**VIRGINIA**

The impact of stigma and discrimination against LGBT people

The state is home to 257,000 LGBT adults

- **LGBT:** 58%
- **Non-LGBT:** 69%

81% of Virginia residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state.

74% of LGBT Virginia students surveyed said they had experienced verbal harassment based on their sexual orientation at school.

Discrimination creates hardships for LGBT adults in the state.

- Food insecurity: 27% (LGBT), 16% (non-LGBT)
- Household income < $24K: 21% (LGBT), 16% (non-LGBT)
- Currently smoking: 30% (LGBT), 19% (non-LGBT)

Reducing the disparity in depression by 25% would benefit Virginia’s economy by $103 million annually.

Virginia’s 50,400 LGBT youth also experience negative outcomes.

- Experiences of K-12 students perceived to be transgender
  - Physical assault: 15% (LGBT), 27% (non-LGBT)
  - Verbal harassment: 80% (LGBT), 30% (non-LGBT)

2017 GLSEN National School Climate Survey

2017 US Transgender Survey

2015 Campus Climate Survey

2010 Campus Climate Survey