OHIO

The impact of stigma and discrimination against LGBT people

The state is home to 389,000 LGBT adults

LGBT Age Distribution

- 32% 18-24
- 27% 25-34
- 20% 35-49
- 13% 50-64
- 8% 65+

Nearly 80% of Ohio residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state.

73% of LGBT Ohio students surveyed said they had experienced verbal harassment based on their sexual orientation at school.

2017 GLSEN National School Climate Survey

Discrimination creates hardships for LGBT adults in the state.

- Food insecurity: LGBT 16% vs. non-LGBT 21%
- Household income < $24K: LGBT 33% vs. non-LGBT 33%
- Currently smoking: LGBT 21% vs. non-LGBT 21%
- Diagnosed depressive disorder: LGBT 22% vs. non-LGBT 50%

Reducing the disparity in depression by 25% would benefit Ohio’s economy by $156 million annually.

Ohio’s 72,000 LGBT youth also experience negative outcomes.

Suicide ideation
- LGBT youth in Cleveland: 36%
- non-LGBT youth in Cleveland: 15%

Bullied at school
- LGBT youth in Cleveland: 25%
- non-LGBT youth in Cleveland: 11%

Laura Kann et al., Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance - United States, 2017 (2018)