West Virginia is home to **46,000** LGBT adults

And **2,800** same-sex couples

18% of same-sex couples in West Virginia (500 couples) are raising children
As a result of a court decision extending marriage equality, an estimated 1,400 same-sex couples in West Virginia will marry by the end of 2017

- In total, wedding spending by these couples will add an estimated $9 million to the state economy
- This economic boost would add $500,000 in sales tax revenue to state and local coffers
- It could also generate up to 80 full- and part-time jobs

LGBT people in West Virginia experience discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity

Polls have found that 78% of West Virginia residents think that LGBT people experience discrimination in the state

Only 5% of West Virginia’s workforce is covered by local laws that protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

But, 70% of West Virginia residents support employment non-discrimination protections for LGBT people

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