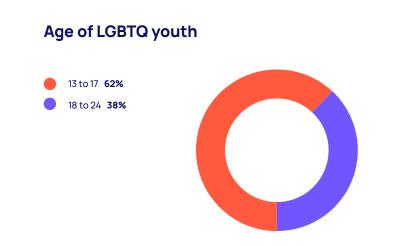
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out LGBTQ people in places of power • the employees have pronoun pins •
 LGBTQ programs or safe spaces • publically states support for the LGBTQ community
 • visible support of the LGBTQ community • advocate for LGBTQ rights
 • if I feel safe there • they treat me the same as everyone else

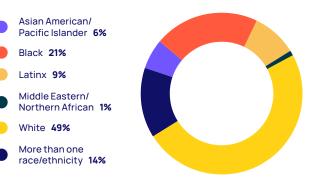


## **Demographics** in Maryland

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 25% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 9% Gay or lesbian 30% Gay or lesbian 30% Bisexual 29% Queer 11% Pansexual 20% Asexual 8% Questioning 2%





## 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Massachusetts



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Massachusetts

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

41%

of LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 51% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

11%

of LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts attempted suicide in the past year

including 15% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

71%

of LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

51%

of LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Massachusetts

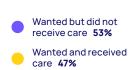


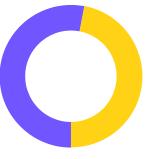
Access to care

#### 53% of LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 50% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





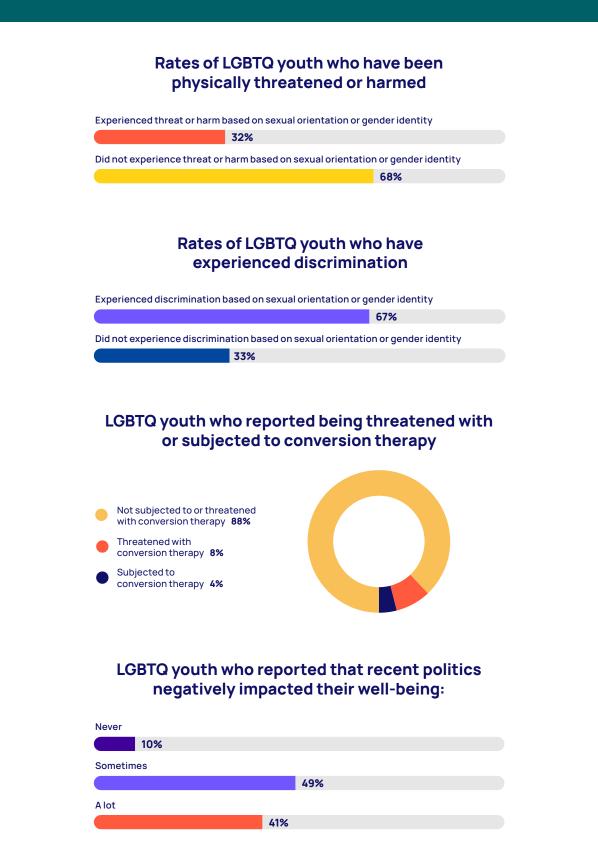
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
43%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
40%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
32%
I could not afford it
31%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
30%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Massachusetts

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization – including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy – report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

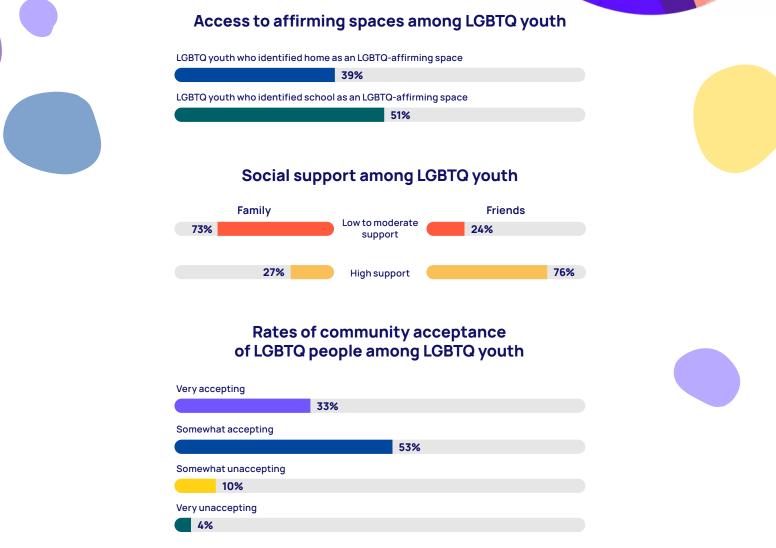




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Massachusetts

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Massachusetts?

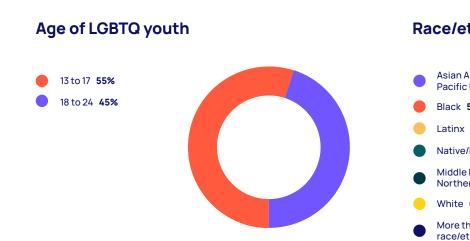
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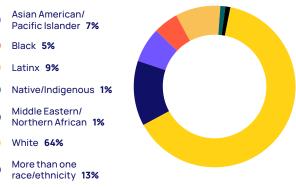


## **Demographics** in Massachusetts

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 31% Boy or man 22% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 37% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 30% Bisexual 31% Queer 13% Pansexual 15% Asexual 8% Questioning 2%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Michigan



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Michigan

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

## 45%

of LGBTQ youth in Michigan seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 52% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 18% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Michigan attempted

suicide in the past year

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

76%

of LGBTQ youth in Michigan reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

15%

**59%** of LGBTQ youth in Michigan reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Michigan



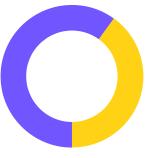
#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in Michigan who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

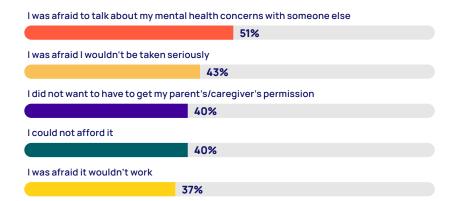
including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Michigan

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

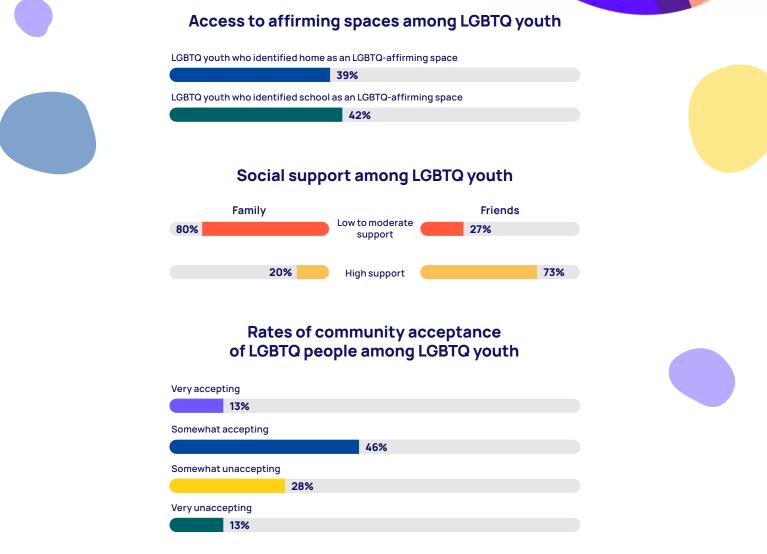




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Michigan

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Michigan?

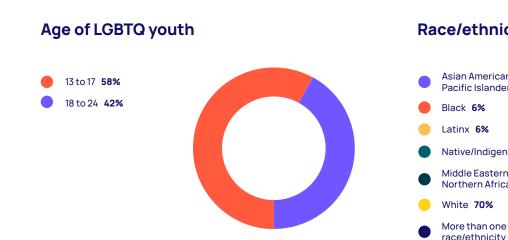
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the way people speak about LGBTQ issues • "LGBTQ safe space" stickers • if they advertise that they are LGBTQ friendly • abundance of LGBTQ people • if a teacher is supportive of LGBTQ rights • LGBTQ staff • pride flags • they show genuine care and respect

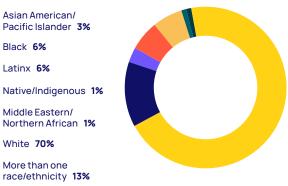


## **Demographics** in Michigan

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### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 31% Boy or man 26% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 35% Not sure or questioning 8% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 23% Bisexual 31% Queer 10% Pansexual 22% Asexual 10% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Minnesota



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Minnesota

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 



of LGBTQ youth in Minnesota seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 52% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

13%

of LGBTQ youth in Minnesota attempted suicide in the past year

including 17% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

of LGBTQ youth in 70% Di LOBICI youtinin Minnesota reported experiencing sympto experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 75% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

56%

of LGBTQ youth in Minnesota reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Minnesota

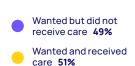


#### Access to care

#### 49% of LGBTQ youth in Minnesota who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 47% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





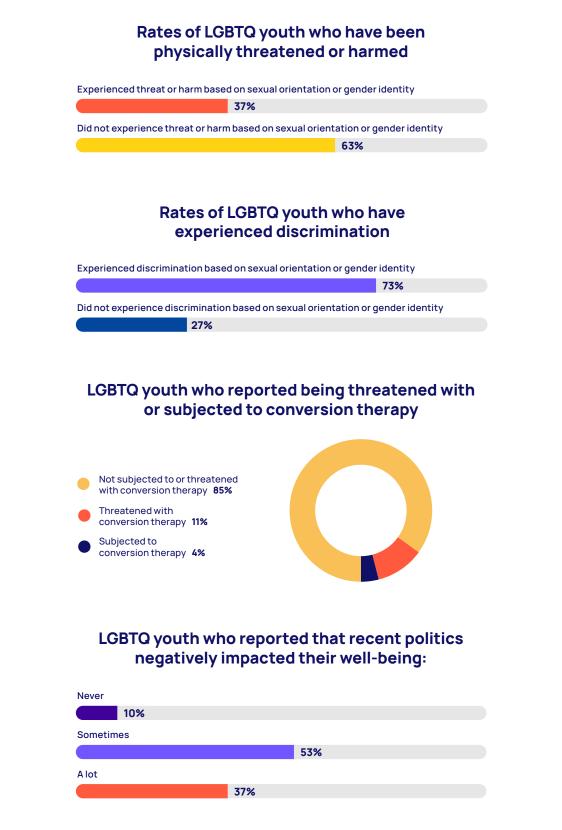
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

	50%
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	47%
l could not afford it	
	42%
l was afraid l would	't be taken seriously
	41%
l was afraid it would	n't work
	37%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Minnesota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

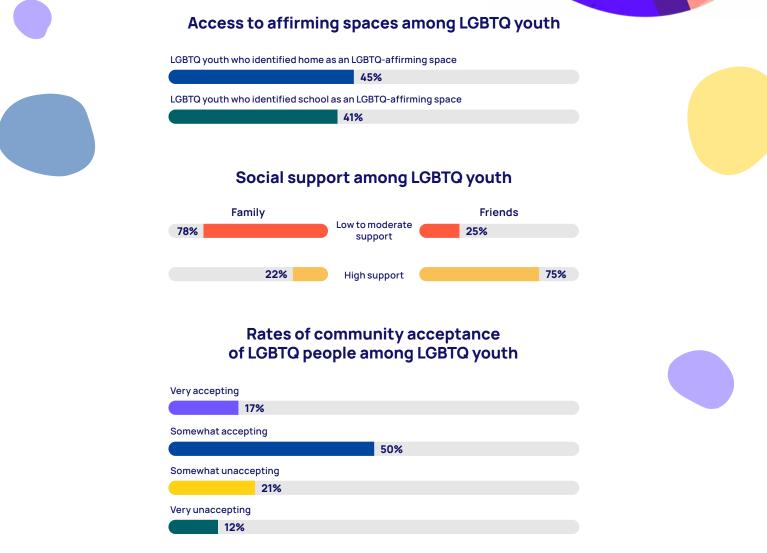




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Minnesota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Minnesota?

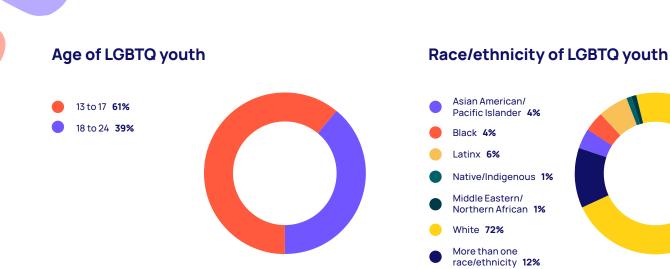


how they speak about all LGBTQ people and issues • "safe place" signs • when I see other LGBTQ people • if other people are out and accepted • how people act • pride flags • open-minded people • I can express myself while feeling comfortable



## **Demographics** in Minnesota

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#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 24% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 10% Gay or lesbian 25% Bisexual 31% Queer 11% Pansexual 18% Asexual 11% Questioning 3%



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

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# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Mississippi



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Mississippi

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

## 53%

of LGBTQ youth in Mississippi seriously considered suicide in the past year.

## 20%

of LGBTQ youth in Mississippi attempted suicide in the past year.

### **Anxiety & Depression**

67%

of LGBTQ youth in Mississippi reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

63%

of LGBTQ youth in Mississippi reported experiencing symptoms of depression.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Mississippi



#### Access to care

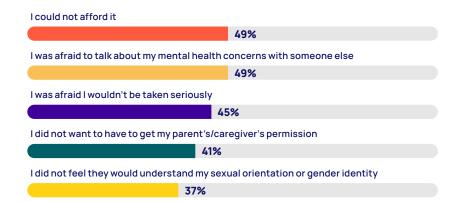
71% of LGBTQ youth in Mississippi who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





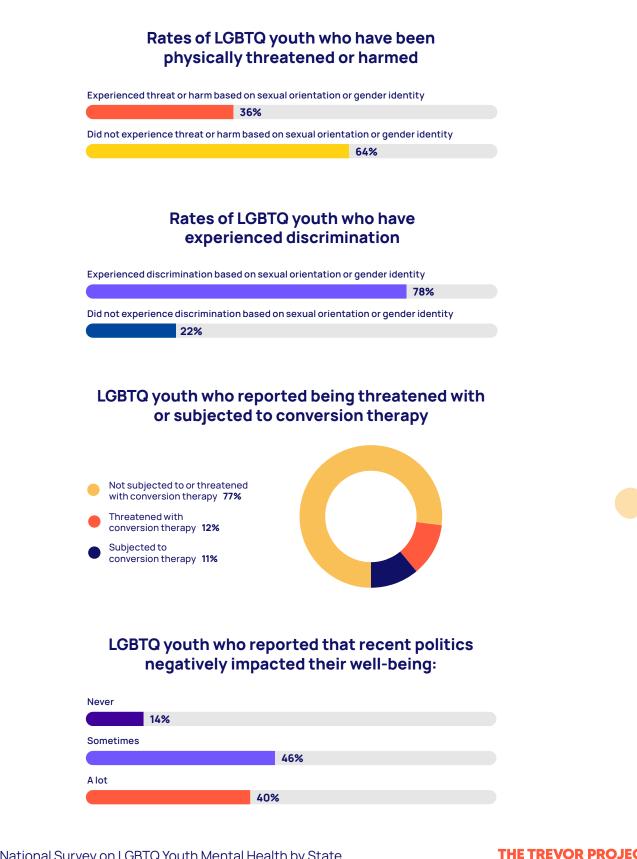
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# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Mississippi

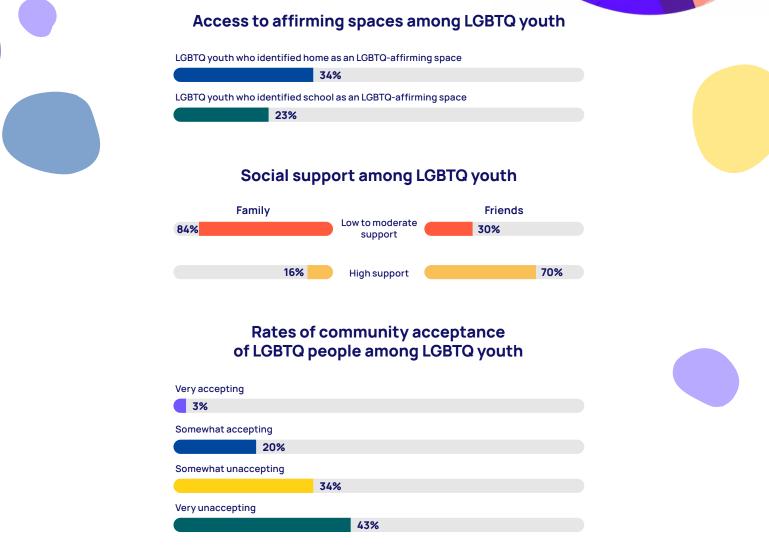
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# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Mississippi

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What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Mississippi?

