



LGBTQ+ TEXANS

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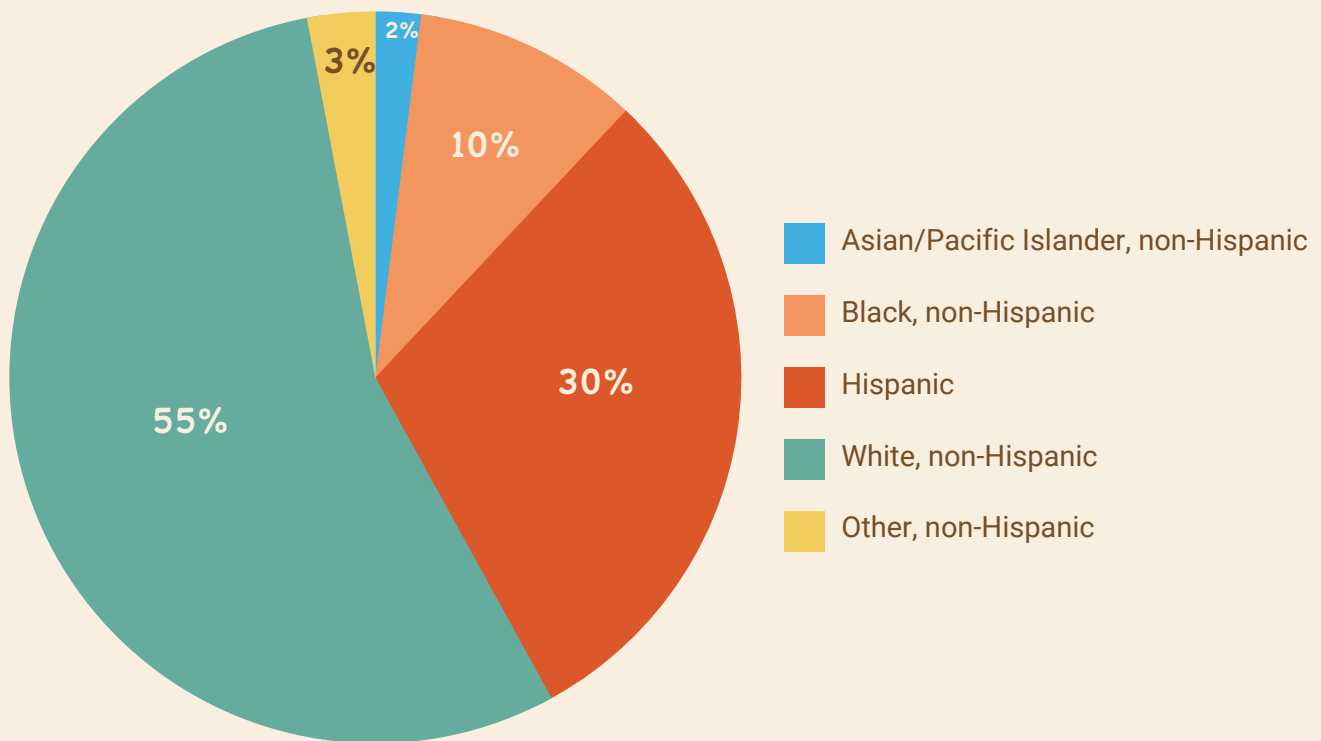
NOTE ON DATA COLLECTION, SURVEY INSTRUMENTS, AND INCLUSION:

Unless noted otherwise in the footnotes, the data in this brief are from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Data collection efforts across many survey instruments have yet to fully address the need to include the diverse identities of Texans. Therefore, the demographic breakdown provided in this brief primarily reflects binary, cisgender sex-disaggregation of data. Such binary focus excludes important information about transgender and gender nonconforming populations. The categories of race and ethnicity utilized also do not adequately reflect the multiracial and multiethnic population of Texas. The way that many primary sources for data collect sexual orientation, gender identity, racial, and ethnic data must evolve to be more inclusive and representative of the geographic, social, and cultural dimensions that define the concepts.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS OF LGBTQ+ TEXANS

There are 96,581 same-sex couple households in Texas.¹ Of same-sex couple households in Texas, 56% (54,504) are married and 44% (42,077) are unmarried.²

SAME-SEX COUPLES IN TEXAS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2021



Source: Every Texan analysis of U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Demographic and Housing Characteristics file, Table PCT15.

