



COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

LGBTQ+ Political and Civic Engagement (PACE) Survey: Methodology & Toplines

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A. Sampling

This study uses a **structured nonprobability sampling design with benchmark-based weighting** to approximate a representative sample of U.S. registered voters, including LGBTQ+ adults. Recruitment targets are first set using external population data to guide sampling of respondents across regions and selected states in proportion to the known distribution of the LGBTQ+ and non-LGBTQ+ populations. While this quota-based approach does not involve random selection, anchoring recruitment in population benchmarks improves the geographic representativeness of the sample relative to unstructured convenience samples. The n=1,733 LGBTQ+ respondents came from the Community Insights Panel from a survey administered to March 11, 2026 – March 30, 2026, while n=1,238 non-LGBTQ+ respondents came from a Qualtrics U.S. general population panel fielded March 12, 2026 – March 15, 2026.

B. Weighting and Estimation

To further reduce bias, all estimates are weighted using iterative proportional fitting (IPF). Weighting targets are based on approximated marginal distributions of U.S. registered voters derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration Supplement and supplemented with Pew Research Center summaries. Benchmarks are constructed for key demographic variables including age, race/ethnicity, education, region, and party identification. Final weights are scaled to sum to the analytic sample size, preserving relative differences across LGBTQ+ and non-LGBTQ+ respondents while ensuring estimates reflect the intended sample base. For examples of this in other applications, see <https://hrc-prod-requests.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Research/ALCS-2025-Methodology-and-Data-Quality-Report-3.pdf>

Because joint population distributions are not fully available, the weighting relies on marginal alignment rather than full cross-classification. In some cases (e.g., non-SGM populations),

benchmark distributions are derived indirectly using decomposition methods that combine known overall population totals with subgroup estimates.

Overall, this approach reflects sound practices for applied nonprobability survey research combining structured quota-like sampling with post-stratification weighting to approximate population representativeness, while acknowledging remaining limitations such as potential selection bias, incomplete geographic coverage, and reliance on approximated benchmarks. Estimation is conducted by weighted proportions.

C. Topline Tables

q4 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: <i>I feel that my voice can make a difference in today's political climate</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
<i>Strongly or somewhat agree</i>	63.1	62.8	66.2
Strongly agree	21.1	21.3	18.8
Somewhat agree	42.0	41.5	47.4
<i>Strongly or somewhat disagree</i>	36.9	37.2	33.8
Somewhat disagree	22.9	22.8	24.0
Strongly disagree	14.0	14.4	9.8

q7 Thinking back to the last mid-term elections in November 2022, did you vote?			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Yes, I voted	73.2	71.4	90.8
No	20.0	21.7	4.2
DK	4.6	4.6	4.3
SKIP/NA	2.2	2.3	<1

q8 Looking forward to the upcoming mid-term elections in November 2026, how likely are you to vote?			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Definitely will not vote	1.6	1.8	<1
Probably will not vote	3.6	3.9	<1
Might or might not vote	8.7	9.4	2.1
Probably will vote	15.6	16.7	4.9
Definitely will vote	70.5	68.2	91.8

q10 When you vote, which of the following best describes how you usually fill out your ballot?			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
I do not usually vote in elections	5.8	6.3	1.1
It varies depending on the election	6.3	6.8	1.6
I vote mainly in major races	9.5	10.4	1.2
I vote only in races I feel informed about	8.5	8.9	4.8
I vote in most races, but skip a few	13.8	14.2	10.2
I vote in all or nearly all races on the ballot	56.2	53.4	82.3

q13_1 As you think about the upcoming election, how concerned are you that any of the following could affect people's ability to vote in person?			
<i>Problems or confusion with voter ID requirements</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not at all a concerned	11.2	11.8	5.7
Not very concerned	19.1	20.4	6.9
Somewhat concerned	30.1	31.0	21.9
Very concerned	39.6	36.8	65.5

q13_2 As you think about the upcoming election, how concerned are you that any of the following could affect people's ability to vote in person?			
<i>Changes to polling locations or voting procedures</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not at all a concerned	11.2	11.8	5.4
Not very concerned	24.2	25.6	11.9
Somewhat concerned	31.5	31.9	27.6
Very concerned	33.2	30.9	55.0

q13_3 As you think about the upcoming election, how concerned are you that any of the following could affect people's ability to vote in person?

