

LGBTQ SAFE SPACES NATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Preliminary Data Snapshot

A look at the data from the LGBTQ Safe Spaces National Needs Assessment, conducted by the New York City Anti-Violence Project, collected from 12/13/22-01/18/23. This preliminary information shows that anti-LGBTQ hate violence is:

WIDESPREAD

- Around **3 out of every 5 LGBTQ+ organizations** surveyed experienced hate incidents

ORGANIZED

- **More than half** of reported protests **were organized by white nationalist hate groups**

RELENTLESS

- Most organizations **experienced multiple hate incidents**. Over **90%** of organizations **fear more** will come in the future

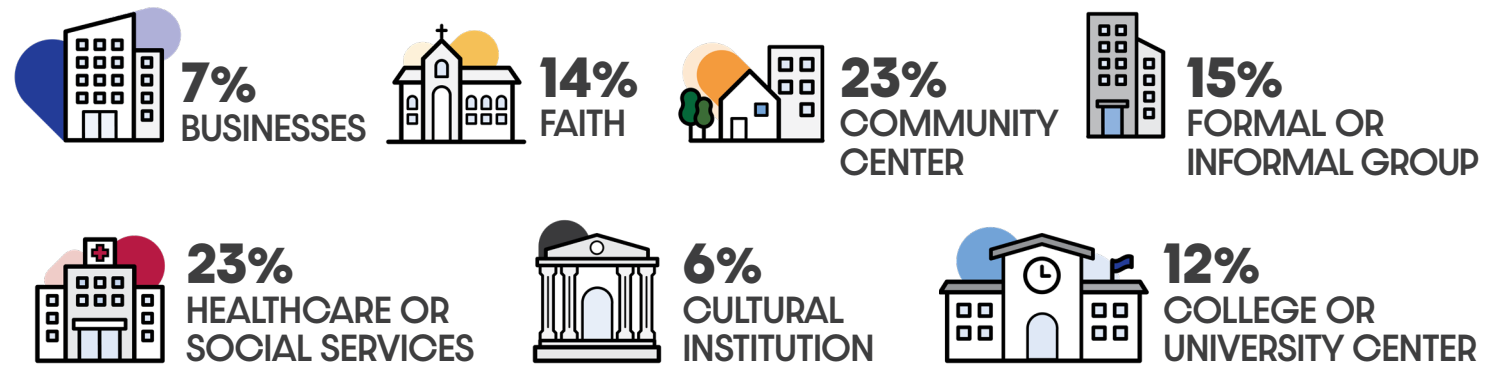
“WE NEED HELP”

After a year marred by anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, dangerous disinformation and hateful targeting of our spaces and community members, a new survey conducted by the New York City Anti-Violence Project illuminates a dark picture of the shocking prevalence and intensity of anti-LGBTQ+ hate incidents across the country.

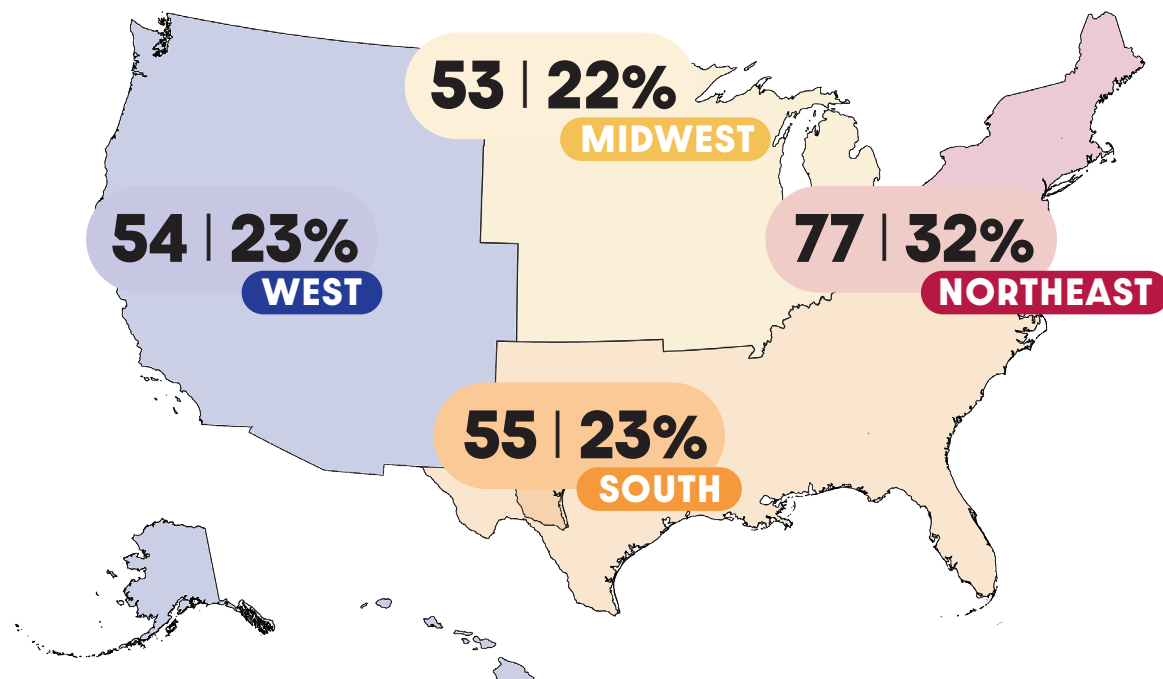
The data collected via online survey between December 13, 2022 and January 18, 2023 shows that the LGBTQ-owned or serving businesses, organizations and spaces faced an onslaught of harmful, hateful and sometimes violent incidents in 2022. **Around 60% of respondents experienced at least one anti-LGBTQ+ hate incident, and the majority experienced more than one.**

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Participating LGBTQ+-led or serving organizations



Region



WHAT ORGANIZATIONS FACE

AROUND 3 OUT OF 5 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCED AT LEAST ONE ANTI-LGBTQ+ HATE INCIDENT.

- Most were **serial incidents**, meaning more than one incident of the same type
- While more experienced online violence than phone or in-person violence, **nearly half of the respondents that experienced violence reported hate both online and in-person/via phone**
- One in four received hate mail, or a suspicious or threatening package

MOST ORGANIZATIONS DID NOT REPORT INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE. WHILE SOME FELT INTERACTIONS WITH POLICE WERE HELPFUL, THEY RESULTED IN FEW INVESTIGATIONS.

- Many organizations **opted not to report incidents to the police** for various reasons
- **Property damage incidents** and harrasment outside the space were more likely to be investigated by police, while fewer than half of hate mail and harrasing phone calls were
- Respondents filed reports in 63% of vandalism cases, but **only around 40% of threats and harasment outside of the building**, and in the case of protests, investigations were too few to enumerate

90% OF ORGANIZATIONS REPORT FEAR OF FUTURE ANTI-LGBTQ+ INCIDENTS HAPPENING.

- The majority of responding organizations fear either more online hate or more threats of violence in their location in the future
- Around 40% are **concerned about physical violence** happening to one of their staff members inside their space, 60% fear harasment outside of their space

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS NEED

7 OUT OF 10



Organizations need better physical security measures

3 OUT OF 4



Organizations need better training

Top Organization Requests

- Paid or Volunteer Security
- Physical Security Assessment
- Bulletproof Glass
- Surveillance Cameras
- Active Shooter Training
- Safety Planning/Training

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. **Take the survey** if you're an LGBTQ+ serving organization or business, or encourage those in your network to do so.



2. **Use this data** to help lead discussions within your communities
3. **Stay connected with AVP** to get the final data report and information on regional engagement events

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