

# LGBTQ+ People in the Punishment System

## Fact Sheet

### LGBTQ+ youth are overrepresented in the juvenile detention system

Among the youth general population 4-6% identify as LGBTQ+. **20%** of youth in the juvenile detention system identify as LGBTQ+.

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### Probation and parole

People on parole and supervision are **twice as likely** to be LGBTQ+ than people not on probation and parole.

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### Sentencing and incarceration

LGB people are **3 times more likely** to be incarcerated than the total adult population. **85%** of LGBTQ+ incarcerated individuals have been held in solitary confinement.

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### Lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults in the criminal punishment system

Lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals are **2.5 times more likely** to be arrested than straight individuals. Lesbian and bisexual women are **4 times more likely** to be arrested.

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### LGBTQ+ immigrants in detention Centers

LGBTQ+ immigrants held at federal detention centers are **97 times more likely** to be sexually assaulted than other detainees.

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### Trans people in the punishment system

Data on trans individuals in the punishment system is extremely scant. **1 in 5** trans people who have interacted with the police report harassment, including a staggering **38%** of Black trans individuals.

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