

LGBTQ* Youth in Delaware



Sexual Orientation

11% of Delaware high school students identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual, with an additional 3% reporting they are questioning or unsure of their sexual orientation.



Gender Identity

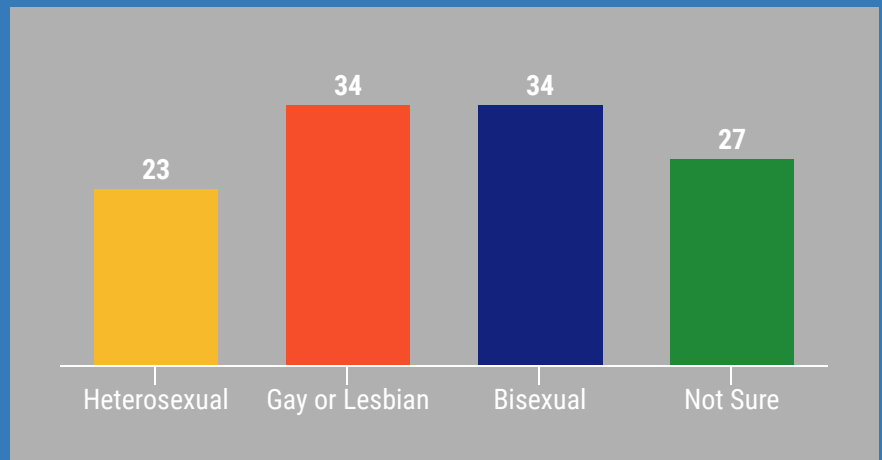
More than 2% of Delaware high school students identify as transgender or report that they are unsure of their gender identity.



Risk Factors

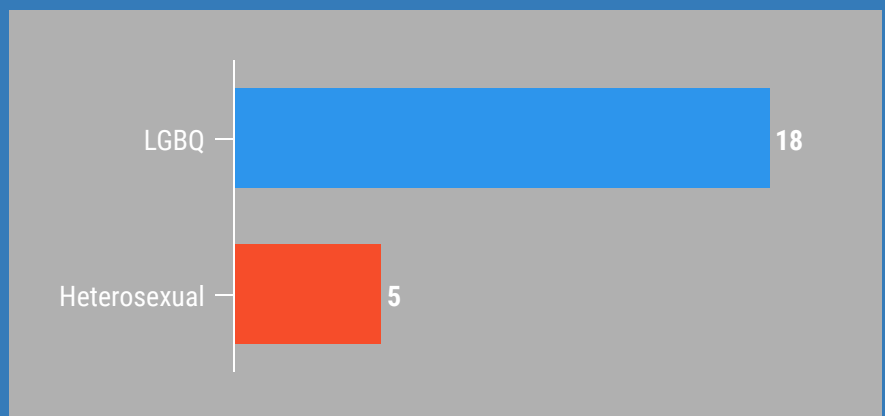
LGBTQ** youth report both poorer relationships with their families and higher rates of bullying victimization compared to their straight peers.

Past Month Marijuana Use (%)



Among Delaware high school students, those who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual report higher percentages of past month marijuana use than students who are heterosexual or unsure of their sexual orientation.

Disparate Reports of Past-Year Suicide Attempts (%)



Nearly one-fifth of LGBQ high school students in Delaware report attempting suicide in the past year, compared to 7% of straight students.

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Source(s):

"2017 Delaware Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (Administered by the Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware).