



Statistics:

Partner and sexual violence is a rainbow problem

Aotearoa New Zealand

New Zealand does not collect large scale population based data about partner and sexual violence which could compare rates across different groups.

The only population data about sexual violence we have is from Youth 2000, which asks secondary school students questions about their health and well-being. Data for gender diversity is yet to be published but sexuality data shows higher risks of sexual violence for lesbian, gay and bisexual students.¹

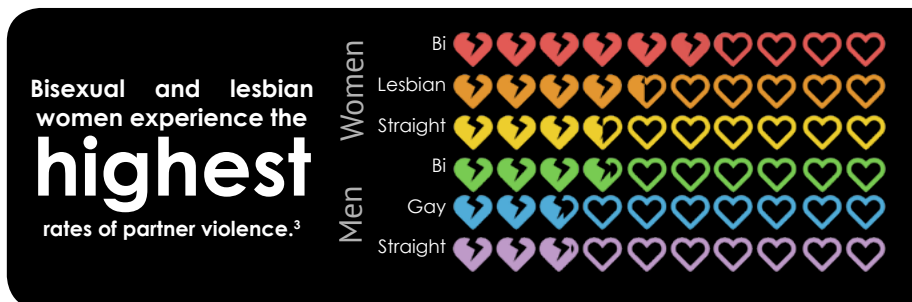
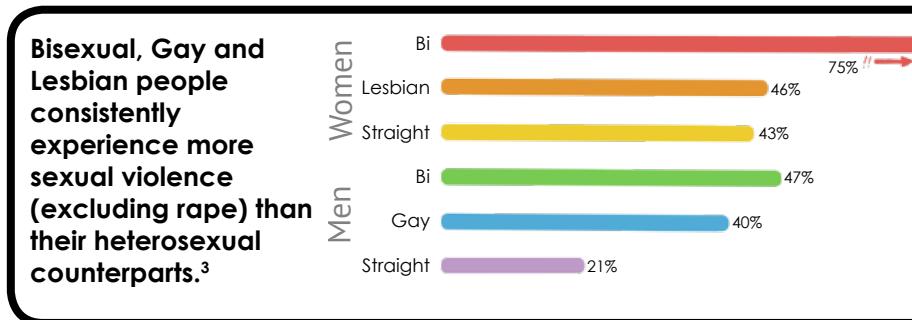
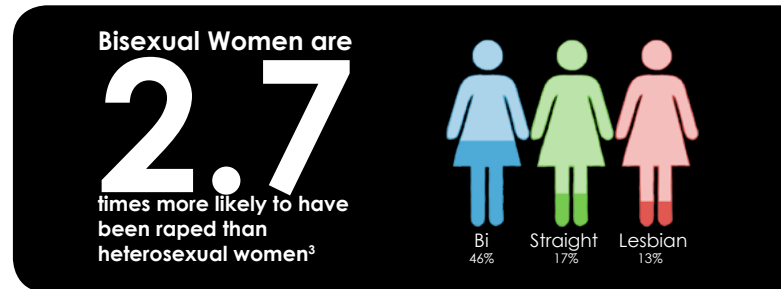
Same and both sex attracted students are more likely to have been touched in a sexual way, or made to do sexual things that they didn't want to do:



International Surveys:

The limited, small-scale research in the UK, Australia and the United States consistently shows partner and sexual violence are significant issues for rainbow communities. Rainbow people may be targeted for sexual violence because of our sexuality or gender identity, and rates of partner and sexual violence from partners are similar to heterosexual people. Trans women are consistently more likely to be targeted for violence despite very limited information about trans, gender diverse and intersex people.

The only data comparing rates of violence across large-scale population groups which includes sexuality information (but not gender identity) is from the United States.² Lesbians, gay men and bisexual people report rates of partner and sexual violence equal to or higher than those reported by heterosexual people. Bisexual women are the most at risk of violence.



¹Non-heterosexual Youth - A Profile of their Health and Wellbeing: Data from Youth2000 and Violence and New Zealand Young People: Findings of Youth2000 - A National Secondary School Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey, The University of Auckland.
²Sexual violence and gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, intersex, and queer communities, Australian Institute of Family Studies.
³The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.