Timeline

1867  
“Father of the LGBT Movement” Karl-Heinrich Ulrichs is first to speak out for gay rights

1903  
First recorded raid on gay bathhouse, in New York City; 12 men charged with sodomy

1924  
Society for Human Rights, first gay-rights organization in United States, is founded. It is shut down by police within a few months

1945  
Veterans Benevolent Association, first LGBT veterans group, is formed

1952  
Christine Jorgensen becomes first American to have gender-reassignment surgery

1955  
Daughters of Bilitis, first national U.S. lesbian organization, is formed

1958  
In first case regarding LGBT rights, Supreme Court protects First Amendment rights of ONE: The Homosexual Magazine

1962  
Illinois becomes first state to remove sodomy from criminal code

1966  
National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations is formed

1969  
Stonewall Riots in New York gain national attention for gay rights

1970  
First Gay Liberation Day March is held in New York City; similar events are held in Los Angeles and San Francisco

1973  
American Psychiatric Association removes “homosexuality” as a mental disorder

1974  
Kathy Kozachenko (Ann Arbor, Mich., City Council) becomes first openly LGBT candidate to win elective office in U.S.

1975  
Minneapolis becomes first city to pass law protecting transgender people from discrimination

1978  
Rainbow flag is first used as symbol of gay pride

1979  
First national gay-rights march is held in Washington, D.C.

1980  
David McReynolds becomes first openly LGBT person to run for President, for Socialist Party USA

1982  
Wisconsin is first state to ban discrimination on basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations

1983  
U.S. Representative Gerry Studds (Mass.) becomes first openly gay member of Congress

1986  
In Bowers v. Hardwick, Supreme Court upholds Georgia law banning homosexual sex

1989  
Denmark becomes first country to legalize same-gender partnerships

1991  
First TV kiss between same-gender couple, two women on L.A. Law

1993  
“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy allows gays/lesbians to serve in U.S. military as long as they are closeted

1993  
Minnesota passes first state-wide law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people

1993  
Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Roberta Achtenberg becomes first openly LGBT official confirmed by Senate
Timeline cont.

1980

1994  Deborah Batts becomes first openly LGBT federal judge

1996  In *Romer v. Evans*, Supreme Court says gays and lesbians have same right to be protected against discrimination as non-LGBT people

1996  President Clinton signs Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) into law

1999  California becomes first state to legalize domestic partnerships for same-gender couples

2000  Vermont becomes first state to legalize civil unions for same-gender couples

2000  President Clinton declares June Gay and Lesbian Pride Month

2003  In *Lawrence v. Texas*, Supreme Court overturns 1986 ruling and declares anti-sodomy laws unconstitutional

2007  Massachusetts becomes first state to legalize same-gender marriage

2009  President Obama signs law making it a federal crime to assault someone because of sexual orientation or gender identity

2009  President Obama declares June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

2009  Respect for Marriage Act introduced in Congress; would repeal DOMA and require government to recognize legal same-gender marriages

2010  President Obama signs law ending “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy

2010  Supreme Court agrees to hear Edith Windsor’s case, which challenges the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act

2011  Obama administration announces it will actively combat anti-LGBT efforts by other countries

2012  Ellen DeGeneres is named JCPenney spokesperson; CEO Ron Johnson supports her—and her strong values—despite protests from group calling itself “One Million Moms”

2012  Seven LGBT candidates win election into U.S. House and Senate

2013  Supreme Court strikes down section of DOMA that denies federal benefits to legally married same-gender couples

2013  Department of the Treasury announces that legal same-gender marriages will be recognized for federal tax purposes

2014  Department of Justice announces that legally married same-gender couples will receive equal protection in every program it administers

2014  National Basketball Association player Jason Collins becomes first gay athlete to play in one of the U.S.’s four major sports leagues

2014  Illinois becomes 17th state to allow same-gender marriage

2014  Several state legislatures continue to try to pass “religious freedom” bills designed to allow discrimination against LGBT people
**Facts & Figures**

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**NUMBER OF LGBT ADULTS**

There continues to be differing views on the percent of the U.S. adult population that is LGBT. The Williams Institute/Gallup says **3.5 percent**, while Harris Interactive/Witeck Communications says **6.8 percent**. Other estimates range as high as **10 percent**.

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

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**LGBT BUYING POWER**

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**PROMINENT OPENLY LGBT EXECUTIVES**

- **Beth Brooke**, Global Vice Chair, Regulatory and Public Policy, EY (No. 3 in the DiversityInc Top 50)
- **Renee Brown**, Senior Vice President and Director of Social Media, Wells Fargo (No. 17)
- **George Kalogridis**, President, Walt Disney World (The Walt Disney Company is No. 34)

**POLITICS**

**PROMINENT OPENLY LGBT PEOPLE**

**SENATE**

Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.)

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

David Cicilline (D-R.I.)

Sean Patrick Maloney (D-N.Y.)

Mark Pocan (D-Wis.)

Jared Polis (D-Colo.)

Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.)

Mark Tokano (D-Calif.)

**MUNICIPAL**

Jim Gray, Mayor, Lexington, Ky. (D)

Ed Murray, Mayor, Seattle (D)

Annise Parker, Mayor, Houston (D)

Pedro Segarra, Mayor, Hartford, Conn. (D)

**POPULAR CULTURE**

**PROMINENT OPENLY LGBT PEOPLE**

- Clay Aiken
- Rachel Maddow
- Chaz Bono
- Ricky Martin
- Anderson Cooper
- Ian McKellen
- Ellen DeGeneres
- George Michael
- Melissa Etheridge
- Rosie O'Donnell
- Jodie Foster
- Suze Orman
- Neil Patrick Harris
- Raven-Symoné
- Elton John
- Michelle Rodríguez
- Adam Lambert
- Michael Stipe
- Clay Aiken
- Chaz Bono
- Anderson Cooper
- Ellen DeGeneres
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**SPORTS**

**OPENLY GAY ATHLETES IN TOP 5 U.S. PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES**

- Robbie Rogers, Major League Soccer
- Jason Collins, National Basketball Association
- Michael Sam, National Football League*

*Selected in 2014 NFL draft

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY LAWS**

- Issues marriage licenses to same-gender couples
- Restricts marriage to between one man and one woman
- Allows civil unions or domestic partnerships

Sources: Gallup, Harris Interactive, Human Rights Campaign, U.S. Census Bureau, The Williams Institute, Witeck Communications

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