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# Poverty & Prejudice: LGBT Disparities

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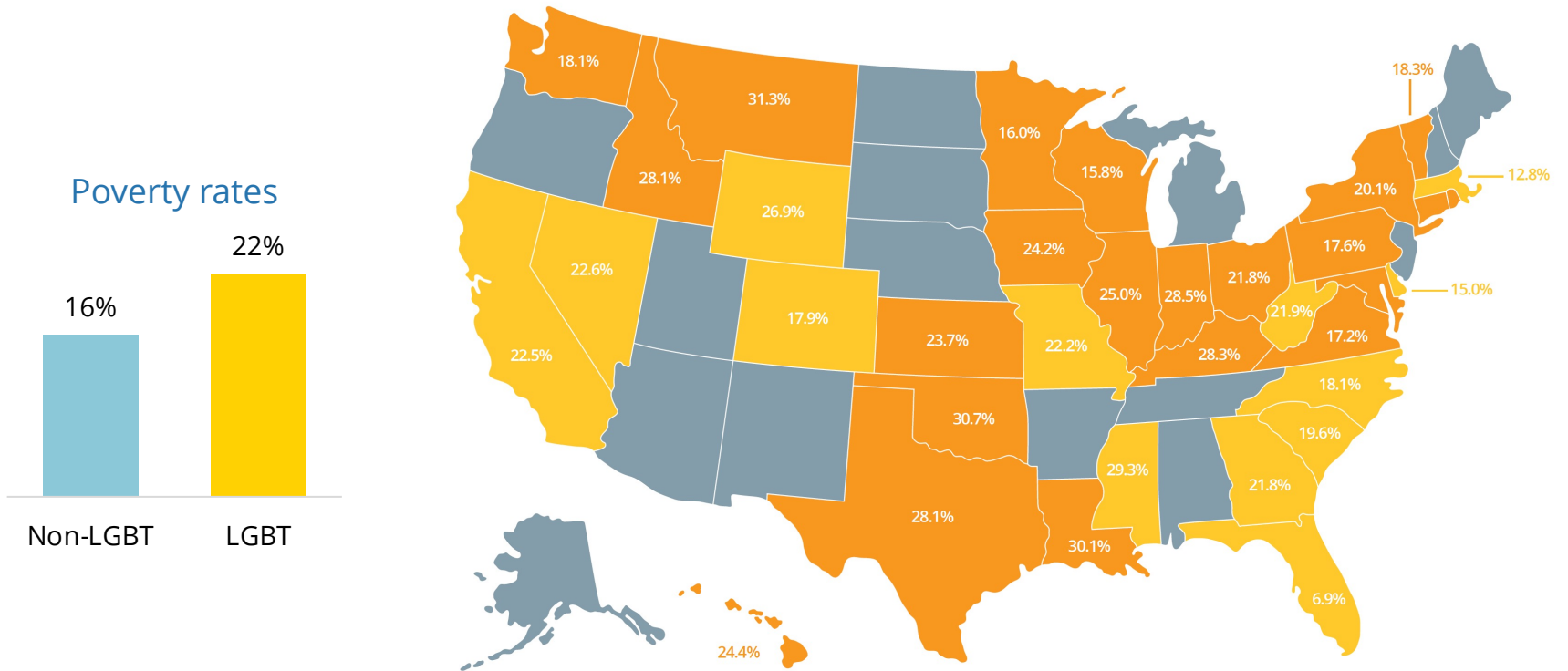
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# LGBT POVERTY NATIONWIDE

LGBT people in the US are more likely to live in poverty than non-LGBT people– and this pattern holds across many states, but maybe not where you'd think



