

Advancing SRHR: LGBT community in Ecuador

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Ecuador

15 million inhabitants

Majority Mestizo

Minorities of Indigenous and African American people

Presidential republic

In majority a Roman Catholic nation



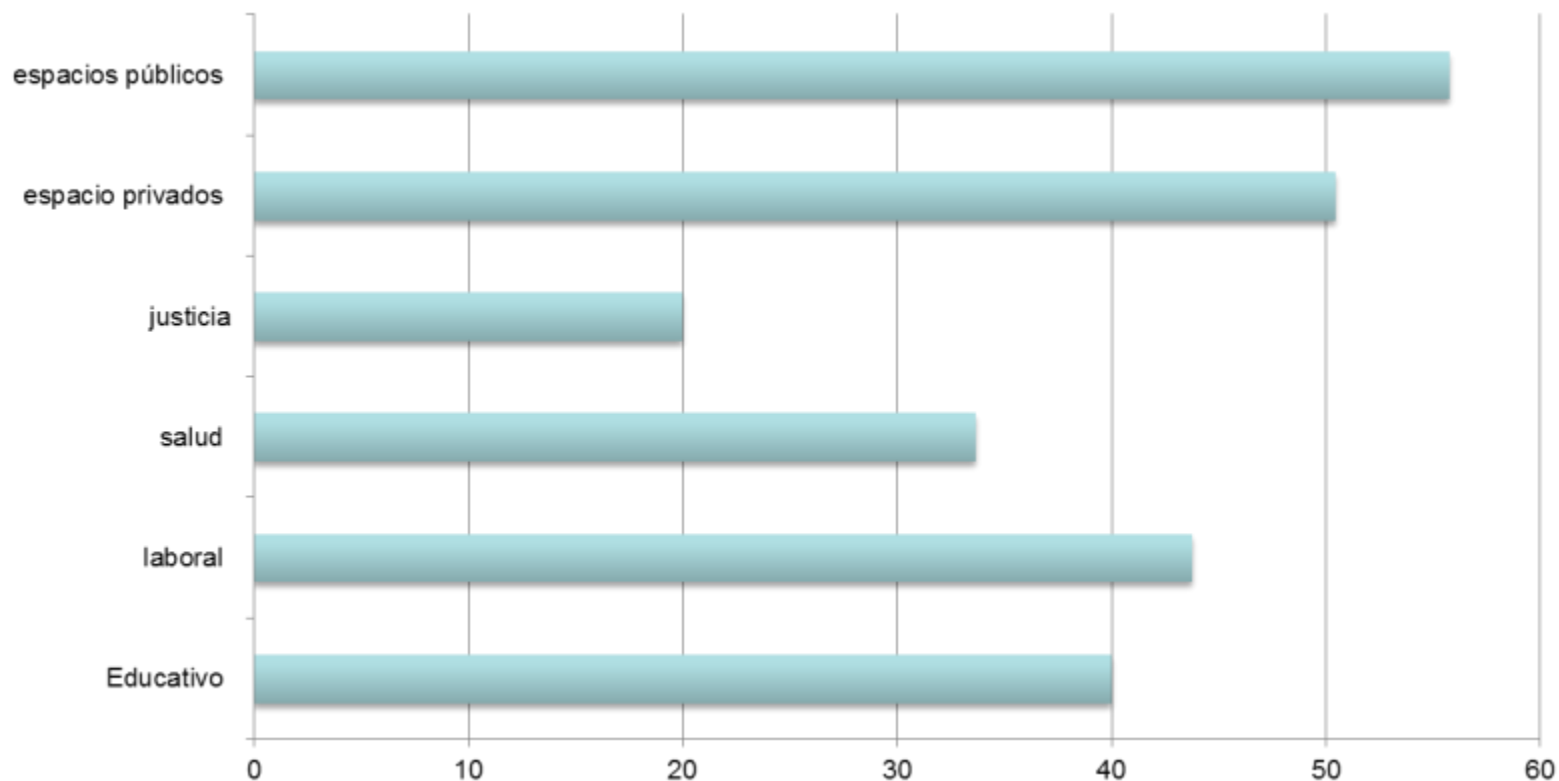
- Legal

- The Constitution protects LGBTI under article 11 number 2

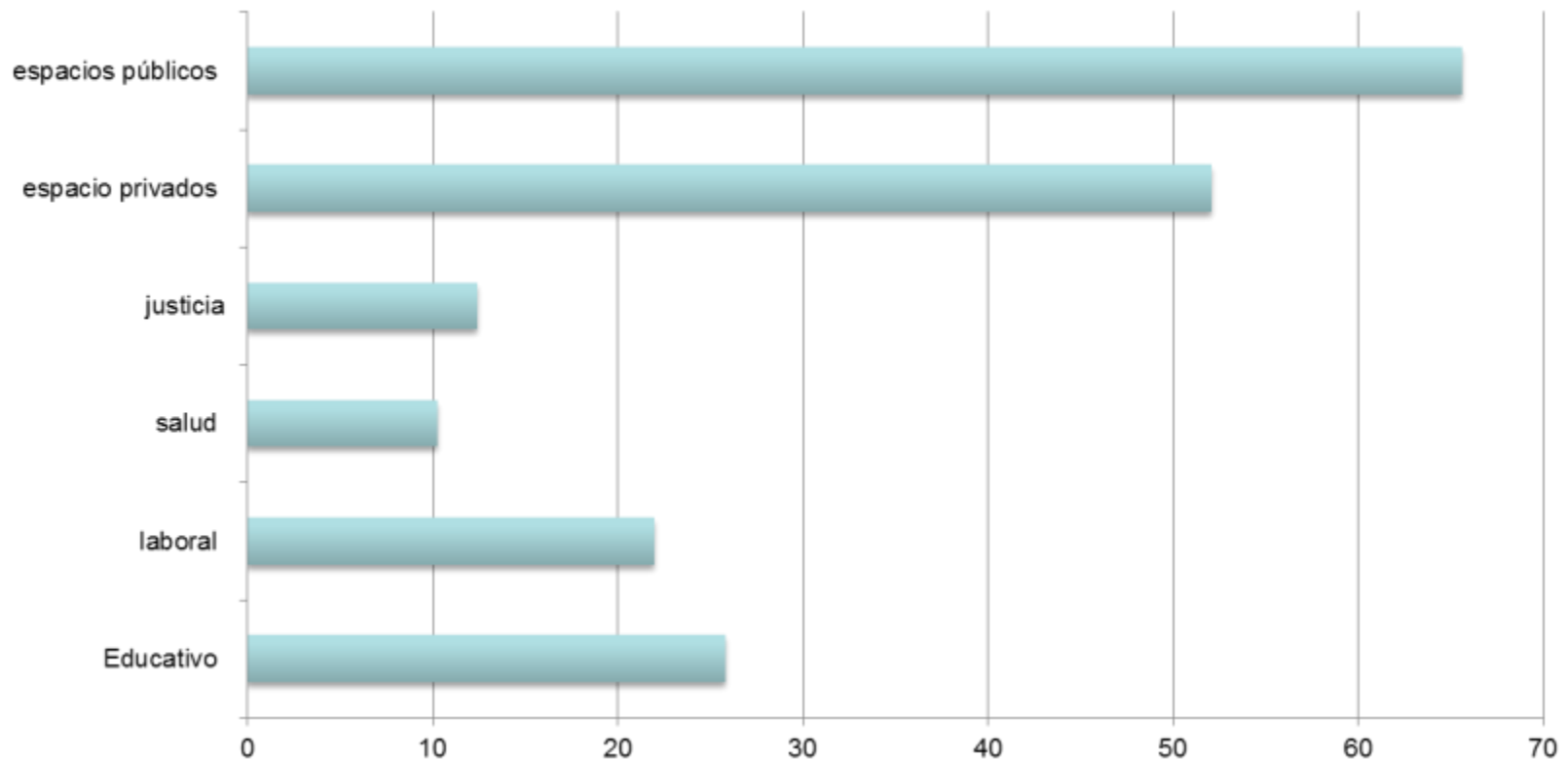
- Nadie podrá ser discriminado por-, sexo, identidad de género, -, orientación sexual, portar VIH-,

Hate crimes are sanctioned under the Penal Code. Article 177
La persona que cometa actos de violencia física o psicológica de odio, contra una o más personas en razón de - sexo, identidad de género u orientación sexual, o portar VIH, será sancionada con pena privativa de libertad de uno a tres años.

Discrimination



Violence



- **Health:**

- Ecuador spends 25 million US\$ on attention for and treatment of HIV/AIDS. Nearly nothing is spend on prevention

While the **general popular:** has a prevalance of **0.6 %** the following key populations have a prevalance rate for HIV of:

Trans	31.6%
MSM	11.3%
Sex workers	3.4%
Prissoners	1.3%

Human Right Report LGBTI 2013





Political context in Ecuador

- Officially the government of Ecuador states it works LGBTI inclusive
- There is however no ministry or politician responsible for this inclusion
- There is no action plan on how to work LGBTI inclusive
- The president is openly opposing the LGBTI movement

Actions of civil society in Ecuador

- While there is a strong control of civil society by the Ecuadorian government
- Civil society likes to improve the work of the government regarding LGBTI inclusion. It has no political preference.
- Organisations such as Equidad like to defend the interest of LGBTI communities, and inform their community well on (Sexual) Health and their Human rights

- Still, donor support is needed in Ecuador
 - Combat violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity
 - Prevent further HIV infections
 - Create support mechanisms where families cant /wont provide support to their LGBTI teenagers.
 - Create a real culture of inclusion not only formally in law.
 - Support the emancipation of LGBTI

- Recommendation for the Belgian government
 - Make sure that existing bilateral partners work LGBTI inclusive and connect them to LGBTI civil society.
 - Guard that Ecuador works inclusive for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Use existing bilateral structures such as the Human rights council.
 - Belgium can ask concrete questions to to Ecuador in the periodic review in 2016

liberty equality and respect for LGBT





THANK YOU

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