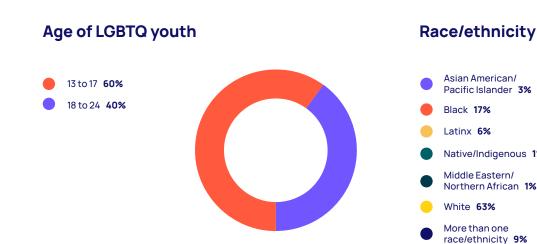
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asking for pronouns • if I see people advocating and welcoming me • pride flags •
how visibly they support LGBTQ people • the presence of other LGBTQ people
• staff diversity • when I am around accepting people • a sign saying love is love



# **Demographics** in Mississippi

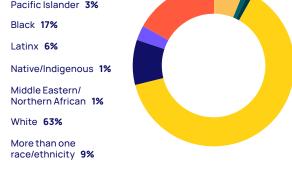
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#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 37% Boy or man 21% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 31% Not sure or questioning 11% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 25% Bisexual 31% Queer 10% Pansexual 23% Asexual 6% Questioning 4%





Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

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# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Missouri



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Missouri

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

# 47%

of LGBTQ youth in Missouri seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 55% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

15% of LGBTQ youth in Missouri attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

72% of LGBTQ youth in Missouri reported experiencing symptoms of envirtue symptoms of anxiety

including 75% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**57%** of LGBTQ youth in Missouri reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Missouri



#### Access to care

#### 62% of LGBTQ youth in Missouri who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

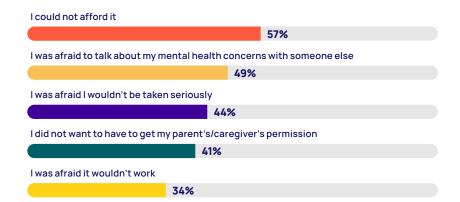
including 59% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





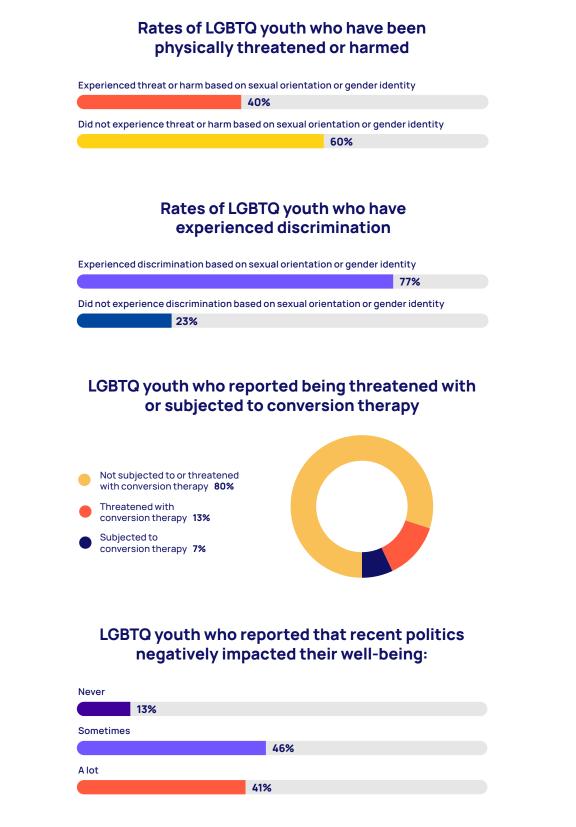
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Missouri

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

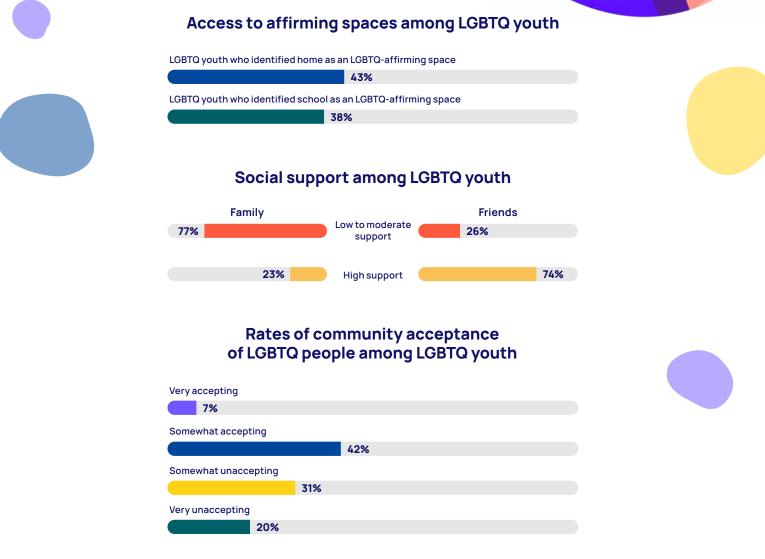




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Missouri

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Missouri?



the presence of other LGBTQ people • "safe space" signs • pride flags • anti-harassment policies that are actually enforced • GSA for schools
• LGBTQ teachers/staff • general respect towards everyone •

positive and welcoming environment

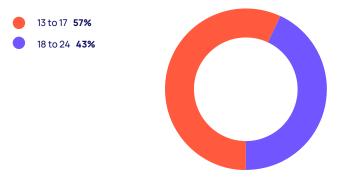


# **Demographics** in Missouri

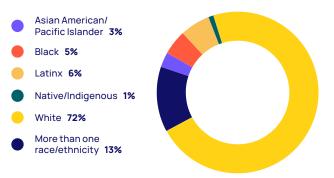
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

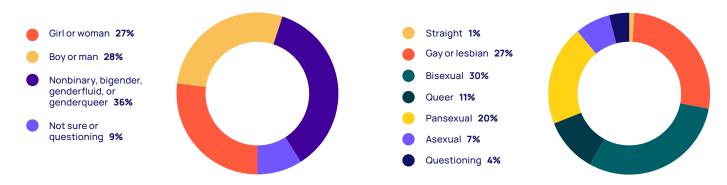


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Montana

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Montana

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

# 55%

of LGBTQ youth in Montana seriously considered suicide in the past year.

of LGBTQ youth in 13% of LGBTQ youth in Montana attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

79% of LGBTQ youth in Monta reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety of LGBTQ youth in Montana symptoms of anxiety.

**57%** of LGBTQ youth in Montana reported experiencing symptoms of depression.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Montana

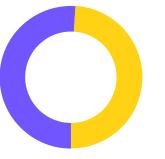


#### Access to care

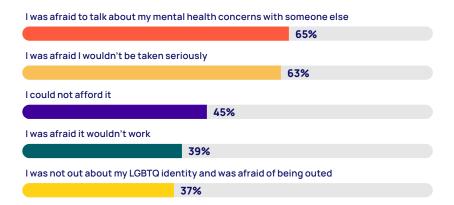
51% of LGBTQ youth in Montana who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





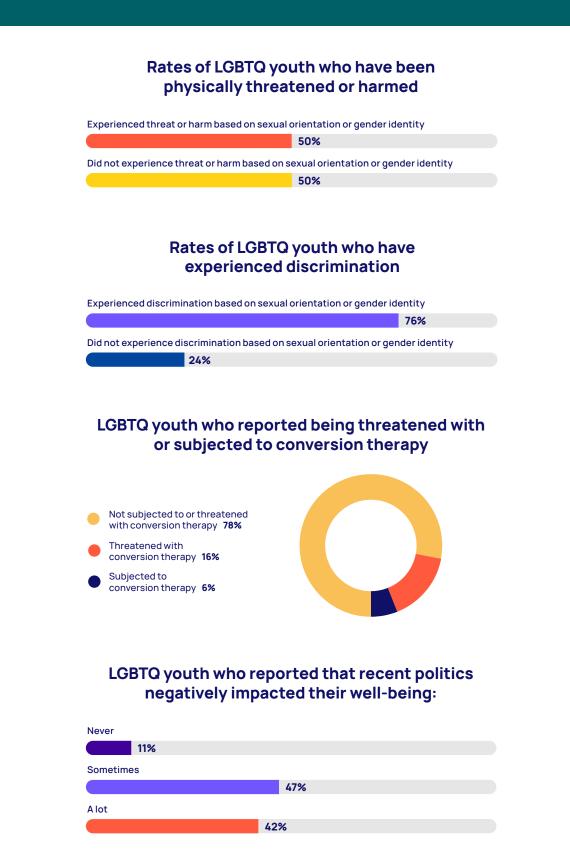
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Montana

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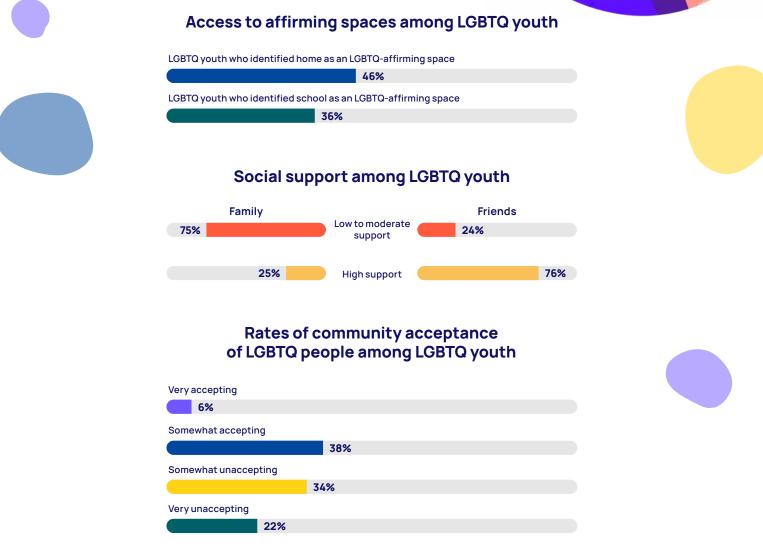




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Montana

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Montana?

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accepting people • visible pride flags • if they have LGBTQ resources available
 my pronouns and preferred names being respected • when other LGBTQ individuals are in positions of power • other openly LGBTQ people • others' openness to LGBTQ people • the people there don't discriminate

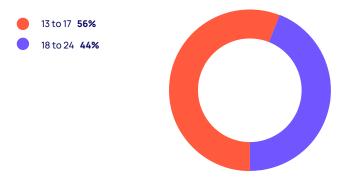


# **Demographics** in Montana

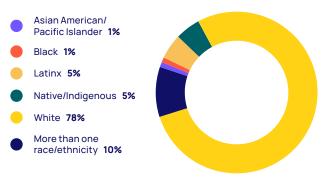
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

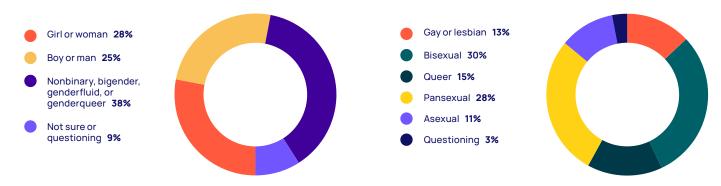


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Nebraska



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Nebraska

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

**50%** of LGBTQ youth in Nebraska seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 22% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

suicide in the past year

15% of LGBTQ youth in Nebraska attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

73% of LGBTQ youth in Nebraska reported experiencing symptoms of cruit t

including 76% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

61% of LGBTQ youth in Nebraska reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



### Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Nebraska

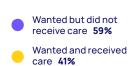


#### Access to care

#### 59% of LGBTQ youth in Nebraska who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

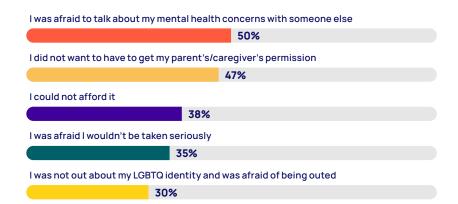
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#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





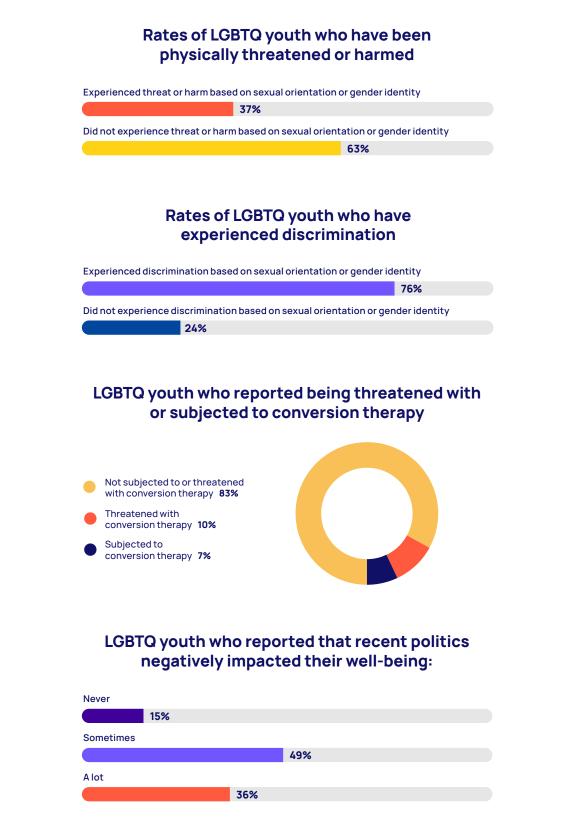
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Nebraska

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

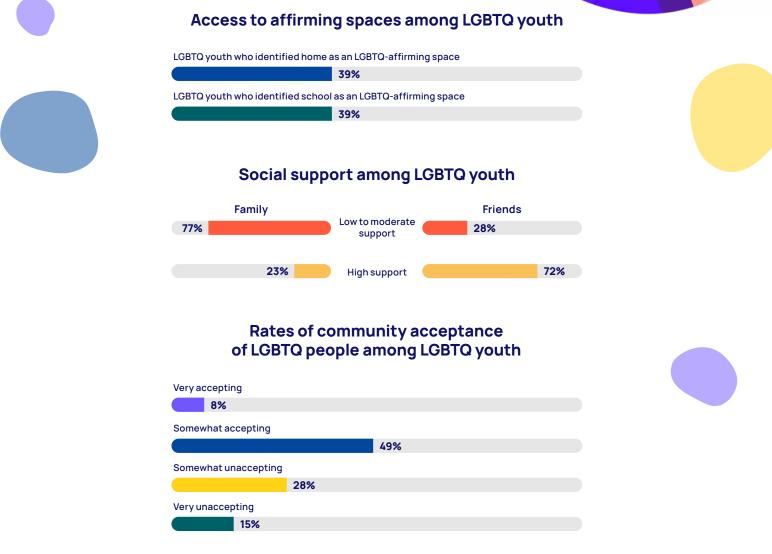




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Nebraska

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Nebraska?



 being near other LGBTQ people • rules protecting LGBTQ people from harassment
 LGBTQ staff • public statements affirming LGBTQ people • LGBTQ clubs • pride flags • they advocate for LGBTQ people • ask for my pronouns



# Demographics in Nebraska

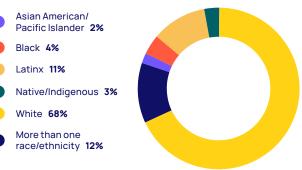
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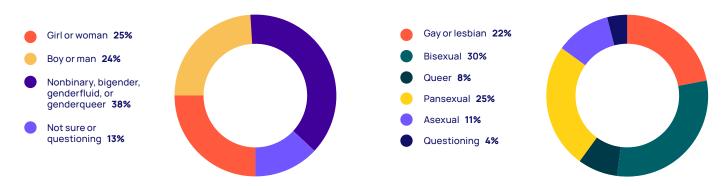


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Nevada

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Nevada

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

# 44%

of LGBTQ youth in Nevada seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 48% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 13% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

12% of LGBTQ youth in Nevada attempted Suicide in the parts

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in Nevada reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**57%** of LGBTQ youth in Nevada reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Nevada



#### Access to care

#### 72% of LGBTQ youth in Nevada who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 72% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





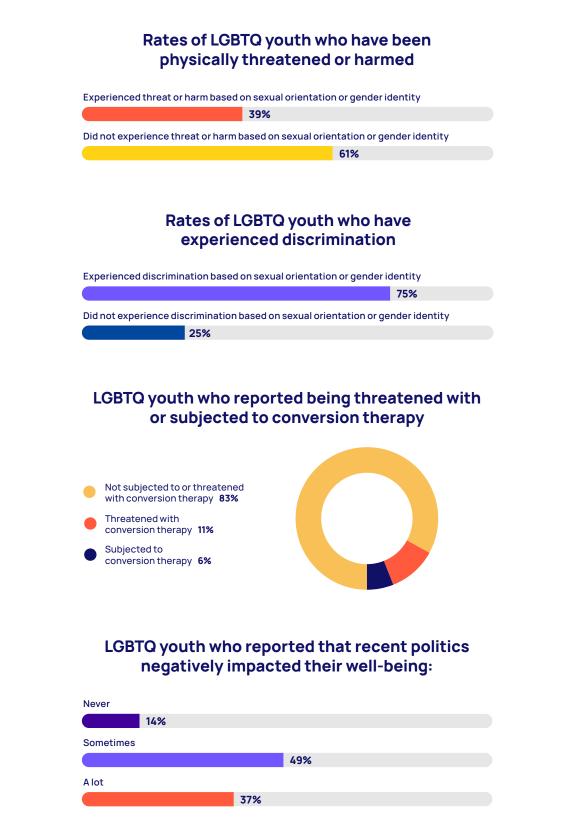
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
45%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
45%
I could not afford it
41%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
39%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
30%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Nevada

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

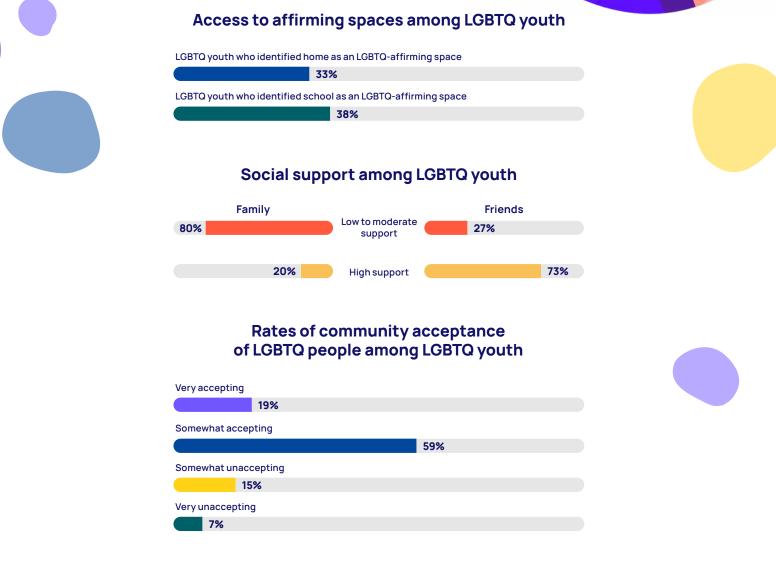




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Nevada

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Nevada?



diversity and representation • asking what pronouns people use • LGBTQ staff

- if I can be me I see other people being accepted pride flags
  - seeing other LGBTQ people openly being themselves

they actively advocate for LGBTQ rights

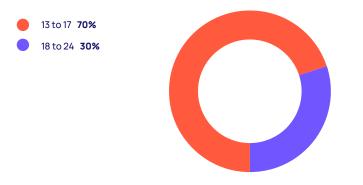


### **Demographics** in Nevada

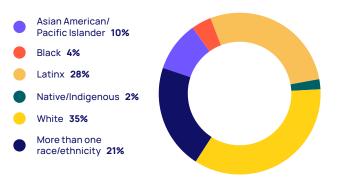
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

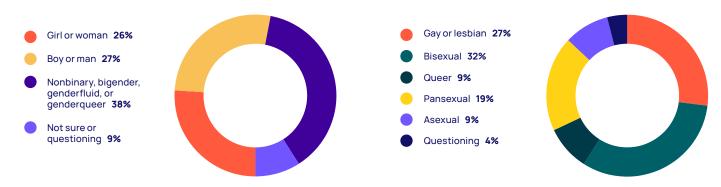


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health New Hampshire



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in New Hampshire

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

# 39%

of LGBTQ youth in New Hampshire seriously considered suicide in the past year.

