LGBT People in Texas

Texas is home to **600,000** LGBT adults

LGBT people in Texas are racially and ethnically diverse—38% are Latino/a and 15% are African American

23% of same-sex couples in Texas (11,000 couples) are raising more than 18,000 children

18% of same-sex couples with children in Texas are raising adopted children, compared to 3% of different-sex couples

And **46,000** same-sex couples
As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 23,200 same-sex couples in Texas will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $182 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add nearly $15 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers
- It could also generate up to 1,600 full- and part-time jobs

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

Disrimination experienced by transgender workers in Texas

- 79% Harassed or Mistreated
- 45% Not Hired
- 26% Lost a Job
- 22% Denied a Promotion

Polls have found that 79% of Texas residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state

Only 14% of Texas’s workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

But, 73% of Texas residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

Many transgender people in Texas face barriers to civic engagement

Texas 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 25,000 transgender voters in the state who do not have updated photo IDs

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