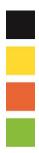


LGBTQ+ History Timeline: Stonewall to Today

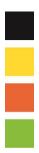
Since the Stonewall riots took place in 1969, the visibility and rights of LGBTQ+ people have continued to improve in the United States. Community members contributed events to our LGBTQ+ history timeline during June 2019 Pride Civic Lab events.

- 1969, June Stonewall riots take place in New York City
- 1970, June 28 First Pride Parade takes place one year after the Stonewall Riots in New York City
- 1973 Homosexuality is no longer categorized as a mental illness when it is removed from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- 1974 Kathy Kozachenko becomes the first openly LGBTQ+ American elected to public office (Ann Arbor City Council)
- 1976 Michigan Womyn's Music Festival takes place for the first time
- 1978 Harvey Milk becomes the first openly gay man elected office in California (San Francisco Board of Supervisors)
- 1979 First National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights
- **1982** Wisconsin becomes the first state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation
- 1983 Lambda Legal wins the first HIV/AIDS discrimination lawsuit
- 1985 The Times of Harvey Milk wins an Academy Award
- 1987 ACT UP is founded
- 1988, October 11 First National Coming Out Day
- 1990 First Gay/Straight Alliance is founded
- 1991 Chicago establishes the Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame
- 1993 Minnesota becomes the first state to ban discrimination of transgender people





- 1995 The Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act goes into effect
- 1997 Rainbow pylons are installed in Boystown
- **1997** Ellen DeGeneres portrays the first character to come out on primetime television
- 1998 Tammy Baldwin becomes the first openly LGBTQ+ American elected to Congress (House of Representatives)
- 1999 The character Willow on Buffy the Vampire Slayer comes out
- 2000 Vermont becomes the first state to legalize same-sex civil unions
- 2003 V. Gene Robinson is the first openly gay clergyperson elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire
- 2004, May 17 The first same-sex marriage in the United States takes place in Massachusetts
- 2009 Expansion of the federal Hate Crime Law
- 2010 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is repealed
- 2011, June 1 Illinois recognizes same-sex civil unions
- 2014 Laverne Cox becomes the first transgender person nominated for a primetime Emmy Award
- 2015, June The Supreme Court of the United States recognizes same-sex marriage as legal across the country
- 2019, May Lori Lightfoot is sworn in as Mayor of Chicago
- 2019, June 9 Skokie Pride is the first community-wide Pride event in the Village of Skokie



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