**10%** of LGBTQ youth in New Hampshire attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

72%

of LGBTQ youth in New Hampshire reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

55%

of LGBTQ youth in New Hampshire reported experiencing symptoms of depression.

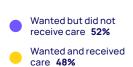


### Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in New Hampshire

Access to care

52% of LGBTQ youth in New Hampshire who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

 I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else

 46%

 I could not afford it

 45%

 I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously

 37%

 I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission

 37%

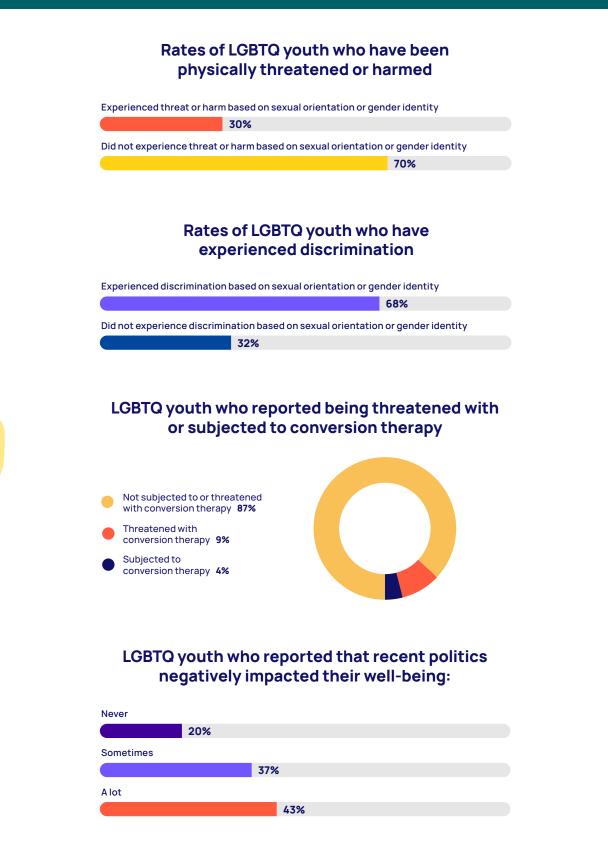
 I was afraid it wouldn't work

 31%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in New Hampshire

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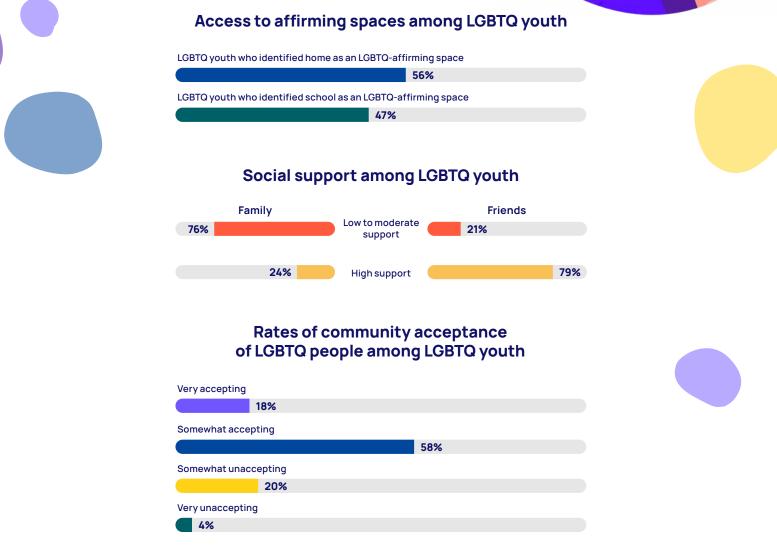


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# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in New Hampshire

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in New Hampshire?



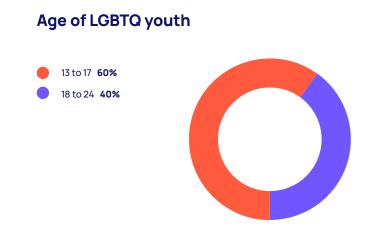
LGBTQ staff • pride flags • how they treat others • open representation • presence of other LGBTQ people • others who are open about their identity

• being vocal about being accepting • a welcoming environment

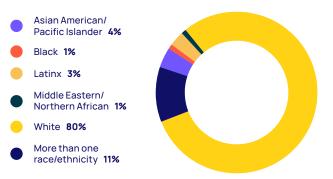


### **Demographics** in New Hampshire

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 29% Boy or man 23% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 40% Not sure or questioning 8% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 27% Bisexual 21% Queer 15% Pansexual 20% Asexual 13% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health New Jersey

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in New Jersey

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

40%

of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 44% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14%

of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey attempted suicide in the past year

including 16% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

71%

of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 73% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in **54%** New Jersey reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in New Jersey

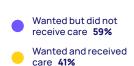


#### Access to care

#### 59% of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





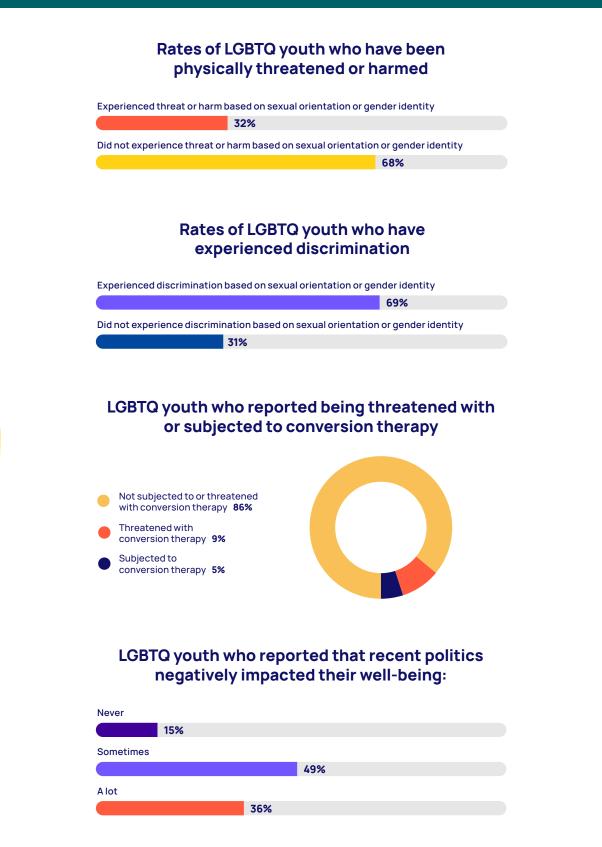
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
51%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
47%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
37%
I was not out about my LGBTQ identity and was afraid of being outed
30%
I could not afford it
30%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in New Jersey

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

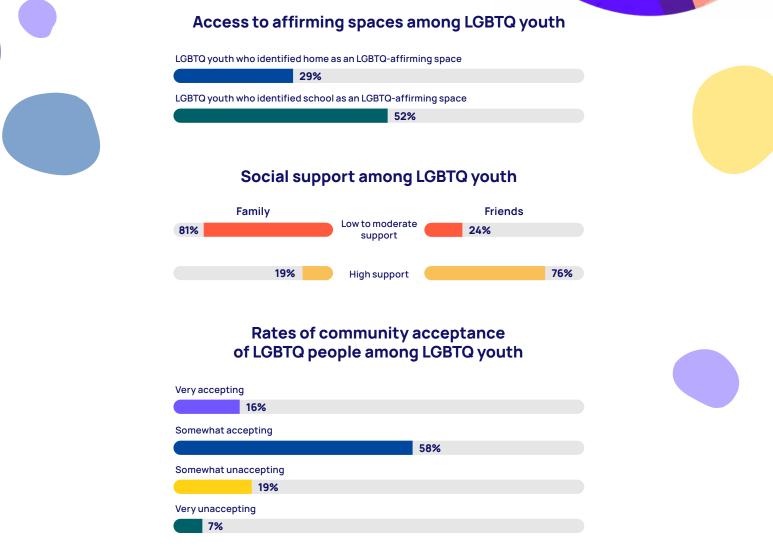




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in New Jersey

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in New Jersey?

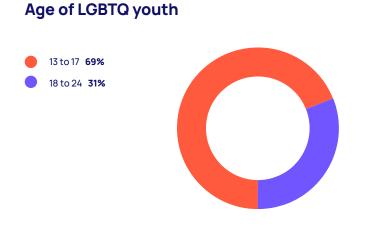


flags displayed • having teachers and friends use my pronouns • pride flags • LGBTQ faculty/staff • feeling safe enough express who I am • pride club in school • if other LGBTQ people are being affirmed/supported in the place • if there are other people like me here

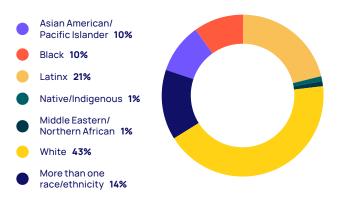


# **Demographics** in New Jersey

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 25% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 35% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 30% Bisexual 28% Queer 13% Pansexual 16% Asexual 8% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health New Mexico



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in New Mexico

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

40%

of LGBTQ youth in New Mexico seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 45% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

11%

of LGBTQ youth in New Mexico attempted suicide in the past year

including 11% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

70%

of LGBTQ youth in New Mexico reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in 57% New Mexico reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in New Mexico



#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in New Mexico who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





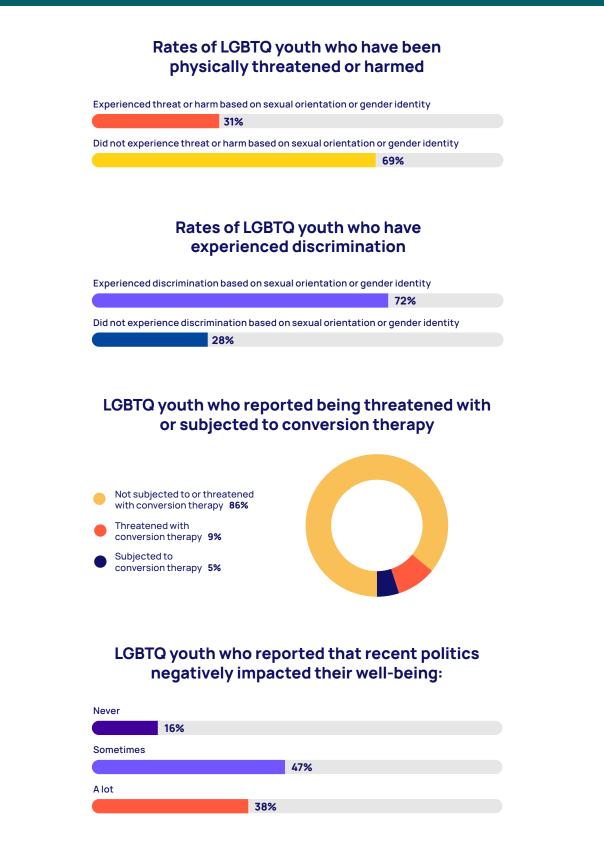
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
52%
I could not afford it
46%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
45%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
43%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
38%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in New Mexico

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

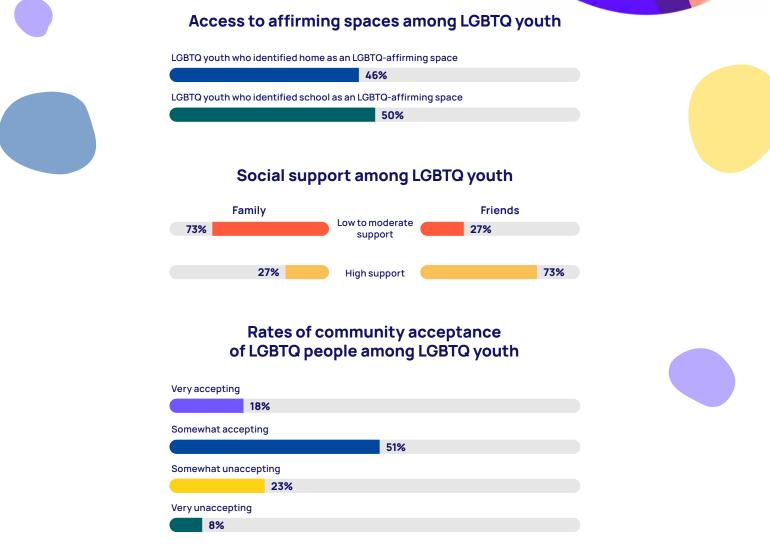




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in New Mexico

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in New Mexico?

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specific policies against discrimination • seeing other LGBTQ people that are out and proud about their identity • when they openly say that they support LGBTQ folk

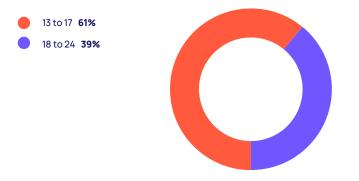
- access to bathrooms that match my gender identity LGBTQ employees
- pride flags representation and resources asking and respecting pronouns

# **Demographics** in New Mexico

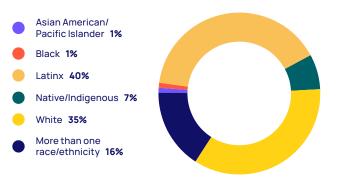
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

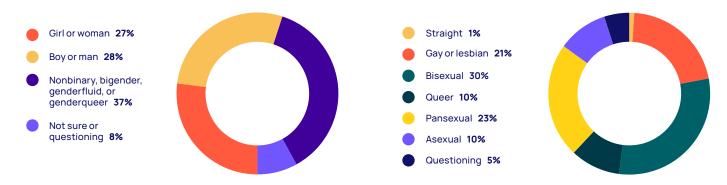


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health New York



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in New York

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

# 41%

of LGBTQ youth in New York seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 50% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 16% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

12% of LGBTQ youth in New York attempted Suicide in the post

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

71%

of LGBTQ youth in New York reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 77% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**55%** of LGBTQ youth in New York reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in New York



#### Access to care

#### 58% of LGBTQ youth in New York who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





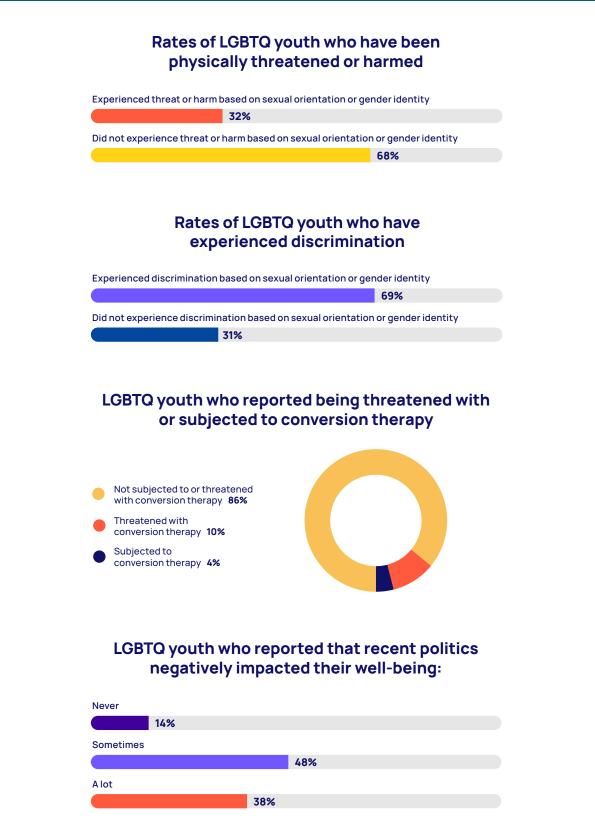
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47%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
46%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
41%
I could not afford it
39%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
35%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in New York

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

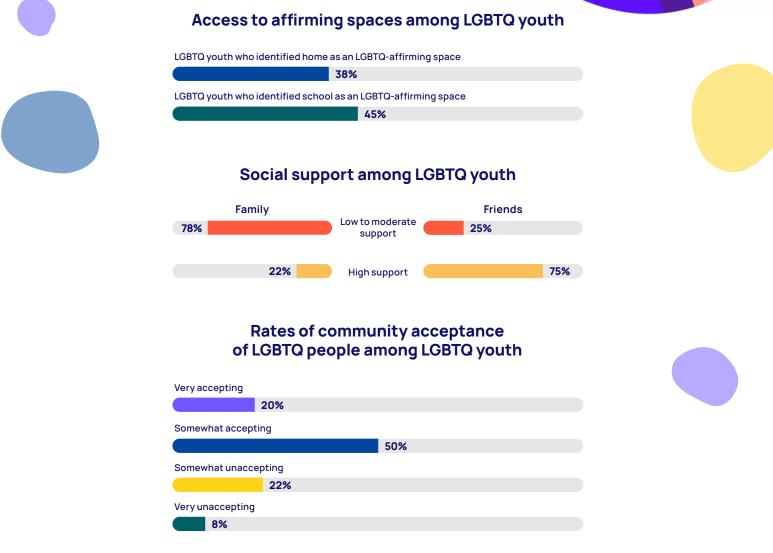




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in New York

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





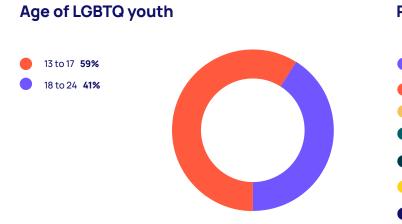
What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in New York?



