

## transgender equality

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### Why is transgender equality important?

Transgender people face staggering levels of poverty, discrimination, and violence. In 2016, 27 transgender people were killed. Since January 1, 2017, eight transgender women of color have been murdered.

According to the "2015 [US Trans Survey](#)," a report by the National Center for Transgender Equality: 29% of transgender people live in poverty, compared to 14% of the general population 30% of transgender people report being homeless at some point in their lives, with 12% saying it was within the past 12 months Transgender people experience unemployment at 3x the rate of the general population, with rates for people of color up to 4x the national unemployment rate 30% of transgender people report being fired, denied a promotion, or experiencing mistreatment in the workplace due to their gender identity in the past 12 months 31% of transgender people experienced mistreatment in the past year in a place of public accommodation, including 14% who were denied equal service, 24% who were verbally harassed, and 2% who were physically attacked because they were transgender 40% of respondents reported attempting suicide in their lifetime, nearly nine times the attempted suicide rate in the United States (4.6%)

Transgender people, particularly transgender women of color, face shockingly high rates of murder, homelessness, and incarceration. Most states and countries offer no legal protections in housing, employment, health care, and other areas where individuals experience discrimination based on their gender identity or expression.