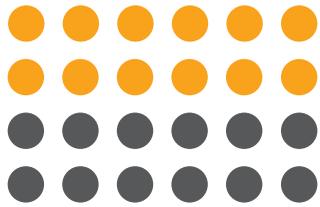


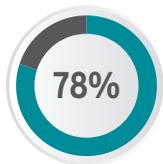
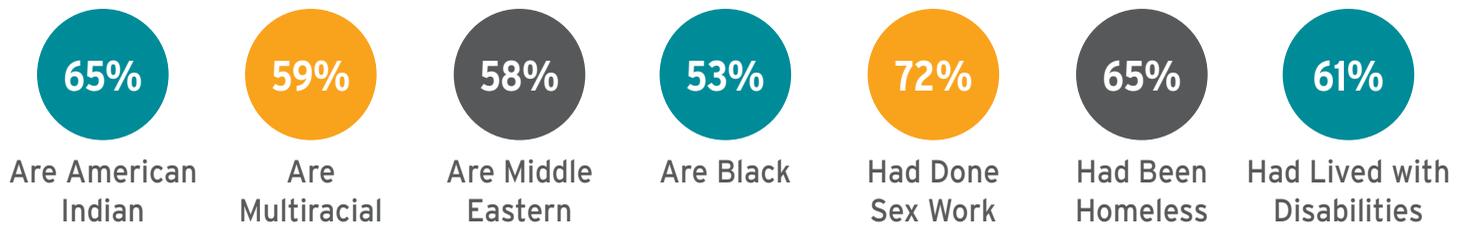
# SEXUAL VIOLENCE & TRANSGENDER/ NON-BINARY COMMUNITIES



47%

Almost half of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives, and these rates are even higher for trans people of color and those who have done sex work, been homeless, or have (or had) a disability.<sup>1</sup>

Lifetime sexual victimization was much more prevalent among trans respondents who:<sup>1</sup>



Trans or non-binary students in grades K-12 reported significant rates of harassment, physical assault, and sexual violence. Of the respondents who were harassed or physically/sexually assaulted due to their gender expression, over half have attempted suicide.<sup>2</sup>

57% of trans and non-binary people said they feel uncomfortable asking the police for help.

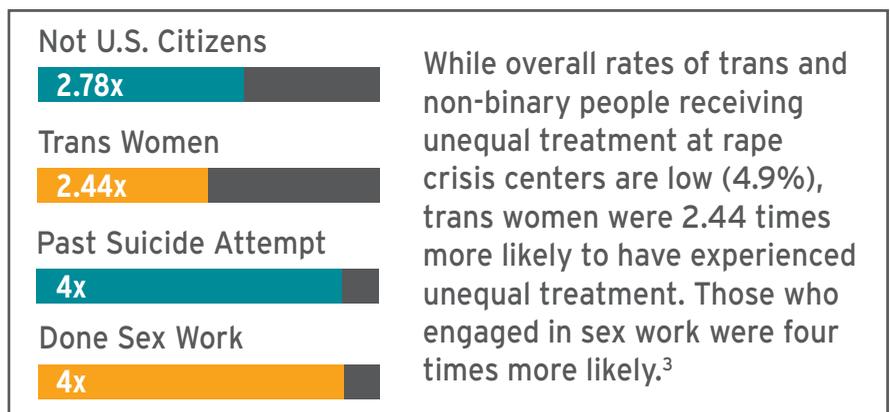
Uncomfortable asking the police for help

57%

58% who interacted with law enforcement in the past year experienced mistreatment, such as verbal harassment, repeated misgendering, physical assault, or sexual assault.<sup>1</sup>

Mistreatment from law enforcement

58%



## About This Infographic

This infographic highlights some of the ways sexual violence specifically impacts transgender and non-binary people. While the information in this infographic comes from research, it is important to keep in mind that trans and non-binary people both contributed to the creation of this infographic and are part of our collective movement to end sexual violence.

## Now What?

Because we know that sexual violence happens at higher rates for some communities than others based on factors such as race, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, disability status, and immigration status, it is vital that we make our services inclusive. To increase access for trans and non-binary survivors, organizations can work with their local LGBT center and can complete organizational self-assessments to identify opportunities to increase access (see Resources). For more information, including resources on understanding sexual violence in various communities, go to [www.nsvrc.org/publications](http://www.nsvrc.org/publications).

## Definitions<sup>1</sup>

**Transgender:** This term, sometimes shortened to trans, is often used to describe people whose gender identity or expression differs from what is associated with the gender they were assigned at birth.

**Non-Binary:** This term is used by some to describe people whose gender is not exclusively male or female, including those who identify as having no gender, as a gender other than male or female, or as more than one gender.

**Cisgender:** This term, sometimes shortened to cis, is used by some to describe people whose gender identity and expression matches with the gender they were assigned at birth.

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## Resources

### Trans Lifeline

[www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org)  
1-877-565-8860

### Demonstrate LGBTQ Access

[www.demonstrateaccess.org](http://www.demonstrateaccess.org)

### CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers

[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

### FORGE

[www.forge-forward.org](http://www.forge-forward.org)

### Anti-Violence Project

[www.avp.org](http://www.avp.org)

### National Center for Transgender Equality

[www.transequality.org](http://www.transequality.org)

### Transgender Law Center

[www.transgenderlawcenter.org](http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org)

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