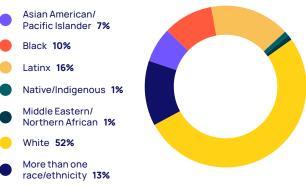
pride flags • being able to change my name and gender in the school system • anti discrimination policies • other LGBTQ folks • respecting people's pronouns
 • how well your identity is respected and acknowledged • the vibes • diverse representation

# **Demographics** in New York

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

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# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health North Carolina



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in North Carolina

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

46%

of LGBTQ youth in North Carolina seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 53% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

12%

of LGBTQ youth in North Carolina attempted suicide in the past year

including 16% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

74%

of LGBTQ youth in North Carolina reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 81% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in **60%** North Carolina reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 70% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in North Carolina



#### Access to care

#### 58% of LGBTQ youth in North Carolina who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





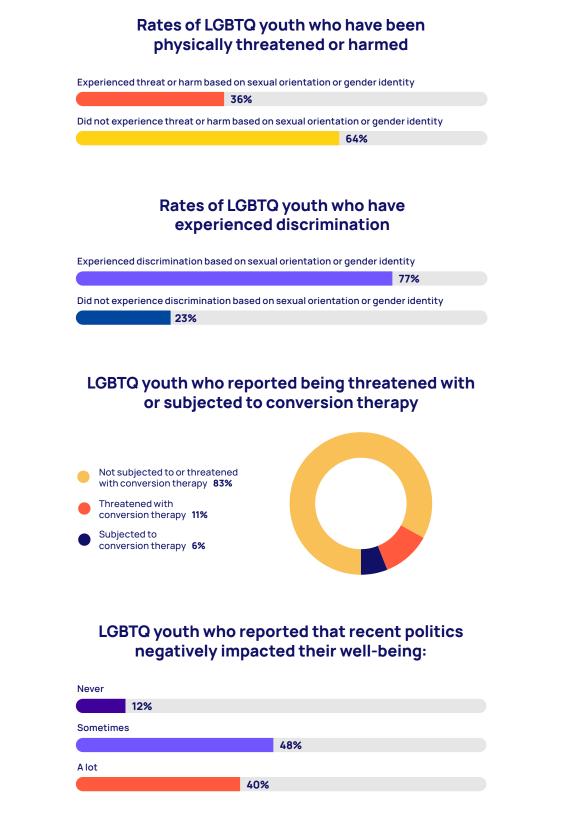
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
51%
l did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
47%
I could not afford it
44%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
40%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
33%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in North Carolina

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.



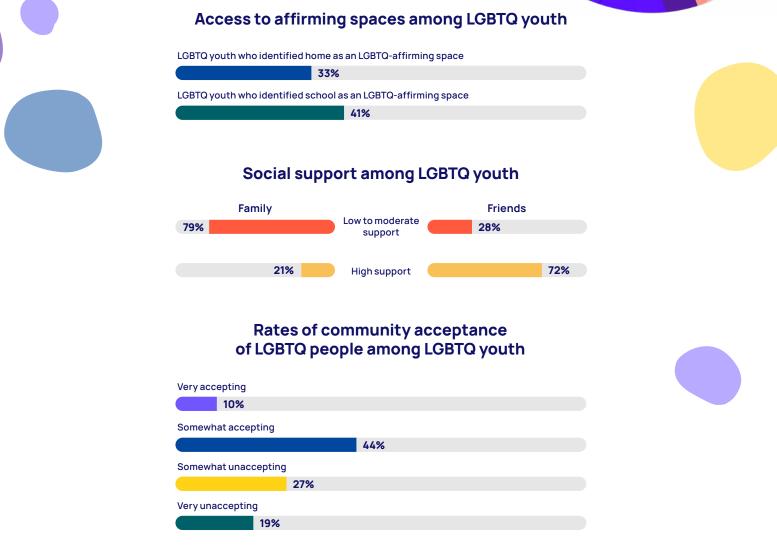




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in North Carolina

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in North Carolina?

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a large community of other LGBTQ students • pride clubs in schools • accessibility • if I see other LGBTQ people being out, open, and accepted
 • people respect my name and pronouns • how people treat each other
 • pride flags • out LGBTQ people within leadership

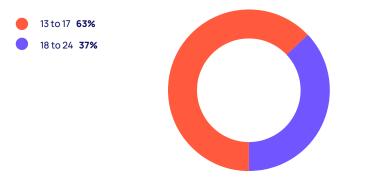


# **Demographics** in North Carolina

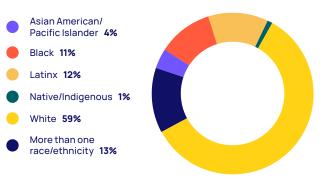
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

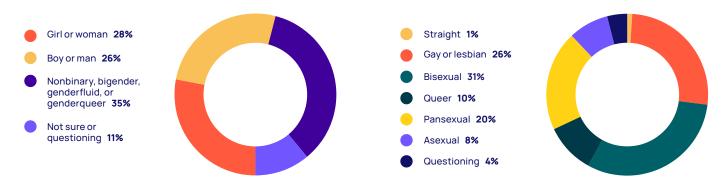


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health North Dakota



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in North Dakota

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

# 38%

of LGBTQ youth in North Dakota seriously considered suicide in the past year.

16%

of LGBTQ youth in North Dakota attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

66%

of LGBTQ youth in North Dakota reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

46%

of LGBTQ youth in North Dakota reported experiencing symptoms of depression.

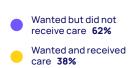


## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in North Dakota

Access to care

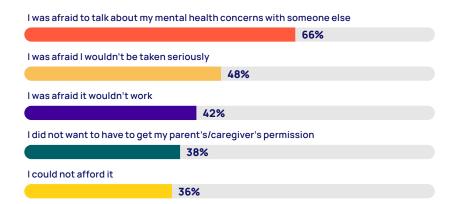
62% of LGBTQ youth in North Dakota who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





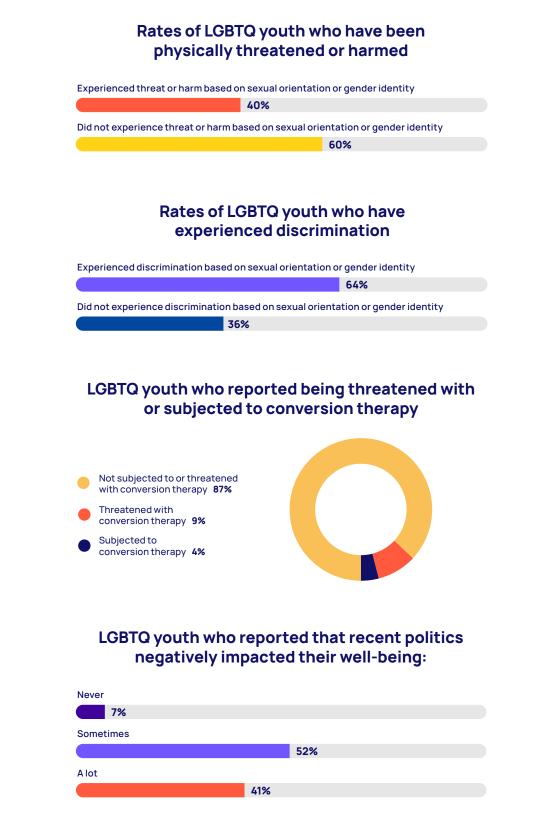
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in North Dakota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

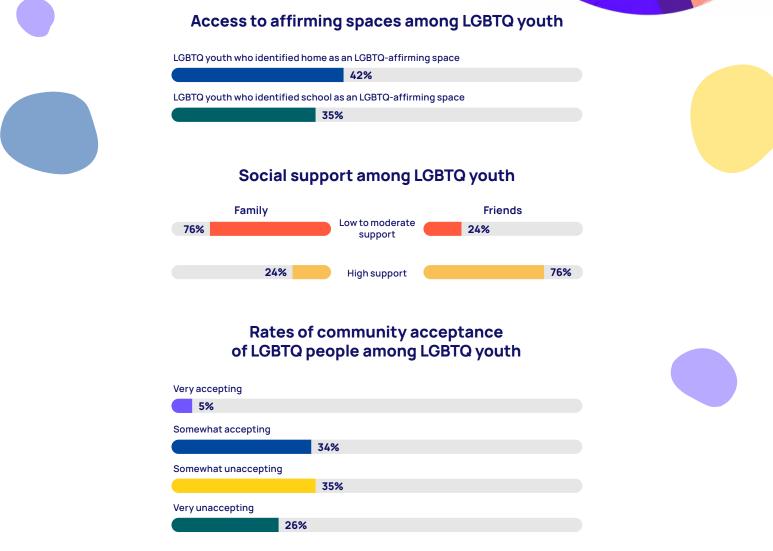




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in North Dakota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in North Dakota?



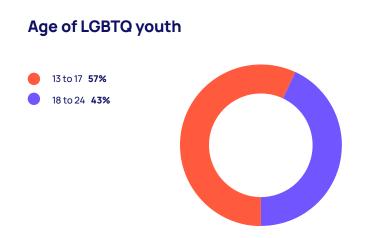
general vibes • representation • openly LGBTQ people in the space • actively supporting LGBTQ people • how people act • pride flags

having openly out LGBTQ teachers
 people respect my identity

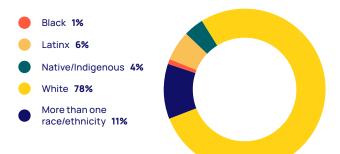


# **Demographics** in North Dakota

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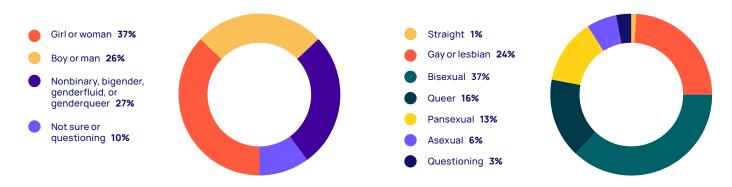


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Ohio



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Ohio

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

46% of LGBTQ youth in Ohio seriously considered suicide in the suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Ohio attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

77% of LGBTQ youth in Ohio reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 85% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

62% of LGBTQ youth in Ohio reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 71% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Ohio



#### Access to care

#### 58% of LGBTQ youth in Ohio who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

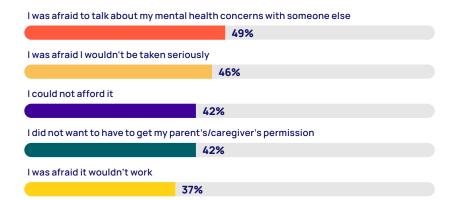
including 59% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





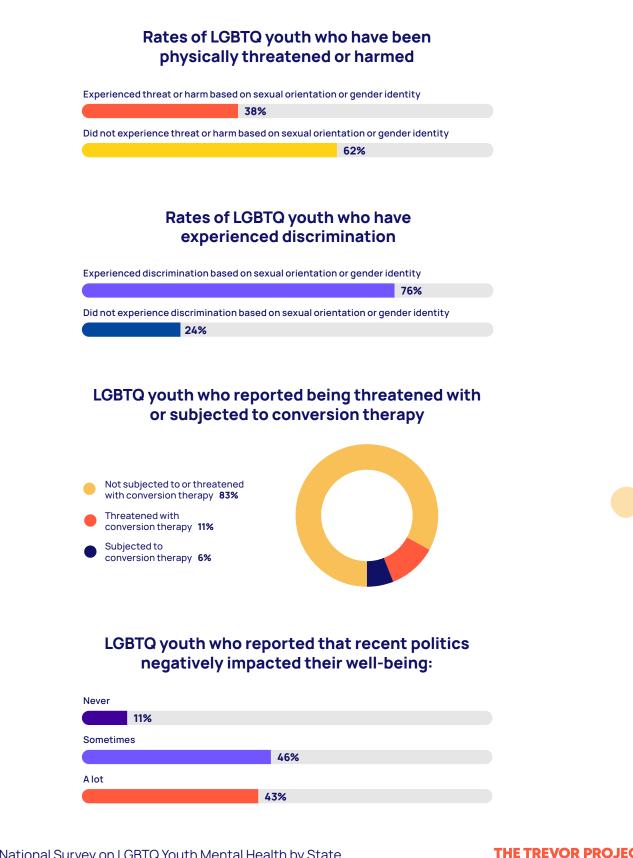
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Ohio

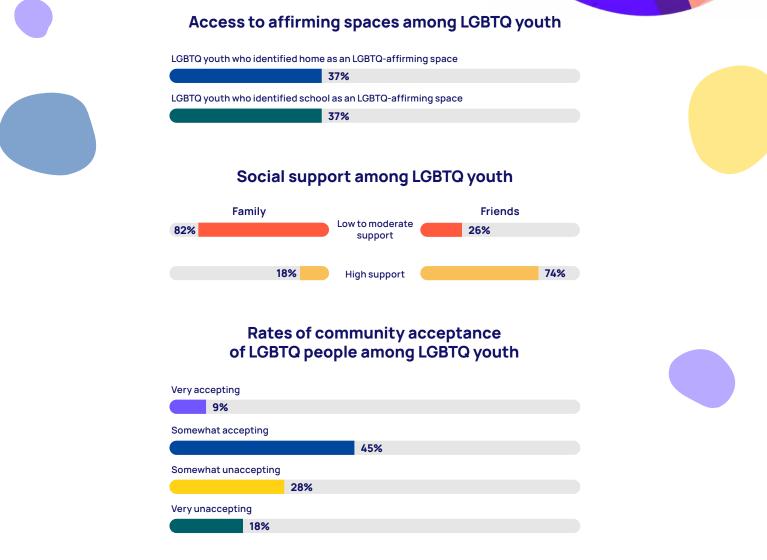
Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization - including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy - report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.



# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Ohio

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Ohio?



other people who are openly LGBTQ • how people act and treat others •
 active displays of support • asking about pronouns • the atmosphere
 pride flags • openly LGBTQ teachers or staff •
 how they talk about the LGBTQ community

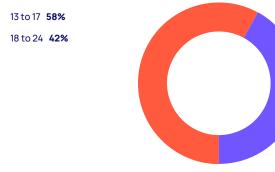


# **Demographics** in Ohio

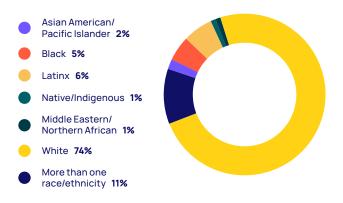
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### Age of LGBTQ youth



#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 28% Boy or man 24% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 39% Not sure or questioning 9% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 26% Bisexual 29% Queer 9% Pansexual 23% Asexual 9% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Oklahoma

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Oklahoma

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 

**48%** of LGBTQ youth in Oklahoma seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 55% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

16% of LGBTQ youth in Oklahoma attempted suicide in the part.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

**79%** of LGBTQ youth in Oklahoma reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 82% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

62% of LGBTQ youth in Oklahoma reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 68% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Oklahoma



#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in Oklahoma who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

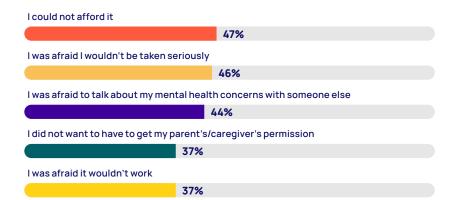
including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





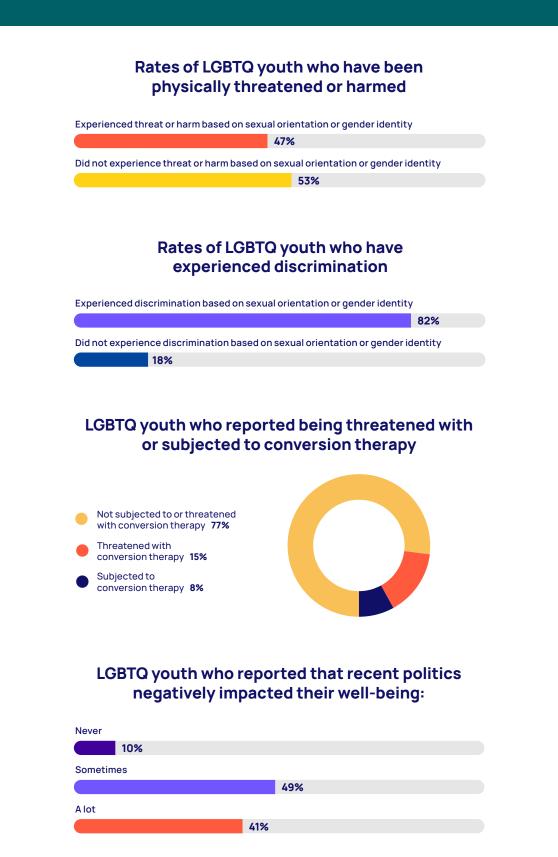
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Oklahoma

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

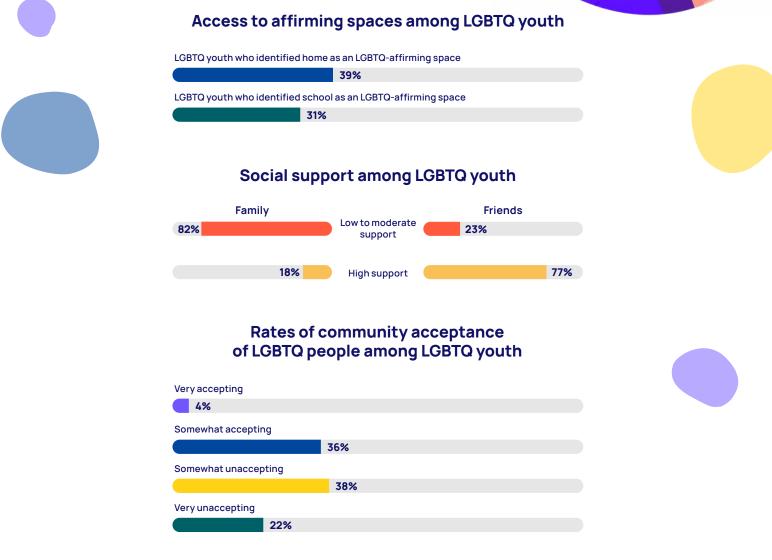




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Oklahoma

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Oklahoma?

