SEXUAL & GENDER DIVERSITY
IN THE UNITED STATES

- The U.S. Department of Human Services has estimated the national gay, lesbian and bisexual population to be 8.8 million, or 2.5-3% of the population. There are no national data on how many people identify as transgender.


- LGBT youth represent 20–40% of all homeless youth. Many had to leave their homes because of conflict over their families’ religious beliefs. (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and National Coalition for the Homeless, 2007)

- Three-quarters of LGBT people report experiencing prejudice, discrimination and verbal abuse. One-third report that at least one family member has refused to accept them because of their sexual orientation. (Kaiser Foundation, 2001)

- In a proclamation issued on May 28, 2010, President Barack Obama designated June as LGBT Pride Month in the U.S. The last Sunday in June is traditionally celebrated as LGBT Pride Day.

“A month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT Americans and to ending prejudice and injustice wherever it exists.” – President Barack Obama

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