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 And use hashtags on social media like #TransLivesMatter and #TransIsBeautiful on social media when retweeting or sharing links about violence against transgender people.