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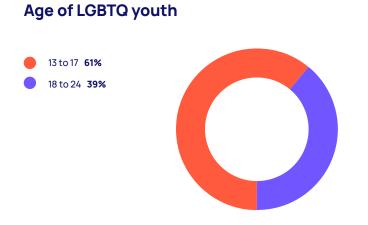
asking for pronouns • LGBTQ representation • other LGBTQ people • pride flags
they openly support and welcome LGBTQ people • when I am respected •

when I see others like me • if they actively work to be inclusive

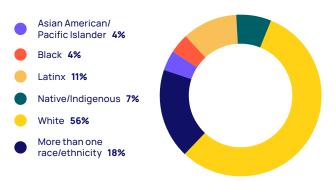


## **Demographics** in Oklahoma

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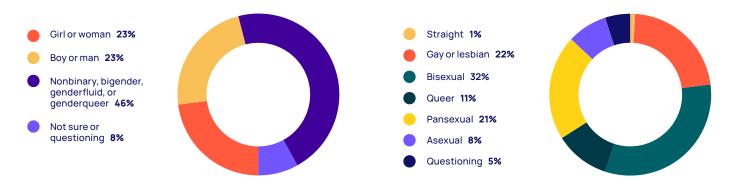


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Oregon



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Oregon

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

**Suicide Risk** 



44% of LGBTQ youth in Oregon seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 19% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14% of LGBTQ youth in Oregon attempted

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

73% of LGBTQ youth in Oregon reported experiencing symptoms of the

including 77% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**56%** of LGBTQ youth in Oregon reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Oregon



#### Access to care

#### 59% of LGBTQ youth in Oregon who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 55% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





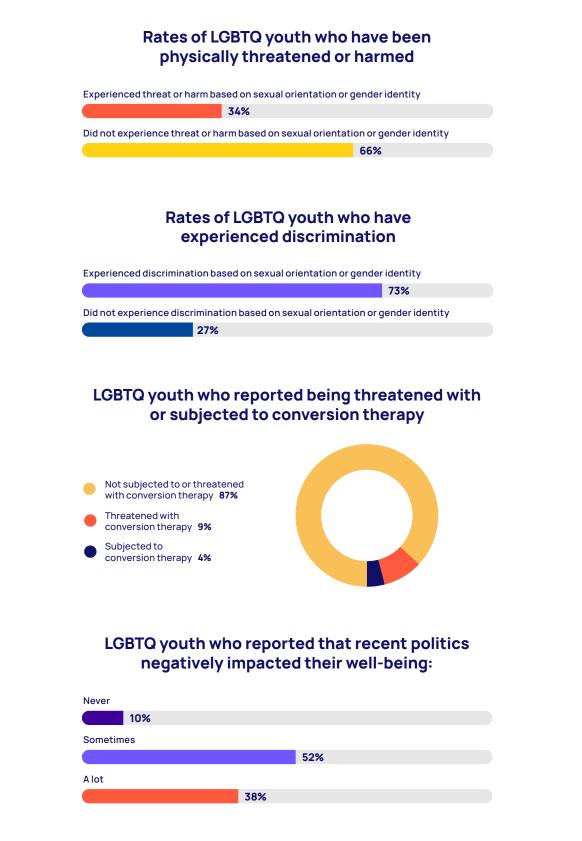
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
51%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
42%
I could not afford it
40%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
39%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
34%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Oregon

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

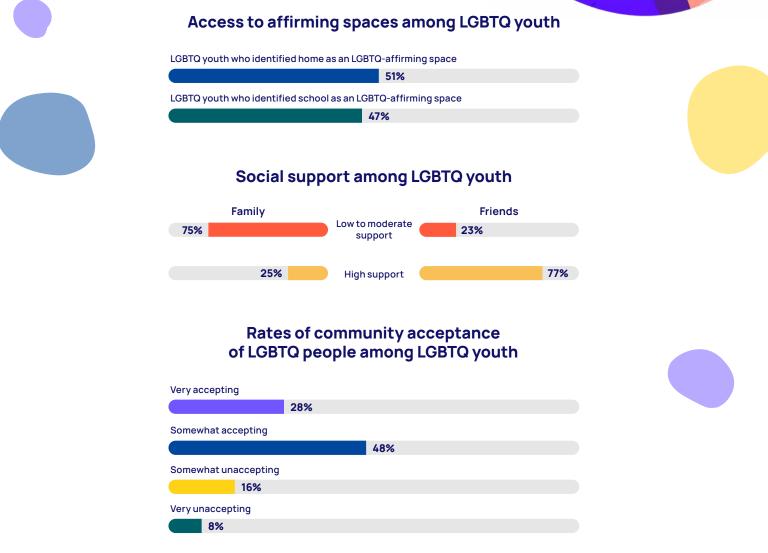




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Oregon

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Oregon?

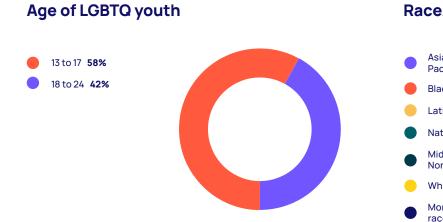
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if teachers are out being LGBTQ • a strong community of LGBTQ people • rules preventing discrimination • when I can be me • kindness to everyone • a "you are welcome here" pride sticker by the door • general vibes • pride flags

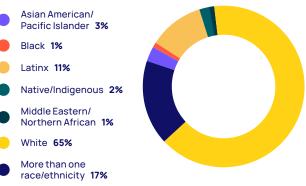


## **Demographics** in Oregon

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 22% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 41% Not sure or questioning 7% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 25% Bisexual 26% Queer 15% Pansexual 20% Asexual 10% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Pennsylvania



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Pennsylvania

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk



of LGBTQ youth in Pennsylvania seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14%

of LGBTQ youth in Pennsylvania attempted suicide in the past year

including 19% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

74%

of LGBTQ youth in Pennsylvania reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 80% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

57%

of LGBTQ youth in Pennsylvania reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 64% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Pennsylvania

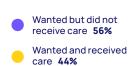


#### Access to care

#### 56% of LGBTQ youth in Pennsylvania who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





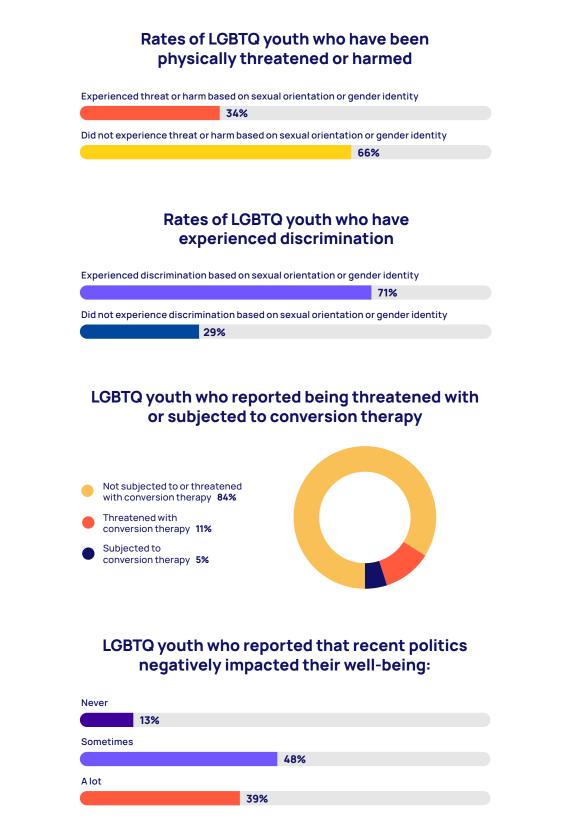
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
47%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
46%
l was afraid l wouldn't be taken seriously
44%
l was afraid it wouldn't work
34%
I could not afford it
33%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Pennsylvania

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.



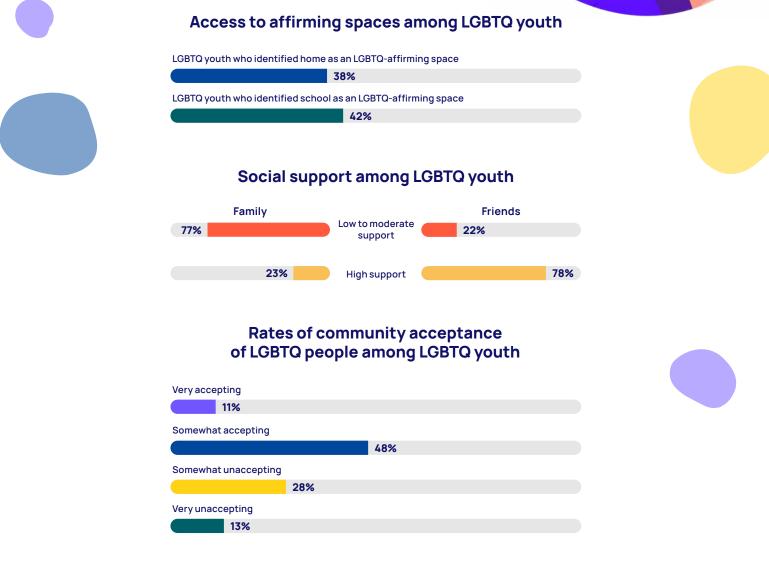
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## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Pennsylvania

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Pennsylvania?

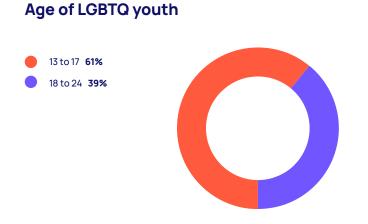


being understanding, supportive, loved and validated • asking for pronouns
openly out employees • pride flags • availability and visibility of resources • "safe place" stickers on doors • general good vibes •

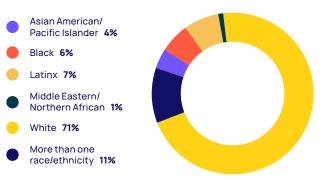
feeling comfortable expressing myself

## **Demographics** in Pennsylvania

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 29% Boy or man 26% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 9% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 23% Bisexual 34% Queer 8% Pansexual 21% Asexual 9% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Rhode Island



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Rhode Island

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 



of LGBTQ youth in Rhode Island seriously considered suicide in the past year.

17%

of LGBTQ youth in Rhode Island attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

68%

of LGBTQ youth in Rhode Island reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

53%

of LGBTQ youth in Rhode Island reported experiencing symptoms of depression.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Rhode Island

Access to care

50% of LGBTQ youth in Rhode Island who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





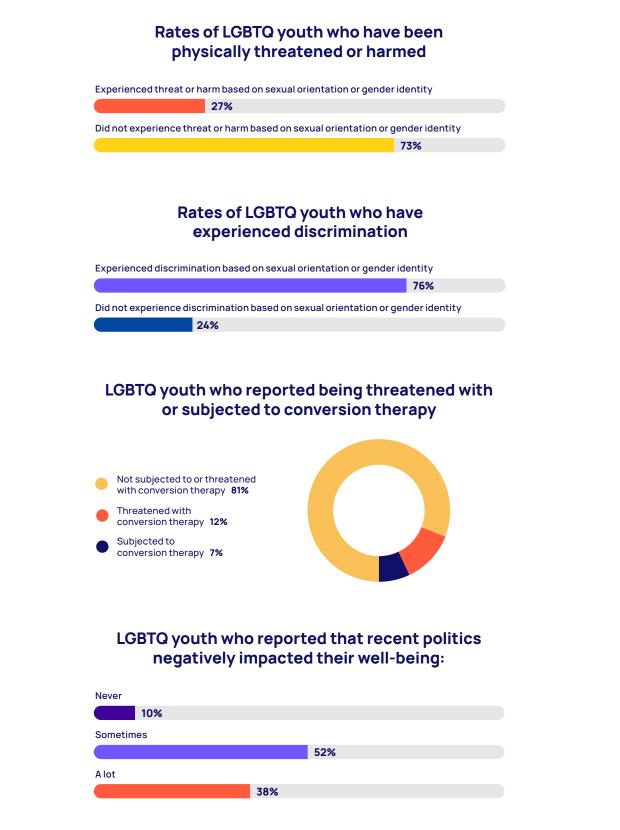
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I didn't want to get mental health care virtually at my home
54%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
46%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
44%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
44%
I could not afford it
34%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Rhode Island

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

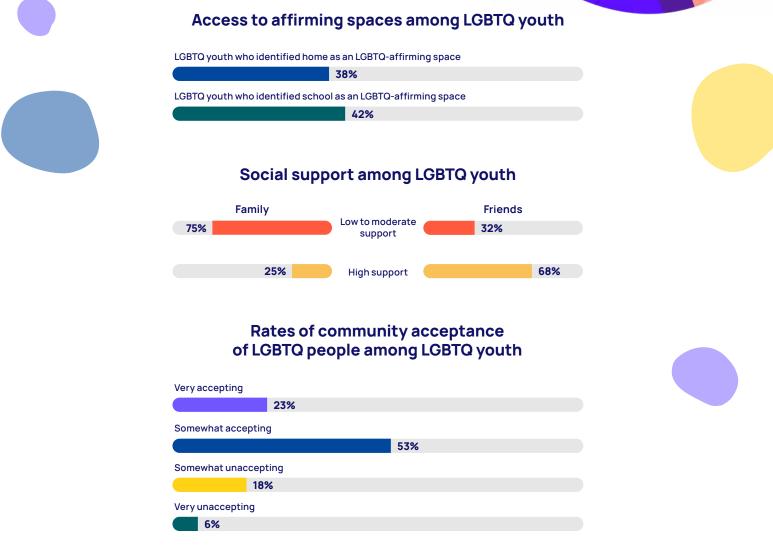




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Rhode Island

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Rhode Island?

