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LGBTQ Repro Health in Alabama Factsheet

The South holds the highest percentage of LGBTQ+ people compared to other US regions.¹ And **in Alabama, in 2023 about 4.6% of the population identified as LGBTQ+** which amounted to about 173,000 people.¹

As is the case in most states, in Alabama, **the largest age group category of LGBTQ+ people is 18-24 years old.**¹

These shifts in population trends align with national LGBTQ+ data over the previous many years to show more and more people are identifying as LGBTQ+ in each new generation.²

According to the Trevor Project, **in 2022 61% of LGBTQ+ young people in Alabama who wanted access to mental healthcare did not receive it - 57% of which identified as trans and nonbinary.**³

In 2025 alone, there were 7 bills attacking LGBTQ+ people in the Alabama Legislature 4 of them targeting LGBTQ+ people in schools and libraries.⁴

LGBTQ+ Laws in Alabama:

- ★ In 1998, a broad Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) was added to the Alabama Constitution, **allowing medical providers to refuse care to LGBTQ+ people and others.**^{5,6}
- ★ In 2017, a law passed in Alabama which allows **religious adoption agencies to refuse child placement to families that do not share their religious beliefs.**⁷
- ★ In 2021, URGE celebrated a win with organizational partners when legislation passed to **update the state sex education code to eliminate stigmatizing and homophobic language related to HIV & AIDS as well as ensure medically accurate sex ed.**⁸

¹ [LGBT-Adult-US-Pop-Dec-2023.pdf](#)

² [LGBTQ+ Identification in U.S. Rises to 9.3%](#)

³ [The-Trevor-Project-2022-National-Survey-on-LGBTQ-Youth-Mental-Health-by-State-Alabama.pdf](#)

⁴ [Mapping Attacks on LGBTQ Rights in U.S. State Legislatures in 2025 | American Civil Liberties Union](#)

⁵ [Alabama Freedom of Religion, Amendment 8 \(1998\) - Ballotpedia](#)

⁶ [AMENDMENT 622 RATIFIED :: Alabama Constitution :: Alabama Law :: US Law :: Justia](#)

⁷ [HB24 \(2017\) - "Child Placing Agency Inclusion Act" | ACLU of Alabama](#)

⁸ [Alabama governor signs bill to remove anti-LGBTQ language from sex education curriculum](#)



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- ★ In 2021, the anti-trans sports bill passed and went into law which **prohibits transgender youth from participating in sports in Alabama Public Schools.**⁹
- ★ In 2022, the anti-trans youth healthcare ban was signed into law which makes it a **felony for healthcare providers to prescribe puberty blockers or hormone replacement therapy to young people under the age of 19 years old.**¹⁰
- ★ In 2025, the Alabama legislature passed the transmisogynistic “What is a Woman Act” which creates legal definitions for “male” and “female” to **create single sex spaces and requires any public entity that collects vital statistics related to sex to identify participants sex they were assigned at birth.**

In a state where LGBTQ+ health disparities and outcomes are already in dire condition, the **overlay of poor reproductive health resources and options weigh doubly hard on LGBTQ+ folks seeking affirming and quality reproductive healthcare.**¹¹

State abortion bans have caused many reproductive health care providers to close and move to practice in other states, **leaving LGBTQ+ people in Alabama with even less access to reproductive and other life-saving healthcare.**¹¹

Due to state abortion bans, 11% of LGBTQ+ people were forced to change medical providers or struggled to find them compared to only 2% of people who are not LGBTQ+.¹¹ Things get steeper at the margins, with **15% of disabled LGBTQ+ people’s access to healthcare being negatively affected by state abortion bans.**¹¹

LGBTQ+ people deserve to exist and thrive in Alabama and to create the family structures that work for us. Access to quality and affirming reproductive healthcare for LGBTQ+ young people is a core priority to achieving Reproductive Justice in Alabama.

⁹ [HB 391 \(2021\) - Anti-Trans Participation in Sports | ACLU of Alabama](#)

¹⁰ [Federal appeals court allows Alabama's gender-affirming care ban to go into effect | Alabama Reflector](#)

¹¹ [New Survey Shows Abortion Bans' Unique and Chilling Impact on LGBTQI+ People - Center for American Progress](#)