

# EU LGBTI survey II

## A long way to go for LGBTI equality

### Country data – North Macedonia



#### Survey in a nutshell

- The online survey draws on 140,000 responses from across 30 countries – the then 28 EU Member States (including the United Kingdom), Serbia and North Macedonia.
- The results from the survey present the largest international LGBTI survey of its kind.
- In-depth detailed results for North Macedonia and other countries can be found in FRA's [online data visualisation tool](#).
- 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 #LGBTIsurvey across social media.
- Respondents' quotes from North Macedonia also included.

#### Symbols

- ↑ Shows that the result in the country is **above** the EU-28 average
- ↓ Shows that the result in the country is **below** the EU-28 average
- Shows that the result in the country is **the same or at similar** levels (+/-5%) with the EU-28 average
- No Member States breakdown

#### Openness about being LGBTI

- ↑ 87% avoid often or always holding hands with their same-sex partner in North Macedonia. For the EU-28, it is 61%.
- ↑ 50% in North Macedonia avoid often or always certain locations for fear of being assaulted. For the EU-28, it is 33%.

- ↓ 18% are now fairly or very open about being LGBTI in North Macedonia. For the EU-28, it is 47%.

## Discrimination

- 25% felt discriminated against at work in the year before the survey in North Macedonia. For the EU-28, it is 21%.
- ↑ Discrimination affects many areas of life, such as going to a café, restaurant, hospital or to a shop. Overall, in North Macedonia in 2019 49% felt discriminated against in at least one area of life in the year before the survey. For the EU-28, it was 42%.

## Harassment & violence

- 41% in North Macedonia say they were harassed the year before the survey. The EU-28 is 38%.
- 1 in 5 trans and intersex people were physically or sexually attacked in the five years before the survey, double that of other LGBTI groups.
- ↑ 19% in North Macedonia had been attacked in the 5 years before the survey. The EU-28 is 11%.

## Reporting of hate-motivated violence and discrimination

- 18% went to the police in North Macedonia to report physical or sexual attacks. It is 14% across the EU-28.
- 7% reported their discrimination experiences to an equality body or another organisation in North Macedonia. For the EU-28, it is 11%.

## Intolerance and prejudice

*"It is very difficult to be gay in Northern Macedonia. The only thing you can do is to hide and lie to others and yourself." (North Macedonia, Gay man, 32)*

*"Public here need more info about gay people. They are just scared ... and lacking knowledge" (North Macedonia, Gay man, 51)*

- ↓ 35% in North Macedonia say that LGBTI prejudice and intolerance has dropped in their country in the last five years. It is 40% across the EU-28.
- ↓ 26% in North Macedonia say that prejudice and intolerance have risen. This is 36% for the EU-28.
- 34% in North Macedonia believe their national government effectively combats prejudice and intolerance against LGBTI people. For the EU-28, it is 33%.

## Schooling

*"Elementary school was very confusing to me because I still didn't know what I was feeling and what I wanted. Some individuals teased me and made me feel awful and I never said anything publicly, it was just my appearance." (North Macedonia, Bisexual man, 20)*

- Among young people (18-24), less people (41%) hide being LGBT at school. In 2012, it was 47%.
- ↑ 41% of LGBTI students (15-17 years old) in North Macedonia say were hiding being LGBTI at school. This was 30% in the EU-28
- 50% of LGBTI students (15-17 years old) in North Macedonia say that in school someone often or always supported, defended or protected their rights as an LGBTI person. This was 48% in the EU-28.
- ↓ 45% of LGBTI teenager respondents (15-17 years old) in North Macedonia say their peers or teachers have often or always supported LGBTI people. In the EU-28, this was 60%.
- ↓ 23% of LGBTI of teenager respondents (15-17 years old) in North Macedonia say their school education at some point addressed LGBTI issues positively or in a balanced way. In the EU-28, this was 33%.