

Southern Survey Fact Sheet:

LGBTQ Southerners in Arkansas

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This fact sheet provides key findings from responses provided by 175 LGBTQ¹ adults who completed the LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey living in *Arkansas*. Overall study design and methodology is available in the full study protocol.²

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Over half of Arkansas respondents reported Good (55.3%) or Excellent (15.9%) subjective general health, while almost a quarter reported Fair (22.7%) subjective general health, and a small minority reported Poor (5.3%) subjective general health. No significant differences were found in subjective general health status between respondents from Arkansas compared to respondents from the other 13 southern states.
- Most Arkansas respondents (61.8%) were covered by health insurance or a health coverage plan through a current or former employer or union. Significantly more respondents in Arkansas (14.5%) reported being covered by Medicare compared to respondents from the other 13 southern states (4.7%). No other significant differences in health insurance or health coverage plans were found.
- The clear majority of Arkansas respondents (90.1%) reported having gone to see a doctor, been to a hospital, or visited a clinic for medical care in the past 12 months. This is not significantly different from the rates in the other 13 southern states. Of these respondents, the majority (72.9%) had gone to a private doctor's office to receive healthcare. The percentage of Arkansas respondents who went to a hospital-based clinic to receive healthcare in the last 12 months (31.4%) was significantly higher than the percentage of respondents from the other 13 southern states (18.2%).

PUBLIC SAFETY AND DISCRIMINATION

- Compared to respondents from the other 13 southern states, LGB respondents from Arkansas did not report significantly different rates of discrimination across the nine types examined. Arkansas transgender respondents also did not report significantly different rates of discrimination across the nine types examined.

LGBTQ COMMUNITY LIFE AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

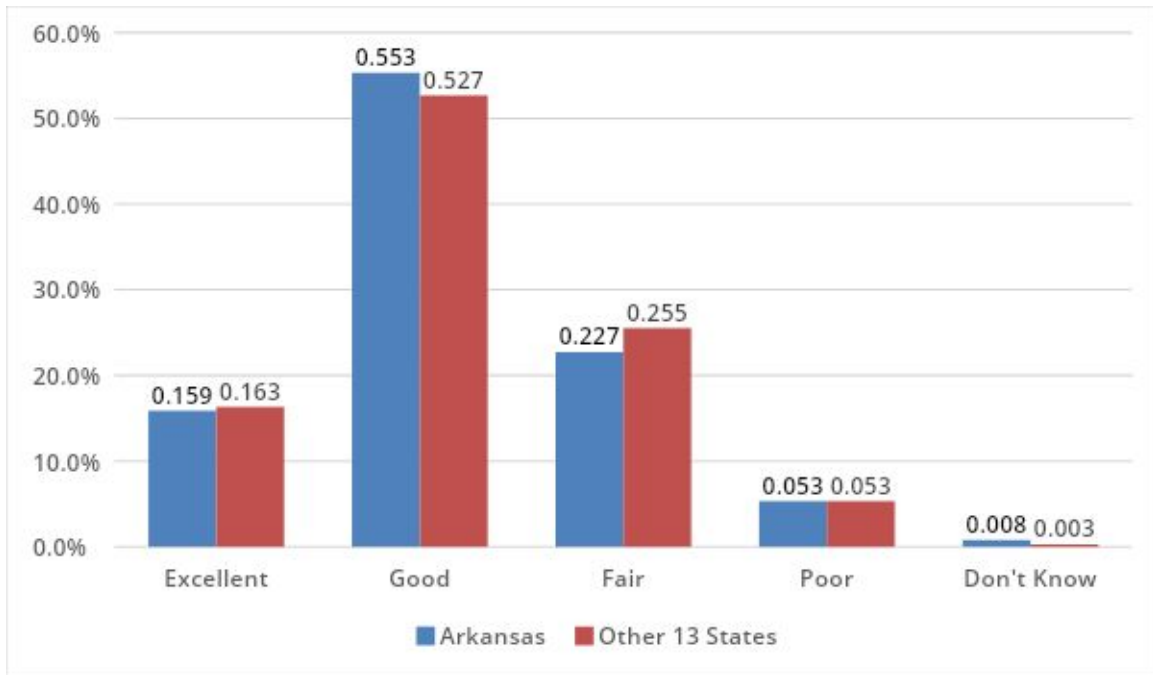
- Arkansas respondents reported highest rates of affiliation with the Democratic party (53.5%), followed by Independents (24.0%). Arkansas respondents reported political affiliations did not differ significantly from those reported by respondents in the other 13 southern states, nor did who they reported voting for in 2016.
- Most Arkansas respondents reported that the internet and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) was the most useful source of information about the LGBT community in their state (80.0%), followed by friends and partners (58.4%), and LGBT organizations (56.8%). Compared to respondents from the other 13 southern states, significantly fewer respondents from Arkansas reported that LGBT magazines, newspapers, or periodicals (12.9% vs 0.8%) was the most useful source of information about the LGBT community in their state, while significantly more respondents reported that family (2.3% vs 7.2%) was the most useful source.

