



# The Violent Death Of Transgender People of Color

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# United State's Historical Background Beginning in 2013

Since 2013 the LGBTQ community has made a clarion calling about the violent deaths of transgender women of color in the United States and worldwide.

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2013–2019

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation reports that between 2013-2019 of more than 130 anti-transgender cases tracked, 4 of out 5 cases impacted women of color in the United States.

- Fatal violence against transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming Americans is continuing in 2022, according to Advocate magazine. The largest number of victims are Black and Latinx women.

## Worldwide Background History Background Beginning in 2013

**Worldwide according to Forbes, 375 transgender people were killed in 2021, this is the deadliest year. This figure has risen since 2020's total of 350.**

**70% of the worldwide violent murders happened in Central and South America. Brazil had the highest single country rate of 33% of global death.**

- The list is compiled by Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide (TvT), by sourcing local and national news stories covering the deaths and murders.



A National Epidemic: Fatal Anti-Transgender Violence in the United States in 2019 Report from the Human Rights Campaign

- **From 2013 to 2019, at least 169 victims of anti-transgender violence were people of color, including:**
- **152 Black and African-American people,**
- **15 Latinx people,**
- **1 Multiracial person, and**
- **1 Native American person.**

**91%**

of them were  
Black women.

**81%**

were under the  
age of 30.

**68%**

lived in the  
South.



## Why Are They Disproportionately the Victims?

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- Kerith Conron of UCLA's Williams Institute tells CNN that the easiest reasons why Black trans women are disproportionately victims of fatal violence are that "they're black, they're transgender, and they're women. Each of those distinct identities means that they face discrimination, prejudice, and inequities on multiple fronts."
  - Victim Kier Lapri Solomon, 21, Arlington, TX was found shot and killed in her car outside her apartment complex.
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# Victim – Miia Love Parker, 25

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- Was shot to death April 1, 2022, in Chester, Pa. Police have identified a suspect but have yet to apprehend him. Parker was in a parked vehicle when she was shot. Police are searching for Saad Najeed Dwight, 38. He will face charges of criminal homicide, third-degree murder, and possession of a firearm not to be carried without a license.




# Victim - Cypress Ramos, 21

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- Cypress Ramos, 21, a popular drag performer, was found dead in a storage unit in Lubbock, Texas, on February 12, 2022. She had died after being struck by a heavy object. Allen Montemayor, 32, has been charged with murder. He has claimed that he acted in self-defense and that he heard a song telling him to kill Ramos.





A close-up portrait of a young Black woman with her hair styled in braids. She is wearing a dark blue beanie and a grey and white patterned scarf. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. On the far left, there is a vertical bar with horizontal stripes in light blue, pink, white, and light blue.

## Victim – Ariyanna Mitchell, 17

- Ariyanna was a high school student who was shot to death while intervening in a fight at a party in Hampton, Va., on April 2, 2022. According to court documents, her accused killer, Jimmy Lashawn Williams, asked her if she was a boy or a girl before shooting her. He has been charged with murder.

# Transgender Individuals Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence

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Fear 2 Freedom  
[www.fear2freedom.org](http://www.fear2freedom.org)

**47%** of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

**58%** of respondents who interacted with a law enforcement officer were verbally harassed, physically or sexually assaulted, or mistreated in another way in the past year.

**24%** of respondents reported severe physical violence from a partner, compared to 18% in the U.S. population.

**54%** of respondents experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime.



# Law Enforcement Investigations of Transgender Women

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A myriad of questions emerge for law enforcement agencies in the death investigations of transgender women.

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One, how do police classify a person who was born as a male but distinguished as a female?

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Two, can the transgender community trust that the murder will be taken seriously by law enforcement agencies?

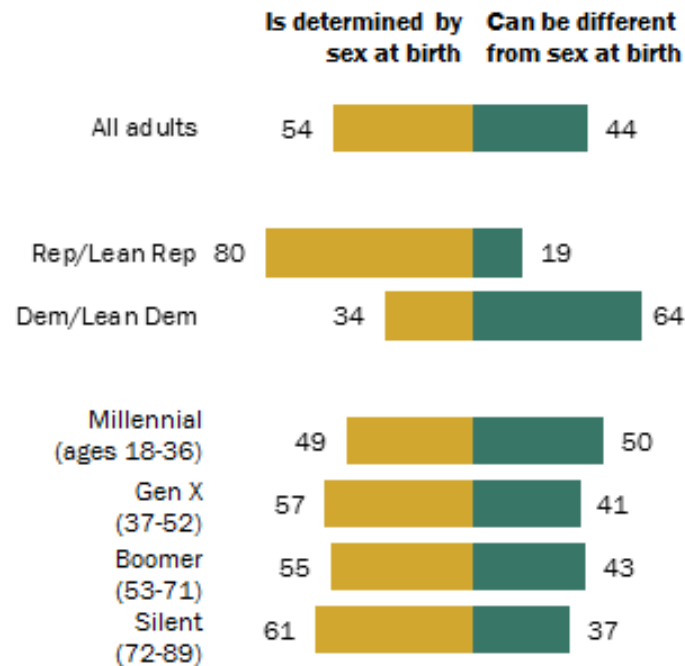


# Society's View of Transgender People

- “When society continually dehumanizes and diminishes the dignity and identities of transgender people, when we have politicians undermining the lives and rights of transgender people, it sends a dangerous signal to those who would discriminate [against] or even attack the transgender community,” Sarah McBride, national press secretary at the Human Rights Campaign, told CNN.