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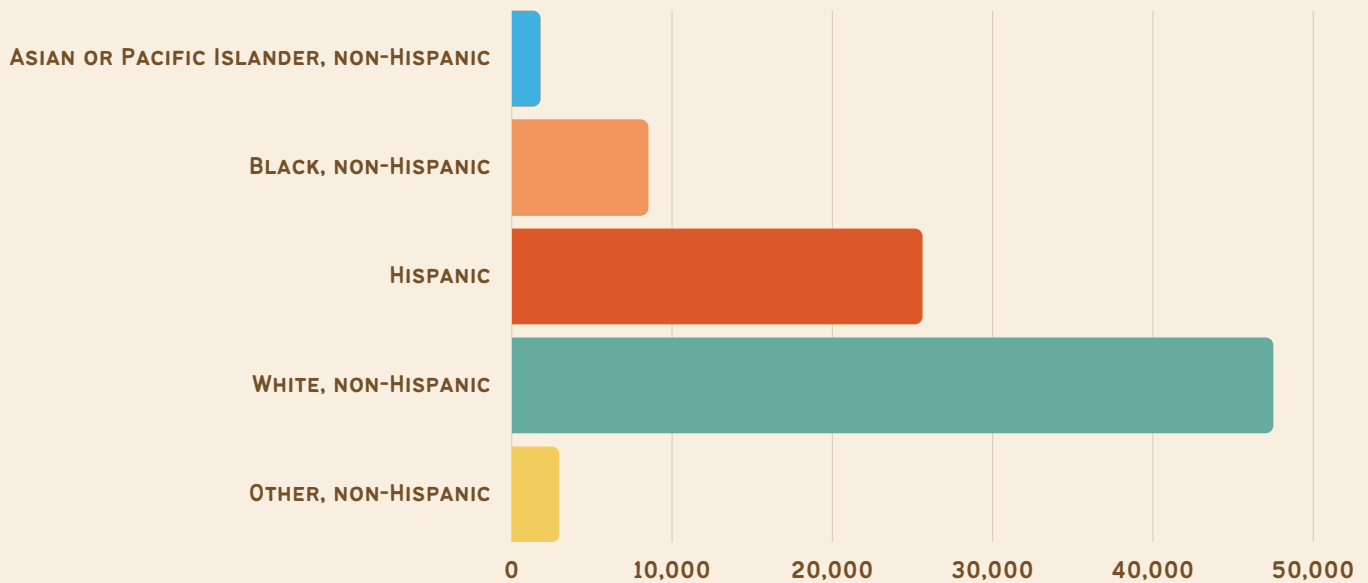


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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SAME-SEX COUPLES IN TEXAS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2021

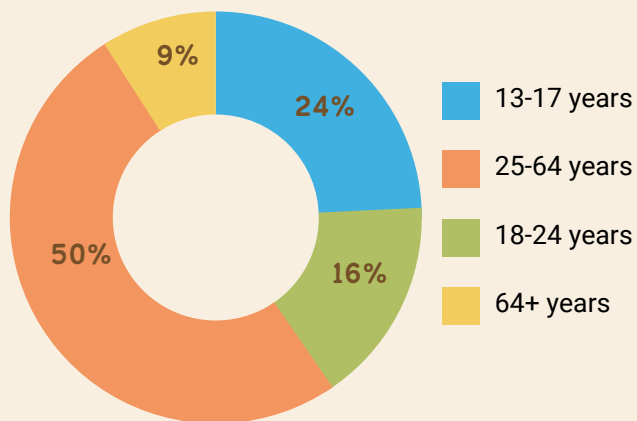
An estimated 45% of same-sex couples in Texas are people of color.



