

SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH IN MAINE

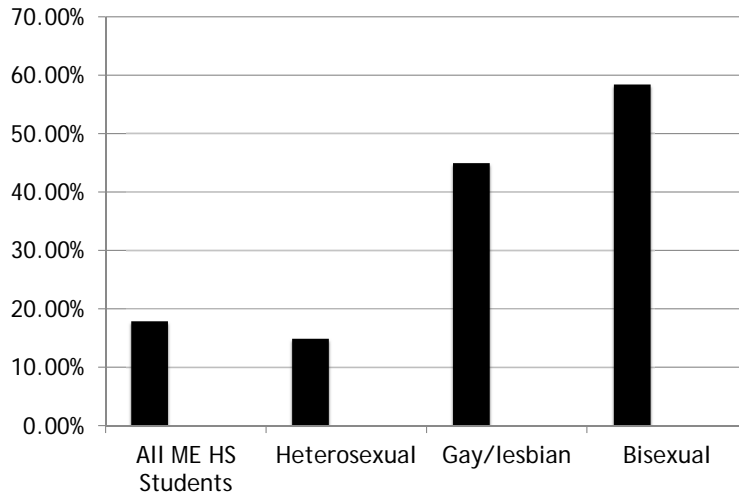
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LGBTQ YOUTH MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO BULLYING/HARASSMENT

- 8 out of 10 verbal harassment based on sexual orientation
- 3 in 10 physically harassed based on sexual orientation
- 92% deliberately excluded or “left out” by peers
- 84% had mean rumors or lies told about them
- 57% experienced electronic harassment or cyberbullying

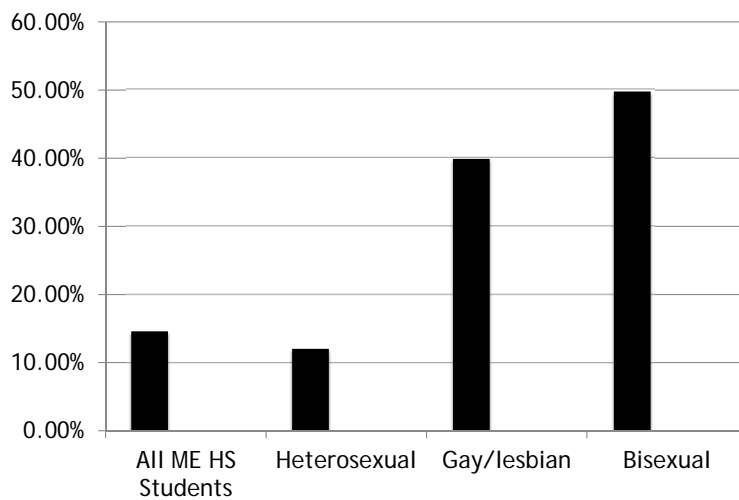
Data from GLSEN School Climate in Maine, 2011 State Snapshot.

SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIOR NOT INTENDED TO KILL



*Data from Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey, 2013

SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF SUICIDE WITHIN PAST 12 MOS.



Data from Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey, 2013

CHALLENGES FOR RURAL LGBTQ YOUTH

- ◉ Transportation, transportation, transportation
- ◉ Lack of family support
- ◉ Isolation
- ◉ School-based life
 - No Gay/Straight/Transgender Alliance
 - GSTAs make a big difference in schools
- ◉ In general, more conservative, rural values
- ◉ Religious bias
- ◉ Internet

RESOURCES FOR RURAL YOUTH

- ◉ GSTAs in local schools (GLSEN list)
- ◉ LGBTQ organizations
- ◉ Supportive schools with designated faculty, antibullying initiatives
- ◉ Community youth organizations
- ◉ Inclusive faith communities
- ◉ Internet
- ◉ Local community colleges
- ◉ Local service providers, oriented to LGBT
- ◉ Alternative transportation options: carpools, charter buses, travel buddies
- ◉ Straight allies!!

ORGANIZATION RESOURCES

- ◉ Out As I Want to Be, Rockland
- ◉ Outright Lewiston-Auburn
- ◉ Portland Outright
- ◉ Waterville Inclusive Community Project
- ◉ GLSEN Southern Maine and Downeast
- ◉ The 100% Society
- ◉ Maine Transgender Network, Inc.
- ◉ Maine TransYouth Equality Foundation
- ◉ Trevor Project
- ◉ Equality Maine