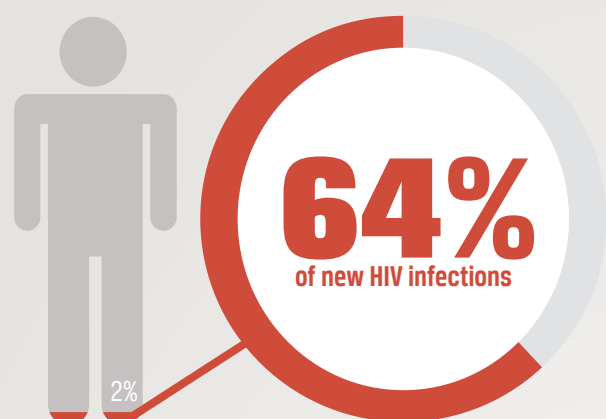# VITAL FUNDING
Investing in LGBTQ Health and Wellbeing
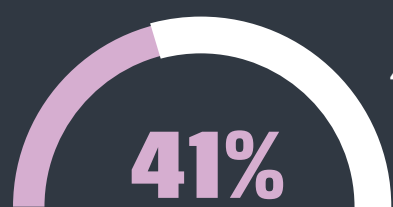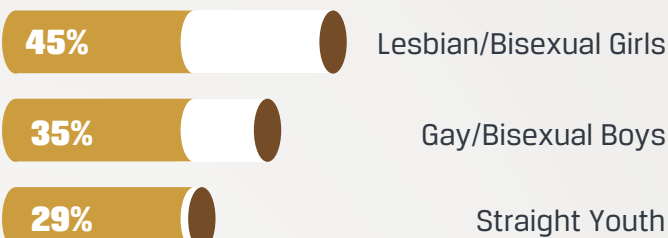
The Need

Like other minorities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities face significant health disparities.
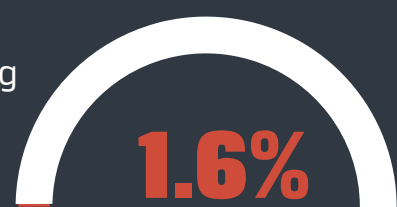
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Gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men account for **64 percent of new HIV infections** even though they make up only about 2 percent of the population.
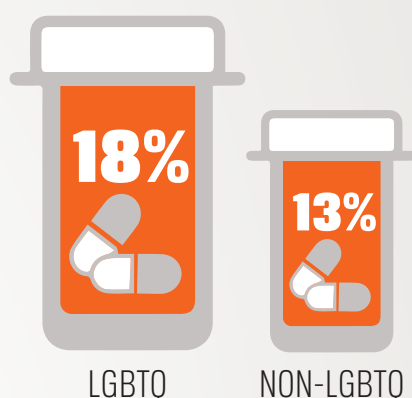
LGBTQ youth are more likely to smoke

- **45%** Lesbian/Bisexual Girls
- **35%** Gay/Bisexual Boys
- **29%** Straight Youth

41% — 41% of transgender people report having attempted suicide compared to 1.6 percent of the general population. — **1.6%**

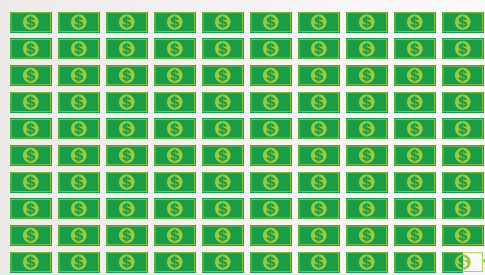## LGBTQ people are more likely to lack health insurance.

18% of LGBTQ adults have no health insurance compared to about 13% of non-LGBTQ adults

18% LGBTQ
13% NON-LGBTQ

The Funding

Between 2011-2013, foundations and corporations awarded more than **$50 million for LGBTQ health**.

On average, less than one half of one percent of foundation funding for health is for LGBTQ communities.

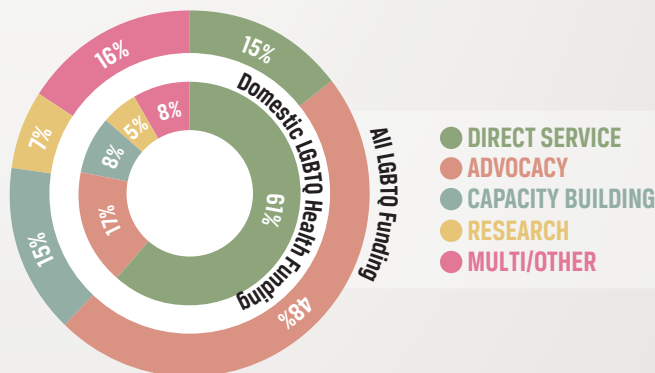|	
HIV/AIDS	$23,200,000
General Health Services & Health Promotion	$8,645,407
Mental health, substance abuse, & suicide prevention	$4,467,421
Cancer	$4,113,557
Primary care	$3,570,900
Insurance Coverage & ACA implementation	$3,382,775
Cultural competance & data collection	$1,959,965

Of U.S. funding for HIV/AIDS, only 21% targets LGBTQ communities - although LGBTQ people account for the majority of new infections.

HEALTH ISSUES FUNDED
Nearly half of LGBTQ health funding was for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, with significant portions also devoted to primary care, mental health and substance abuse, cancer, and insurance coverage.

STRATEGIES FUNDED
While advocacy is the most commonly funded strategy for LGBTQ funding overall, **direct service is the most commonly funded strategy for LGBTQ health.**

Domestic LGBTQ Health Funding: 16%, 15%, 8%, 5%, 8%, 7%, 48%, 17%, 15%

All LGBTQ Funding: 19%

- ● DIRECT SERVICE
- ● ADVOCACY
- ● CAPACITY BUILDING
- ● RESEARCH
- ● MULTI/OTHER

The Opportunity

In a rapidly changing policy landscape for both healthcare and LGBTQ rights, funders concerned about health disparities, HIV/AIDS, and LGBTQ communities have **several unique opportunities for increased impact on LGBTQ health.**

- Explore Collaborative Efforts to Address Mental & Behavioral Health & Other Social Determinants Related to Stigma.
- Increase Access to Insurance Coverage for LGBTQ People.
- Build Capacity of the HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ Health Services Sector.
- Increase LGBTQ Cultural Competence of Health Service Providers and Systems.
- Strengthen HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ Health Policy and Advocacy Infrastructure.