¹ LGBTQ means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning. During the survey period LGBT was used, so this fact sheet reflects this.

² Wright, Eric R. and Ryan Roemerma. 2018. LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey: Study Design and Methodological Overview; will be available at: www.lgbtqsouthernsurvey.org.
Wright, Eric R. 2017. Community Partner Information Packet, will be available at: www.lgbtqsouthernsurvey.org.

1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Figure 1.1: Subjective general health status, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (n=4,777)



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Table 1.1: Type of current health insurance coverage, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (n=4,762)

Type of Health Insurance Coverage	State	Percent
Employer or Union	Arkansas	61.8%
	Other 13 States	67.2%
Individual Market	Arkansas	14.5%
	Other 13 States	13.9%
Medicare	Arkansas	4.6%
	Other 13 States	7.9%
Medicaid ²	Arkansas	14.5%
	Other 13 States	4.7%
TRICARE	Arkansas	0.8%
	Other 13 States	2.1%
VA	Arkansas	1.5%
	Other 13 States	2.1%
Indian Health Service	Arkansas	0.8%
	Other 13 States	0.3%
Other	Arkansas	1.5%
	Other 13 States	4.0%
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Table 1.2: Accessed healthcare in the past 12 months, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (n=4,741)

	State	Percent
Yes, Visited Doctor, Hospital, or Clinic	Arkansas	90.1%
	Other 13 States	90.0%
No	Arkansas	9.9%
	Other 13 States	10.0%
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Table 1.3: Type of healthcare providers accessed in the past 12 months, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (n=4,741)

Type of Health Insurance Coverage	State	Percent
Private Doctor's Office	Arkansas	72.9%
	Other 13 States	79.6%
Community Health Center or Clinic	Arkansas	19.5%
	Other 13 States	19.5%
Hospital-Based Clinic ²	Arkansas	31.4%
	Other 13 States	18.2%
Clinic at Work	Arkansas	5.9%
	Other 13 States	4.2%
School or College Clinic	Arkansas	16.9%
	Other 13 States	11.6%
Military Hospital or Clinic	Arkansas	0.8%
	Other 13 States	1.7%
Hospital Emergency Room	Arkansas	17.8%
	Other 13 States	16.7%
Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)	Arkansas	1.7%
	Other 13 States	2.0%

Some Other Location	Arkansas	5.1%
	Other 13 States	5.9%
Never Got Sick or Needed Healthcare	Arkansas	0.0%
	Other 13 States	0.4%
No Usual Place	Arkansas	5.1%
	Other 13 States	2.4%
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2 PUBLIC SAFETY AND DISCRIMINATION

Table 2.1: Summary of past year and lifetime prevalence of different types of discrimination based on sexual orientation, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey

