LGBT People in Virginia

Virginia is home to **185,000** LGBT adults

And **14,200** same-sex couples

LGBT people in Virginia are racially and ethnically diverse—22% are African American and 8% are Latino/a

18% of same-sex couples in Virginia (2,600 couples) are raising children
Polls have found that 78% of Virginia residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state. Only 6% of Virginia's workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. But, 84% of Virginia residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people.

As a result of a court decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 7,122 same-sex couples in Virginia will marry by the end of 2017. In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $60 million to the state economy. This economic boost would add $3.2 million in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers. It could also generate up to 600 full- and part-time jobs.

LGBT people Virginia experience discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Many LGBT People in Virginia are economically vulnerable. Connect with the Williams Institute: http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/