

LGBTQ+ Population Quick Facts

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The United States Overall

According to [Gallup](#) and the [Williams Institute](#), approximate 4.5% of US adults identified as LGBT in 2017 (about 14.65 million people). This includes about 1.4 million people who identify as transgender (0.6% of the US adult population in 2016).

Millennials are the most likely to identify as LGBT (8.2% of Millennials compared to 3.5% of GenX, which was the next largest percentage).

People of color are more likely than whites to identify as LGBT (4% of whites vs. 6.1% of Hispanic ppl., 5% of Black ppl and 4.9% of Asian people).

Low income people are more likely to identify as LGBT than higher income people (6.2% of households making <36K annually vs 3.9% of households making >90K).

A [2016 study by the CDC](#) found that 8% of high school students report being **LGB** (about 1.3 million people).

Indiana

According to [Gallup and the Williams Institute](#), 4.5% of Indiana adults identify as LGBT (about 300,000 people). This includes 0.56% who identify as transgender (about 27,600 people). *Assuming this percentage is the same for IUPUI (which we currently don't know), then approx. 930 undergraduate students identify as LGBT.*

Of LGBT people in Indiana:

- 71% are white (Indiana total population is 79.2% white)
- 12% are Latin@ (IN total 7%)
- 9% are Black/African American (IN total 9.7%)
- 6% identify with more than 1 race (IN total 2.1%)
- 2% all other races (IN total 2.9%)

- 33% are age 18-24
- 34% are raising children
- 27% are food insecure (vs 15% of non-LGBT)
- 29% have household incomes <24K (vs 20% non-LGBT)

- 54% have a HS diploma or GED (vs 47% non-LGBT)
- 27% have some college (same as non-LGBT)
- 11% have a Bachelor's degree (vs. 15% non-LGBT)
- 8% have done post-graduate study (vs 11% non-LGBT)

The Midwest region has the lowest rate of college completion for LGBT people in the country ([2014 Williams Institute](#)).

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Non-representative Data

[2014 IUPUI Campus Climate for Diversity](#)

14% of undergraduate respondents identified as LGBT (10% graduate student, 8% faculty and staff).

17% of students with a disability identified as LGBT (6% of LGBT students identified as having a disability).

[Of LGBT students](#) (grad and undergrad) who responded to the survey:

- 67% White (68% IUPUI students who responded)
- 5% Black (8% all students who responded)
- 9% Hispanic (7% all students who responded)
- 8% Asian (9% all students who responded)
- 11% Other race (6% all students who responded)

[2016 survey by Harris/GLAAD](#) found that 12% of the US population* identifies as LGBTQ, including 20% of Millennials (ages 18-34). Of the 20% of Millennials, 8% identified as non-heterosexual cisgender, 4% identified as non-cisgender heterosexual, and 8% identified as non-cisgender, non-heterosexual.

*this probably means that 20% of respondents identified as such, but the methodology does not make that clear enough for me to determine.

[The 2015 US Transgender Survey](#) (largest survey of transgender people in the US)

Approximately 1/3 of respondents identified as non-binary, 1/3 as transmen, 1/3 as transwomen.

Respondents were most likely to identify as queer (21%), and they also identified as pansexual (18%), gay, lesbian, or same-gender-loving (16%), straight (15%), bisexual (14%), and asexual (10%).

39% of respondents reported having one or more disabilities (US population 15%).

[2015 US Transgender Survey - Indiana Only](#)

9% of IN respondents were unemployed (US rate 5%), 31% were living in poverty (US rate 12%)

Only 11% of IN respondents said all their IDs/legal documents had their preferred name and gender. For 75% of IN respondents none of their legal documents had their preferred name and gender.

26% of IN respondents who had shown an ID with mismatch name/gender were verbally harassed, denied benefits/service, asked to leave, or assaulted in the last year.

18% of IN respondents in post-secondary education were verbally, physically, or sexually harassed in the last year.