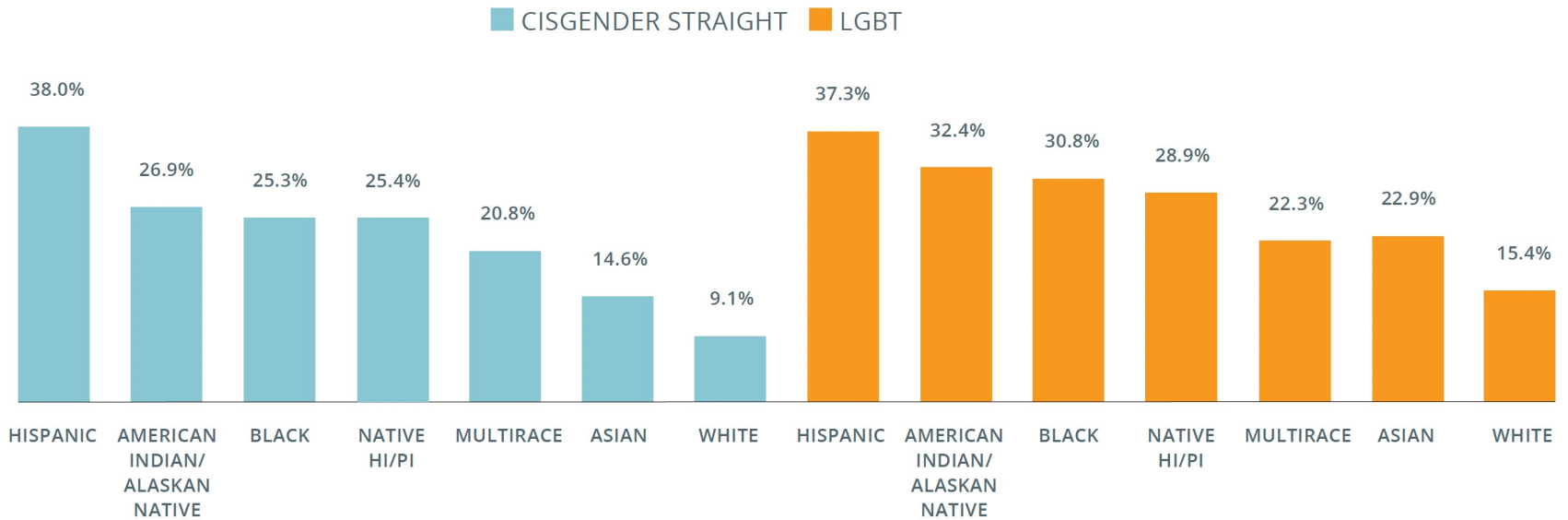
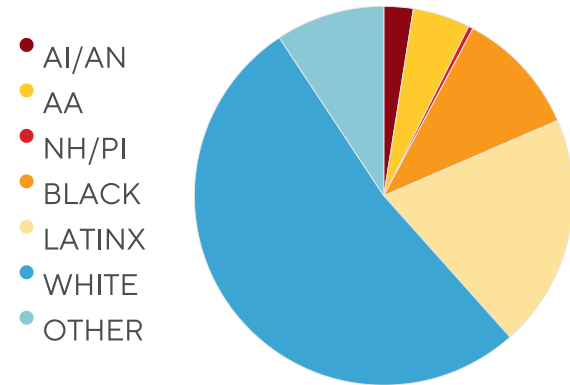
### STATISTICAL TEST RESULTS

- STATISTICALLY HIGHER LGBT POVERTY RATE
- LGBT RATE IS STATISTICALLY THE SAME AS CIS-GENDER STRAIGHT
- NO STATE SOGI DATA REPORTED

# POVERTY RATES DIFFER BY RACE/ETHNICITY

About 40% of LGBT people also self-identify as people of color. Extreme disparities in poverty exist for Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Black community members regardless of LGBT status, and LGBT people report notably higher poverty rates than non-LGBT people in most categories.