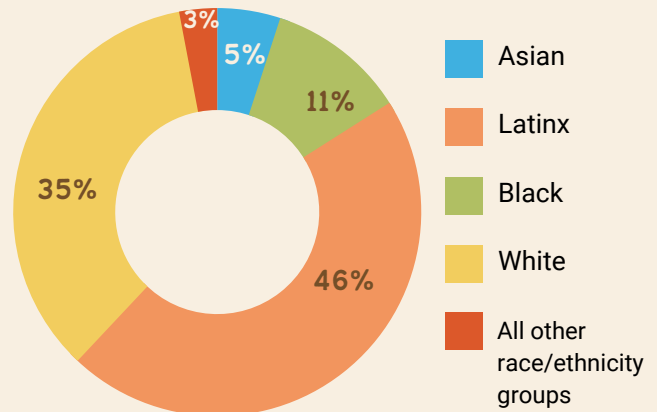
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There are an estimated 122,700 transgender people living in Texas, with 29,800 of those between the ages of 13 to 17 and 92,900 age 18 or older.*³ 29% of LGBT adults in Texas are raising children.⁴

TRANSGENDER TEXANS AGE 13+ BY AGE, 2021



TRANSGENDER TEXANS AGE 18+ BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Source: Population estimates from 2022 Williams Institute Report. Report Citation: Herman, J.L., Flores, A.R., O'Neill, K.K. (2022). How Many Adults and Youth Identify as Transgender in the United States? The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law.*

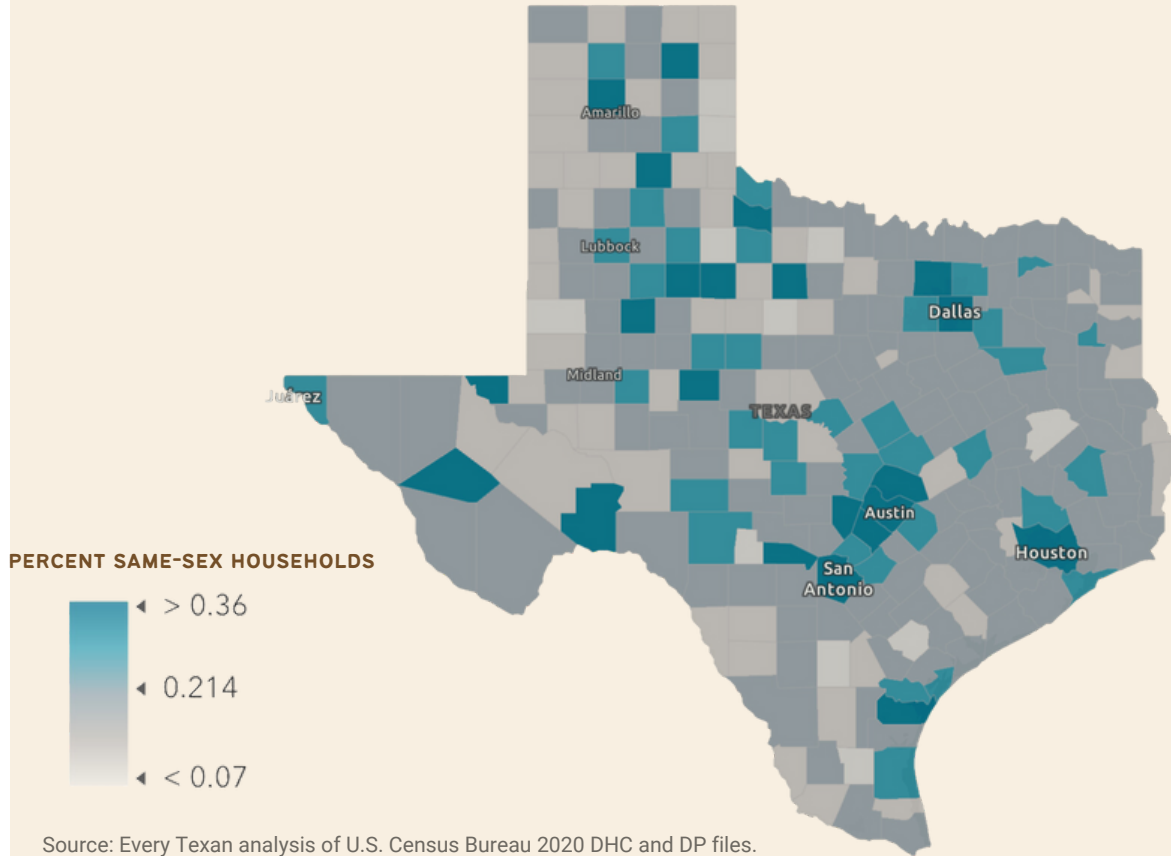
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4. LGBT Demographic Data Interactive. (January 2019). Los Angeles, CA: The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law. Accessed June 2023. <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/visualization/lgbt-stats/?topic=LGBT&area=48#density>



