LGBT People in Florida

Florida is home to **540,000** LGBT adults

And **48,000** same-sex couples

LGBT people in Florida are racially and ethnically diverse—
20% are Latino/a and 18% are African American

16% of same-sex couples in Florida (7,700 couples) are raising more than 13,500 children
As a result of a court decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 24,200 same-sex couples in Florida will marry by the end of 2017:

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $182 million to the state economy.

- This economic boost would add over $15 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers.

- It could also generate up to 2,600 full- and part-time jobs.

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

- Polls have found that 80% of Florida residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state.

- 46% of Florida’s workforce is not covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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

Discrimination against LGBT residents can hurt the state’s budget and economy:

- Employment discrimination against transgender residents costs Florida approximately $570,000 annually in Medicaid expenditures.

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