LGBT People in Tennessee

Tennessee is home to **130,000** LGBT adults

And **11,000** same-sex couples

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

20% of same-sex couples in Tennessee (2,200 couples) are raising children

6% of same-sex couples with children in Tennessee are raising adopted children, compared to 4% of different-sex couples
As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 3,600 same-sex couples in Tennessee will marry by August 2018

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $25 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 250 full- and part-time jobs

Many LGBT people in Tennessee are economically vulnerable

Polls have found that 80% of Tennessee residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state

Only 2% of Tennessee’s workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

But, 72% of Tennessee residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

Many transgender people in Tennessee face barriers to civic engagement

Tennessee 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 1,700 transgender voters in the state who do not have updated photo IDs

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