13.6% of Maine high school students identify as LGBT (about 7,500).

That's nearly 1 in 7 students.

12.4% of students identify as either gay/lesbian, or bisexual.

1.6% of Maine high school students identify as transgender.

LGBT students experience more violence and discrimination at school, at home, and in the community.

LGBT students are more likely to be bullied at school (in the past 12 months).

LGBT students are twice as likely to feel unsafe at school.

LGBT students are more likely to experience offensive comments or attacks at/on the way to school because of:

- Their perceived sexual orientation: LGBT 37% vs Non-LGBT 21%
- Their gender expression: LGBT 38% vs Non-LGBT 8%

LGBT students are less likely to have support from adults, and more likely to experience violence.

LGBT students are significantly more likely to say that violence in their home or the threat of violence made them consider leaving home.

LGBT students are three times more likely to have been forced to have sexual contact in their lifetime.

LGBT students are twice as likely to have four or more adverse childhood experiences* (LGBT: 44% vs Non-LGBT: 18%).

*For more information see Adverse Childhood Experience infographic at: https://data.mainepublichealth.gov/MIYHS/files/Snapshot/2017ACEsMIYHSInfographic.pdf
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To cope with violence and discrimination, many LGBT students may turn to harmful substance use...

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