

EU LGBTIQ survey III

LGBTIQ Equality at a Crossroads: Progress and Challenges



Country Data - North Macedonia

EU LGBTIQ SURVEY

- The online survey draws on 100,577 responses from across 30 countries – the 27 EU Member States, Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia.
- 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 #LGBTIQSurvey across social media channels.
- Respondents' quotes from North Macedonia are also included.

Symbols

- ↑ Shows that the result in the country is above the EU-27 average
- ↓ Shows that the result in the country is below the EU-27 average
- Shows that the result in the country is the same or at similar levels with the EU-27 average

- **Openness about being LGBTIQ**

“As a 17-year-old, I am only out to friends and there is absolutely no chance that this country will help me with my issues as a trans man.” North Macedonia, trans man, 17

↑ 74% avoid often or always holding hands with their same-sex partner in North Macedonia. For the EU-27 it is 53%.

↑ 43% in North Macedonia avoid often or always certain locations for fear of being assaulted. For the EU-27 it is 29%.

↓ 21% are now fairly or very open about being LGBTIQ in North Macedonia. For the EU-27 it is 51%.

- **Discrimination**

“Anyone who is LGBTIQ has a fear of discrimination. Some are hiding, which is part of the problem. There are many problems, while people who could give encouragement are few.” North Macedonia, pansexual woman, 27

↑ 27% felt discriminated against at work or looking for work in the year before the survey in North Macedonia. For the EU-27 it is 19%.

→ Discrimination affects many areas of life, such as going to a café, restaurant, hospital or to a shop. Overall, in North Macedonia 39% felt discriminated against in at least one area of life in the year before the survey. For the EU-27 it was 37%.

- **Violence and harassment**

→ 17% in North Macedonia had been attacked in the 5 years before the survey. The EU-27 is 13%.

→ 8% in North Macedonia had been attacked in the year before the survey. The EU-27 is 5%.

↑ 63% in North Macedonia say they were harassed in the year before the survey. The EU-27 is 54%.

- **Reporting of hate-motivated violence and discrimination**

→ 14% went to the police in North Macedonia to report physical or sexual attacks. It is 11% across the EU-27.

→ 9% reported their discrimination experiences to an equality body or another organisation in North Macedonia. For the EU-27 it is 11%.

- **Bullying and conversion abuse or humiliation**

"Most of my life here in Macedonia, I've been bullied for being gay and acting a bit feminine. Because of that I never had any friends throughout middle school and high school. A lot of people make fun of me because I'm gay." North Macedonia, gay man, 19

→ In North Macedonia 68% of all respondents say that during their time in school they suffered bullying, ridicule, teasing, insults or threats because they are LGBTIQ. For the EU-27 it is 67% in a steep increase compared to 2019 (43%).

↑ 32% of respondents in North Macedonia experienced a so-called 'conversion' practice in order to make them change their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. For the EU-27 it is 24%.

- **Intolerance and prejudice**

↓ 37% in North Macedonia say that violence against LGBTIQ people has increased. This is 59% for the EU-27.

↓ 47% in North Macedonia say that LGBTIQ prejudice and intolerance has risen in their country in the last five years. It is 53% across the EU-27.

↓ 14% in North Macedonia believe their national government effectively combats prejudice and intolerance against LGBTIQ people. For the EU-27 it is 26%.

- **Health**

"I have been downgraded by random teens and peers from my class for the past year which caused a severe downfall in my mental health which caused me to think and attempt suicide, my closest friends support me greatly, if it wasn't for them I don't know how I would still be standing." North-Macedonia, gay man, 17

↓ 5% of LGBTIQ respondents in North Macedonia felt discriminated against in healthcare in the year before the survey. For the EU this is 14%.

↑ 18% of LGBTIQ respondents in North Macedonia thought often or always of committing suicide in year before the survey. For the EU this is 12%.

- **Schooling**

"As a queer, gay male student I feel misunderstood, lonely and isolated." North Macedonia, gay man, 17

↑ 63% of LGBTIQ students in North Macedonia say were hiding being LGBTIQ at school. This was 49% in the EU-27.

↓ 22% of LGBTIQ students in North Macedonia say that in school someone often or always supported, defended or protected their rights as an LGBTIQ person. This was 32% in the EU-27.

→ 61% of LGBTIQ respondents in North Macedonia say their school education never addressed LGBTIQ issues. In the EU-27 this was 62%.