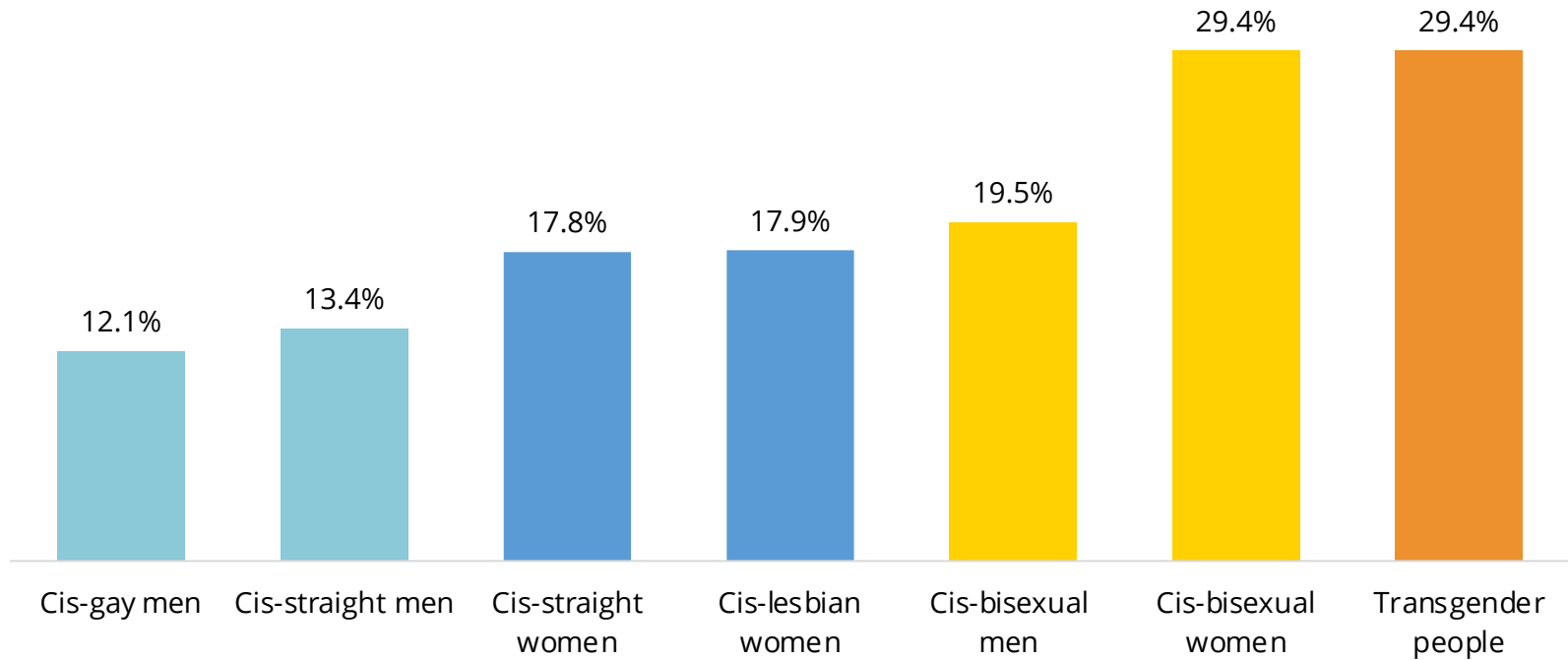
What % of LGBT people identify with each racial group?



# POVERTY BY SO/GI

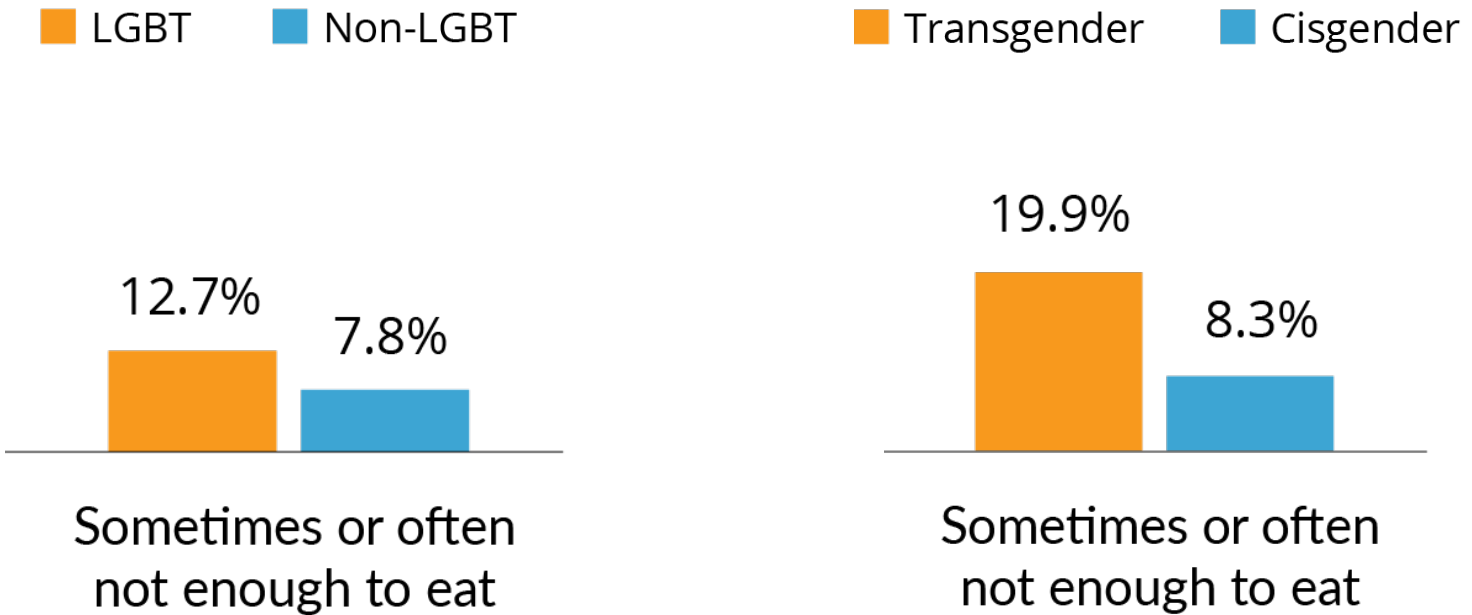
Poverty is concentrated among some subpopulations of LGBT people

