

# Food Insecurity And SNAP Participation In The LGBT Community



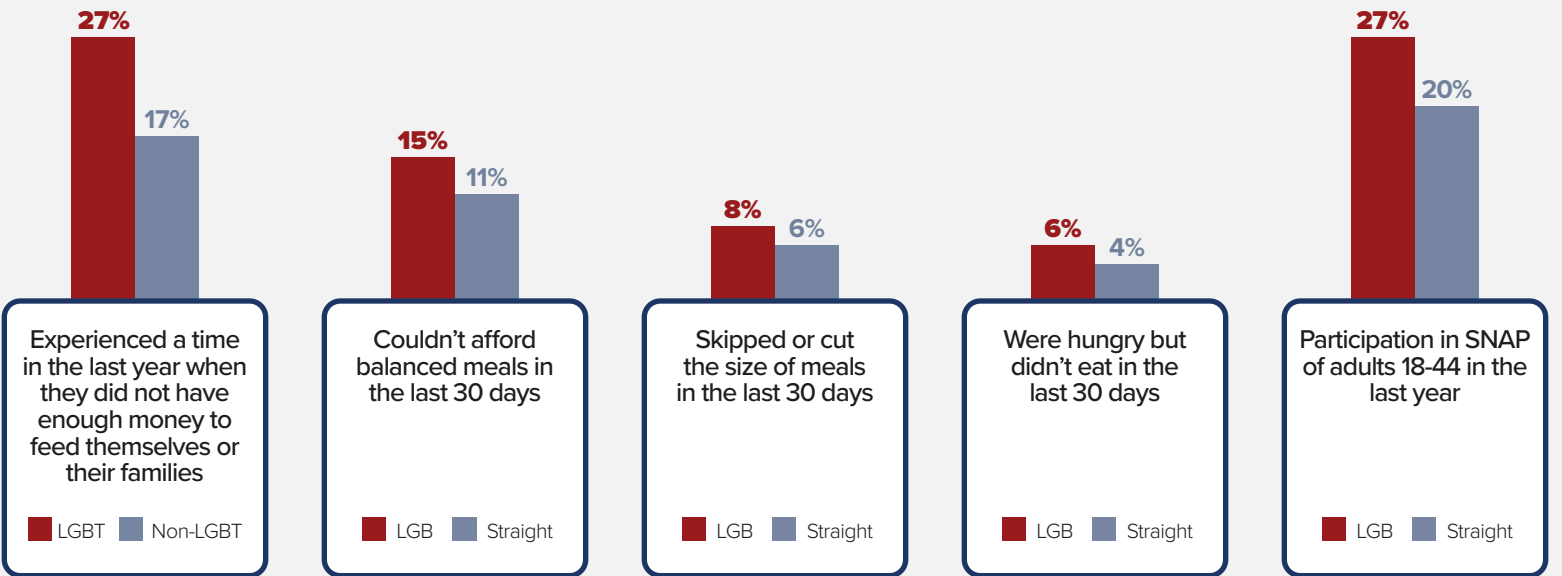
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A new Williams Institute report finds that food insecurity and participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are common among LGBT people, and that LGBT individuals experience food insecurity and SNAP participation at higher levels than their non-LGBT counterparts. People are described as “food insecure” when they have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. This infographic provides key findings. The full report is at <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/research/lgbt-food-insecurity-2016/>.



Approximately 2.2 million LGBT people experienced a time in the last year when they did not have enough money to feed themselves and their families.

