

# **LGBTQ+ SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & RESOURCES**

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# LGBTQ+ STATISTICS

LGBTQ people experience sexual violence at similar and sometimes even higher rates than non-LGBTQ people:

44% of lesbians and 61% of bisexual women  
40% gay men and 47% of bisexual men  
47% of Transgender individuals  
(2015 U.S. Transgender Survey)

Of the Trans individuals surveyed, it was found that Native American (65%), Multiracial (59%), Middle Eastern (58%), and Black (53%) respondents were the most likely to have experienced S.A. Sexual Violence is an intersectional issue.



# ACCESSING HELP

LGBTQ+ identified people are drastically less likely to be able to access affirming or culturally competent resources following sexual assault. One NCAVP study found that over 80% of survivor victim advocates knew of a client who had previously been turned away by crisis services. Nearly 20% of Trans individuals also reported having been assaulted while within a shelter.

Additionally, many aspects of the criminal justice system are dangerous to navigate for LGBTQ+ and QTPOC identified survivors. Many report instances of violence within a carceral setting or at the hands of officers.



# BARRIERS & MYTHS

As stated, LGBTQ and QTPOC people face various barriers and misconceptions that work to further systemic injustices around sexual assault. These include:

1. Mistreatment by law enforcement and legal systems - many law enforcement are not trained to recognize signs of LGBTQ+ abuse
2. General misunderstanding of LGBTQ+ relationships/culture
3. General unawareness and abuse of Trans/NB pronouns or anatomy by law enforcement, legal systems, medical industrial complexes, and cis het educational resources around SA



# LOCAL RESOURCES

The Virginia Anti-Violence Project (VAVP)

[virginiaavp.org](http://virginiaavp.org)

[vavpadvocacyandservices@virginiaavp.org](mailto:vavpadvocacyandservices@virginiaavp.org)

LGBTQ+ Crisis Call Line: 866.356.6998

LGBTQ+ Crisis Text Line: 804.793.9999

Diversity Richmond

[diversityrichmond.org](http://diversityrichmond.org)

Call: 804.622.4646

Nationz Foundation

[nationzfoundationrva.org](http://nationzfoundationrva.org)

Call: 804.716.7597

Email: [Director@nationzfoundationrva.org](mailto:Director@nationzfoundationrva.org)



# LOCAL RESOURCES

Latinos En Virginia (INICIO)

[latinosenvirginia.org](http://latinosenvirginia.org)

Email: [hola@latinosenvirginia.org](mailto:hola@latinosenvirginia.org)

24 hr. Línea de Ayuda: (888).969.1825

VA Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance

[vsdvalliance.org](http://vsdvalliance.org)

Call Line: 1.800.838.8238

Text an Advocate Line: 804.793.9999

Side by Side RVA (Youth)

[sidebysideva.org](http://sidebysideva.org)

Youth Support Line: 1.888.644.4390

Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault

[rcasa.org](http://rcasa.org) | Crisis hotline: 540.371.1666