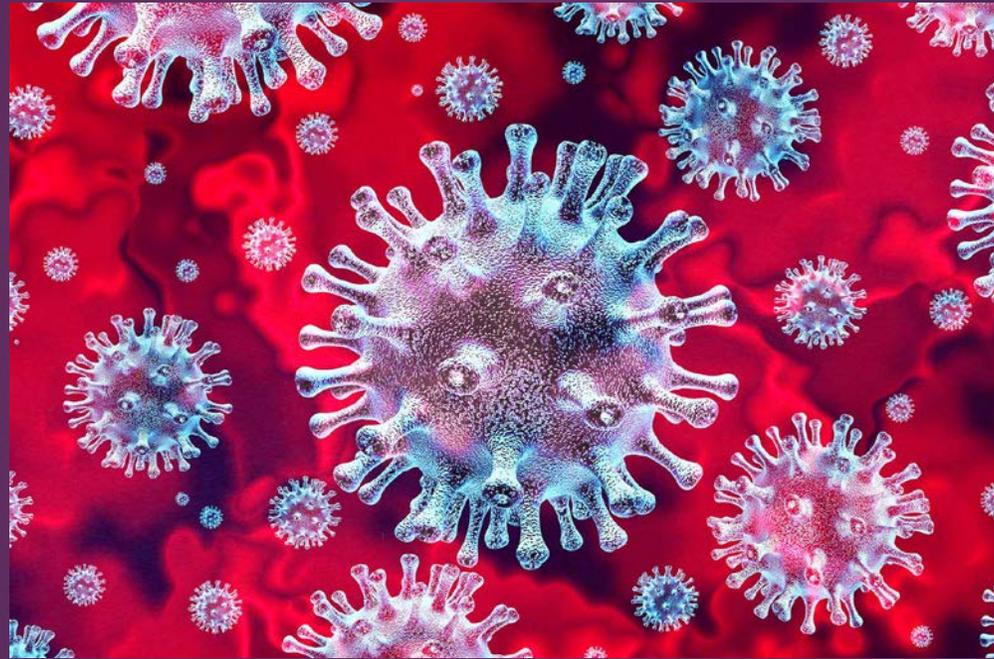


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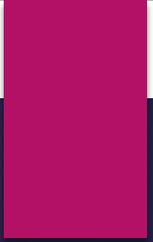
THE IMPACT ON  **LGBTQ+** VICTIMS OF EXPLOITATION

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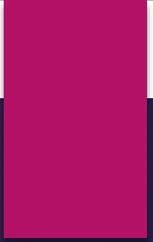
LGBTQ people are at both
heightened health and
economic risk of
COVID-19

- LGBTQ+ people are more likely to work jobs in highly affected industries, often with more exposure and/or higher economic sensitivity to the COVID-19 crisis.
- LGBTQ+ people are less likely to have health coverage.
- LGBTQ+ people are more likely to smoke and have chronic illnesses like asthma that can significantly increase complications during infection.



LGBTQ+ people are at an increase
of experiencing homeless and in-
turn, increased risk of COVID-19

Source: Williams Institute at UCLA Law (2020, April). *LGBT People and Housing Affordability, Discrimination, and Homelessness*. Retrieved from: <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/lgbt-housing-instability/>

