LGBT People in Mississippi

Mississippi is home to 60,000 LGBT adults

And 3,500 same-sex couples

Same-sex couples per 1,000 households in Mississippi

LGBT people in Mississippi are racially and ethnically diverse—31% of individuals in same-sex couples are people of color

29% of same-sex couples in Mississippi (1,000 couples) are raising 1,400 children
As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 1,700 same-sex couples in Mississippi will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $11 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add over $750,000 in sales tax revenue to the state coffer
- It could also generate up to 150 full- and part-time jobs

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

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

There are no state or local laws in Mississippi protecting LGBT employees from discrimination

But, 75% of Mississippi residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

Many transgender people in Mississippi face barriers to civic engagement

Mississippi has a strict voter photo ID law that can result in transgender voters being deterred from voting or harassed or turned away at the voting site

The law could affect 1,000 transgender voters in the state who do not have updated photo IDs

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