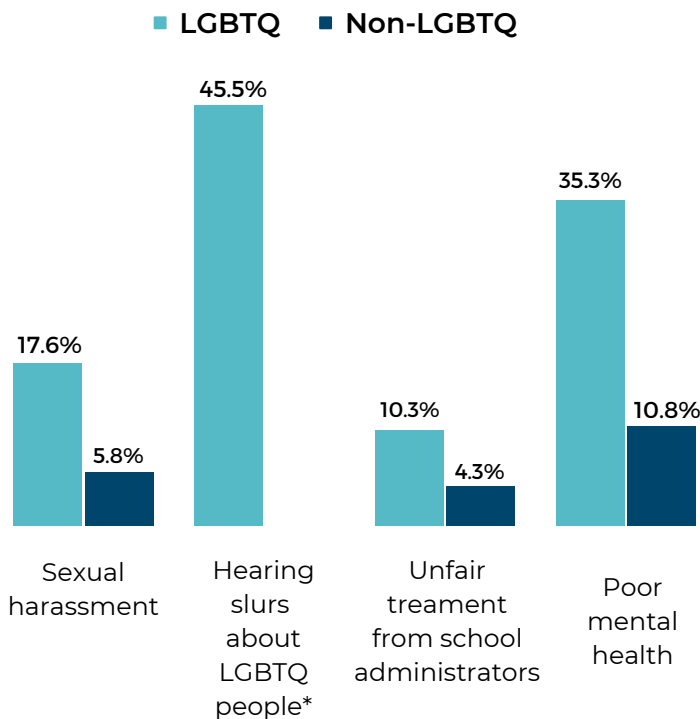


LGBTQ EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION



Percentage of college students that experience...



*data not available for non-LGBTQ students



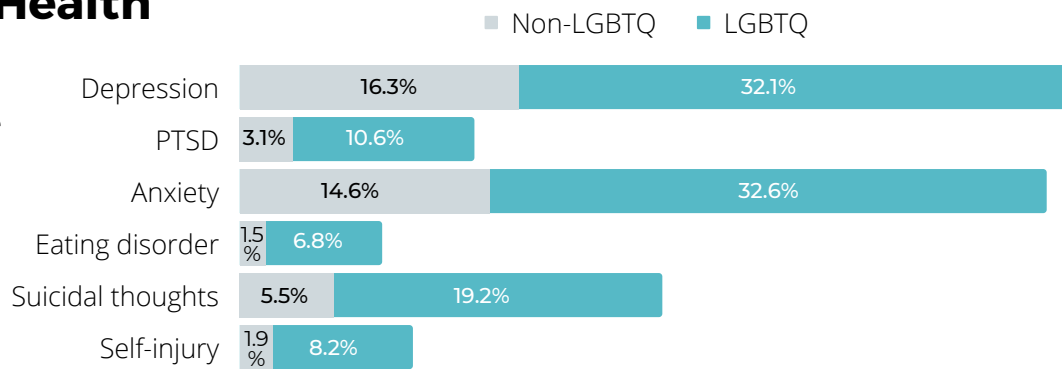
We know there are obstacles LGBTQ individuals face as they try to access higher education and even more obstacles as they work to learn and succeed once they get there.

This is why Point not only provides financial assistance, but a strong community of support for each of our scholars throughout their higher education experience. While we continue to advocate for the higher education community to provide safety and equity for their LGBTQ students, we serve LGBTQ scholars where they are now by connecting them to a network of peers sharing similar experiences, mentors who have overcome similar obstacles, and to Point staff who provide leadership training and workshops.

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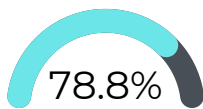
Health & Mental Health

While in college, LGBTQ people were at least twice as likely as non-LGBTQ people to report that a professional told them that they had a specific mental health problem.



General Support

There was some promising news:



of LGBTQ participants reported that their school had an LGBTQ student organization.

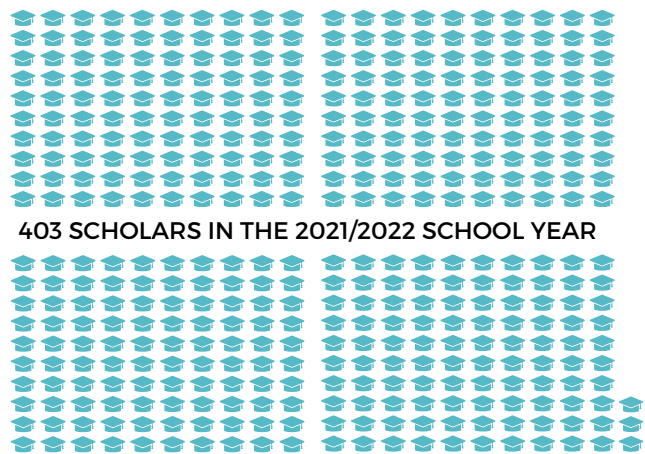
Unfortunately, resources specific to transgender students were less commonly reported:



Only a fourth of LGBTQ students reported that their school had a policy of allowing transgender students to change their program records or documents.

Impact

Since 2002, Point has awarded 500+ scholarships, making it the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for LGBTQ students.



"All of my life, it was really hard for me to find people who have been through the same experiences or were making the same transition as queer students. The community and the seminars, getting to hear other scholars' personal experiences - it all meant so much to me and made me feel not alone. "

- Pilar Garcia (they/them)
Point Scholar