Poverty rates



# FOOD INSUFFICIENCY

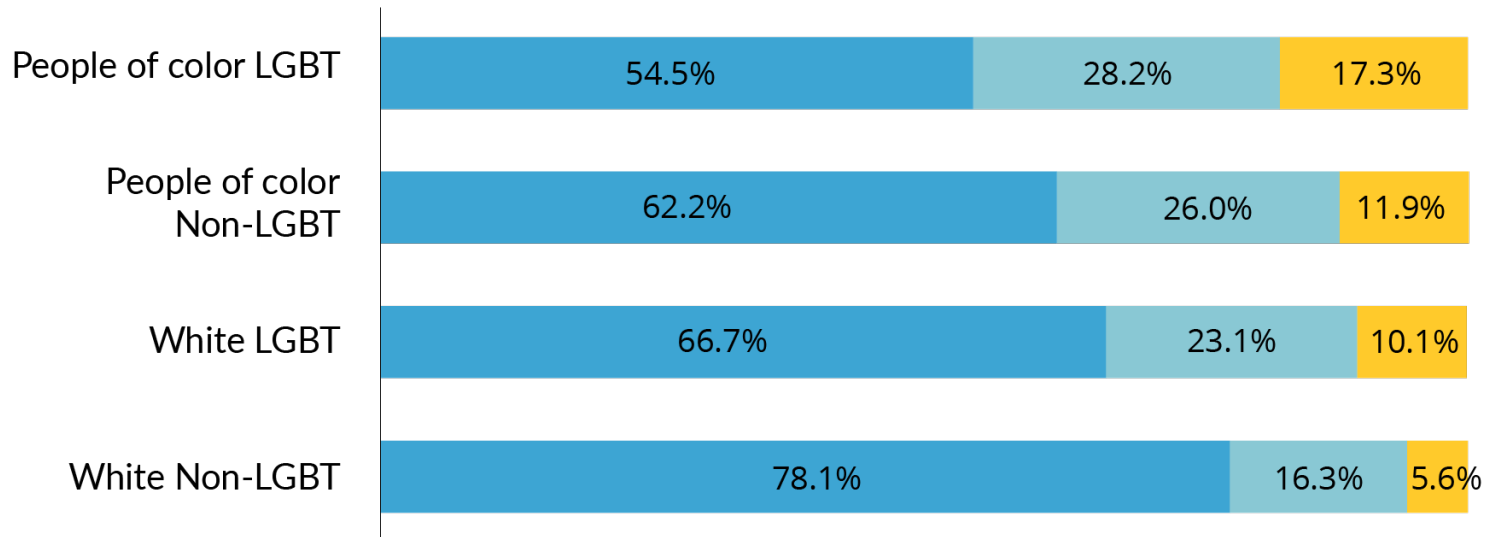
LGBT People experience food insufficiency at greater rates than cisgender straight people. This disparity is even more pronounced for transgender people.



