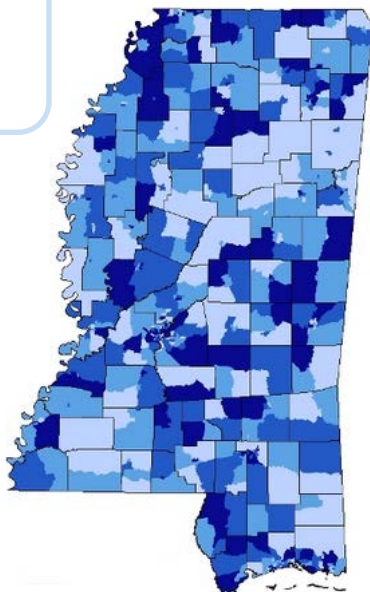
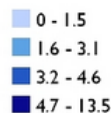


# LGBT People in Mississippi

Mississippi is home to  
**60,000** LGBT adults

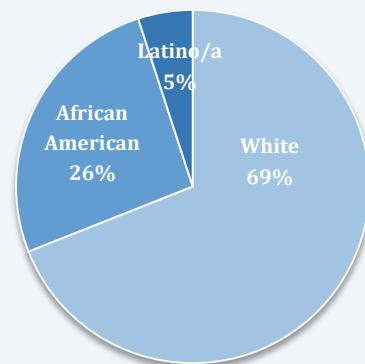


And **3,500**  
same-sex couples



*Same-sex couples per 1,000 households in Mississippi*

LGBT people in Mississippi are racially and ethnically diverse—  
31% of individuals in same-sex couples are people of color



29% of same-sex couples in Mississippi  
(1,000 couples) are raising 1,400 children

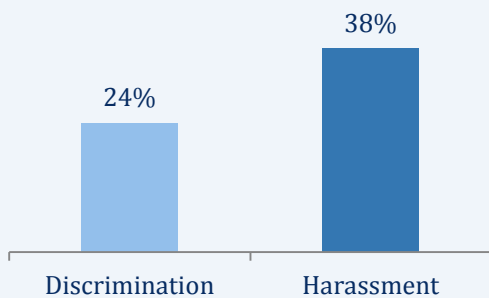
## As a result of the Supreme Court's decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 1,700 same-sex couples in Mississippi will marry by August 2018

- *In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated \$11 million to the state economy*
- *This economic boost would add over \$750,000 in sales tax revenue to the state coffer*
- *It could also generate up to 150 full- and part-time jobs*



### LGBT people in Mississippi experience discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity

*Workplace experiences reported by LGBT people in Mississippi*



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*Polls have found that 81% of Mississippi residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state*

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### There are no state or local laws in Mississippi protecting LGBT employees from discrimination

*But, 75% of Mississippi residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people*

### Many transgender people in Mississippi face barriers to civic engagement



*Mississippi has a strict voter photo ID law that can result in transgender voters being deterred from voting or harassed or turned away at the voting site*

*The law could affect 1,000 transgender voters in the state who do not have updated photo IDs*

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