

# LGBT HEALTH DISPARITIES

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**44% HIDE** their gender/sexuality in public<sup>2</sup> – usually or occasionally

**34% HIDE** their sexuality/gender when accessing services<sup>3</sup>

**71%** choose not to reach out to a crisis support service in a crisis<sup>4</sup>

Approximately **11%** of the population identifies as LGBTI<sup>1</sup>

LGBT young people aged 16 to 27 are **5x** more likely to attempt suicide<sup>5</sup>

**LGBT**

**Transgender**

**33%** had self-harmed (LGBT youth)<sup>7</sup>  
Transgender people aged 18 are **11x** more likely<sup>6</sup>

**57%** diagnosed with depression<sup>8</sup>

**31%** LBQT women 40 years and older had never had a mammogram<sup>9</sup>

**81%** of Trans patients felt comfortable disclosing the Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity when their confidentiality was assured<sup>12</sup>

More than **60%** of LGB people feel a health setting is more trustworthy if they see visible symbols of inclusion<sup>10</sup>

Seeing Gender Neutral language on forms helped more **59%** of LGB patients view their healthcare provider as inclusive<sup>11</sup>



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