

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY IN BRAZIL

Over the past decade, the Brazilian LGBTQ+ community has won several key legal battles in the fight for equal rights and safety.

2013

Legalization of same-sex marriage

2018

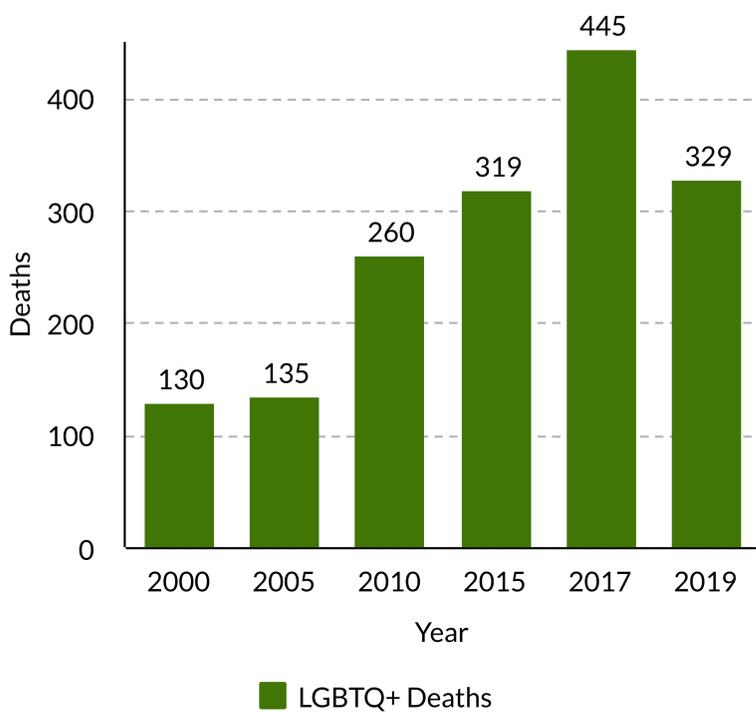
Legalization of transgender name and gender change

2019

Criminalization of gender and sexuality-based discrimination

Nonetheless, anti-LGBTQ+ violence and rhetoric remain widespread.

LGBTQ+ Deaths per Year



In 2019 at least 329 LGBTQ+ people violently died as victims of LGBTQ+phobia

That equals one death every

26 HOURS
in 2019

The southeast and northeast regions were the most dangerous for members of the LGBTQ+ community in 2019.

Share of 2019 victims Top 3 Most Dangerous States

São Paulo	15.2%
Bahia	9.73%
Pernambuco	7.9%



Despite the threats, members of the LGBTQ+ community are driving change, including through increasing political participation at the federal and sub-national levels.

“It’s become even more important, even more necessary ... to be a guiding force in guaranteeing our rights.”

Erica Malunguinho
one of two transgender deputies elected in São Paulo in 2018



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