#### **Theirworld**

# Bullying and discrimination among LGBTQ+ youth in schools & universities

Theirworld wanted to find out how safe LGBTQ+ youth feel in schools and universities. YouGov polled **545 LGBTQ+** people aged **16-24** in the UK between June 11 - 18th 2024.

## How safe do they feel?



## >1 in 4

27% of LGBTQ+ youth said they felt or currently feel unsafe in secondary school.



47%

Almost half of LGBTQ+ youth have been bullied and/or discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.



### 1 in 4

of LGBTQ+ youth have been bullied and/or discriminated against because of their gender identity.

#### Did they report it?

49%	Never reported it
30%	Reported it multiple times
18%	Reported it once
2%	Prefer not to say or don't know

# Forms of bullying and/or discrimination

73%	Verbal abuse
53%	Harassment
31%	Online abuse
24%	Threats of violence
19%	Purposefully misgendered
16%	Physical abuse
15%	Sexual abuse

72% of those who did report it to staff said that staff responded badly.

"I was added to a group chat of students where I was outed to the full year group and subsequently bullied, called slurs and names daily. Most teachers ignored the bullying especially if it was in their classroom. They would mock my gender and discuss my identity with other students in a negative way."

**Survey respondent**