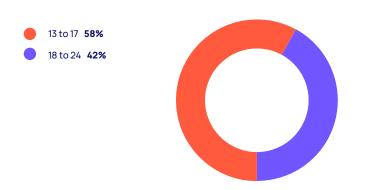
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safe space signs • pride flags • pronoun pins • if they let me be myself
general vibe • when people are more able to freely express themselves •
people respect my pronouns • the way people talk about and treat LGBTQ people

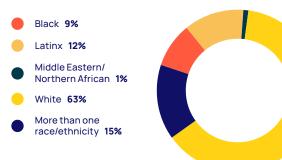
## **Demographics** in Rhode Island

Age of LGBTQ youth

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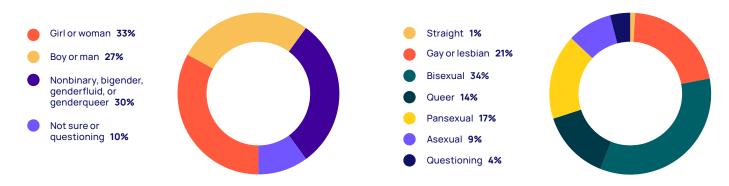


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health South Carolina



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in South Carolina

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

50%

of LGBTQ youth in South Carolina seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

16%

of LGBTQ youth in South Carolina attempted suicide in the past year

including 21% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

77%

of LGBTQ youth in South Carolina reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 80% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

63%

of LGBTQ youth in South Carolina reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 67% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in South Carolina



#### Access to care

#### 59% of LGBTQ youth in South Carolina who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

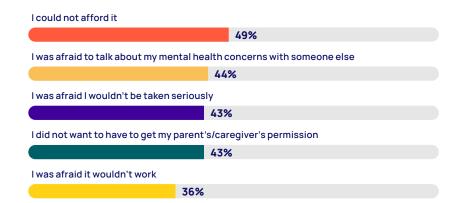
including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





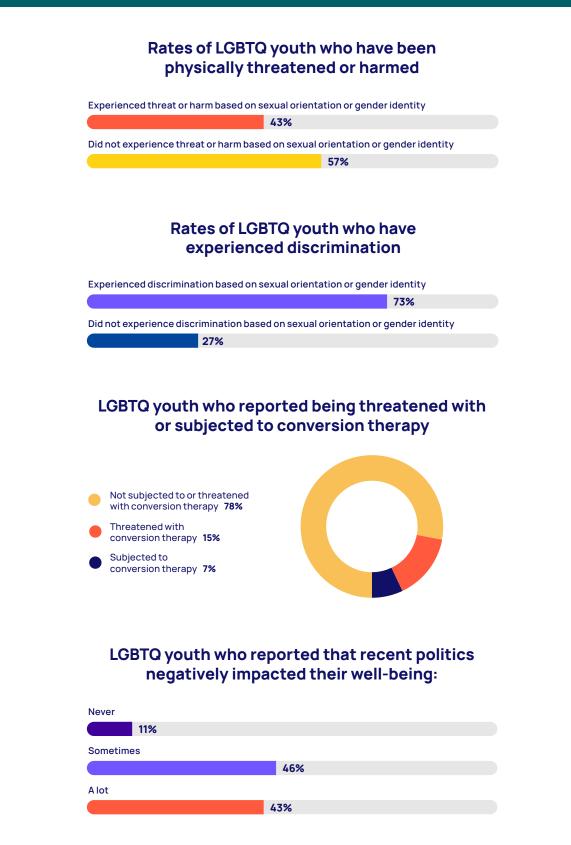
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in South Carolina

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

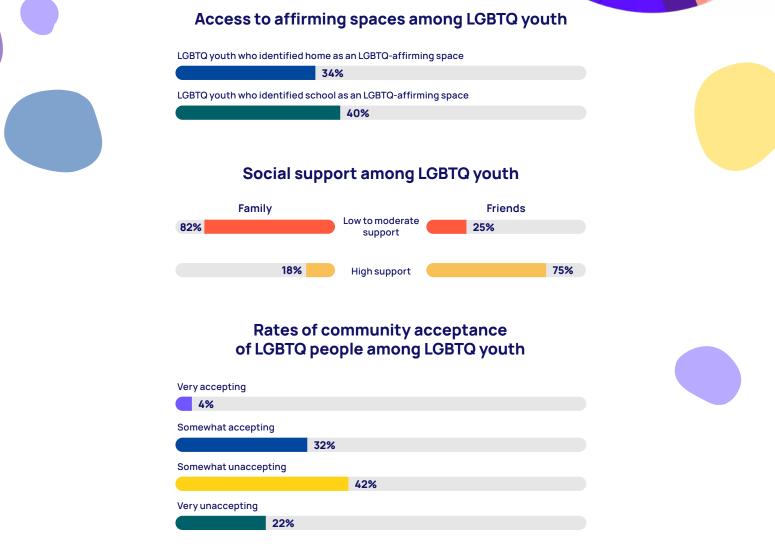




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in South Carolina

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in South Carolina?



acknowledging people in LGBTQ history • finding people like me • pride flags
speaking out against discrimination • if the people there respect me •

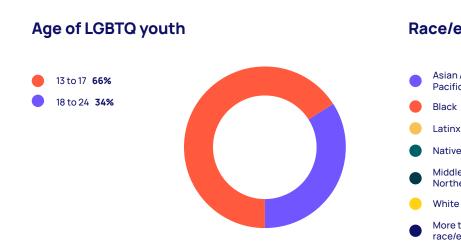
the people's energy • other openly LGBTQ people •

how comfortable I am with being myself there

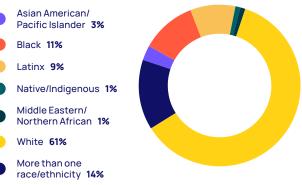


## **Demographics** in South Carolina

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 24% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 21% Bisexual 32% Queer 12% Pansexual 23% Asexual 7% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health South Dakota



## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in South Dakota

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

53%

of LGBTQ youth in South Dakota seriously considered suicide in the past year.

19%

of LGBTQ youth in South Dakota attempted suicide in the past year.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in South Dakota reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

58%

of LGBTQ youth in South Dakota reported experiencing symptoms of depression.

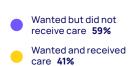


## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in South Dakota

Access to care

59% of LGBTQ youth in South Dakota who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





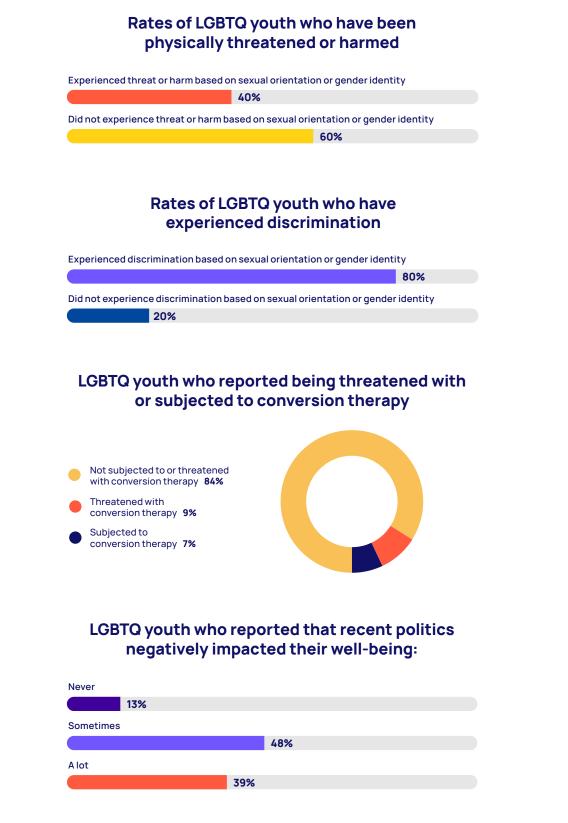
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
61%
I could not afford it
43%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
43%
I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
39%
I was afraid it wouldn't work
36%



## Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in South Dakota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

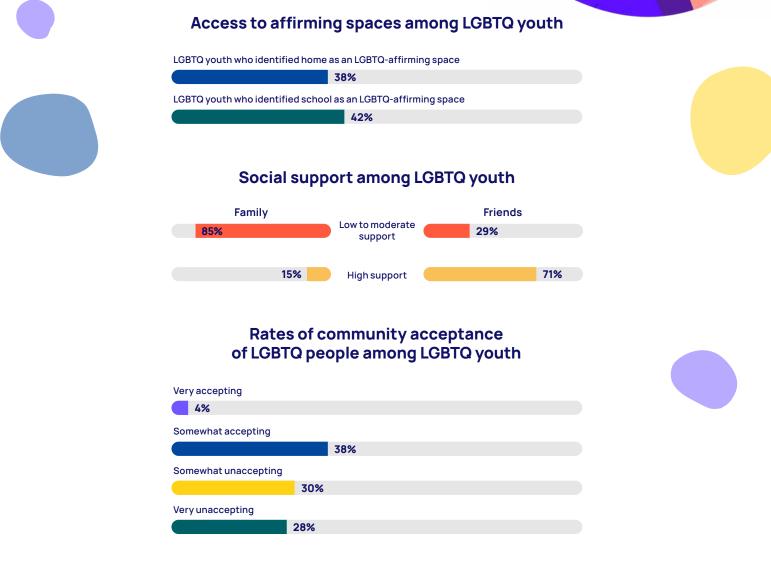




## Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in South Dakota

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in South Dakota?

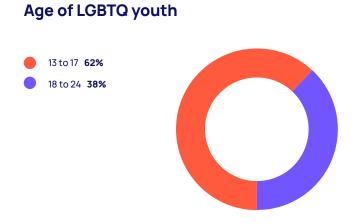


seeing other members of the LGBTQ community • they respect my pronouns •
 a sense of strong community • acceptance and equality • supportive staff
 • the people • pride flags • if everyone is kind

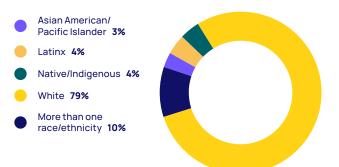


## **Demographics** in South Dakota

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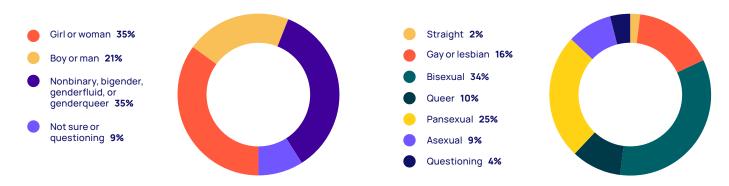


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Tennessee

## Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Tennessee

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

**48%** of LGBTQ youth in Tennessee seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 25% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**17%** of LGBTQ youth in Tennessee attempted suicide in the past year

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

**777%** of LGBTQ youth in Tennessee reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

61% of LGBTQ youth in Tennessee reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Tennessee



Access to care

#### 61% of LGBTQ youth in Tennessee who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

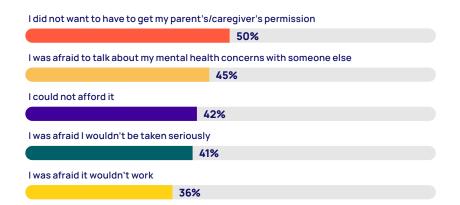
including 58% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





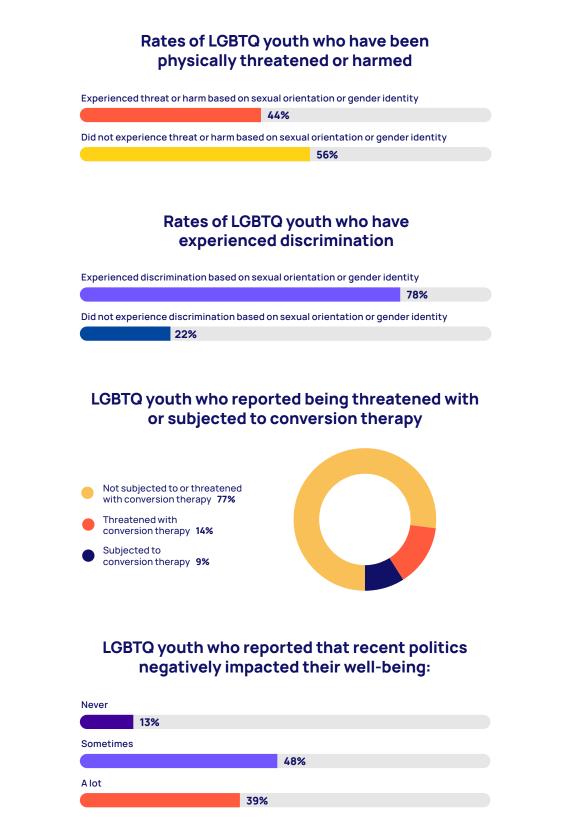
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Tennessee

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

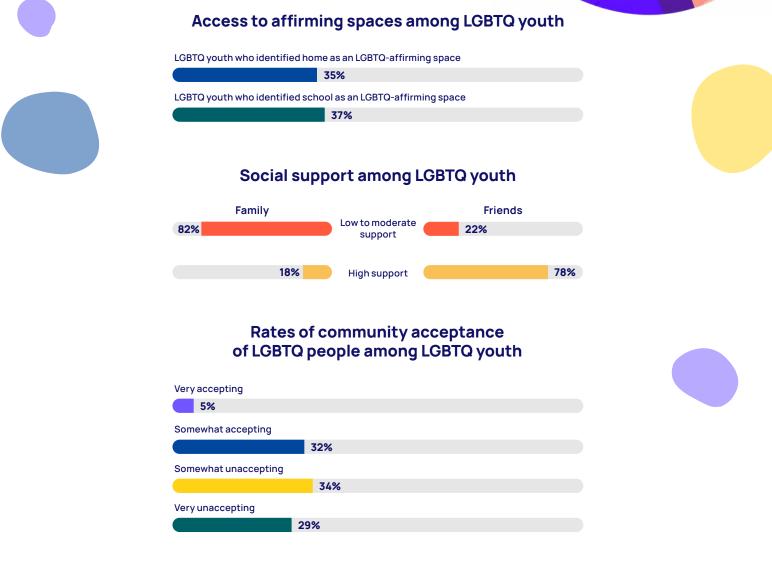




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Tennessee

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Tennessee?

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when they outright say that it is a safe space • if they are vocal about their support
if I feel safe being there • if the staff and students/workers are openly out •

- open expression or clear involvement in supporting the community
  - seeing pride flags the way they treat LGBTQ people when people truly support me and others

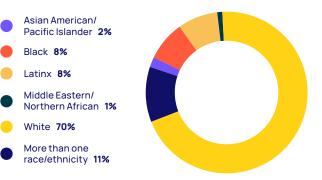


## **Demographics** in Tennessee

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 26% Boy or man 25% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 39% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 26% Bisexual 31% Queer 9% Pansexual 21% Asexual 10% Questioning 2%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health

Texas



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Texas

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



suicide in the past year

Suicide Risk

# 47%

of LGBTQ youth in Texas seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 20% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Texas attempted suicide in the past

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

72% of LGBTQ youth in Texas reported experiencing symptoms of equiptre symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

**59%** of LGBTQ youth in Texas reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 66% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



## Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Texas



#### Access to care

#### 68% of LGBTQ youth in Texas who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





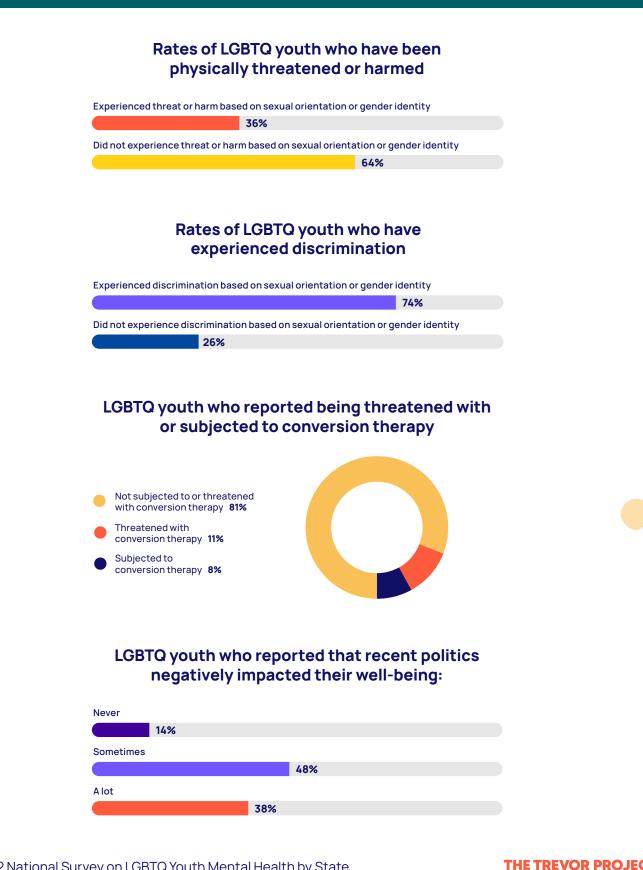
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission		
	48%	
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else		
	47%	
I could not afford it		
	46%	
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously		
	44%	
l was afraid it wouldn't work		
	33%	



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Texas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization - including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy - report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

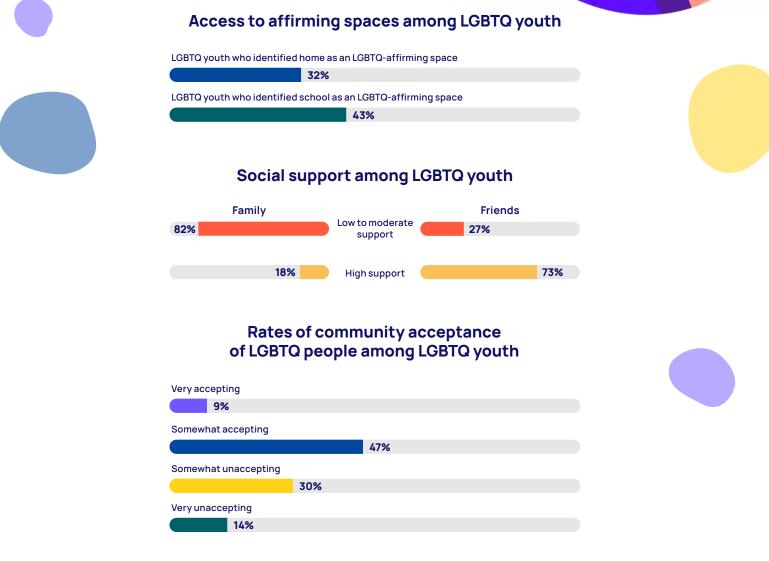


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# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Texas

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Texas?

