LGBT People in Kentucky

Kentucky is home to **132,000** LGBT adults

And **7,700** same-sex couples

LGBT people in Kentucky are racially and ethnically diverse—**16%** of LGBT people in Kentucky are people of color

23% of same-sex couples in Kentucky (1,800 couples) are raising children

6% of same-sex couples with children in Kentucky 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 3,600 same-sex couples in Kentucky will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $23 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add $1.4 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers
- It could also generate up to 300 full- and part-time jobs

Many LGBT people in Kentucky are economically vulnerable

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

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Polls have found that 78% of Kentucky residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state

Only 23% of Kentucky’s workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

But, 84% of Kentucky residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

Transgender people in Kentucky face unique barriers

A bill recently introduced in the Kentucky General Assembly would restrict transgender students’ access to restrooms at school

This bill could impact an estimated 6,800 transgender youth living in Kentucky

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