

# LGBT Pride MONTH



On June 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton declared June “Gay & Lesbian Pride Month”. On June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama declared June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.

On June 26, 2015 in a landmark opinion, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that same-sex couples can marry nationwide. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority stating that “Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization’s oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The constitution grants them that right.”

On May 31, 2016, President Obama also issued a Presidential Proclamation – LGBT Pride Month, 2016. In this proclamation, Obama stated that “the fight for dignity and equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society. They have spurred sweeping progress by changing hearts and minds and by demanding equal treatment – under our laws, from our court, and in our politics.”

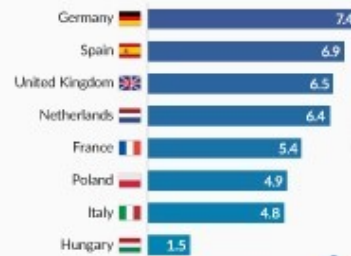
Yet in many states, employment discrimination still exists based on a person’s sexual orientation, including Missouri. Missouri does have an executive order prohibiting discrimination in public employment based on sexual orientation only. However, in many places of employment in Missouri, you can still be fired simply for being gay.

## Did you know?

Approximately 1.1 American women and 2.2 American men identify as homosexual, with another 4% identifying as bisexual. 61% of Americans agree that gays/lesbians should be legally allowed to adopt and 78% agree partners of gays/lesbians should be entitled to inheritance rights.

## Europe’s LGBT population mapped

% of the population identifying as LGBT in selected countries in 2016



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