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# Powering Equality

Black LGBTQ Representation Over the  
Past Five Years (2018-2023)



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- **Black LGBTQ elected officials powered recent increases in LGBTQ representation.** While the number of LGBTQ elected officials grew by 108%, the number of Black LGBTQ elected officials grew by 317%.
- **Black LGBTQ women led the way.** The number of Black LGBTQ women grew by 256% compared to 89% for all LGBTQ women.
- **Black LGBTQ leaders built the bench in many state legislatures.** The number of Black LGBTQ state lawmakers increased by 388% compared to 88% for all LGBTQ state lawmakers.



# Black LGBTQ elected officials powered recent increases in LGBTQ representation.

Total number of out LGBTQ elected officials			
	2018	2023	% Increase
Black/ Afro-Caribbean	30	125	317%
All Races	559	1,160	108%





# Black LGBTQ women led the way.

Total number of out LGBTQ women elected officials			
	2018	2023	% Increase
Black/ Afro-Caribbean	16	57	256%
All Races	219	415	89%





# Black LGBTQ leaders built the bench in many state legislatures.

Total number of out LGBTQ state lawmakers			
	2018	2023	% Increase
Black/ Afro-Caribbean	8	39	388%
All Races	120	226	88%





# Historic number of Black LGBTQ leaders at all levels.

Total number of Black out LGBTQ leaders by office level			
	2018	2023	% Increase
Governor	0	0	0%
U.S. Congress	0	1	100%
Statewide	0	1	100%
Mayoral	2	6	200%
State Legislative	8	39	388%
Local	15	68	353%
Judicial	5	10	100%



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