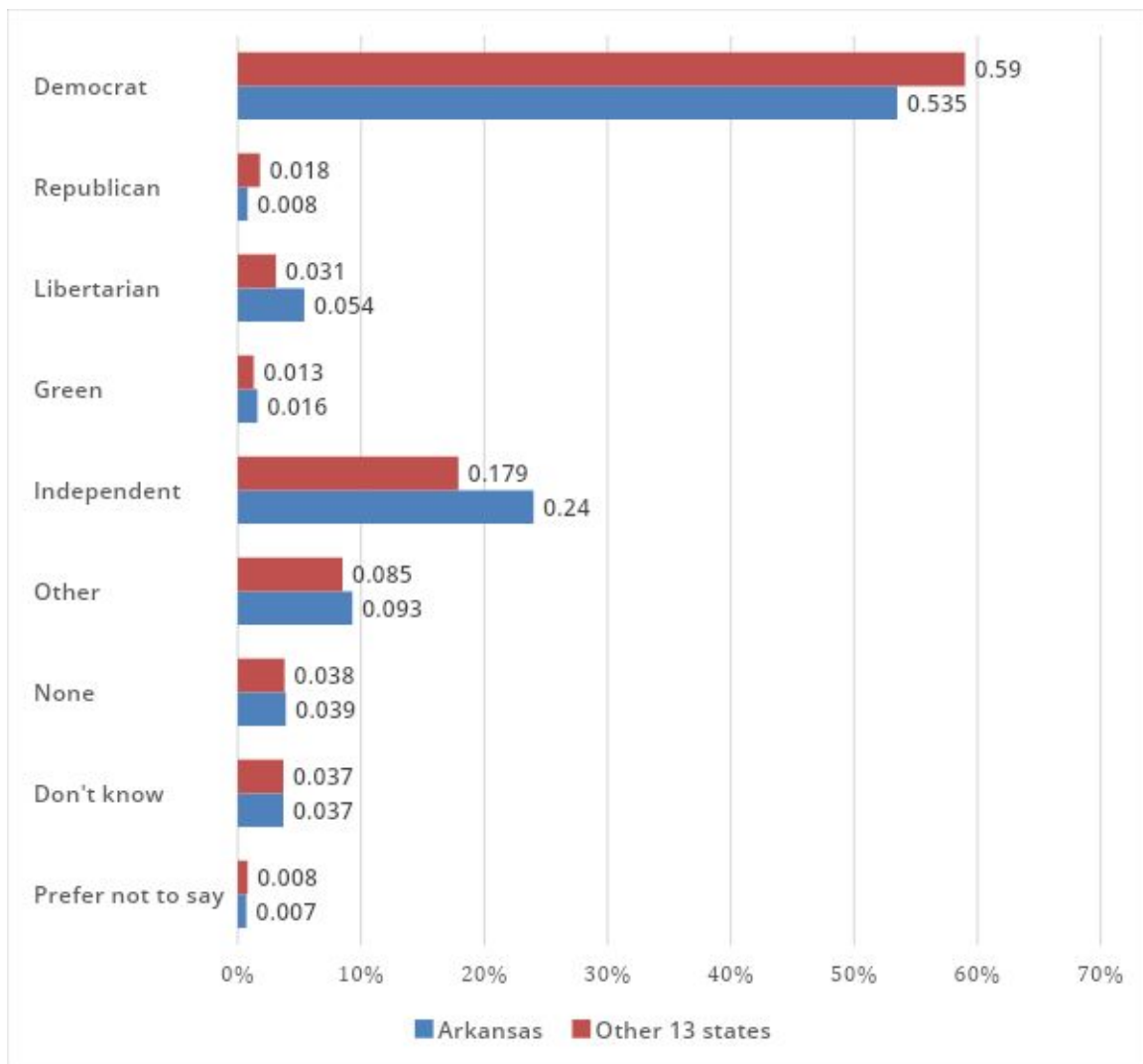
Type of Discrimination	State	Last 12 Months	Lifetime (Ever)
Been threatened or physically attacked	Arkansas	5.3%	40.7%
	Other 13 States	4.4%	38.6%
Been subject to slurs or jokes	Arkansas	23.7%	77.2%
	Other 13 States	25.7%	77.3%
Received poor service in restaurants, hotels, or other places of business	Arkansas	13.2%	47.4%
	Other 13 States	13.1%	41.9%
Been made to feel unwelcome at a place of worship or religious organization	Arkansas	14.0%	56.1%
	Other 13 States	14.1%	56.1%
Been treated unfairly by an employer in hiring, pay, or promotion	Arkansas	5.3%	25.5%
	Other 13 States	5.4%	26.2%
Been rejected by a friend or family member	Arkansas	12.3%	65.8%
	Other 13 States	17.5%	63.6%
Been unfairly stopped, searched, questioned, physically threatened or abused by the police	Arkansas	2.6%	12.2%
	Other 13 States	1.6%	9.8%
Been prevented from moving into a neighborhood because landlord/realtor refused to sell or rent a house or apartment	Arkansas	0.9%	7.9%
	Other 13 States	0.8%	5.5%
Been denied care or treated unfairly by a healthcare provider	Arkansas	6.1%	20.1%
	Other 13 States	3.2%	15.3%
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Table 2.2: Summary of past year and lifetime prevalence of different types of discrimination based on being transgender, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey

