Impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of LGBTQ2S+ Youth in Canada

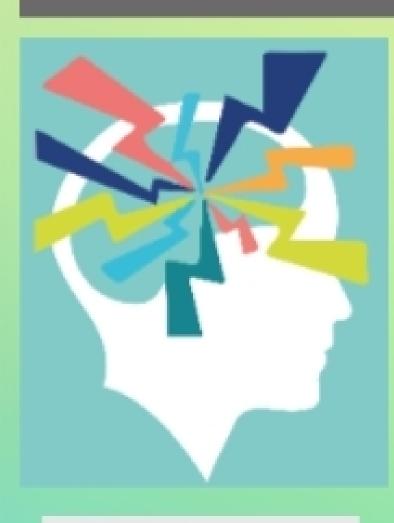
Data was collected during the month of August 2021 to understand the mental health impact on LGBTQ2S+ youth aged 18 to 30 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

17% of LGBTQ2S+ youth in Canada were studied.





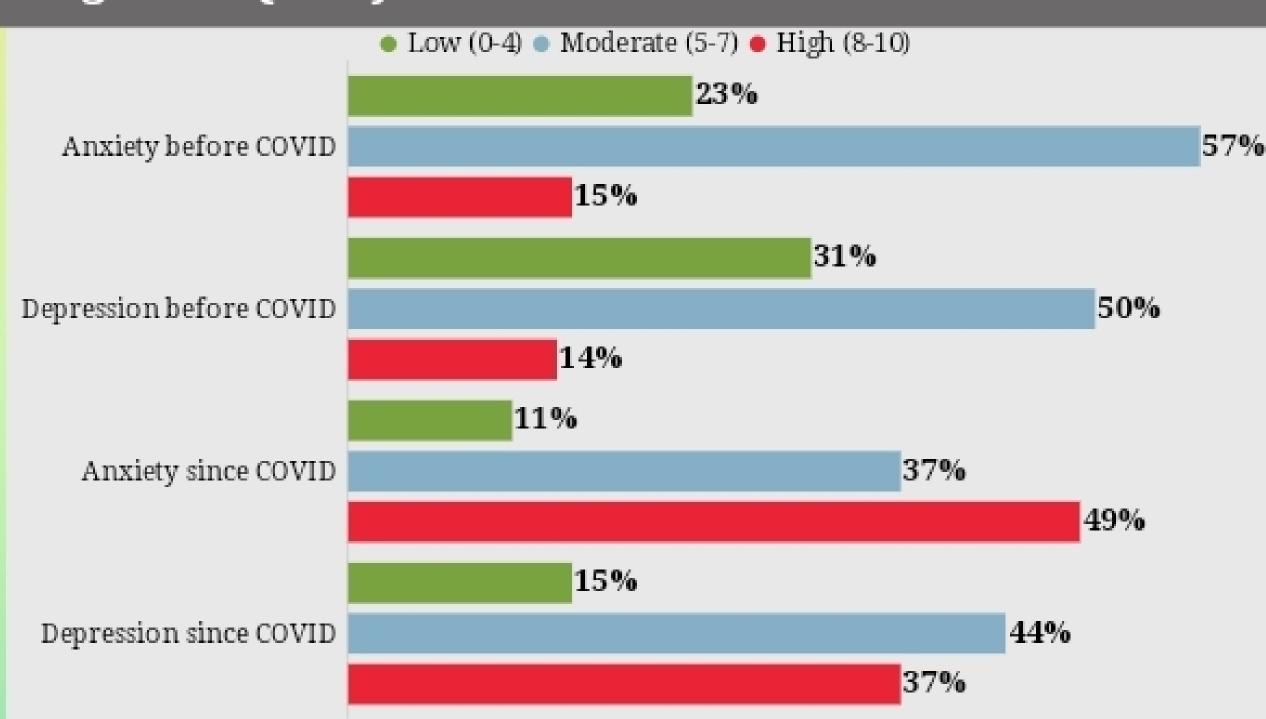
Level of Anxiety & Depression among LGBTQ2S+ youth (before and since COVID-19)



Nearly 15% of LGBTQ2S+ youth had high anxiety & depression

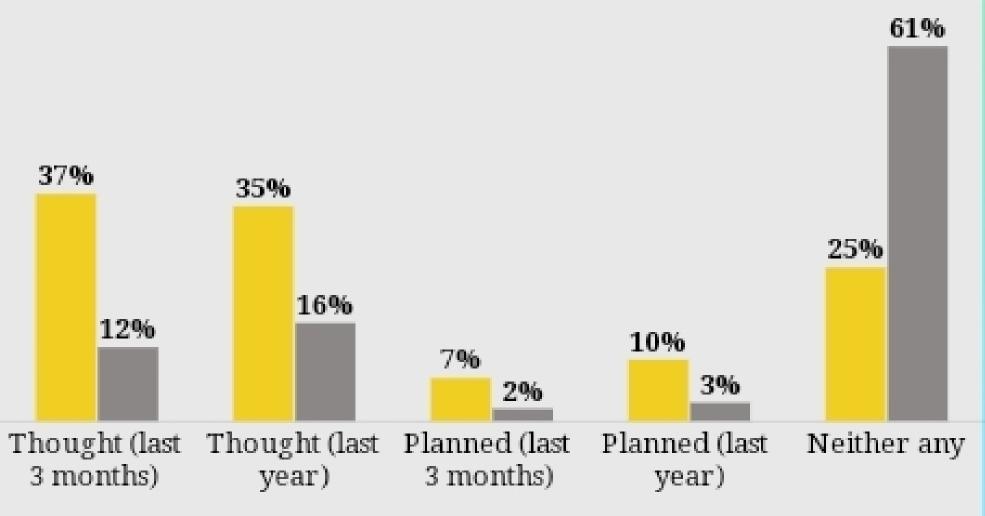


Since COVID-19, 49% and 37% of LGBTQ2S+ youth had high anxiety and depression levels,



INCREASE in overall Anxiety & Depression Levels since the pandemic.

Suicidal Ideation among LGBTQ2S+ youth



LGBTQ2S+ • Not-LGBTQ2S+

THOUGHT ABOUT
SUICIDE
Nearly 35%
of LGBTQ2S+ youth

PLANNED TO ATTEMPT
SUICIDE

Nearly 3x



34%
of the LGBTQ2S+ youth
Needed support but

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop transgender-specific mental health interventions and policies.
- Support groups in schools for all students.
- Programs for families and friends of LGBTQ2S+ youth in order to understand what they are going through and to teach about LGBTQ2S+
- Insurance providers should make provisions in their policies for transgender-specific medical care.
- 5. Website which consists of all information for Trans youth.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused detrimental effects on the mental health of LGBTQ2S+ youth.

We propose many recommendations to support LGBTQ2S+ youth.

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LGBTQ2S+ youth did not accessed. Mental Health Supports since COVID-19 19%2%2% Needed but Virtual Virtual Virtual Family Group Other In-person treatment/ mental doctor/ support support support support not (via video (via phone physician accessed (via therapy supports chat) texting) call) YesNo

