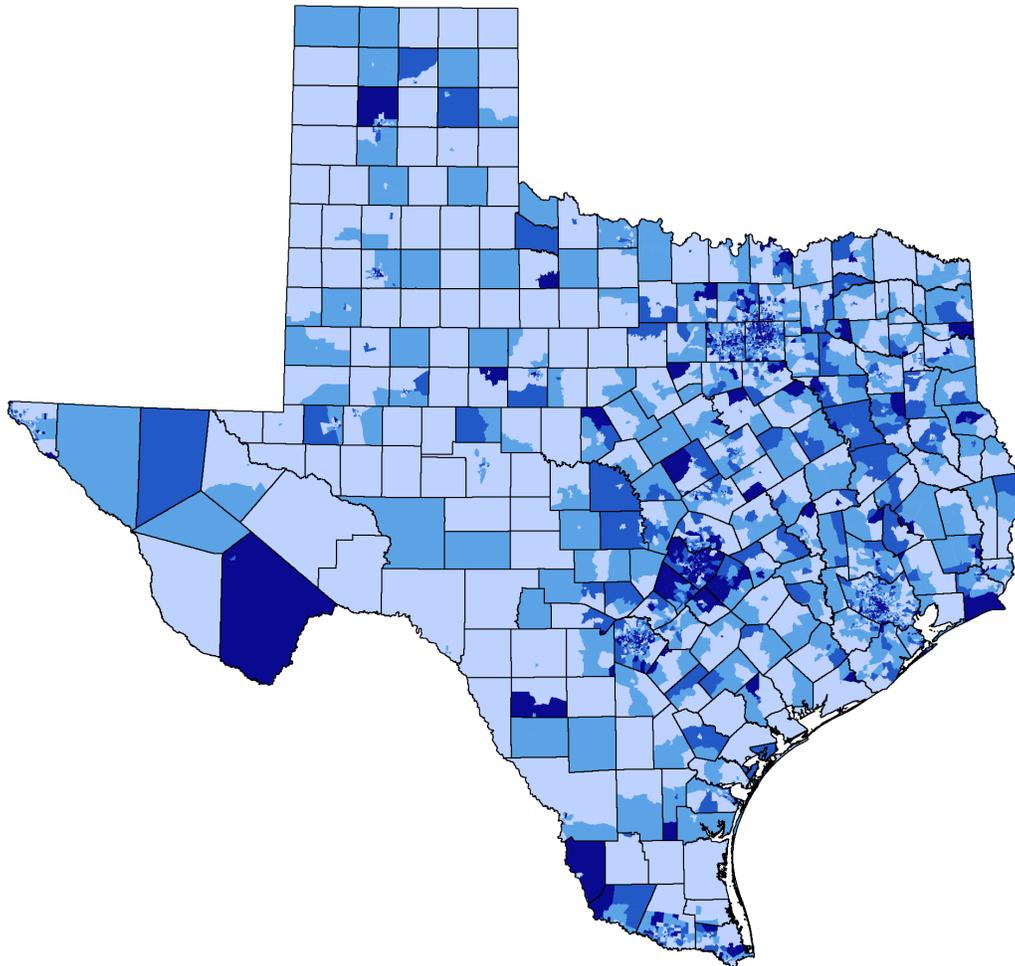


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## Texas



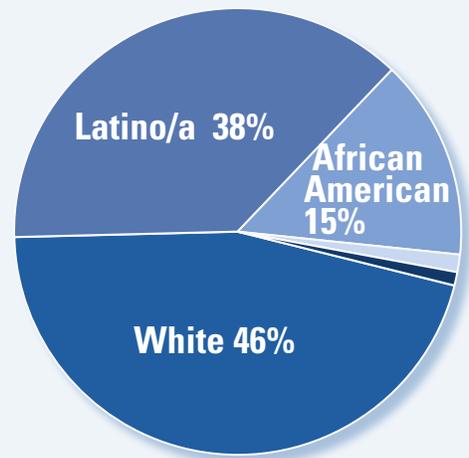
Welcome to the Lone Star State.

Texas is home to over **603,000 LGBT** adults –  
**over 7%** of all LGBT adults in the U.S.

Over half of LGBT people in Texas are people of color – almost 40% are Latino/a.

These LGBT Texans include over **46,401 same-sex couples** – they live throughout Texas – in **87%** of its counties.

Some counties on the Mexican border have higher percentages of same-sex couples. This may be from LGBT people in Mexico moving to border cities.



In terms of the percentage of LGBT residents among the top 50 metro areas in the U.S.,

- Austin ranks 3rd
- San Antonio 24th
- Dallas 33rd
- Houston 42nd

(But in terms of the largest cities with an LGBT mayor, Houston ranks #1!)

For more, visit <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Comparing-LGBT-Rankings-by-Metro-Area-1990-2014.pdf>

**However, Texas does not have a state law protecting its almost 430,000 LGBT workers from sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination.**

<b>9%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>202</b>
Income Disparity between Straight and Gay Male Workers	Transgender Workers Reporting Workplace Discrimination	Public Support for LGBT Workplace Protections	Workforce Covered by Local Non-Discrimination Laws	Estimated New Complaints if LGBT Protections are Added to State Laws

**20% of same-sex couples in the state are raising children—** almost **11,000** same-sex couple households in the state are raising nearly **19,000** children under age 18.



**18% of same-sex couples** in the state are raising adopted children, compared to just **3% of different-sex couples.**

For more, visit: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/240384251/Gary-Gates-Amicus-Brief>  
<http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/LGBT-divide-Dec-2014.pdf>  
<http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/experts/gary-gates/ss-demographics-tx-sep-2014/#sthash.xuwWO3rO.dpuf>

**If the Supreme Court extends marriage equality to Texas this summer, the Williams Institute estimates that 23,200 in-state same-sex couples would choose to marry in the next three years.**

- Wedding spending by these couples would add over \$189 million to the Texas economy.
- It would also generate up to 1,570 full- and part-time jobs in the state.
- This economic boost would add \$14.8 million in sales tax to state and local coffers.

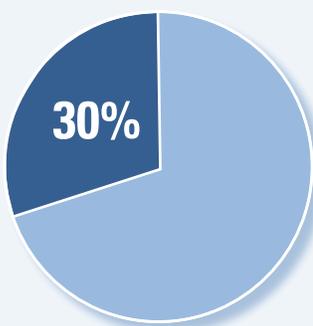


*Polls have found that 79% of Texas residents think that LGBT people experience a moderate amount to a lot of discrimination in the state.*

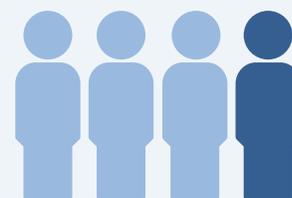


## Many LGBT people in Texas are economically vulnerable.

The Williams Institute estimates that over **30% of LGBT individuals** in the state have annual incomes under \$24,000.



Last year, over **1 in 4** reported not having enough money for food or health care compared to 1 in 5 non-LGBT people in the state.



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## Many transgender Texans face barriers to civic engagement.



Texas has a strict voter photo ID law that can result in transgender voters in the state being deterred from voting, or harassed or turned away at the voting site. In the 2014 election, the Williams Institute estimated that the law could have created problems for almost 6,800 transgender voters in the state who do not have updated photo IDs.

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