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the teachers and my friends accept me for who I am • they treat you equally •
an abundance of LGBTQ people • the vibes • the presence of other LGBTQ people
teachers have signs that say "LGBTQ Affirming" on them outside their doors •
teachers being supportive • seeing other people like me

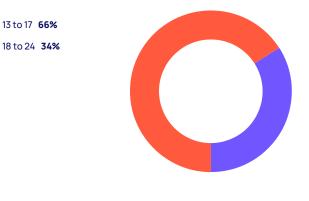


# **Demographics** in Texas

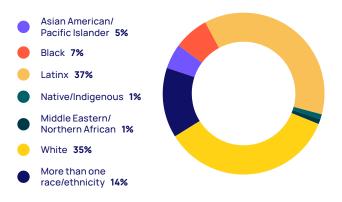
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth



#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 30% Boy or man 24% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 37% Not sure or questioning 9% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 25% Bisexual 31% Queer 10% Pansexual 21% Asexual 8% Questioning 4%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Utah



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Utah

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



of LGBTQ youth in Utah

attempted suicide

in the past year

Suicide Risk

**50%** of LGBTQ youth in Utah seriously considered suicide in the part. suicide in the past year

including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 22% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

75%

of LGBTQ youth in Utah reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 79% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

17%

56% of LGBTQ youth in Utah reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 61% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Utah



#### Access to care

#### 58% of LGBTQ youth in Utah who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

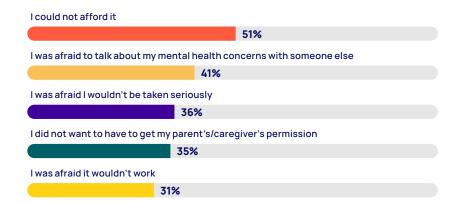
including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





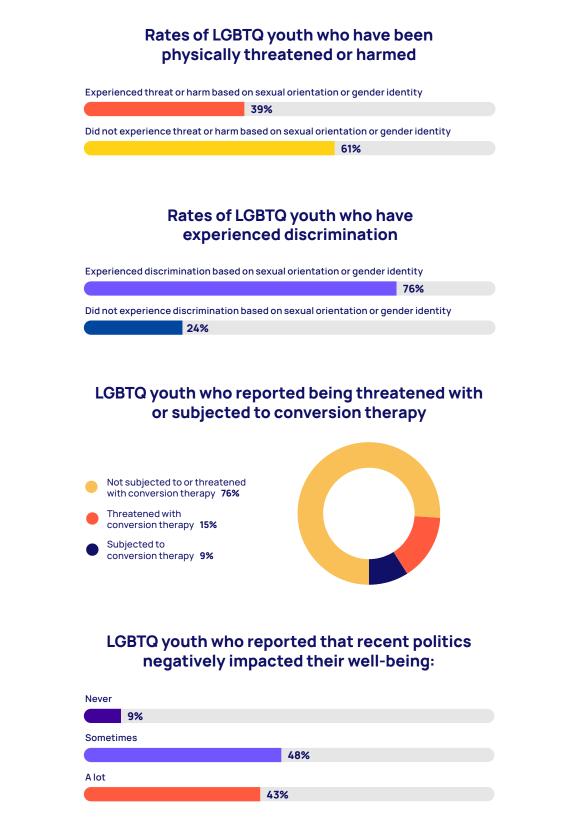
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Utah

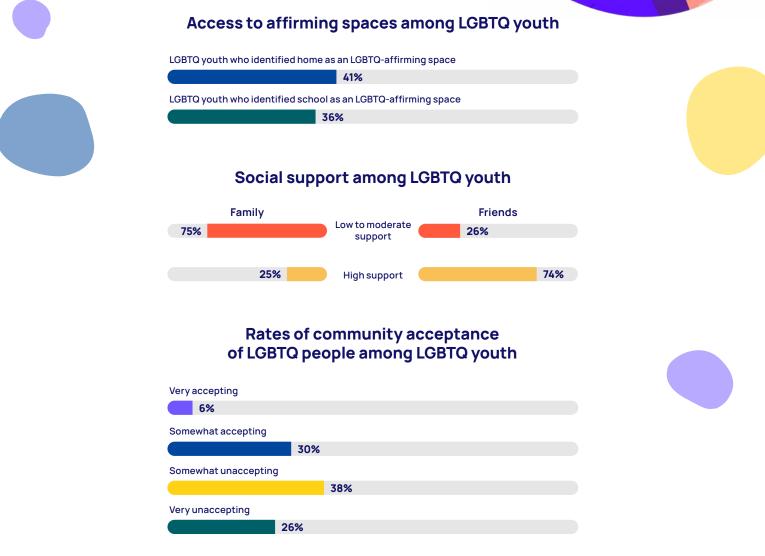
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# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Utah

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Utah?



they make me feel important and understood • feeling supported • the vibes • pride flags • how people talk about LGBTQ rights

• anti-discrimination policies • LGBTQ centers on campus • other people like me that are open about their identity

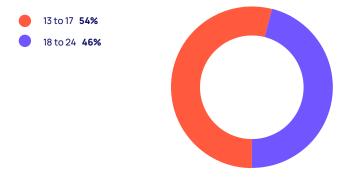


# **Demographics** in Utah

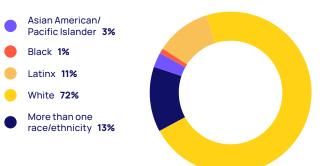
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#### Age of LGBTQ youth

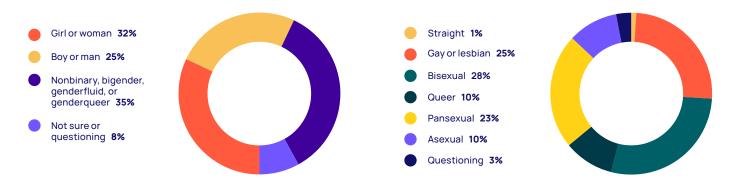


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Vermont

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# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Vermont

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Vermont



#### Access to care

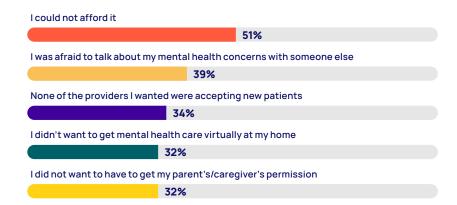
45% of LGBTQ youth in Vermont who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





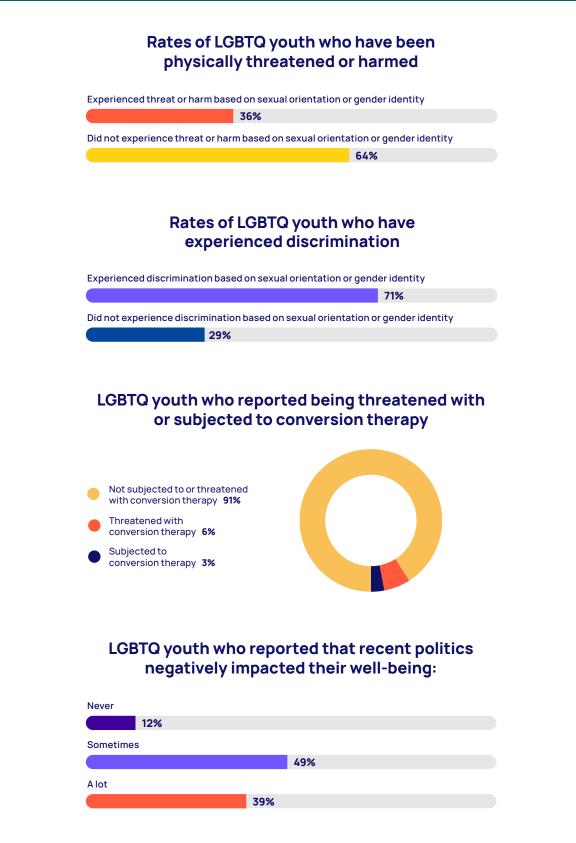
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Vermont

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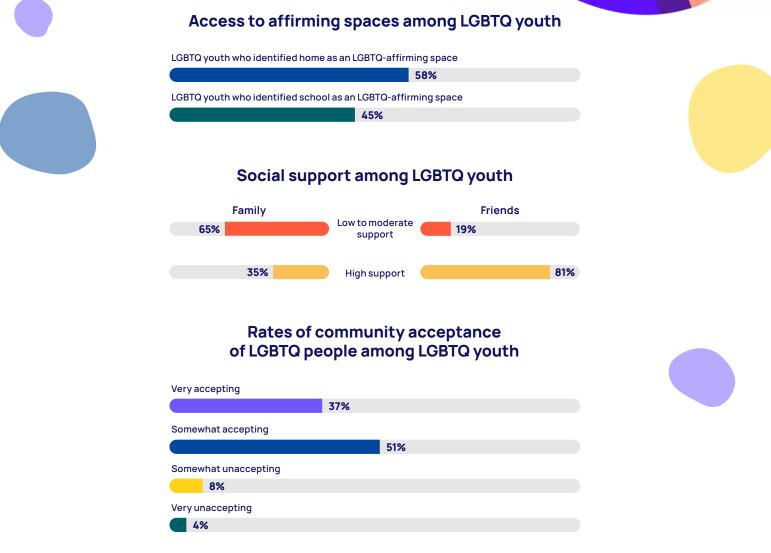


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# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Vermont

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Vermont?



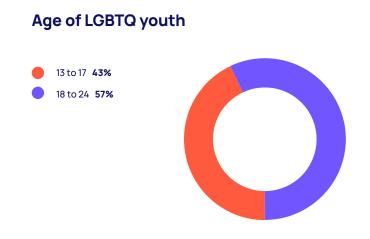
teachers or coworkers are openly supportive • education on LGBTQ topics •

safe space stickers • other openly LGBTQ people in the space • pride flags • openly LGBTQ employees • LGBTQ leadership • bathroom access

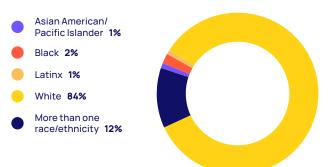


# **Demographics** in Vermont

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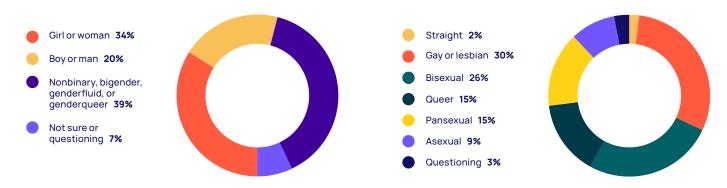


#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Virginia

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Virginia

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

43%

of LGBTQ youth in Virginia seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 53% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 17% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Virginia attempted

suicide in the past year

**Anxiety & Depression** 

72% of LGBTQ youth in Virginia reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 76% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

13%

54% of LGBTQ youth in Virginia reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Virginia



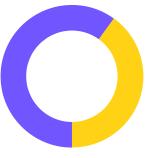
#### Access to care

#### 60% of LGBTQ youth in Virginia who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

including 57% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





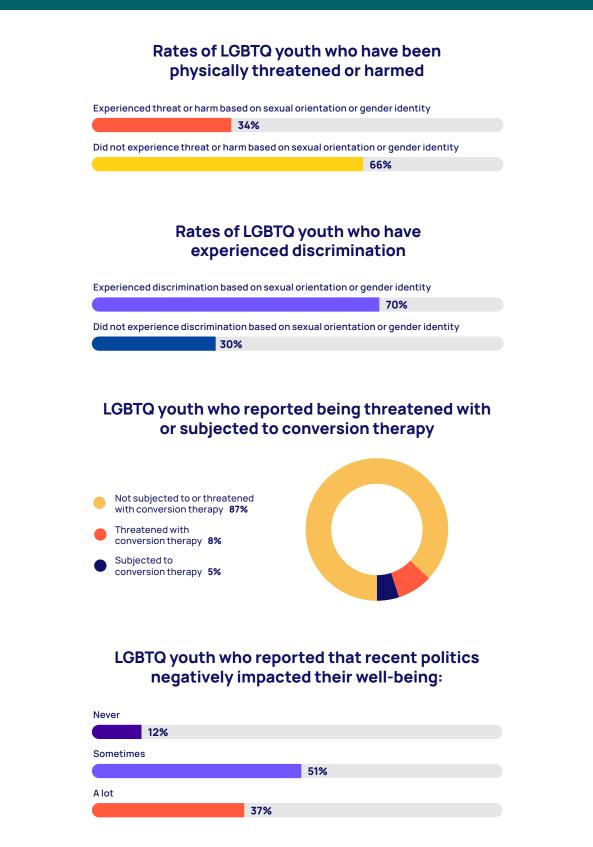
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:

I did not want to have to get my parent's/caregiver's permission
48%
I was afraid to talk about my mental health concerns with someone else
46%
I was afraid I wouldn't be taken seriously
42%
I could not afford it
37%
I was not out about my LGBTQ identity and was afraid of being outed
33%



# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Virginia

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

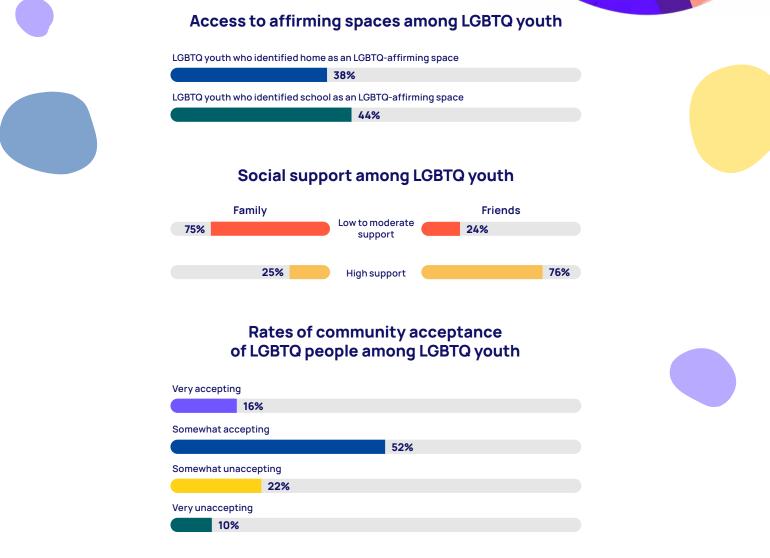




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Virginia

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Virginia?

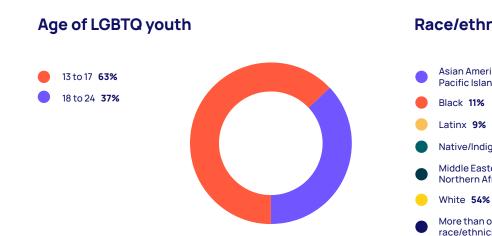
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seeing posters on support of LGBTQ in a classroom • the vibe • LGBTQ clubs •
 a welcoming community that genuinely listens • the amount of happy LGBTQ people
 open minded and understanding people • having pride flags on display
 they respect and support my identity

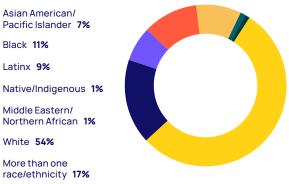


# **Demographics** in Virginia

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 29% Boy or man 25% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 36% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 27% Bisexual 34% Queer 8% Pansexual 19% Asexual 9% Questioning 2%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Washington



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Washington

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

41%

of LGBTQ youth in Washington seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 49% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

12%

of LGBTQ youth in Washington attempted suicide in the past year

including 15% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

71%

of LGBTQ youth in Washington reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 76% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

56%

of LGBTQ youth in Washington reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 63% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Washington

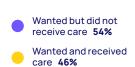


#### Access to care

#### 54% of LGBTQ youth in Washington who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

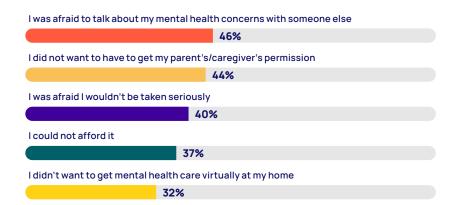
including 50% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





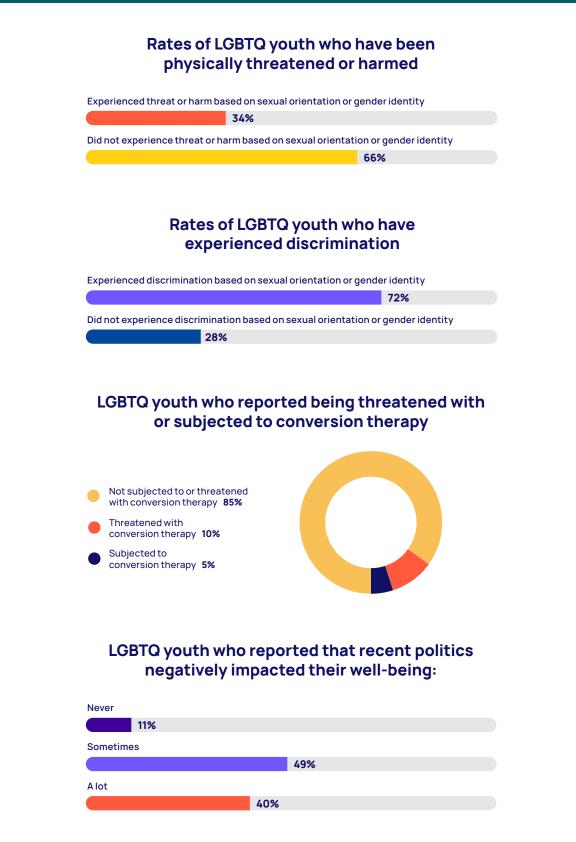
#### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Washington

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.