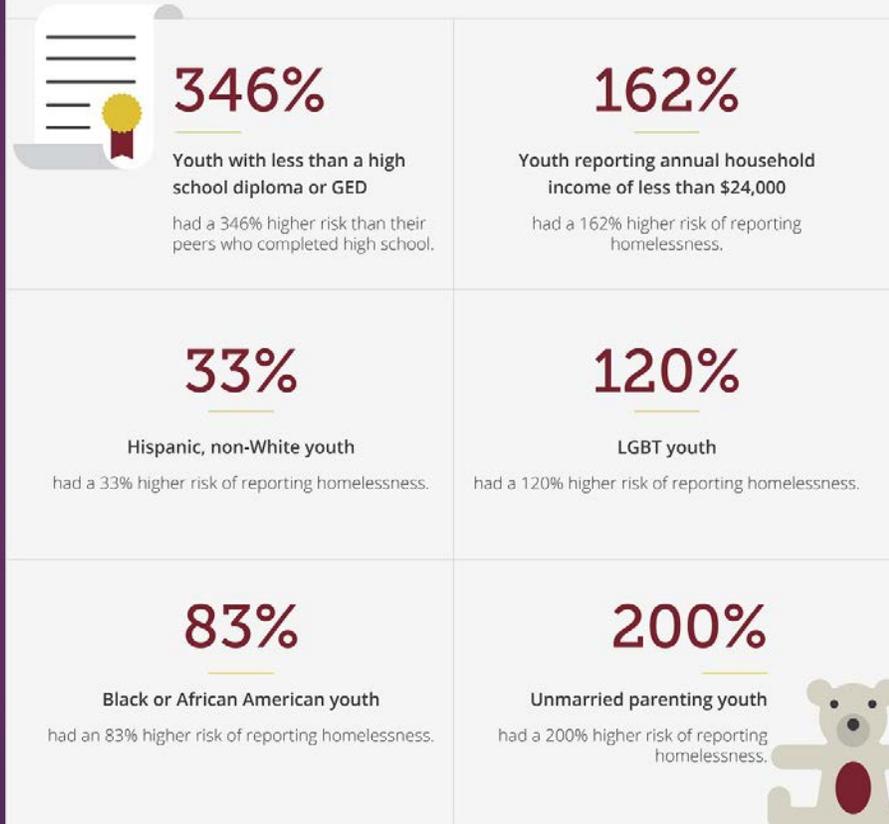


LGBTQ+ young people are 120%
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homelessness than non-LGBTQ+
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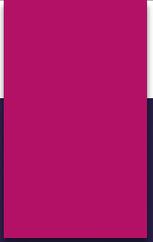
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Figure 5. Youth at Greater Risk of Experiencing Homelessness

Statistics describe the relative risk of certain groups of young adults, 18-25, having reported "explicit homelessness" in the last 12 months.

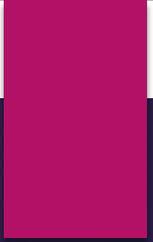


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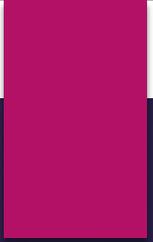


According to the CDC: The effects of COVID-19 on the health of racial and ethnic minority groups is still emerging; however, current data suggest a disproportionate burden of illness and death among racial and ethnic minority groups.

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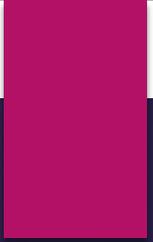


Online predators are putting
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during COVID-19



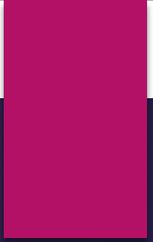
Traffickers often target LGBTQ+ youth for recruitment into sex trafficking by appealing to their experiences of rejection by family and society, sometimes via readily available social media.

Source: United Nations (2020, April) *Online predators put millions of children at risk during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.*
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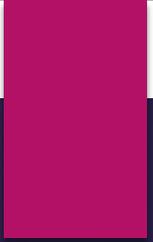
COVID-19 has serious implications
for the mental health of LGBTQ+
people.

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“For a lot of LGBTQ young people, the main sources of support that they get are at their schools, at clubs, at community centers, at physical spaces that they no longer have access to.”

-AMIT PALEY, TREVOR PROJECT CEO



The Trevor Project operates a 24/7 crisis hotline and has had a steep increase in the number of LGBTQ+ youth who have been reaching out.

Source: Trevor Project. (2020). Retrieved from: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help-now/>



Increased Need/Decreased Services

Hotlines/Resources

- LGBT National Help Center 888-843-4564
- LGBTQ Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-(TALK) (available 24/7)
- Crisis Text Line; Text START to 741-741
- Trans Lifeline 877-565-8860
- U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or text BeFree to 233733
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- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- Stronghearts Native Helpline: 1-844-762-8483
- For older LGBTQ adults, SAGE runs a National LGBTQ Elder Hotline 877-360-LGBTQ
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-659-2955
- 211 Arizona <https://211arizona.org/>
- Trans Queer Pueblo <https://www.tqpueblo.org/>

Resources for Youth

- Trevor Project Hotline 1-866-488-7386 or text 678678 (available 24/7)
<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- National Runaway Safe line 800-RUNAWAY 800-786-2929
<https://www.1800runaway.org/>
- The True Colors United 212-461-4401 <https://truecolorsunited.org/>
- Onenten 602-400-2601 <https://onenten.org/>

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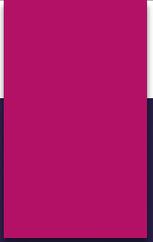
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