We believe in data. At a time when perspective often poses as evidence, the Williams Institute remains committed to rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity. For 19 years, we have supplied policymakers with facts that illuminate the impact of law and policy on the lives of LGBT people. 2020 was no different. In a year dominated by a global pandemic, increased attention to racial injustice, and an unprecedented presidential election, the Williams Institute provided data to inform real-world solutions. Take a look at some of our most groundbreaking findings from the past year.
**VIOLENCE**

- LGBT women are 5x more likely than non-LGBT women to experience violent victimization.

- Nearly 4 times as many LGBT people than non-LGBT people experienced violent victimization in their lifetimes.

- LBT women are more likely than non-LBT women to experience violent victimization.

**VULNERABILITY**

- Older adults, those with underlying medical conditions, and people with economic and social vulnerabilities face greater risk of serious illness, isolation, and financial insecurity.

- Transgender adults are age 65+

- Transgender adults do not have health insurance

- Transgender adults have certain underlying conditions that make them vulnerable

**RACIAL INEQUITY**

- Black LGB people experienced recent homelessness at disproportionately higher rates than White LGB people.

- 80% of LGBTQ American Indian, Black, and Latinx adults with low incomes reported childhood poverty, compared to 50% of White and Asian Pacific Islander respondents.

- Black men are disproportionately impacted by HIV disease and the enforcement of HIV criminal laws in Missouri.

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**Data in Review**

- A bipartisan group of U.S. Senators introduce a bill that would strengthen enforcement of the federal hate crimes law.

- The World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a global pandemic. By the end of the year, more than 215 countries around the world would be affected by the virus.

- The killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers reignited a wave of Black Lives Matter protests demanding an end to police brutality and structural racism in the U.S.

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**2020**

**Intimate Partner Violence**

- Nearly 4 times as many LGBT people than non-LGBT people experienced violent victimization in their lifetimes.

- LGBT people are about 6 times more likely to undergo violence by someone they know well.

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**Sources:**

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Five years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, extending marriage equality nationwide.

The U.S. Supreme Court rules that employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity are forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturns the Trump administration’s termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

293,000
SAME-SEX COUPLES
have married since the Obergefell decision

3.8 BILLION
Wedding spending by these couples and their out-of-state guests has boosted state and local economies.

TOP FIVE STATES WITH LGBT DACA RECIPIENTS

39,000  ▶  California

11,000  ▶  Texas

6,000  ▶  New York

2,000  ▶  Florida

2,000  ▶  Illinois

81,000
LGBT DREAMERS IN THE US

39,000
HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DACA

State law expressly includes sexual orientation and gender identity

Partial or no sexual orientation and gender identity protection

8.1 million
LGBT PEOPLE AGE 16+
ARE PART OF
THE US WORKFORCE

3.9 million
of them live in states without protections from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Source: bit.ly/ImpactSSMarriage
Source: bit.ly/LGBTDreamers
Source: bit.ly/StateLGBTpop
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announces its intention to roll back existing protections from gender identity discrimination in housing facilities.

California Governor Gavin Newsom signs a bill requiring tracking of communicable diseases—including COVID-19—to include information on sexual orientation and gender identity.

A record 574 openly LGBTQ candidates appear on 2020 general election ballots throughout the U.S.

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