Type of Discrimination	State	Last 12 Months	Lifetime (Ever)
Been threatened or physically attacked	Arkansas	18.5%	40.7%
	Other 13 States	16.5%	38.1%
Been subject to slurs or jokes	Arkansas	50.0%	71.4%
	Other 13 States	46.6%	74.4%
Received poor service in restaurants, hotels, or other places of business	Arkansas	35.7%	57.1%
	Other 13 States	24.2%	44.1%
Been made to feel unwelcome at a place of worship or religious organization	Arkansas	14.3%	42.9%
	Other 13 States	20.6%	47.4%
Been treated unfairly by an employer in hiring, pay, or promotion	Arkansas	14.3%	32.2%
	Other 13 States	14.4%	30.4%
Been rejected by a friend or family member	Arkansas	39.3%	67.9%
	Other 13 States	35.6%	65.2%
Been unfairly stopped, searched, questioned, physically threatened or abused by the police	Arkansas	10.7%	21.4%
	Other 13 States	4.3%	13.0%
Been prevented from moving into a neighborhood because landlord/realtor refused to sell or rent a house or apartment	Arkansas	3.6%	7.2%
	Other 13 States	2.8%	8.5%
Been denied care or treated unfairly by a healthcare provider	Arkansas	25.0%	50.0%
	Other 13 States	17.3%	35.3%
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3 LGBTQ COMMUNITY LIFE AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Figure 3.1: Political affiliation, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (N=4,585)



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Figure 3.2: Voter registration in state of residence, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (N=4,581)

