Bisexual people in the United States face reduced earning and higher poverty rates than heterosexuals. While 5% of the U.S. population identifies as bisexual, they are disproportionately affected by poverty, unemployment, discrimination, and violence. Bisexual people are more likely to experience violence and are at a higher risk for self-harm and suicide. They are also less likely to access healthcare and public services.

### Data Overview

#### Poverty Rates
- **Heterosexual**: 12%
- **Lesbian**: 18%
- **Gay**: 18%
- **Bisexual**: 22%

#### Unemployment Rates
- **Heterosexual**: 4%
- **Lesbian**: 6%
- **Gay**: 8%
- **Bisexual**: 12%

#### Suicide Rates
- **Heterosexual**: 4%
- **Lesbian**: 11%
- **Gay**: 10%
- **Bisexual**: 15%

#### Violence Against Women
- Bisexual women are three times more likely to experience violence than heterosexual women.

### Discrimination

Bisexual people face discrimination in many aspects of life, including workplace discrimination, housing, and healthcare. They are also more likely to experience discrimination in accessing financial aid and support. Bisexual people are less likely to benefit from laws and policies that protect LGBT individuals.

### Stigma

Stereotypes and myths can lead to discrimination, invisibility, or a lack of acknowledgement that bisexual people exist. This can exacerbate their already challenging experiences.

### Legal Inequality

Laws that explicitly mention sexual orientation primarily protect or harm lesbian, gay, and bisexual people. That said, transgender people who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual can be affected by heterosexual adults. Read more about the health of bisexual people in "Mapping LGBT Equality in America: Bi-Inclusive Terminology".

### Economic Insecurity

- **Unemployment**: Bisexual people are more likely to be unemployed than heterosexuals.
- **Poverty**: Bisexual people are more likely to live in poverty than heterosexuals.

### Resources

- **Mapping LGBT Equality**: Provides data and resources on the discrimination faced by LGBT individuals.
- **Bi-Inclusive Terminology**: Offers guidance on how to use terminology correctly.
- **Understanding Issues Facing Bisexual Americans**: Provides insights into the challenges faced by bisexual individuals.

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