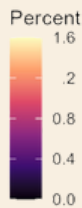
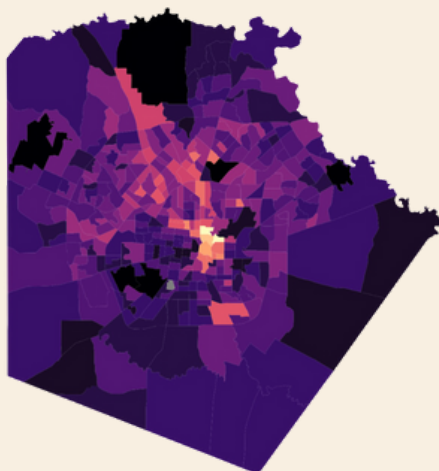
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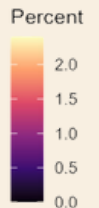
SAME-SEX COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS IN TEXAS BY COUNTY, 2020



PERCENT SAME-SEX HOUSEHOLDS IN BEXAR COUNTY BY TRACT, 2020



PERCENT SAME-SEX HOUSEHOLDS IN TRAVIS COUNTY BY TRACT, 2020



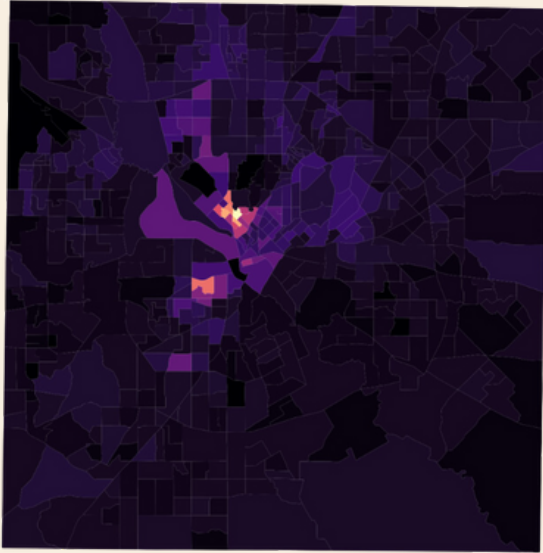
Source: Every Texan analysis of U.S. Census Bureau 2020 DHC and DP files.



