

Issues Facing LGBTI Youth: Facts

- 97% of students in public high schools report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from their peers. 53% of students report hearing homophobic comments made by school staff. Gay students hear anti-gay slurs as often as 26 times each day; faculty intervention occurs in only about three percent of those cases.
- Two out of five LGBTI youth do not feel safe in their school because of their sexual orientation or sexuality.
- LGBTI individuals are probably the most frequent victims of violent hate crimes in the United States.
- LGBTI youth are 2 to 6 times more likely to attempt suicide than are heterosexual youth, and over 30% of all reported teen suicides each year are committed by LGBTI youth.
- 50% of all LGBTI youth report that their parents reject them because of their sexual orientation.
- 26% of LGBTI youth are forced to leave home because of conflicts over their sexual orientation.

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