



**Research Brief Series II:
Harassment & Abuse of
LGBTQQ Individuals in AZ**



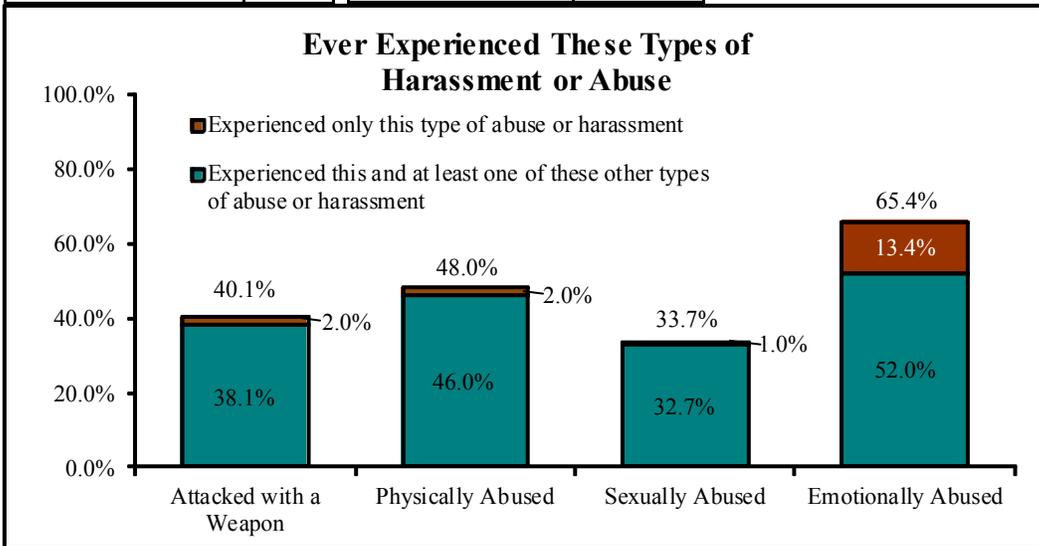
**Brief E: LGBTQQ Adolescents &
Young Adults in the iTEAM Project**

The [University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women’s \(UA-SIROW\) iTEAM Project](#) (Treatment Empowerment for Adolescents on the Move) was a systems approach to drug/alcohol and mental health treatment for homeless LGBTQQ young individuals and their straight allies. There were 182 adolescents and young adults enrolled in the iTEAM Project who self-identified as LGBTQQ and who reported information regarding harassment and abuse.

Last Time Attacked or Abused	
Never	12.6%
> 12 months ago	39.6%
4-12 months ago	14.8%
Within past 90 days	32.4%
Not reported	0.5%

Number of Past 90 Days Attacked or Abused	
0 days	67.0%
1-5 days	19.2%
6-10 days	4.9%
> 10 days	4.9%
Not reported	3.8%

- Most (86.8%) of these young people had been attacked or abused.
- Many (32.4%) had been attacked or abused in the past 90 days.
- A significant percentage (9.9%) had been attacked or abused during more than 5 of the past 90 days.



Percentage Who Ever Experienced These Four Types of Harassment/Abuse	
None of the four types	16.5%
One of the four types	20.3%
Two of the four types	23.1%
Three of the four types	19.2%
All four of the four types	20.9%

- The rates of victimization within this group of young people are high.

- The majority (65.4%) of these young people have been emotionally abused, about half (48%) have been physically abused, 40% have been attacked with a weapon, and 34% have been sexually abused at some point in their lives.
- Most of those who experienced physical or sexual abuse or who were attacked with a weapon also experienced at least one of the other types of abuse at some point in their lives. Among the 65% who experienced emotional abuse, there was less overlap—13% of the 65% reported not experiencing any of the other types of abuse.
- Four in five (83.5%) of these young people experienced at least one type of abuse at some point in their lives.
- Six in ten (63.2%) experienced multiple types of abuse during their lifetime, with two in ten (20.9%) experiencing all four types of harassment or abuse.

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Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adolescents and young adults in AZ.

For more information about the [iTEAM Project \(iTEAM: Treatment Empowerment for Adolescents on the Move\)](#), please see <http://sirow.arizona.edu/substanceabuse> or contact Sally Stevens, PhD at sstevens@email.arizona.edu. The [iTEAM Project](#) was supported by grant H79 T1012367 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration–CSAT (2009-2015).