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PERCENT SAME-SEX HOUSEHOLDS IN DALLAS COUNTY BY TRACT, 2020



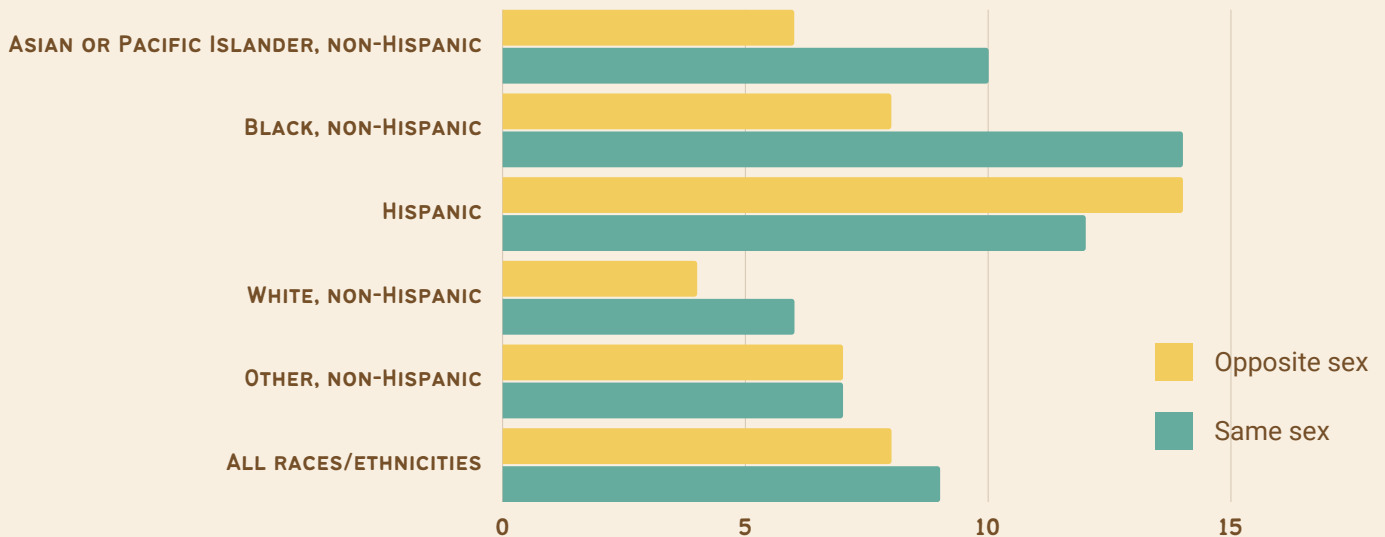
29%

OF LGBT ADULTS IN TEXAS ARE RAISING CHILDREN.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF LGBTQ+ TEXANS

Same-sex couple households are more likely to experience living in poverty. In Texas, 9% of same-sex couple households are experiencing poverty compared to 8% of opposite-sex couple households.

