

# Southern Survey Fact Sheet: Conditions and Life Experiences of Communities of Color



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This fact sheet provides key findings from the LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey. It summarizes responses provided by 966 people who identified as Black or African American (7.4%), Multiracial (5.5%), Other (2.0%), and Asian (1.2%). It also includes 377 respondents who identified as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino/Latina/Latinx. This is a subset of findings from the responses provided by 6,502 LGBTQ adults who completed the LGBT Institute Southern Survey living in *Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, or West Virginia*. An overview of the complete study design and methodology is available in a separate report.<sup>1</sup>

## **EDUCATION**

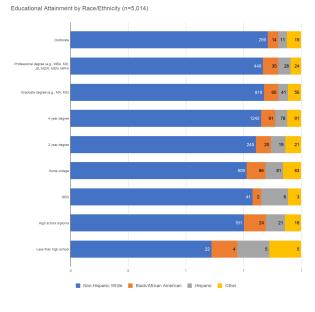
 Racial and ethnic minorities were significantly less likely to have completed a four-year degree and advanced degrees than respondents who self-identified as non-Hispanic white

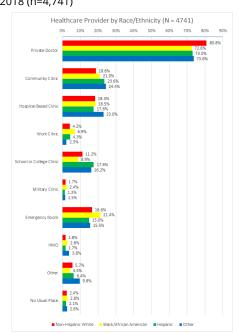
Figure 2.1d: Educational attainment by race/ethnicity, Southern Survey, 2018 (n=5,014)

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

 Private doctors' offices were the most commonplace for all respondents to have received care in the last 12 months, however, Black/African American respondents utilized hospital emergency rooms as their usual provider of healthcare at higher rates

Figure 3.4b: Healthcare Provider by Race/Ethnicity, Southern Survey, 2018 (n=4,741)

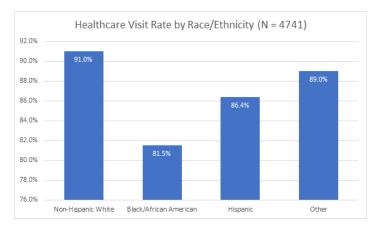




<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Eric R. Wright and Ryan M. Romermann. 2018. *LGBT Institute Southern Survey: Study Design and Methodological Overview*. Available at: https://www.lgbtqsouthernsurvey.org/survey-design-and-methodological-overview

# **HEALTH AND WELLNESS (continued)**

- Private doctors' offices were the most commonplace for all respondents to have received care in the last 12 months, however, **Hispanic and other race/ethnicity respondents utilized school/college clinics for their usual healthcare provider at higher rates compared to non-Hispanic white and Black/African American respondents.**
- Black/African American, Hispanic, and transgender individuals were significantly less likely to have accessed care. Non-Hispanic white and other race respondents were found to have a higher rate of having visited a doctor in the past 12 months (91%) when compared to Black/African American (81.5%) and Hispanic (86.4%) respondents.



#### **EMPLOYMENT**

• Racial and ethnic minorities were significantly less likely to be working full-time compared to their non-Hispanic white peers.

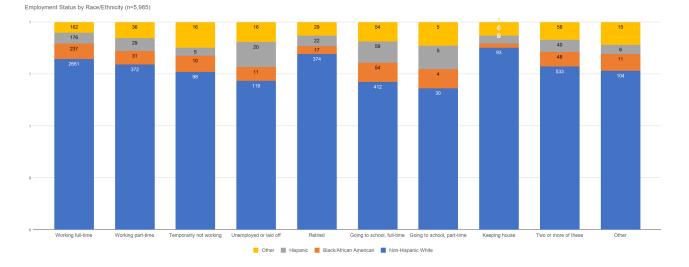


Figure 2.2d: Employment status by race/ethnicity, Southern Survey, 2018 (n=5,985)

### DISCRIMINATION

- Black/African American transgender respondents were most likely to report feeling unwelcome in places of worship (37.1%)
- Significantly greater rates of Black/African American LGB respondents (77.3%) report having been threatened or physically attacked in their lifetime because of their sexual orientation when compared with LGB respondents in other racial/ethnic groups
- Latinx transgender individuals experienced being threatened or physically attacked the most at 29.1% because of their transgender identity when compared with transgender respondents in other racial/ethnic groups