## Political party is closely tied to views on transgender issues

% saying that whether a person is a man or a woman ...



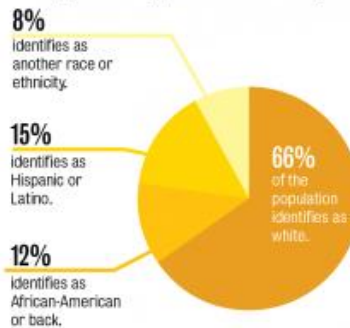
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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Aug. 8-21 and Sept. 14-28, 2017.

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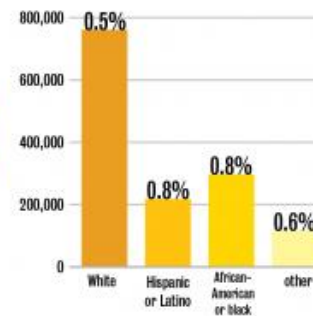
## UCLA STUDY FINDS GREATER RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY AMONG TRANSGENDER ADULTS

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found significantly more transgender adults identify as African-American, Latino, or as another non-Caucasian race in comparison to the general U.S. population. However, the study was unable to determine why such patterns are emerging.

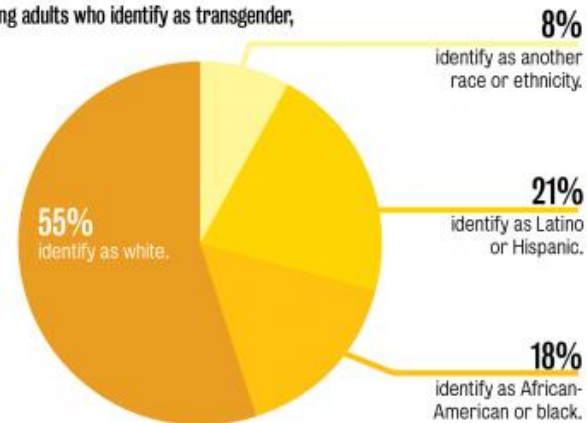
### U.S. population by race and ethnicity



### Number and percent of transgender adults by race and ethnicity



### Among adults who identify as transgender,



SOURCE: Andrew R. Flores, Taylor N. T. Brown, Judy L. Herman/The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. Graphic reporting by Deanna Nicola, Brian Contreras. Graphic by Hannah Brock, Daily Brain senior staff.

# Society's View of Transgender People

# Governor Lamont Signs Legislation Strengthening Hate Crime Investigations by the Connecticut State Police (05/24/2022)

- (HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that he has signed into law *Public Act 22-9*, which enhances investigations into hate crimes by the Connecticut State Police.
- Specifically, the legislation codifies into law the requirement that the State Police operate a Hate Crime Investigative Unit. This dedicated unit was established in October 2021 under the executive authority of Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner James Rovella. Governor Lamont explained that, along with the other elements of the bill, codifying the unit into law will ensure that it will continue to have the information it needs and be prioritized for resources to accomplish its critical mission.
- “Having a dedicated hate crimes unit within the Connecticut State Police will ensure that these crimes are handled in an investigative manner by expert law enforcement authorities who are provided the resources and tools needed to combat them and bring perpetrators to justice,” Governor Lamont said. “This law creates a uniform, statewide system where hate crime investigations will be centralized. Hate has no place in Connecticut. Nobody should ever have to fear being the victim of a crime for being who they are. I am appreciative of the legislators from both parties who approved this legislation and sent it to my desk so that I could sign it into law.”
- “We created and staffed our hate crime investigative unit last year with the hopes of making it a long-term, sustainable unit,” Commissioner Rovella said. “We are thankful that this bill codifies its permanency, securing another layer of protection to our state. As an investigative unit, our hope is that we can continue to connect with our partners to eliminate hate incidents through prevention, investigation, data sharing, and awareness.”
- This new law requires the Hate Crime Investigative Unit to be responsible for working to prevent and detect certain crimes that are generally based on bigotry or bias against a race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. In addition, the unit must compile, monitor, analyze, and share data about such crimes.
- This law also broadens the reporting of bigotry or bias-motivated crimes by local law enforcement, who would need to report on the broader list of crimes covered by the bill and do so using a reporting system developed by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.
- According to FBI statistics, Connecticut saw 101 hate crimes reported in 2020, the most recent year in which data has been compiled. Of those, 61 were directed against an individual’s race, ethnicity, or ancestry; 17 involved an individual’s religion; 15 involved sexual orientation; and the remaining 8 involved disability or multiple biases.

# Norwalk Community College's Counseling Services

- Life can be overwhelming. We're here to help.
- The NCC counseling staff works with you to offer support & direction for your educational, personal, and professional goals. Here at NCC, we have two counselors available on campus Wendy Mendes LPC and Andrea Arnold LCSW.
- Wendy Mendes is our Full-time Holistic Counselor at NCC, Holistic counseling is an approach that helps students to heal by taking the entire human being and their life experiences into consideration for assessment and treatment purposes.
- Andrea is our partner from the Family and Children's Agency. In collaboration with Norwalk Community College, FCA is providing us with a part-time short-term counselor for NCC students who are experiencing challenges in their lives.
- Wendy and Andrea can be reached at 203.857.6870 or by email at [nk-counselingservices@norwalk.edu](mailto:nk-counselingservices@norwalk.edu). Office hours are M/T 0900 am-500 pm, W/TH 900 am-530 pm, and F 0900 am – 200 pm. All our counseling sessions are provided supportive, caring, and confidential.

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