LGBT People in Louisiana

Louisiana is home to **112,000** LGBT adults

LGBT people in Louisiana are racially and ethnically diverse—**32%** are African American and **5%** are Latino/a

And **8,000** same-sex couples

**Same-sex couples per 1,000 households in Louisiana**

- 0 - 2.4
- 2.5 - 4.7
- 4.8 - 6.8
- 6.9 - 78.6

**27%** of same-sex couples in Louisiana (2,100 couples) are raising children

**14%** of same-sex couples with children in Louisiana are raising adopted children, compared to **3%** of different-sex couples
As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 4,000 same-sex couples in Louisiana will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $28 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add $2.5 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 Louisiana are economically vulnerable

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Polls have found that 81% of Louisiana residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state.

Only 13% of Louisiana’s workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

But, 74% of Louisiana residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

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