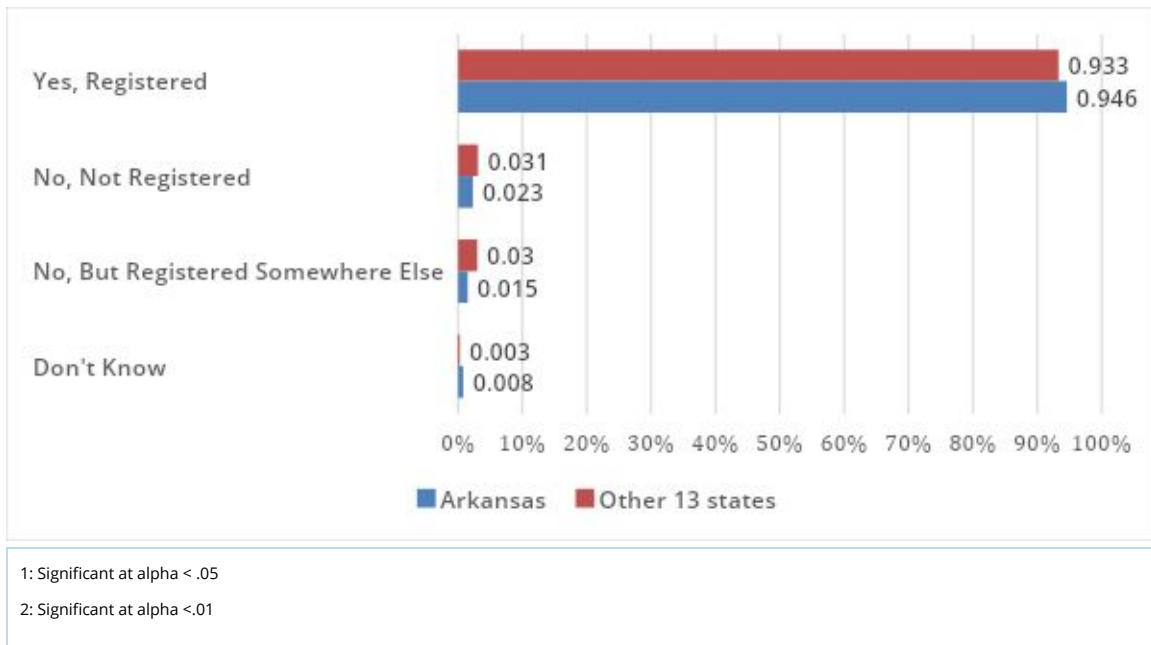


Figure 3.3: Presidential candidate choice, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (N=4,147)

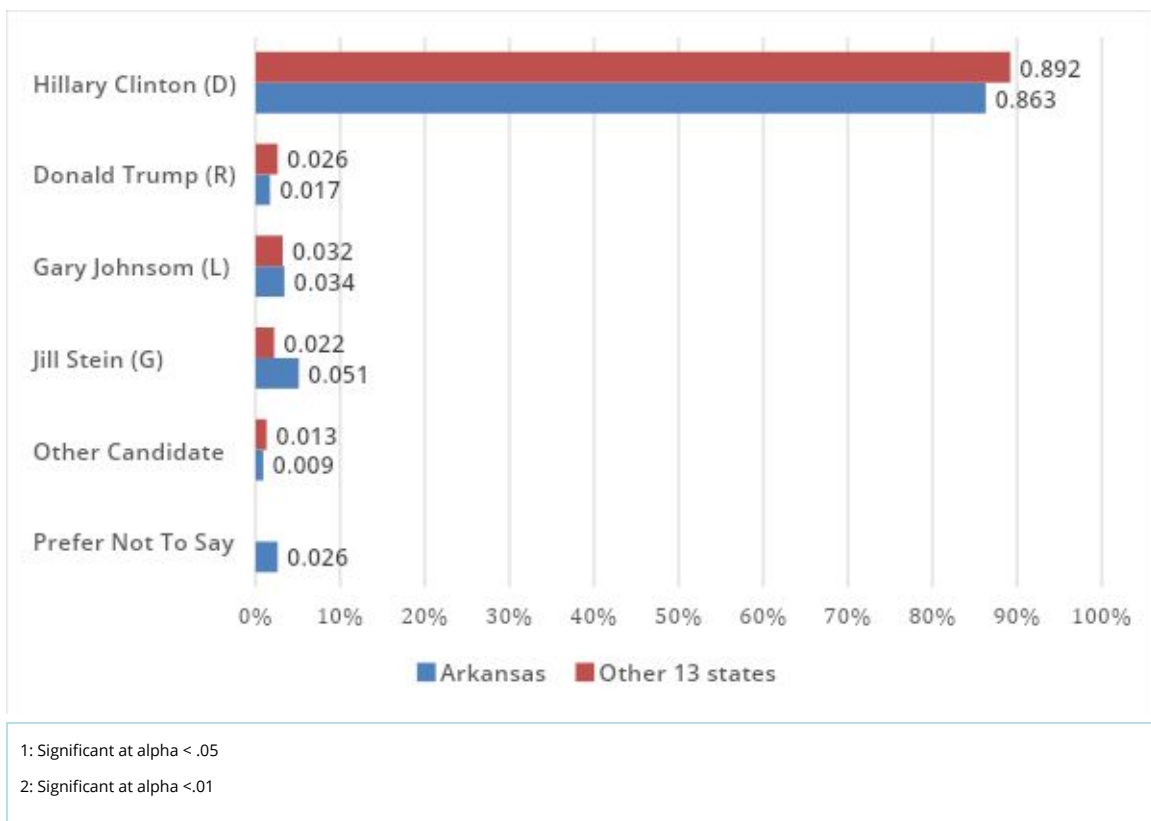


Figure 3.4: Sources of community information, Arkansas vs other 13 states, LGBTQ Institute Southern Survey (N=4,467)