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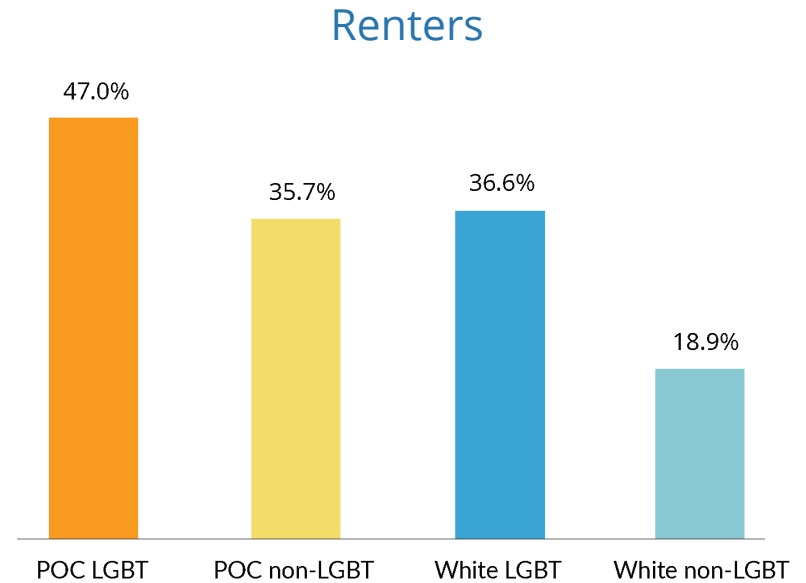
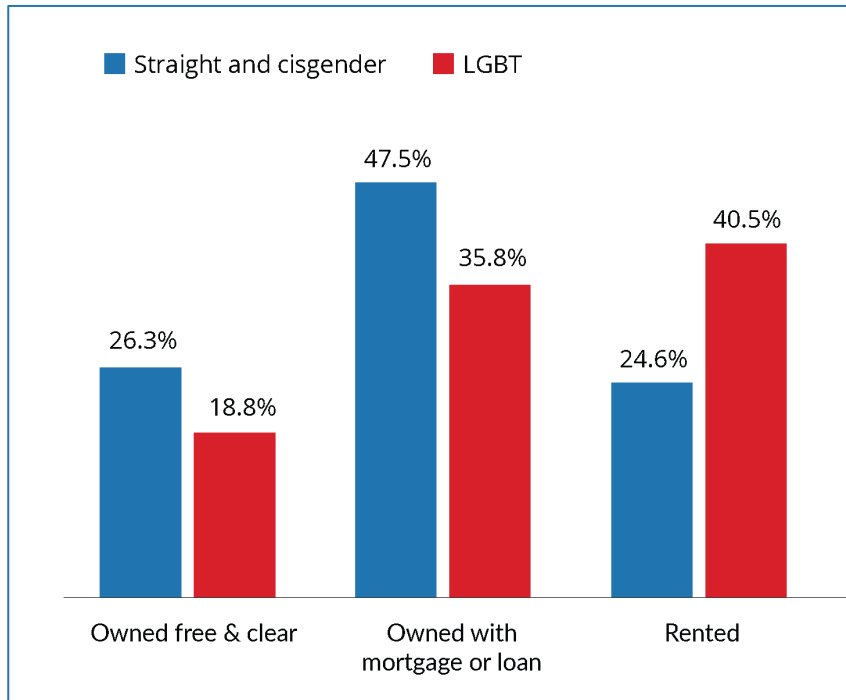
White, non-LGBT people report significantly greater access to sufficient food than white LGBT people, Non-LGBT people of color, and LGBT people of color.

■ Enough food   ■ Enough food but not of the desired kind   ■ Sometimes or often not enough to eat



# OWNERSHIP VS RENTING

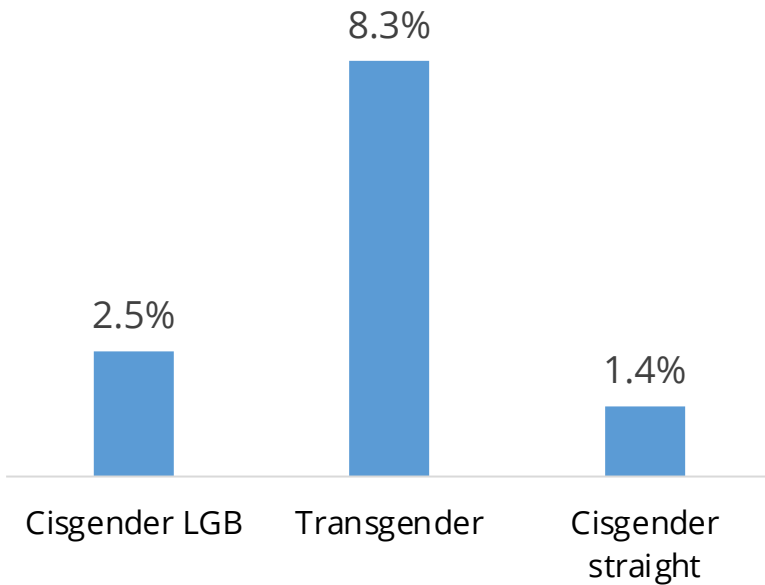
LGBT people are less likely to own their own homes and more likely to be carrying a mortgage, and nearly half of **LGBT People of Color** are renters.