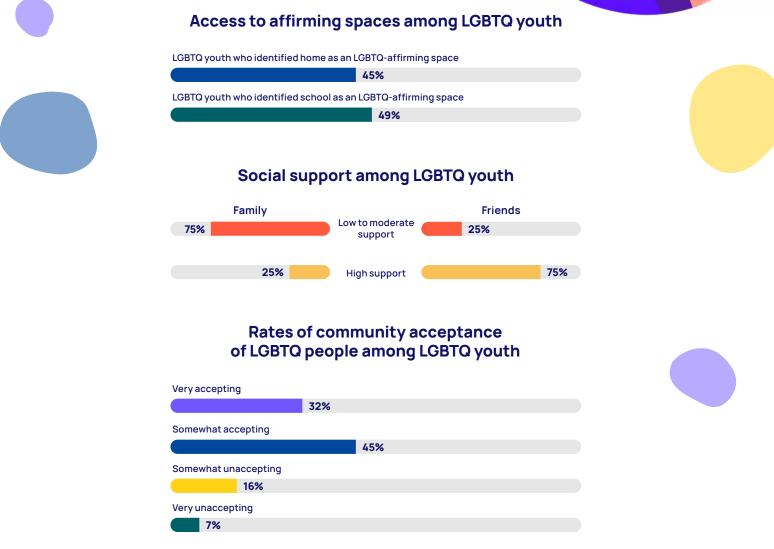




# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Washington

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





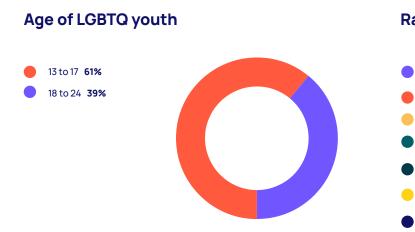
What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Washington?

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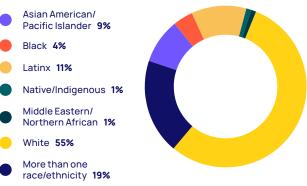
the presence and visibility of the LGBTQ community • protections for LGBTQ people
my pronouns are respected and my chosen name is used • general vibe check • places where I feel safe just being me • they are supportive and respectful
loving, respectful environment • when I see pride flags

# **Demographics** in Washington

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#### Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

#### Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

# Girl or woman 26% Boy or man 24% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or genderqueer 40% Not sure or questioning 10% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 26% Bisexual 31% Queer 14% Pansexual 17% Asexual 8% Questioning 3%





# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health West Virginia



# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in West Virginia

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



Suicide Risk

50%

of LGBTQ youth in West Virginia seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 60% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

14%

of LGBTQ youth in West Virginia attempted suicide in the past year

including 14% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

#### **Anxiety & Depression**

81%

of LGBTQ youth in West Virginia reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 87% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

62%

of LGBTQ youth in West Virginia reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 71% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in West Virginia



#### Access to care

### 58% of LGBTQ youth in West Virginia who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

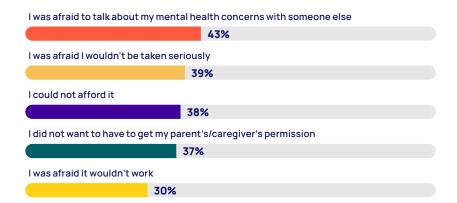
including 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

## Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





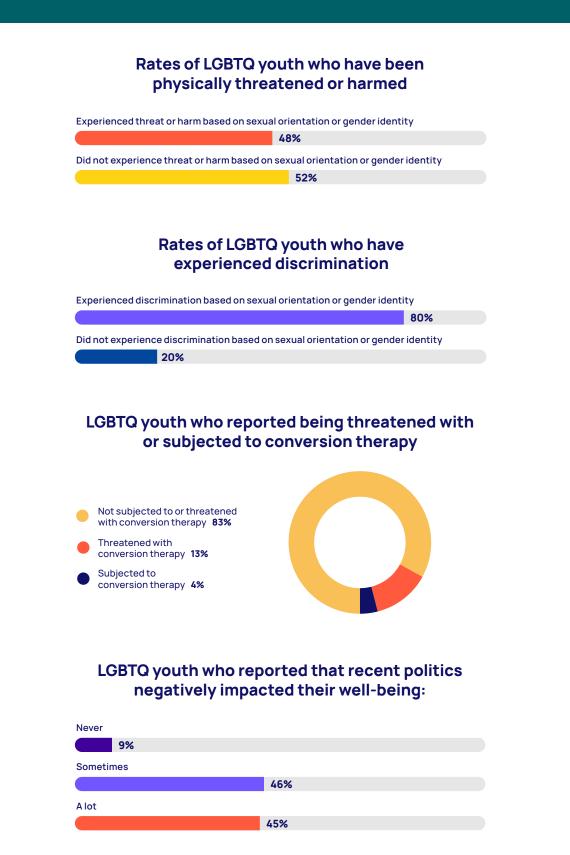
## LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in West Virginia

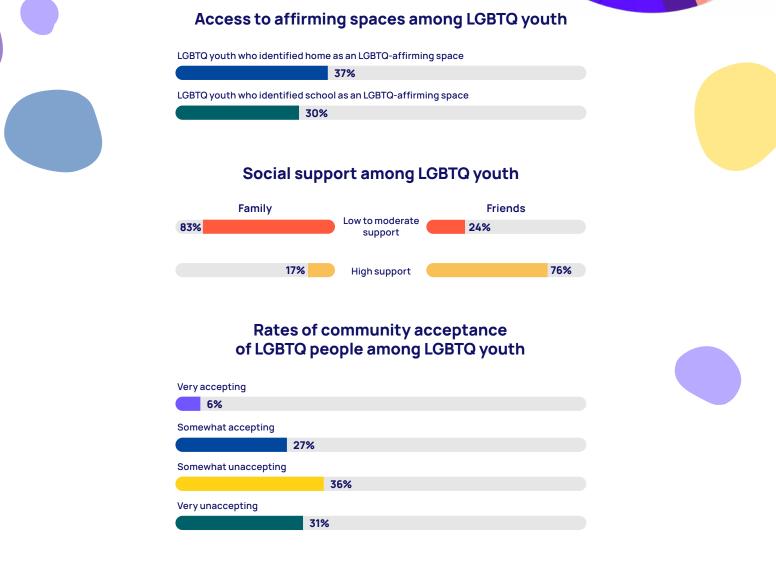
Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.



# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in West Virginia

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in West Virginia?

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when they support the LGBTQ community • diverse groups of people •
people in those places openly say they are LGBTQ or allies • "safe space" signs
other LGBTQ people expressing themselves freely • LGBTQ clubs and resources
openly LGBTQ workers • how accepting the people are

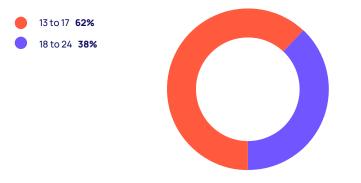


# **Demographics** in West Virginia

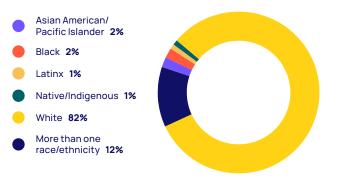
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## Age of LGBTQ youth

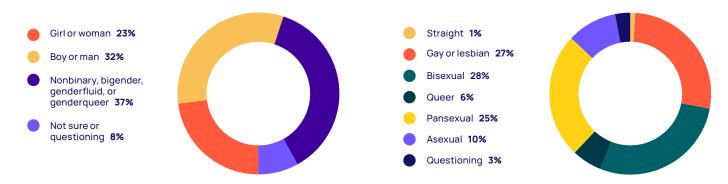


## Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



## Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

## Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth







# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Wisconsin

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Wisconsin

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.



**Suicide Risk** 

**44%** of LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin seriously considered suicide in the past year

including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

including 21% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

of LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin attempted

suicide in the past year

## **Anxiety & Depression**

**7496** of LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety

including 78% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

15%

**59%** of LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin reported experiencing symptoms of depression

including 65% of transgender and nonbinary youth.



# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin

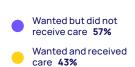


#### Access to care

## 57% of LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it

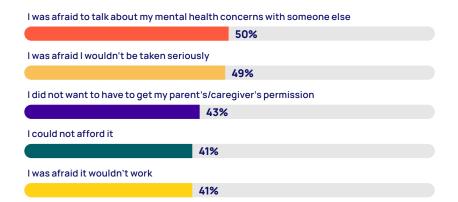
including 56% of transgender and nonbinary youth.

## Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





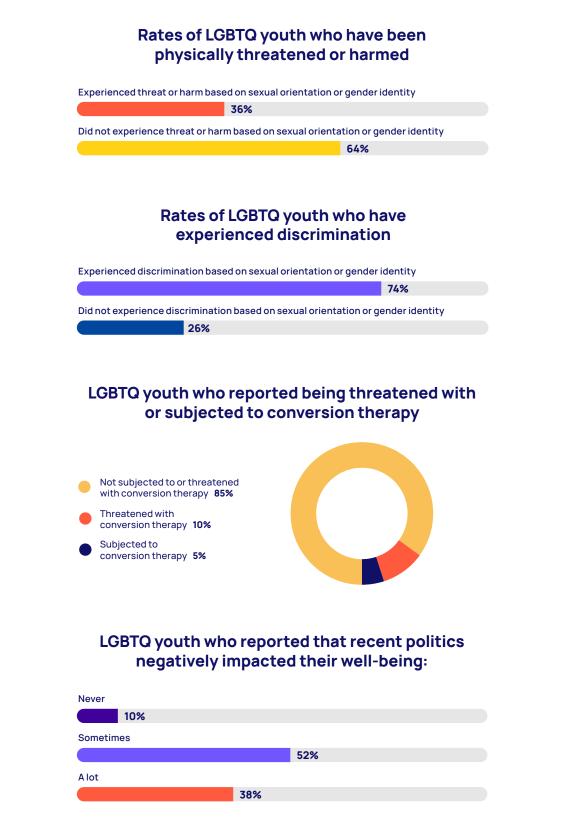
### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.





# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.



## Access to affirming spaces among LGBTQ youth LGBTQ youth who identified home as an LGBTQ-affirming space 46% LGBTQ youth who identified school as an LGBTQ-affirming space 43% Social support among LGBTQ youth Family Friends Low to moderate 75% 23% support 25% 77% **High support Rates of community acceptance** of LGBTQ people among LGBTQ youth Very accepting 14% Somewhat accepting 49% Somewhat unaccepting 24% Very unaccepting 13%

What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Wisconsin?

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other LGBTQ people there who are open about their identity • pride flags •
how they treat people • gender-inclusive terminology • kindness and acceptance
I feel comfortable being myself • using my name and pronouns correctly
open and vocal affirmation and support of all identities

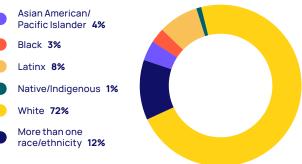


# **Demographics** in Wisconsin

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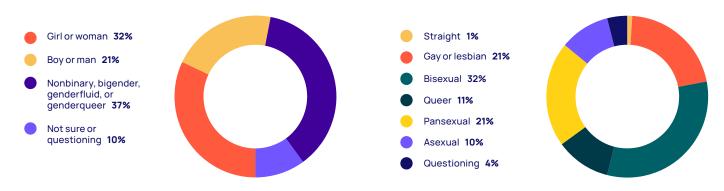


## Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



## Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

## Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth



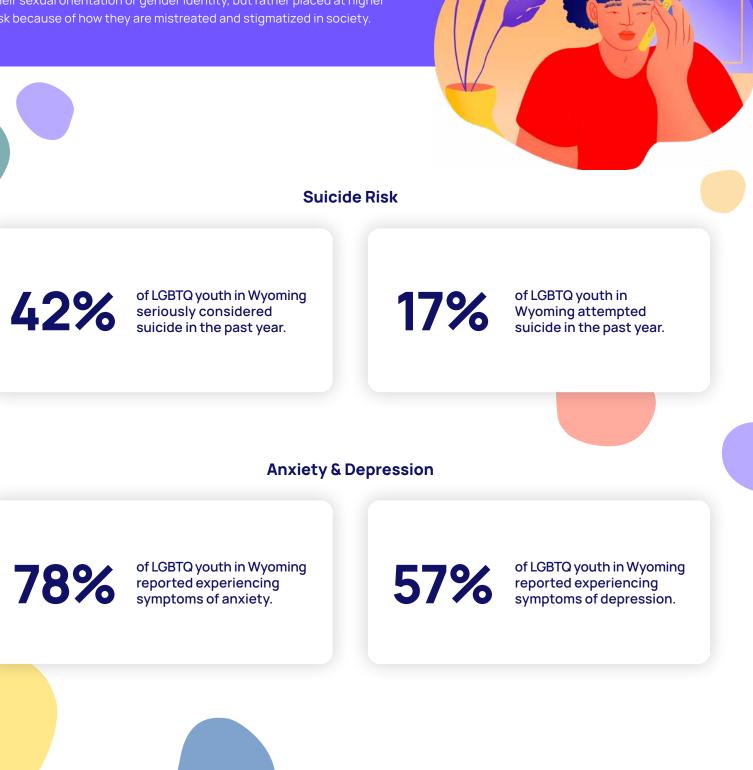




# 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health Wyoming

# Mental Health & Suicide Risk in Wyoming

LGBTQ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.





# Access to Mental Health Care Among LGBTQ Youth in Wyoming



#### Access to care

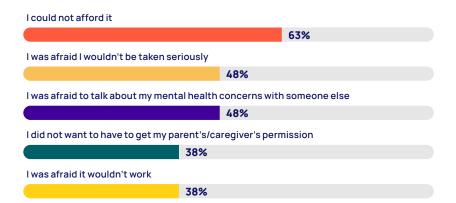
60% of LGBTQ youth in Wyoming who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

## Access to mental health care among LGBTQ youth





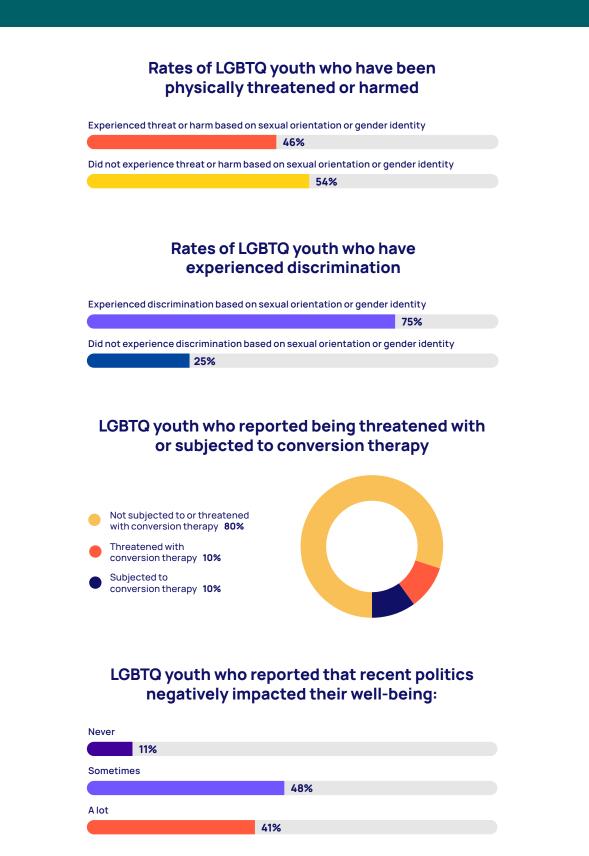
### LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited the following top five reasons:





# Challenges Faced By LGBTQ Youth in Wyoming

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who have experienced anti-LGBTQ victimization — including being physically threatened or harmed, discriminated against, or subjected to conversion therapy — report significantly higher rates of attempting suicide.





# Ways to Support LGBTQ Youth in Wyoming

Research consistently finds that LGBTQ youth who live in accepting communities and feel high social support from family and friends report significantly lower rates of attempting suicide.





What makes a space affirming for LGBTQ young people in Wyoming?

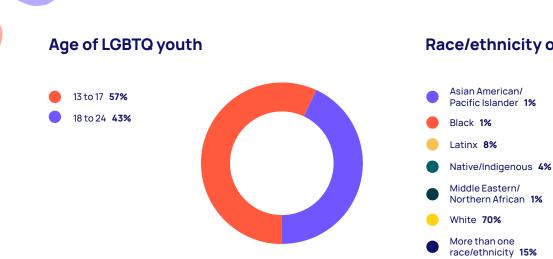
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having people around me that are openly supportive of the LGBTQ community •
inclusive language • LGBTQ members/employees • how people treat others
• having policies in place against discrimination towards people who are LGBTQ
• if I'm able to be safely open about who I am • pride flags •
how people talk about LGBTQ people



# **Demographics** in Wyoming

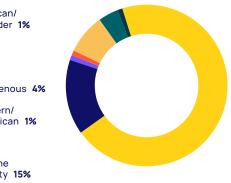
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## Gender identity among LGBTQ youth

#### Girl or woman 28% Straight 1% Gay or lesbian 23% Boy or man 25% Bisexual 29% Nonbinary, bigender, genderfluid, or Queer 15% genderqueer 37% Pansexual 17% Not sure or questioning 10% Asexual 10% Questioning 5%

# Race/ethnicity of LGBTQ youth



Sexual orientation among LGBTQ youth

THE TREVOR PROJECT



The Trevor Project's mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people.

We provide 24/7 crisis services for LGBTQ young people via a phone lifeline, text, and chat. We also operate innovative research, advocacy, public training, and peer support programs.



## Methodology

A quantitative cross-sectional design was used to collect data through an online survey platform between September 20 and December 31, 2021. A sample of individuals ages 13 to 24 who resided in the United States was recruited via targeted ads on social media. No recruitment was conducted via The Trevor Project's website or social media channels. Respondents were defined as being LGBTQ if they identified with a sexual orientation other than straight/heterosexual, a gender identity other than cisgender, or both. In order to ensure the representativeness of the sample, targeted recruitment was conducted to ensure adequate sample sizes with respect to geography, gender identity, and race/ethnicity. Qualified respondents completed a secure online questionnaire that included a maximum of 143 questions. Questions on considering and attempting suicide in the past year were taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey to allow for comparisons to their nationally representative sample. Please find a full methodology report at https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2022/#methodology.