TEXAS HOUSEHOLDS BELOW POVERTY BY COUPLE TYPE, 2021



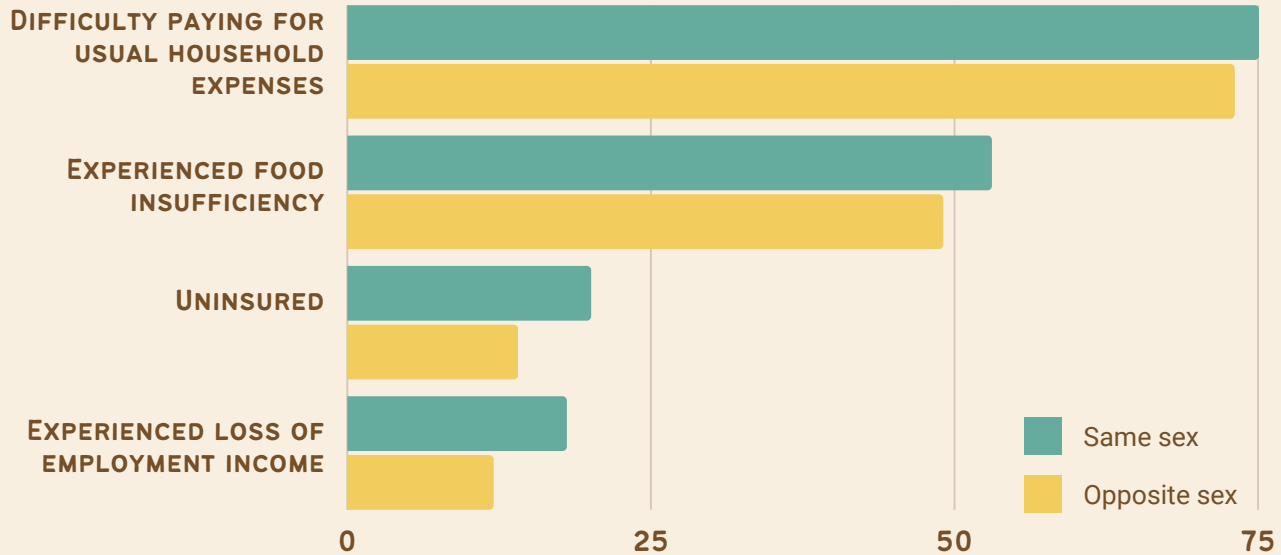


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SELECT ECONOMIC WELL-BEING INDICATORS FOR TEXAS HOUSEHOLDS BY LGBT STATUS OF HOUSEHOLDER

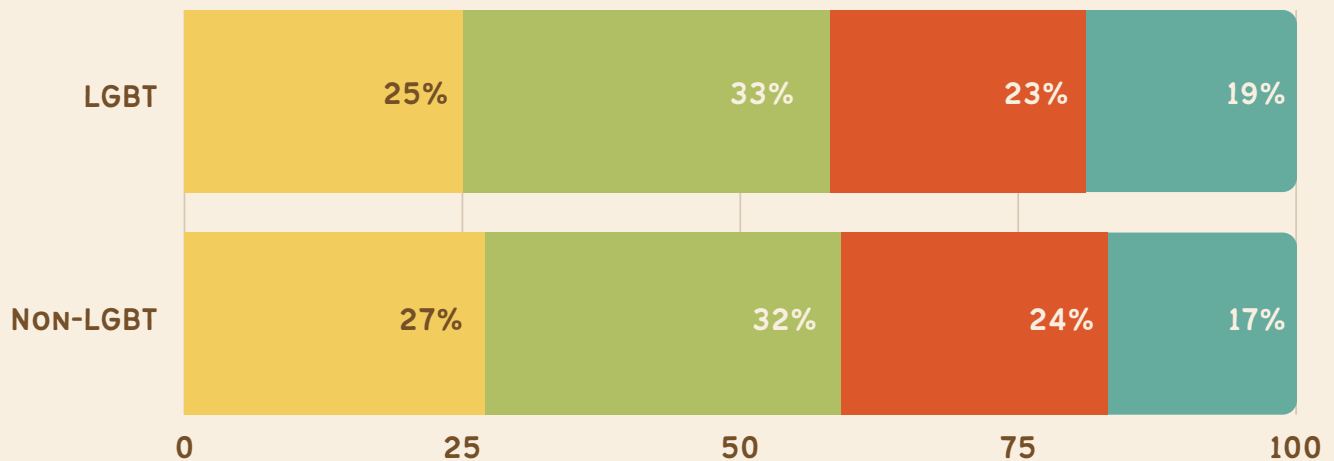
Data for Texas households surveyed between March 1, 2023- May 8, 2023.



DIFFICULTY PAYING FOR HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES BY LGBT STATUS OF HOUSEHOLDER

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Every Texan analysis of 2023 U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey public use files for survey weeks 55-57, data collected March 1-May 8, 2023.