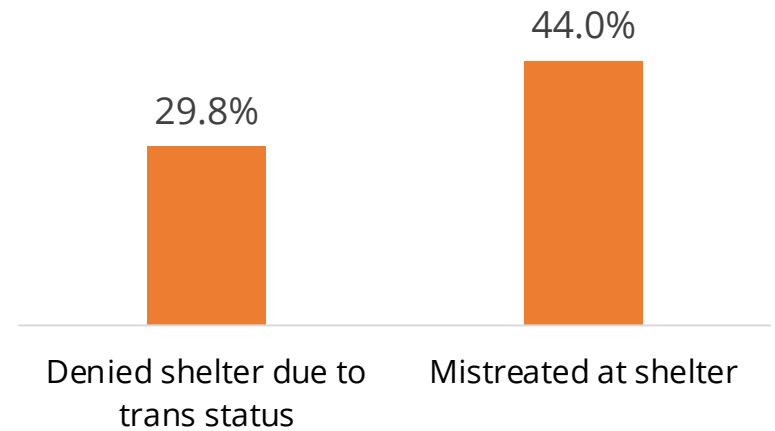
# HOMELESSNESS AMONG LGBT PEOPLE

**Transgender people** are most likely to experience homelessness, and also most likely to have a negative experience at a homeless shelter.

Experienced homelessness, past 12 months



Negative Experience at Homeless Shelter

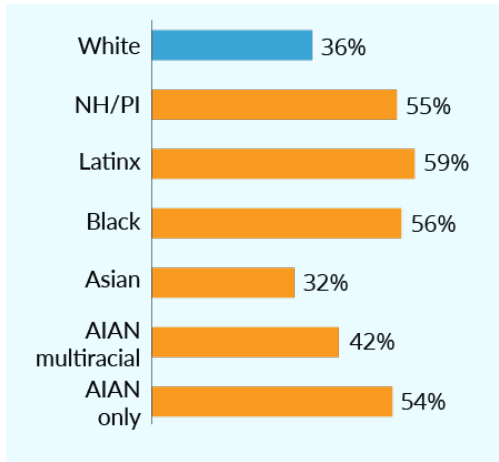




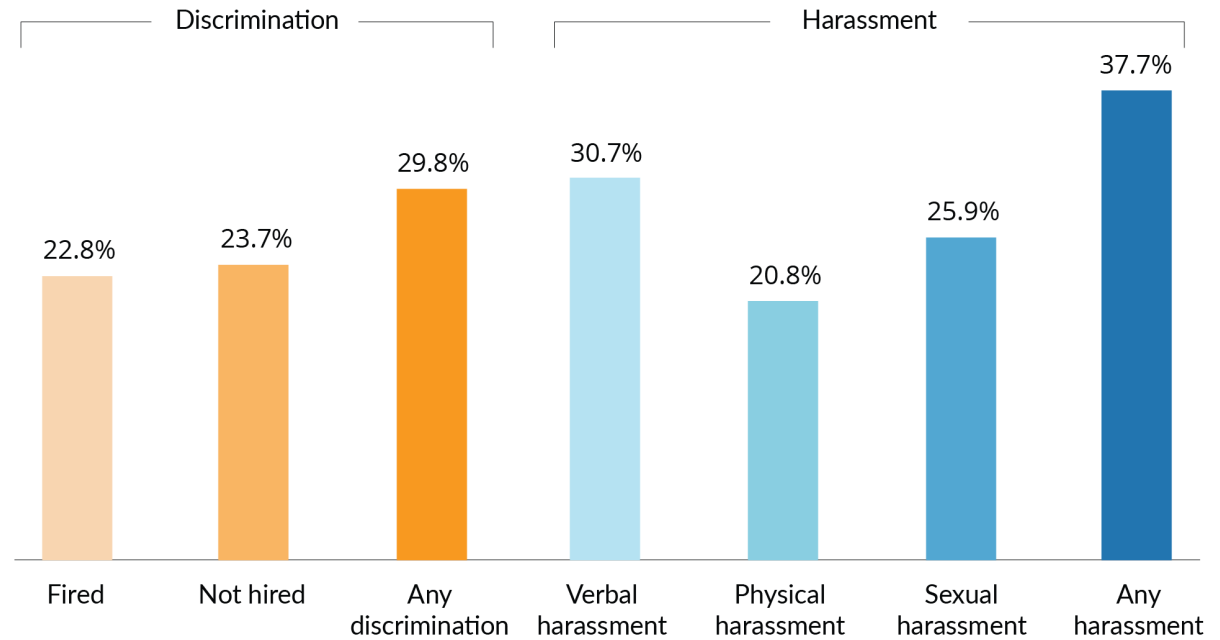
# EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND INCOME

