

# EU LGBTI survey II

## A long way to go for LGBTI equality

### Country data – Portugal



#### Survey in a nutshell

- The online survey draws on 140,000 responses from across 30 countries – the then 28 EU Member States (including the United Kingdom), Serbia and North Macedonia.
- The results from the survey present the largest international LGBTI survey of its kind.
- In-depth detailed results for Portugal and other countries can be found in FRA's [online data visualisation tool](#).
- See our [methodology Q&A](#) for more about how FRA did the survey. Results based on a small number of responses are statistically less reliable. Thus, results based on 20 to 49 unweighted observations in a group total or based on cells with fewer than 20 unweighted observations are noted in parentheses. Results based on fewer than 20 unweighted observations in a group total are not published.
- Follow #LGBTIsurvey across social media
- Respondents' quotes from Portugal also included.

#### Symbols

- ↑ Shows that the result in the country is **above** the EU-28 average
- ↓ Shows that the result in the country is **below** the EU-28 average
- Shows that the result in the country is **the same or at similar** levels (+/-5%) with the EU-28 average
- No Member State breakdown

#### Openness about being LGBTI

*"I think I am not very discriminated against because I rarely have a public affective relationship with women and do not disclose my sexual orientation. People just assume I'm straight and I don't object. I only share the truth with close people." (Portugal, Bisexual woman, 25)*

- ➔ 57% avoid often or always holding hands with their same-sex partner in Portugal. For the EU-28, it is 61%.
- ↓ 25% in Portugal avoid often or always certain locations for fear of being assaulted. For the EU-28, it is 33%.
- ↓ 36% are now often or always open about being LGBT in Portugal. For the EU-28, it is 47%.

## Discrimination

- ➔ 20% felt discriminated against at work in the year before the survey in Portugal. For the EU-28, it is 21%.
- ➔ Discrimination affects many areas of life, such as going to a café, restaurant, and hospital or to a shop. Overall, in Portugal in 2019 40% felt discriminated against in at least one area of life in the year before the survey. For the EU-28, it was 42%.

## Harassment & violence

*"I have often been stared into discomfort while walking down the street for holding hands with a same-sex partner. I have heard comments from strangers passing by in public spaces. I have often felt unsafe and intimidated in the street while with a same-sex partner and had to "act straight" as to avoid any conflicts." (Portugal, Bisexual woman, 21)*

- ↓ 30% in Portugal say they were harassed the year before the survey. The EU-28 is 38%.
- 1 in 5 trans and intersex people were physically or sexually attacked in the five years before the survey, double that of other LGBTI groups.
- ↓ 5% in Portugal had been attacked in the 5 years before the survey. The EU-28 is 11%.

## Reporting of hate-motivated violence and discrimination

- ➔ 14% went to the police in Portugal to report physical or sexual attacks. It is 14% across the EU-28.
- ➔ 8% reported their discrimination experiences to an equality body or another organisation in Portugal. For the EU-28, it is 11%.

## Intolerance and prejudice

- ↑ 68% in Portugal say that LGBTI prejudice and intolerance has dropped in their country in the last five years. It is 40% across the EU-28.
- ↓ 8% in Portugal say that prejudice and intolerance have risen. This is 36% for the EU-28.
- ↑ 56% in Portugal believe their national government effectively combats prejudice and intolerance against LGBTI people. For the EU-28, it is 33%.

## Schooling

*"They should actively talk about it in schools, not in a vague way or only when there is a case of reported discrimination." (Portugal, Gay man, 24)*

*"While attending elementary school, I was bullied for manifesting characteristics commonly associated with homosexual men, but I had the support and protection of friends." (Portugal, Gay man, 23)*

- Among young people (18-24), less people (41%) hide being LGBT at school. In 2012, it was 47%.
- 28% of LGBTI students (15-17 years old) in Portugal say were hiding being LGBTI at school. This was 30% in the EU-28.
- ↑ 60% of LGBTI students (15-17 years old) in Portugal say that in school someone often or always supported, defended or protected their rights as an LGBTI person. This was 48% in the EU-28.
- 65% of LGBTI teenager respondents (15-17 years old) in Portugal say their peers or teachers have often or always supported LGBTI people. In the EU-28, this was 60%.
- ↑ 43% of LGBTI of teenager respondents (15-17 years old) in Portugal say their school education at some point addressed LGBTI issues positively or in a balanced way. In the EU-28, this was 33%.