Being questioned about eligibility to vote

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not at all a concerned	21.1	22.5	8.0
Not very concerned	23.2	24.6	10.7
Somewhat concerned	21.6	21.5	22.5
Very concerned	34.2	31.5	58.8

q13_4 As you think about the upcoming election, how concerned are you that any of the following could affect people's ability to vote in person?

Harassment or intimidation at polling places

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not at all a concerned	21.5	22.9	7.8
Not very concerned	20.8	21.7	12.4
Somewhat concerned	20.5	20.5	20.3
Very concerned	37.2	34.9	59.5

q13_5 As you think about the upcoming election, how concerned are you that any of the following could affect people's ability to vote in person?

Disruptions or conflicts near polling places

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not at all a concerned	17.6	18.8	6.7
Not very concerned	20.1	20.5	16.3
Somewhat concerned	26.4	26.6	24.7
Very concerned	35.9	34.2	52.3

q15 What are you specifically concerned about?			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
My IDs not matching	6.7	6.8	5.7
Being perceived as not being a U.S. citizen	8.9	8.8	9.9
My language or accent	5.3	5.6	2.9
My race or ethnicity	11.6	11.7	10.3
My gender expression or appearance	6.9	6.7	9.6
Other	3.4	3.1	6.3
Any of the listed items above	25.6	25.4	27.0

q17_1 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?			
<i>Contacted an elected official</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	62.7	65.3	39.6
Once	10.5	10.4	11.6
A few times	15.4	14.2	26.1
Several times	7.9	6.4	21.5
SKIP/NA	3.5	3.8	1.4

q17_2 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?			
<i>Donated money to a political campaign or cause</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	66.4	68.7	44.9
Once	9.0	8.7	11.7
A few times	12.5	11.2	23.9
Several times	7.3	6.1	17.6
SKIP/NA	4.9	5.2	2.1

q17_3 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Attended a protest or rally

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	73.5	75.5	55.9
Once	7.8	7.2	13.2
A few times	9.1	8.2	17.1
Several times	5.6	4.9	11.3
SKIP/NA	4.1	4.3	2.5

q17_4 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Attended a public meeting

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	68.2	68.1	69.4
Once	9.4	9.3	10.4
A few times	13.5	13.5	12.9
Several times	6.2	6.2	6.3
SKIP/NA	2.7	2.9	1.1

q17_5 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Signed a petition

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	50.3	52.4	31.9
Once	14.9	15.3	12.1
A few times	21.6	20.7	30.3
Several times	11.0	9.5	24.7
SKIP/NA	2.1	2.2	1.0

q17_6 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Posted or shared political content online

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	50.5	52.4	33.2
Once	7.3	7.7	3.9
A few times	20.9	20.4	26.0
Several times	18.5	16.7	35.5
SKIP/NA	2.7	2.8	1.4

q17_7 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Volunteered for a political campaign or cause

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	77.3	77.5	75.9
Once	6.4	6.6	5.9
A few times	7.9	7.7	9.8
Several times	4.3	4.1	6.3
SKIP/NA	3.9	4.2	2.1

q17_8 People engage in civic and political activities in different ways and to different degrees. Over the past 12 months, how often have you done each of the following?