Many LGBT people have low incomes, a direct factor in poverty. Some of this can be attributed to high rates of employment discrimination.

LGBT adults living with low income



Lifetime experiences of workplace discrimination and harassment among LGBT people



# WILLIAMS INSTITUTE RESEARCH: CHILDHOOD POVERTY

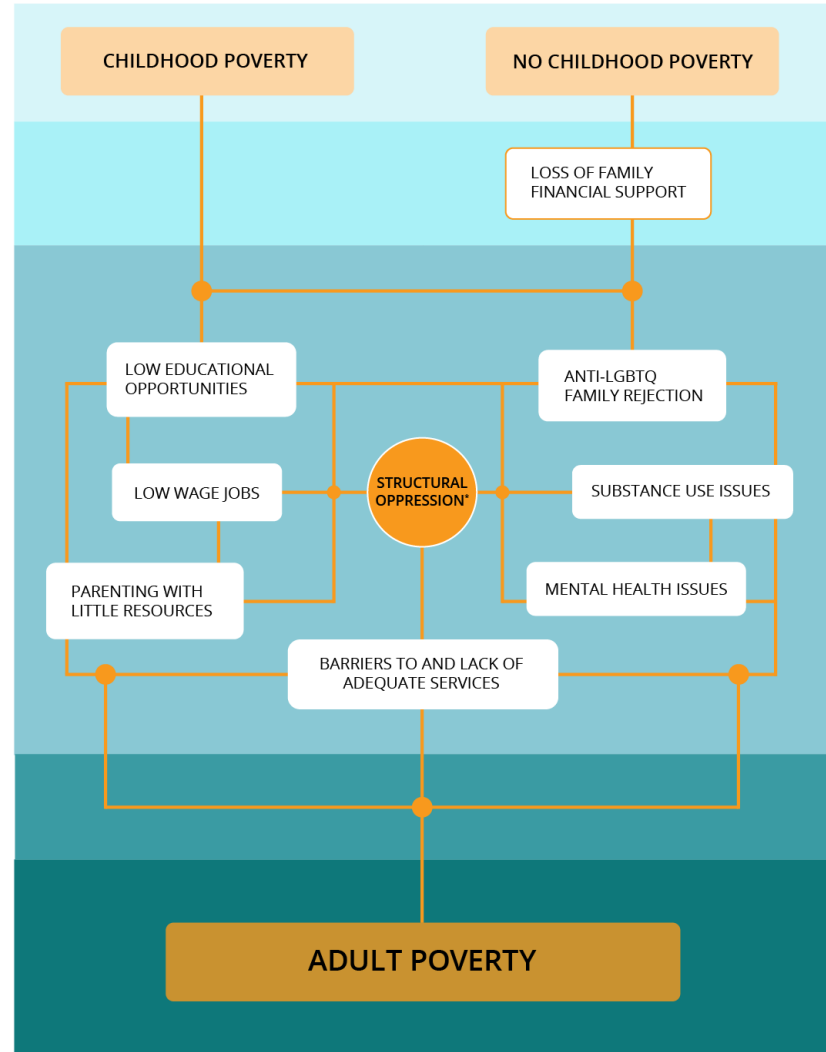
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## PATHWAYS INTO POVERTY

Lived Experiences Among LGBTQ People

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