LGBT People in Oklahoma

Oklahoma is home to **99,000** LGBT adults

![Map of Oklahoma showing LGBT couples per 1,000 households.]

**And 6,100** same-sex couples

LGBT people in Oklahoma are racially and ethnically diverse—
25% of LGBT individuals are people of color

- White: 75%
- African American: 7%
- Latino/a: 12%
- API: 3%
- Other: 3%
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![Pie chart showing racial and ethnic diversity among LGBT individuals.]

31% of same-sex couples in Oklahoma (1,300 couples) are raising children

24% of same-sex couples with children in Oklahoma are raising adopted children, compared to 4% of different-sex couples
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As a result of a court decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 3,100 same-sex couples in Oklahoma will marry by the end of 2017.

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $21 million to the state economy.
- This economic boost would add $1.8 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers.
- It could also generate up to 200 full- and part-time jobs.

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