Arkansas is home to 79,000 LGBT adults

LGBT people in Arkansas are racially and ethnically diverse—14% are African American and 6% are Latino/a

And 4,200 same-sex couples

21% of same-sex couples in Arkansas (nearly 900 couples) are raising children

11% of same-sex couples with children in Arkansas are raising adopted children, compared to 4% of different-sex couples
As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 2,100 same-sex couples in Arkansas will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add nearly $14 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add $1.3 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers
- It could also generate up to 100 full- and part-time jobs

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

- But, 63% of Arkansas residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

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

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

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Many LGBT People in Arkansas are economically vulnerable

Economic vulnerability of LGBT individuals compared to non-LGBT individuals in Arkansas

- Annual income < $24,000: 42% LGBT, 30% Non-LGBT
- Not enough money for food: 31% LGBT, 21% Non-LGBT
- Not enough money for health care: 26% LGBT, 21% Non-LGBT

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