

# ACCESS & ENGAGEMENT IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS: LESSONS FROM THE U.S. TRANSGENDER SURVEY

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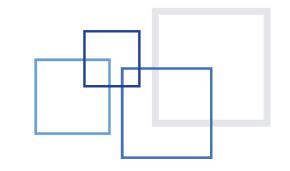




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### **USTS** Project Overview



#### 27,715 respondents

50 states, DC, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. military bases overseas

Adults 18+

English and Spanish, online





### Distribution of Respondents

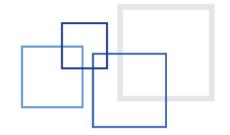
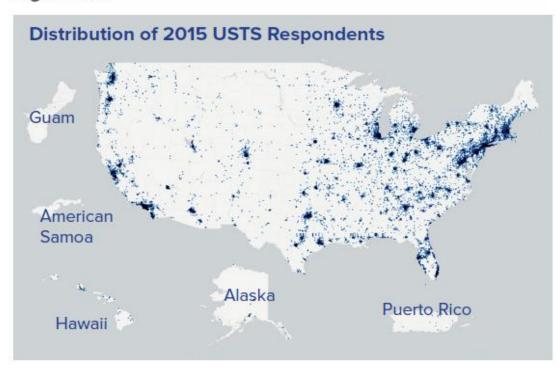
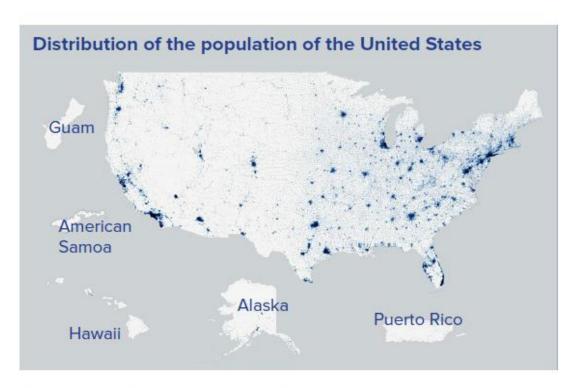


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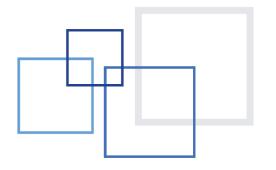




Each dot on the maps represents the number of people in a zip code. Every dot corresponds to at least one person, and the size of each dot increases in accordance with the number of people in each zip code.





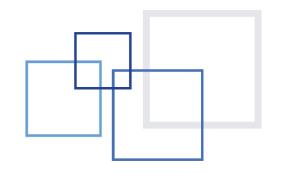


# Results





# **Key Report Themes**



- 1. Pervasive mistreatment and violence
- 2. Severe economic hardship and instability
- 3. Harmful effects on physical and mental health
- 4. Compounded by other forms of discrimination





#### **Pervasive Mistreatment & Violence**

Because they were transgender ...

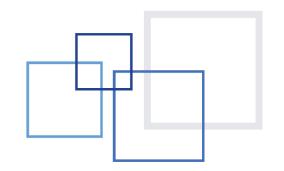
46% verbally harassed in past year

9% physically attacked in past year

Sexually assaulted:

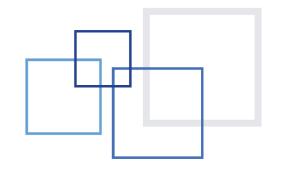
10% past year and 47% in lifetime







#### **Severe Economic Hardship & Instability**



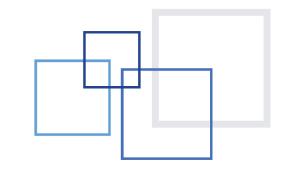
3X higher unemployment than U.S. population 15% versus 5%

2X higher poverty than U.S. population 29% versus 12%





#### Harmful Effects On Physical & Mental Health



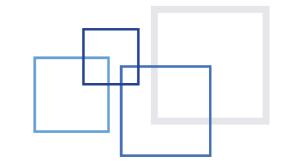
8X serious psychological distress than U.S. population 39% versus 5%

9X attempted suicide in lifetime than U.S. population 40% versus 4.6%





# **Compounding Impact of Other Forms of Discrimination**



Among people of color,

poverty was 3X higher than the U.S. population

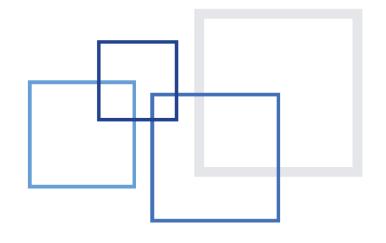
1.4% of all respondents were living with HIV—5X higher than the U.S. population

Among Black trans women, the rate was 19%





# **Key Health Findings**







#### **Health**

In the past year:

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33% of those who saw a health care provider were harassed, turned away, or had another negative experience because of being trans

23% didn't seek health care for fear of being mistreated

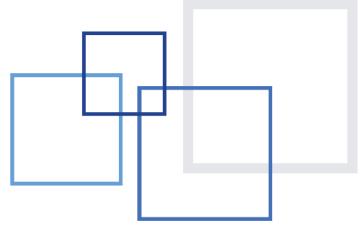
33% didn't seek health care because they could not afford it

25% had trans-related health insurance problem









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