TRANSGENDER is an umbrella term for a diverse group of people—such as male-to-female (MTF) and female-to-male (FTM) trans people, genderqueer individuals, and many others—who have gender identity or expression that differs from societal expectations of how they should look, act, or identify based on the sex they were assigned at birth. Transgender and other gender minority people are often the targets of discrimination and harassment that can lead to negative health outcomes.1

65% of transgender people reported discrimination in one or more public accommodation settings in the past 12 months.2

One-in-six transgender people report having been incarcerated in their lifetime.3

19% of transgender people reported having been incarcerated in their lifetime.7

“As the visibility of transgender women has increased, so have attempts to detain them.”

Chase Strangio,
American Civil Liberties Union 9

Transgender people often have complicated medical needs and experience health disparities such as:

- DEPRESSION4 (62%)
- ATTEMPTED SUICIDE1 (41%)
- SMOKING DAILY4 (30%)
- DRUGS & ALCOHOL4 (26%)

Because of fear of discrimination, one-in-five transgender people postponed or did not try to get health care in the past year.2

29% of transgender people reported having to teach their health care provider about transgender health issues.2

One-in-four incarcerated transgender women reported being denied healthcare services while behind bars.8

19% of transgender women reported having a history of incarceration. For transgender women of color, the percentage increased three-fold.8

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