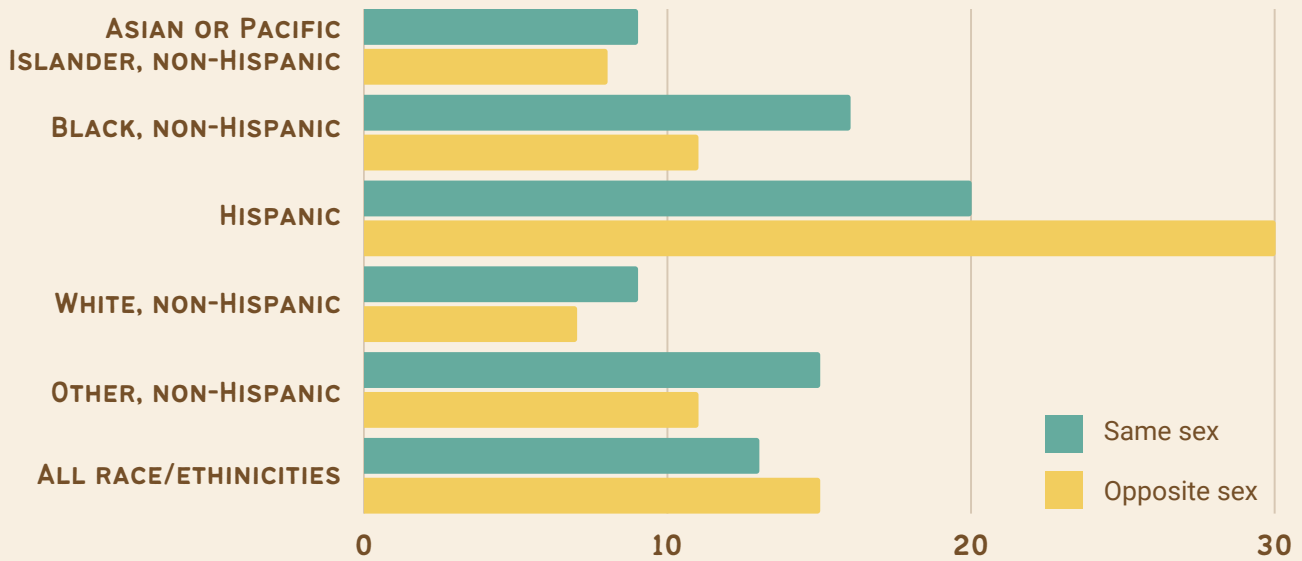
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHARACTERISTICS OF LGBTQ+ TEXANS

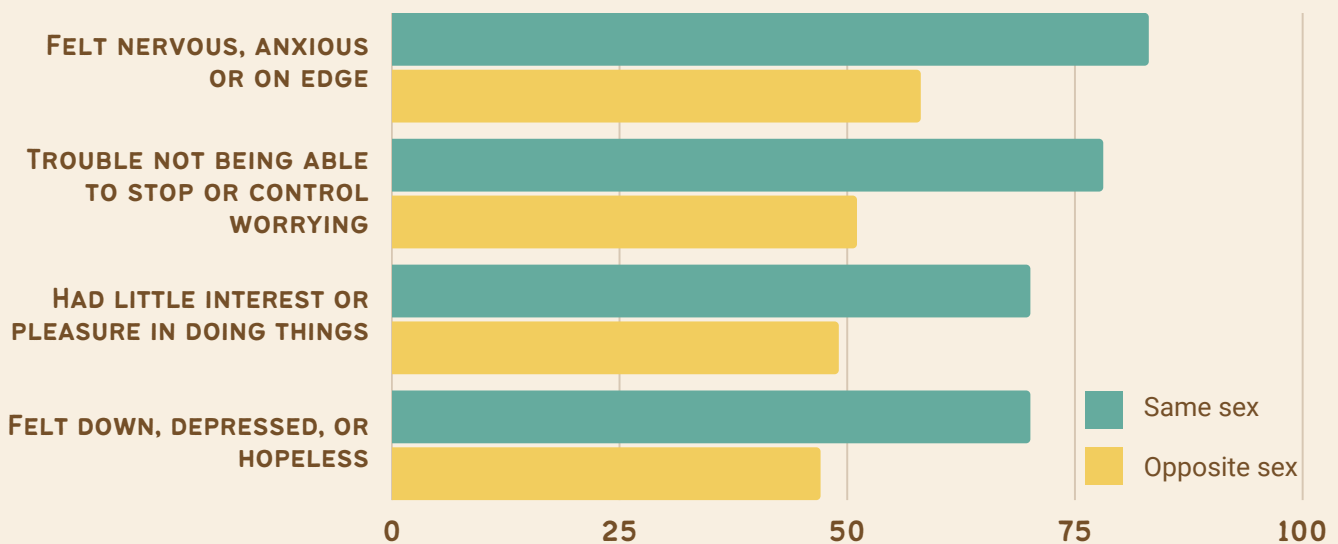
With the exception of Hispanic and Latino households, same-sex couple households are more likely to be uninsured than opposite-sex couple households across racial groups.

