

# Violence Against Trans People

2015 was called one of the deadliest years for transgender people, with activists such as Laverne Cox and Janet Mock even declaring a “*transgender state of emergency*”. In 2015, **21 transgender people** were killed, many by violent means. Already in 2016, at least **19 transgender people** have been killed.

- Most of the transgender people killed in 2015 and 2016 were transgender **women of color**.
- **26%** of transgender people reported being **physically assaulted** and **10%** reported being **sexually assaulted** as a result of anti-trans bias (2011 National Transgender Discrimination Survey)
- Transgender women were **1.6 times more likely to experience physical violence**, **1.6 times more likely to experience sexual violence**, and **1.4 times more likely to experience hate violence in public places** within a population of hate crime victims and survivors (National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, page 9)

**“It is revolutionary for any trans person to choose to be seen and visible in a world that tells us we should not exist.”**  
**-Laverne Cox**



**Keep Track:** *The Advocate*, an LGBT rights magazine, has been keeping track of the transgender people murdered in 2016, along with updates of their cases and stories about the people themselves. See more at <http://www.advocate.com/transgender/2016/9/16/these-are-trans-people-killed-2016>

A new survey on Transgender Americans was conducted in 2015 and the results will be available in late 2016. See the results when they are available here: <http://www.ustranssurvey.org/>

Check out AIUSA’s LGBT Co-Group on Twitter and Facebook at **AIUSALGBT**, and visit the LGBT page on the AIUSA website at [www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/issues/lgbt-rights](http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/issues/lgbt-rights) And use hashtags on social media like #TransLivesMatter and #TransIsBeautiful on social media when retweeting or sharing links about violence against transgender people.