

EU LGBTIQ survey III

LGBTIQ Equality at a Crossroads: Progress and Challenges



Country Data - Cyprus

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 FRA’s social media channels.
- Respondents’ quotes from Cyprus 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**

↑ 71% avoid often or always holding hands with their same-sex partner in Cyprus. For the EU-27 it is 53%.

↑ 39% in Cyprus avoid often or always certain locations for fear of being assaulted. For the EU-27 it is 29%.

↓ 29% are now fairly or very open about being LGBTIQ in Cyprus. For the EU-27 it is 51%.

- **Discrimination**

“In Cyprus, the younger generations are more open about their LGBTIQ+ identities and more supportive of others who are,” Cyprus, Lesbian woman, 22.

↑ 37% felt discriminated against at work or looking for work in the year before the survey in Cyprus. 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 Cyprus in 2023 50% 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**

“I’m afraid of abandonment and being condemned for something that is out of my control,” Cyprus, Lesbian girl, 16.

→ 14% of all respondents in Cyprus had been attacked in the 5 years before the survey. The EU-27 is 13%.

→ 7% of respondents in Cyprus had been attacked in the 12 months before the survey. The EU-27 is 5%.

→ 52% in Cyprus say they were harassed the year before the survey. The EU-27 is 54%.

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

↑ 19% went to the police in Cyprus to report physical or sexual attacks. It is 11% across the EU-27.

→ 12% reported their discrimination experiences to an equality body or another organisation in Cyprus. For the EU-27 it is 11%.

- **Bullying and conversion abuse or humiliation**

“I received threats and psychological blackmail from people in the very close family circle in order to change my sexual identity,” Cyprus, Pansexual woman, 26.

↑ In Cyprus 73% 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%, a steep increase compared to 2019 (43%).

↑ 37% of respondents in Cyprus 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**

↓ 43% in Cyprus say that violence against LGBTIQ people has increased. This is 59% for the EU-27.

↓ 40% in Cyprus say that LGBTIQ prejudice and intolerance has risen in their country in the last five years. It is 53% across the EU-27.

↓ 19% in Cyprus believe their national government effectively combats prejudice and intolerance against LGBTIQ people. For the EU-27 it is 26%.

- **Health**

“While being queer in Cyprus is slowly becoming more socially accepted, to be Out is equal to social suicide. I wish I could leave,” Cyprus, Bisexual woman, 27.

↓ 6% of LGBTIQ respondents in Cyprus felt discriminated against in healthcare in the year before the survey. For the EU this is 14%.

→ 15% of LGBTIQ respondents in Cyprus thought often or always of committing suicide in year before the survey. For the EU this is 12%.

- **Schooling**

“I can't live freely and openly in my house because I believe [my parents] will throw me out,” Cyprus, Lesbian woman, 18.

↑ 65% of LGBTIQ students in Cyprus say were hiding being LGBTIQ at school. This was 49% in the EU-27

→ 27% of LGBTIQ students in Cyprus 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 Cyprus say their school education never addressed LGBTIQ issues. In the EU-27 this was 62%.