

# LGBTQ HEALTH STATISTICS

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**42%** of trans young people encountered mental health and other medical services who "did not understand, respect or have previous experience with gender diverse people."<sup>2</sup>



**20%** LGBTQ clients felt they needed to educate the service providers on their LGBTQ specific needs.<sup>1</sup>

**33%** of LGBTQI+ people experienced discrimination as part of their cancer care, as a result of being LGBTQI+, with trans people experiencing the highest level (52%).<sup>5</sup>



**17%** of LGBTQ participants reported experiencing a time in the past 12 months when they had struggled to manage their alcohol use or a time where it negatively impacted their everyday life.<sup>4</sup>



**41%** of LGBTQI+ people had high or very high distress levels; 3-6 times higher than non-LGBTQI cancer population.<sup>6</sup>



**42%** of LGBTQ people aged 18 and over reported that they had considered attempting suicide in the previous 12 months.<sup>3</sup>

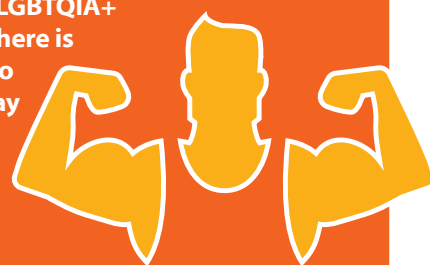
## FOCUS ON CANCER

**56%** of cancer professionals surveyed were confident in their knowledge of the health needs of sexuality diverse patients.<sup>7</sup>



**33%** of cancer professionals were confident in their knowledge of the health needs of trans and gender diverse people.<sup>8</sup>

**54%** of LGBTQIA+ people believe there is an expectation to look a certain way in the LGBTQIA+ community.<sup>9</sup>



**39%** of LGBTQ people aged 18 and over reported ever feeling abused by a family member.<sup>10</sup>

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