Discussed politics with family and friends

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Not in the past 12 months	15.8	17.1	4.6
Once	6.2	6.7	1.8
A few times	34.4	35.3	2.6
Several times	42.7	39.9	67.8
SKIP/NA	<1	<1	<1

q19 Compared to a few years ago, is your civic or political engagement: Select the response that best applies to you.			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
I was previously engaged but have withdrawn	2.6	2.5	2.8
I was not previously engaged, but have started recently	4.3	4.7	1.1
Less active than before	12.3	12.2	12.5
About the same	54.6	54.6	54.9
More active than before	26.2	25.9	28.7

q22_1 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?			
<i>Economic stability, inflation, and cost of living</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	63.8	64.6	56.0
Very important	27.6	26.9	32.7
Somewhat important	7.3	7.0	10.2
Not very important	<1	<1	<1
Not at all important	<1	<1	<1

q22_2 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?			
<i>Public safety and crime</i>			
	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	43.3	45.2	25.6
Very important	36.0	36.2	34.5
Somewhat important	17.6	16.4	28.9
Not very important	2.4	1.6	9.6
Not at all important	<1	<1	1.5

q22_3 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

The functioning of democracy and elections

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	46.0	43.5	71.4
Very important	30.9	32.2	20.0
Somewhat important	18.9	20.2	7.2
Not very important	2.8	3.0	<1
Not at all important	1.3	1.4	<1

q22_4 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Immigration and border policy

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	38.1	38.0	38.5
Very important	32.9	33.4	28.8
Somewhat important	20.5	20.3	22.2
Not very important	6.6	6.4	8.4
Not at all important	1.9	1.9	2.0

q22_5 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Education and schools

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	34.9	35.2	31.9
Very important	37.6	37.4	38.5
Somewhat important	22.1	21.9	23.8
Not very important	3.9	3.8	4.4
Not at all important	1.6	1.7	1.4

q22_6 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Health care

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	52.9	52.6	56.7
Very important	31.9	32.0	30.7
Somewhat important	12.2	12.4	10.5
Not very important	1.8	1.8	1.7
Not at all important	1.2	1.3	<1

q22_7 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Climate and environment

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	30.0	28.8	40.9
Very important	28.5	27.8	34.9
Somewhat important	23.2	23.9	16.9
Not very important	11.9	12.7	4.8
Not at all important	6.4	6.9	2.4

q22_8 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

LGBTQ+ rights and protections

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	21.6	16.6	67.4
Very important	20.6	20.4	21.9
Somewhat important	21.3	22.8	7.4
Not very important	17.5	19.2	2.1
Not at all important	18.9	20.9	1.2

q22_9 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Racial equality and civil rights

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	37.5	35.5	56.6
Very important	28.2	28.2	28.2
Somewhat important	22.0	2.3	10.3
Not very important	7.6	8.1	2.9
Not at all important	4.8	5.1	2.2

q22_10 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Government accountability and corruption

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	58.3	56.9	70.5
Very important	28.7	29.6	21.2
Somewhat important	10.9	11.4	7.2
Not very important	1.5	1.5	<1
Not at all important	<1	<1	<1

q22_11 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

National security, foreign affairs, and U.S. involvement in international affairs

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	45.9	46.0	45.2
Very important	33.6	33.4	34.8
Somewhat important	17.1	17.2	16.2
Not very important	2.4	2.3	3.1
Not at all important	1.0	1.1	<1

q22_12 Thinking about the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, how important is each of the following issues in shaping how you plan to vote?

Abortion and reproductive rights

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Extremely important	29.4	40.6	30.5
Very important	29.4	34.6	29.9
Somewhat important	23.1	23.9	15.7
Not very important	10.9	11.5	6.0
Not at all important	5.6	5.9	3.0

q23 Thinking more broadly about the direction of our country today, which of the following words describes how you feel? Select up to three.

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Angry	33.3	30.4	60.8
Afraid	26.7	25.7	36.2
Exhausted	29.5	27.0	52.5
Discouraged	34.8	33.9	43.3
Concerned	55.3	55.2	55.9
Hopeful	30.5	32.4	13.2
Proud	11.8	12.7	3.3
Encouraged	14.8	15.9	4.4
Confident	18.3	19.9	3.6
Energized	8.1	8.3	5.8

leanrecode When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or some other political party?

	All Registered Voters	Non-LGBTQ+	LGBTQ+
Democrat	33.3	30.4	60.3
Independent, lean Democrat	20.8	19.8	30.7
Republican	32.3	35.3	4.8
Independent, lean Republican	13.6	14.6	4.2