

# TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK 2013

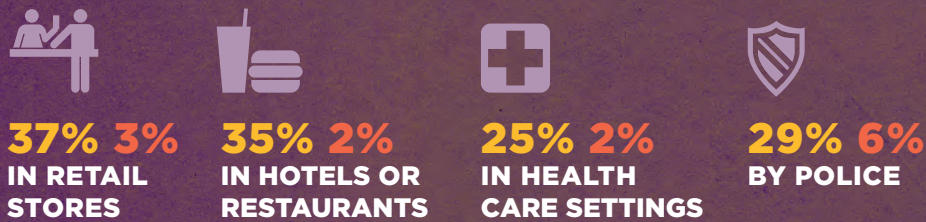
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## HEALTH DISPARITIES FACED BY THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

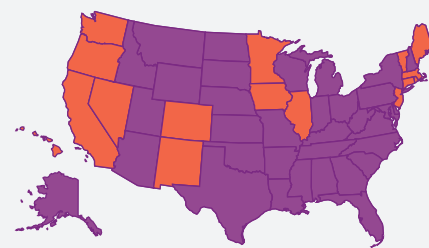
**TRANSGENDER** is an umbrella term for a diverse group of people—such as male-to-female (MTF) and female-to-male (FTM) trans people, genderqueer individuals, and many others—whose gender identity or expression differs from societal expectations of how they should look, act, or identify based on the sex they were assigned at birth. Transgender and other gender variant people are often the targets of discrimination and harassment that can lead to negative health outcomes.<sup>1</sup>

### DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

When surveyed, transgender Americans report being **harassed or disrespected** or **physically assaulted**



### ONLY 16 STATES AND D.C. BAN EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER IDENTITY.



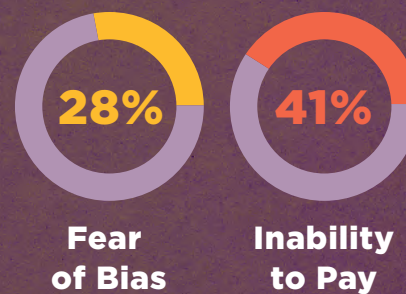
15% of trans people live in poverty  
28% of Latin@trans people live in poverty

Job insecurity can result in sporadic health care coverage, and inadequate housing.

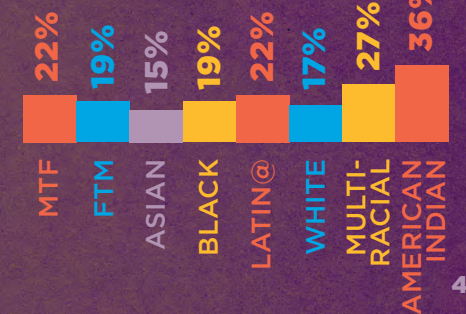


50% OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE REPORT having to educate their medical providers about transgender health care

### SOME TRANS PEOPLE POSTPONE SEEKING MEDICAL CARE DUE TO:



### TRANSGENDER PEOPLE ALSO REPORT BEING DENIED CARE.



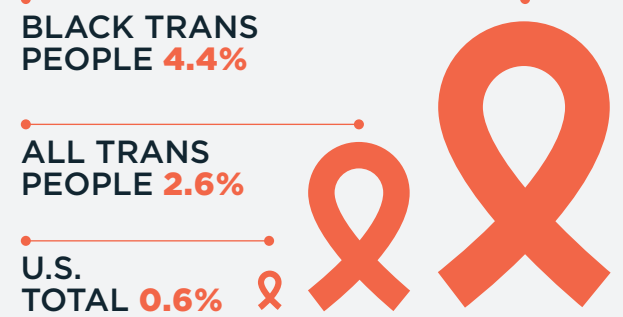
62% HAVE EXPERIENCED DEPRESSION

41% HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

30% REPORT SMOKING DAILY, COMPARED TO 20.6% OF U.S. ADULTS.

26% OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE REPORT USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL TO COPE WITH DISCRIMINATION.

### HIV INFECTION AMONG:



1. Fenway Health "Glossary of Gender and Transgender Terms" [fenwayhealth.org/genderglossary](http://fenwayhealth.org/genderglossary)
2. National Center for Transgender Equality, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Injustice at Every Turn: A Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey" [transequality.org/PDFs/Executive\\_Summary.pdf](http://transequality.org/PDFs/Executive_Summary.pdf)
3. Center for American Progress "The State of Gay and Transgender Communities of Color in 2012" [americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/issues/2012/04/pdf/lgbt\\_color.pdf](http://americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/issues/2012/04/pdf/lgbt_color.pdf)
4. National Center for Transgender Equality, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "National Transgender Discrimination Survey Report on Health and Health Care" [transequality.org/PDFs/NTDSReportonHealth\\_final.pdf](http://transequality.org/PDFs/NTDSReportonHealth_final.pdf)
5. The Fenway Institute "Understanding the T in LGBT" [lgbthealtheducation.org/training/learning-modules](http://lgbthealtheducation.org/training/learning-modules)
6. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "HIV Among Transgender People" [cdc.gov/hiv/transgender](http://cdc.gov/hiv/transgender)