UNINSURED TEXAS HOUSEHOLDS BY COUPLE TYPE, 2021



Source: Every Texan analysis of 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates PUMS.

SELECT MENTAL HEALTH INDICATORS FOR TEXAS HOUSEHOLDS BY LGBT STATUS OF HOUSEHOLDER



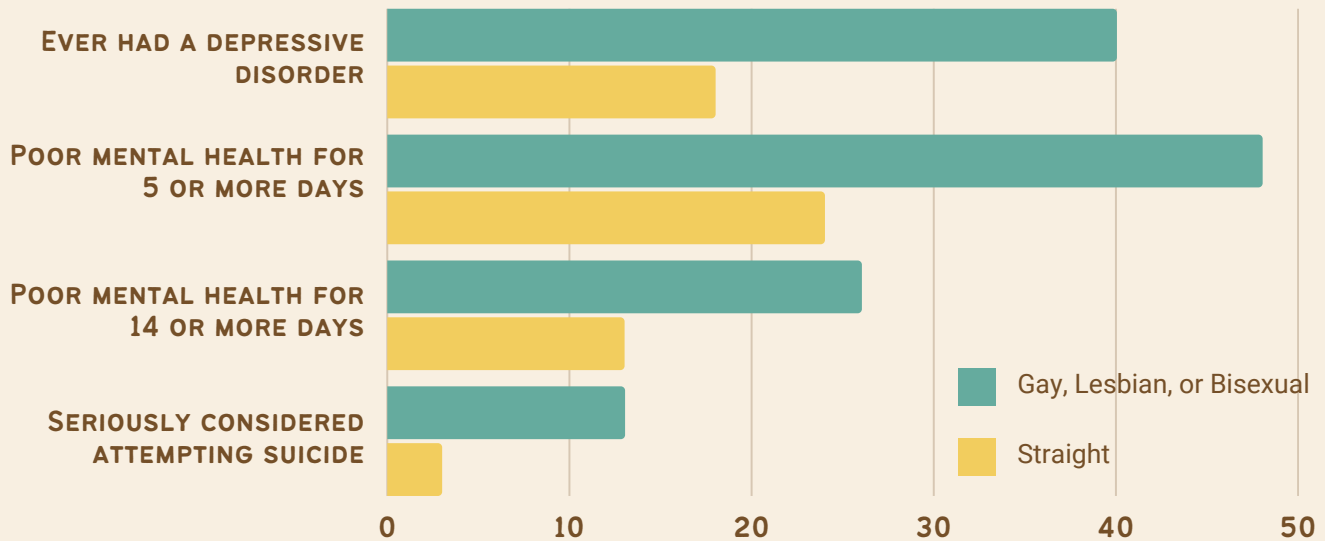
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MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR TEXAS ADULTS BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION, 2021



Every Texan analysis of 2021 Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data.

*Disclaimer: The information provided in the Williams Institute analysis contains data points with wide confidence intervals. A confidence interval is a statistical measure that quantifies the uncertainty surrounding a particular estimate or measurement. Wide confidence intervals indicate a higher degree of uncertainty, implying that the true value or range of values could differ substantially from the reported data.

It is important to note that wide confidence intervals can arise due to various factors, including but not limited to small sample sizes, high variability in the data, or limitations in the methodology employed. As a result, the estimates or conclusions derived from such data points may carry a higher level of uncertainty and should be interpreted with caution.

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