

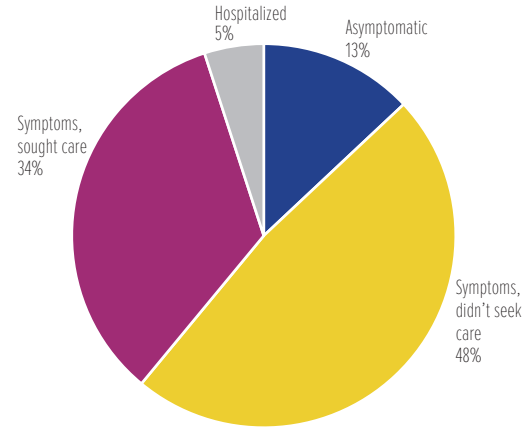
ISSUE BRIEF: COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 infections

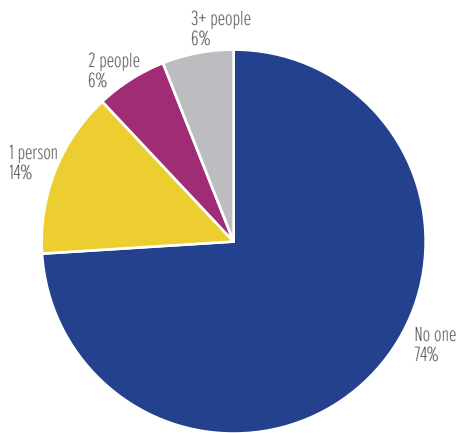
New York's LGBTQ+ community was deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As of 2021, when the survey was fielded, 63% had been tested at least twice for COVID-19. 10% reported having been infected, with Black (13%) and Latinx/Latiné (18%) respondents reported the highest rates of infection. 5% of those infected were hospitalized, while almost half (48%) managed their symptoms without seeking medical care and another 13% were asymptomatic.

Just over a quarter (26%) of survey respondents reported that at least one person close to them had died of COVID-19, with Black (43%) and Latinx/Latiné (35%) reporting higher rates of loss.

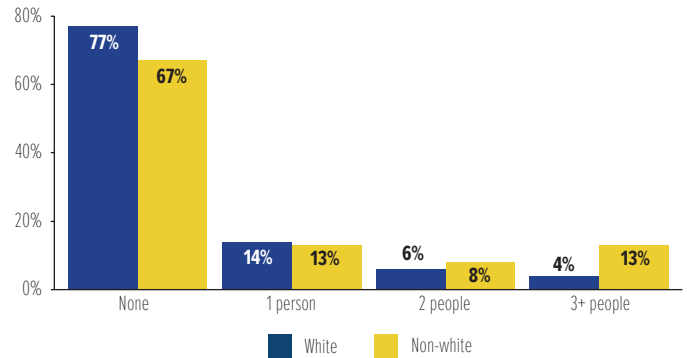
What was your COVID-19 infection like?



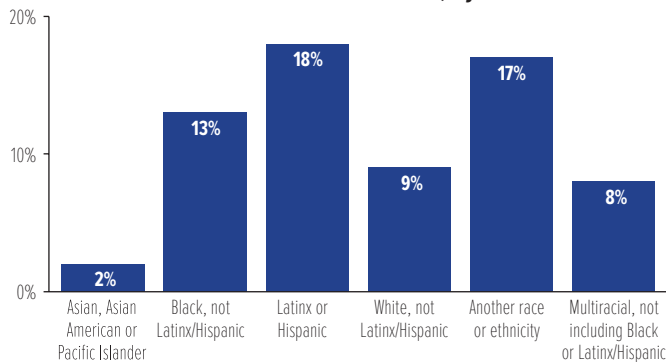
How many close to you died of COVID-19?



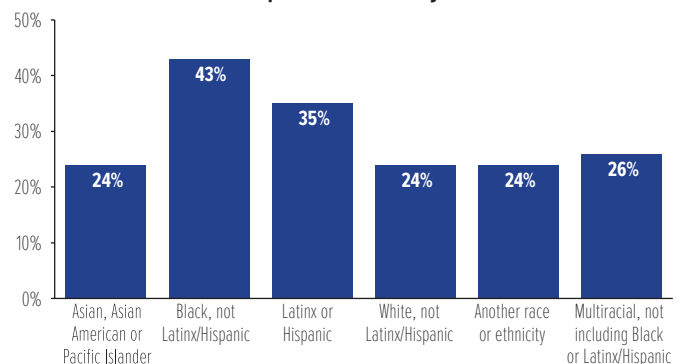
How many close to you died of COVID-19?



