LGBTQ+ Pride Month

History

While there were earlier demonstrations and activities by the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, the Stonewall riots often are considered the beginning of LGBTQ+ Pride celebrations. In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, armed police officers raided the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village, the center of the LGBTQ+ community in Manhattan, New York. Gay and lesbian bar raids were a regular occurrence in the years preceding the Stonewall riots, but this raid — in which 13 patrons were arrested — represented a tipping point. Fed up, hundreds of people rioted, protested and fought back. A year after the riots, the last Sunday in June was celebrated as Gay Pride Day. In 1999, President William J. Clinton issued a proclamation in which Gay Pride Day was expanded to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month. Today, Pride celebrates the spectrum of sexual orientations and gender identities.

LGBTQ+ Milestones in the United States

1952
Christine Jorgensen is the first American to undergo a gender-affirming operation

1965
The first gender-affirming surgery in the U.S. was conducted at The Johns Hopkins Hospital

1973
American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its official list of mental disorders

1974 – 1976
Kathy Kozachenko, Elaine Noble and Harvey Milk are the first openly LGB lawmakers elected to office in the U.S.

1979
Approximately 75,000 people participated in the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Washington, D.C. making it one of the largest political gatherings in support of LGBTQ+ rights to date

1980
Stu Rasmussen becomes the nation’s first openly transgender mayor

1982
Wisconsin is the first state to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

1984
The city of Berkeley, California, is the first city to offer its employees domestic-partnership benefits

1989
President Obama signs a referendum, allowing benefits for same-sex partners of federal employees.

1993
Minnesota is the first state to outlaw discrimination against transgender individuals

1999
The first Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed

2000
Vermont is the first state in the country to legally recognize civil unions between gay or lesbian couples

2004
Same-sex marriages become legal in Massachusetts

2008
Phyllis Frye is sworn in as the nation’s first openly transgender judge

2009
“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy is repealed, allowing LGB people to openly serve in the military

2010
Tammy Baldwin becomes the first openly gay politician elected to the Senate

2012
The first time the White House observes Transgender Day of Remembrance

2015
The U.S. Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is a legal right across the U.S.

2016
Department of Defense revises regulations to allow transgender people to serve openly in the military

2018
American Psychiatric Association removes gender identity disorder from its official list of mental disorders

2020
U.S. Supreme Court rules that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects LGBTQ+ people from employment discrimination

2022
ICD-11 will recognize that gender incongruence is a matter of sexual health and not mental health

#HopkinsBetterTogether
Johns Hopkins supports the LGBTQ+ Community

On Oct. 11, 2011, National Coming Out Day, Johns Hopkins University launched its internal OUTList to connect its LGBTQ community with mentors, creating an informal network of supporters.

The Gertrude Stein Society, named after the former Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine student and well-known lesbian activist, is a student-led organization for LGBTQ+ and allied members of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, including the school of nursing, school of public health and school of medicine. Student co-chairs Andrianna Ayiotis, Cassie Parks and Dylan Hardenbergh are dedicated to maintaining and developing an even more accepting environment for diversity at JHMI through community service, recruitment and advocacy.

Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health

In March 2017, the Center for Transgender Health, led by Paula M. Neira, clinical program director, and Devin O’Brien-Coon, medical director, opened its doors with the mission to reduce health care disparities and improve the overall health of the transgender community. The center provides affirming, objective, person-centered care to improve health and enhance wellness; educates interdisciplinary health care professionals to provide culturally competent, evidence-based care; informs the public on transgender health issues; and advances medical knowledge by conducting biomedical research. Thanks to the great work of the Center for Transgender Health, The Johns Hopkins Hospital performed its first genital gender affirming surgery in 38 years in August 2017.
Health Disparities in the LGBTQ+ Community

**SUICIDE RISKS INCREASED**
LGBTQ+ youth are 4x more likely than straight youth to make a suicide attempt requiring medical attention.

**VIOLENCE RISKS INCREASED**
49
The number of LGBTQ+ Americans killed in the June 2016 attack in Orlando, representing the worst targeted mass shooting in U.S. history. Another 53 were wounded.

**HIV/STD INFECTION RISKS INCREASED**
As many as 70% of transgender and gender diverse people in one study have reported being the victim of discrimination when seeking health care.

**MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS INCREASED**

**INSURANCE COVERAGE DECREASED**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE INCREASED**
2x transgender people are twice as likely as cisgender people to be unemployed.

4x With trans people of color more than 4 times as likely to be unemployed.

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Local Baltimore/Washington, D.C./St. Petersburg, Florida, Resources

Baltimore City LGBTQ Affairs
linktr.ee/baltcitylgbtq

Chase Brexton Health Care: The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity
chasebrexton.org/services/center-lgbtq-health-equity

The DC Center for the LGBT Community
thedccenter.org/

LGBT St. Petersburg
stpete.org/vision/lgbt.php

Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs (Washington, D.C.)
lgbtq.dc.gov/

Metro LGBTQ Welcome Center (St. Petersburg, Florida)
lgbtwelcomecenter.com/

PFLAG Columbia/Howard County
pflaghoco.org

PFLAG Metro DC
pflagdc.org

PFLAG St. Petersburg
pflagstpete.org

The PRIDE Center of Maryland
pridecentermd.org

Trans Maryland
transmaryland.org/

Whitman Walker Health
whitman-walker.org/

Johns Hopkins Resources

Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health
hopkinsmedicine.org/center_transgender_health

LGBTQ Health
hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/lgbtq-health

Gay and Bisexual Men's Health Issues
hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/gay-and-bisexual-mens-health-issues

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health Issues
hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/lesbian-and-bisexual-womens-health-issues

Transgender Health Issues
hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/transgender-health-what-you-need-to-know

LGBTQ Health Care: Answers from Expert Paula M. Neira

LGBTQ Resources at Johns Hopkins Medicine
hopkinsmedicine.org/diversity/resources/lgbtq-resources.html

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Definitions

Caring for Transgender Patients
hopkinsmedicine.org/news/articles/caring-for-transgender-patients

Sexual Attraction and Orientation
hopkinsallchildrens.org/Patients-Families/Health-Library/Health-Doc-New/Sexual-Attraction-and-Orientation

JHU Office of LGBTQ Life
studentaffairs.jhu.edu/lgbtq/
National Resources

Advocacy and Services for LGBT Elders
sageusa.org/

Center of Excellence for Transgender Health
tanshealth.ucsf.edu/

The Fenway Institute
fenwayhealth.org/the-fenway-institute/

GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
glma.org/

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
hrc.org/

Lambda Legal
lambdalegal.org/

Modern Military Association of America (MMAA)
(LGBTQ military and veteran families worldwide)
modernmilitary.org/

National Center for Transgender Equality
transequality.org/

PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
pflag.org/

The Trevor Project
thetrevorproject.org

University of California San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center
lgbt.ucsf.edu/

World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)
wpath.org/