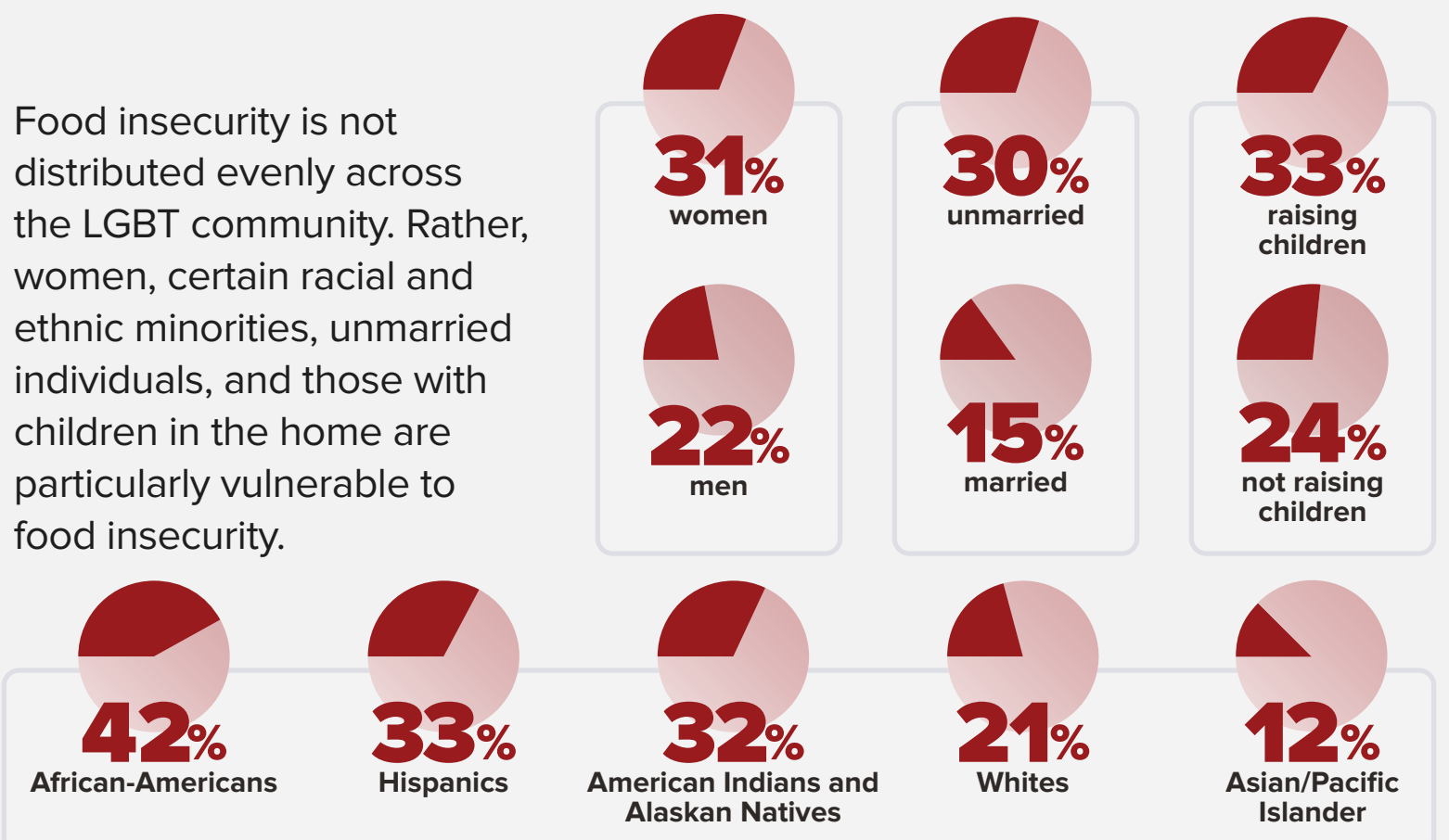
There are a number of different experiences that can be assessed to determine food insecurity. Participation in SNAP is another way to assess risk of food insecurity, because a person or household must generally be below poverty-level income and resource thresholds to qualify for SNAP benefits.



LGBT adults are 1.6 times more likely than non-LGBT adults to not have enough money for the food that they or their families needed at some point in the last year when differences in gender, age, educational attainment, and race/ethnicity are taken into account.

## Among LGBT people...

Food insecurity is not distributed evenly across the LGBT community. Rather, women, certain racial and ethnic minorities, unmarried individuals, and those with children in the home are particularly vulnerable to food insecurity.



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