COVID-19 infection, by race



Did at least one person close to you die of COVID-19?



Note: Asterisks denote statistically significant difference from statewide percent, per t-test. * = $p < .05$; ** = $p < .01$; *** = $p < .001$

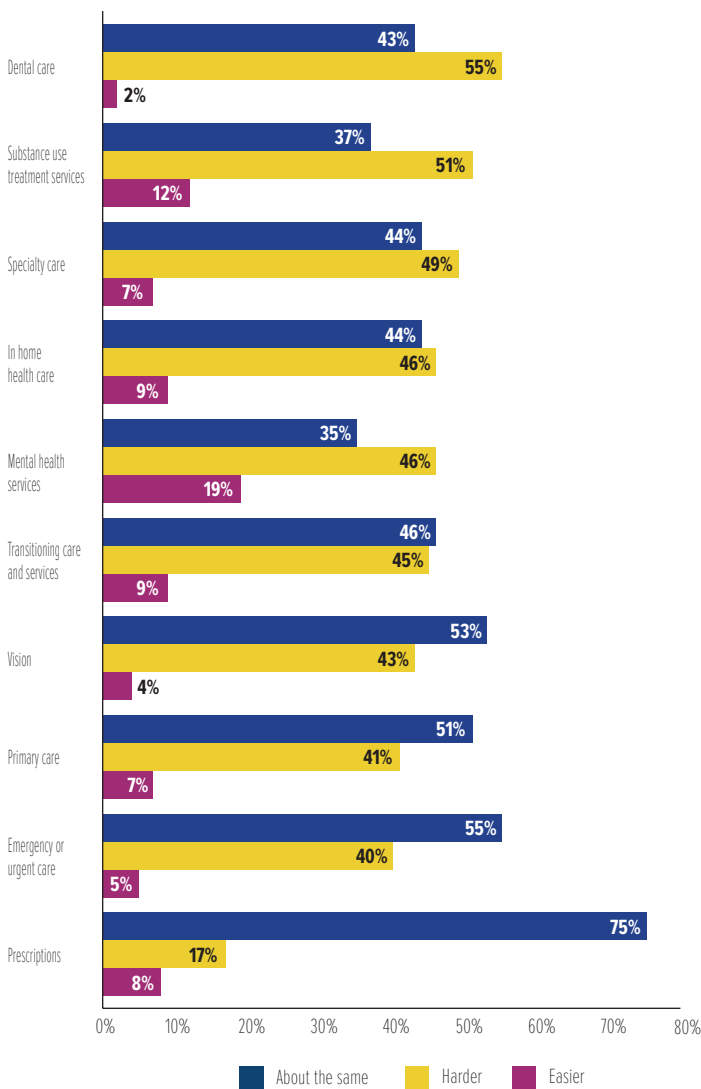
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How COVID-19 affected access to medical care

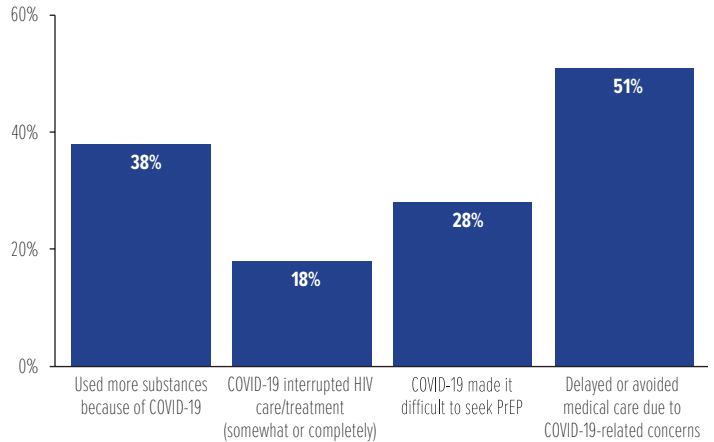
The COVID-19 pandemic affected LGBTQ+ individuals' health and access to healthcare in a variety of ways. The most frequent categories of health or support care that respondents said became harder to access over the pandemic were dental care (55%), substance use treatment services (51%), specialty care (49%), mental

health services (46%), and in home health care (46%). Overall, just over half (51%) of respondents said that they delayed or avoided medical care due to COVID-19-related concerns, and just over a third (38%) reported that they increased the use of drugs and other substances during the pandemic lockdown.

Did COVID-19 cause changes/interruptions to medical or support care?



COVID-19 and other health issues



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