



DATA SOURCE: 2015 MASSACHUSETTS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

How Sexual Harassment Hurts LGBTQ Youth in Massachusetts

LGBTQ high school students in Massachusetts are nearly **3 times as likely** to have experienced non-consensual sexual contact compared to their peers.



Due to challenges like these they are also **4 times as likely** to have skipped school in the past month due to feeling unsafe compared to their peers.



And, LGBTQ youth are less likely to feel safe talking to their parents or guardians about important issues, with **1 in 3** feeling the need to stay silent instead.

239 School Districts

were served in fiscal year 2016 by the Commission's Safe Schools Program for LGBTQ Students.

18 State Agencies

were issued recommendations by the Commission to make the Commonwealth a place in which *all youth* can thrive. **Read more about the needs of LGBTQ Youth at mass.gov/cgly.**