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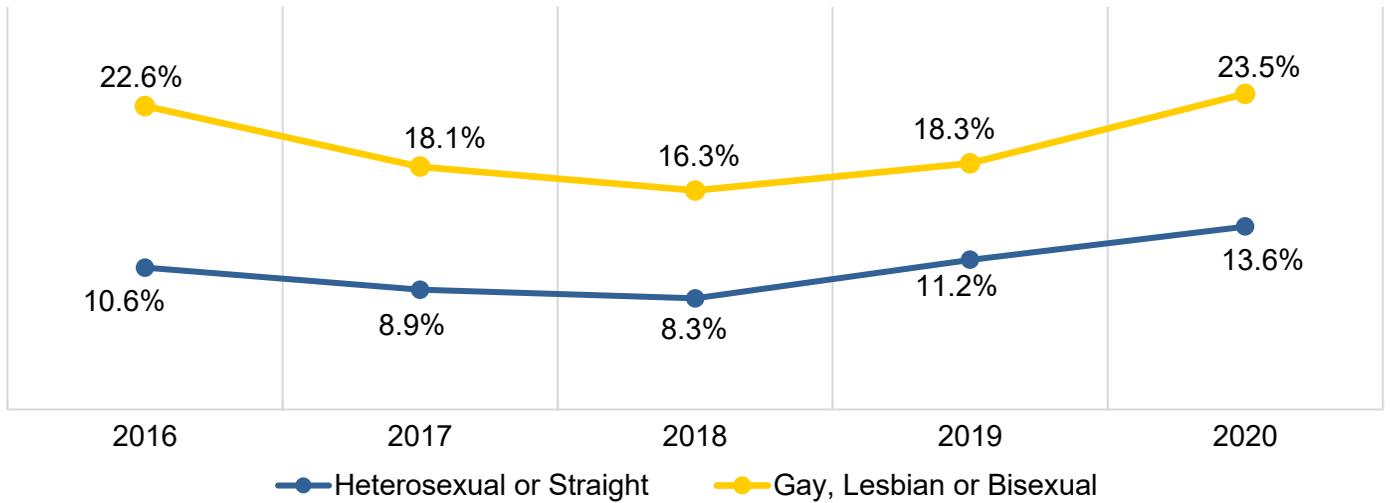
Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Health Care Access

Medical Care Access, Paying for Medical Bills, and Out-of-Pocket Costs

Source: AAMC Consumer Survey of Health Care Access, 2016-2020

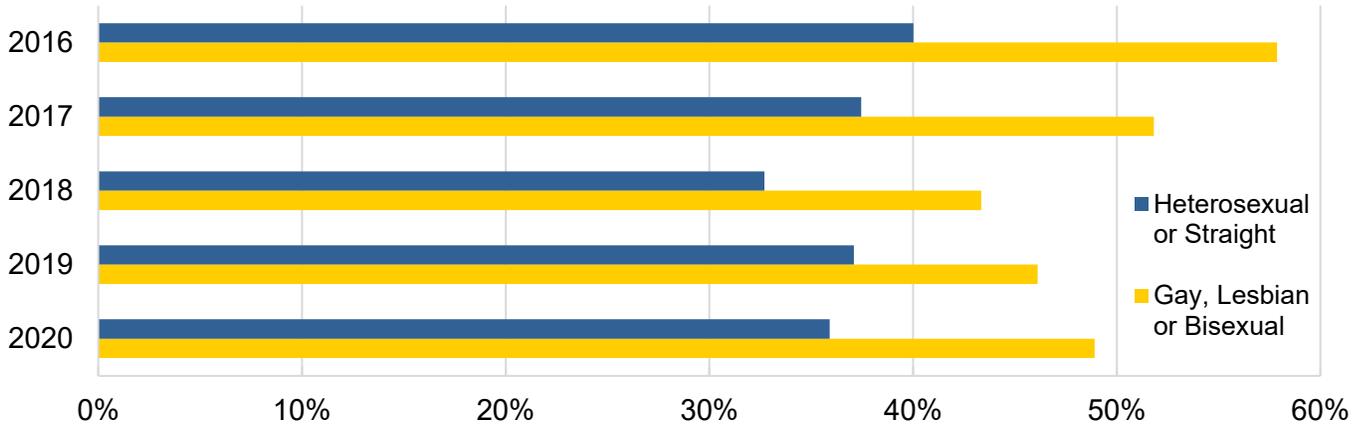
From 2016 to 2020, higher percentages of Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual people consistently reported not always being able to get needed medical care, compared to heterosexual or straight people.

Figure 1. Percentage of respondents not able to always get needed medical care by year



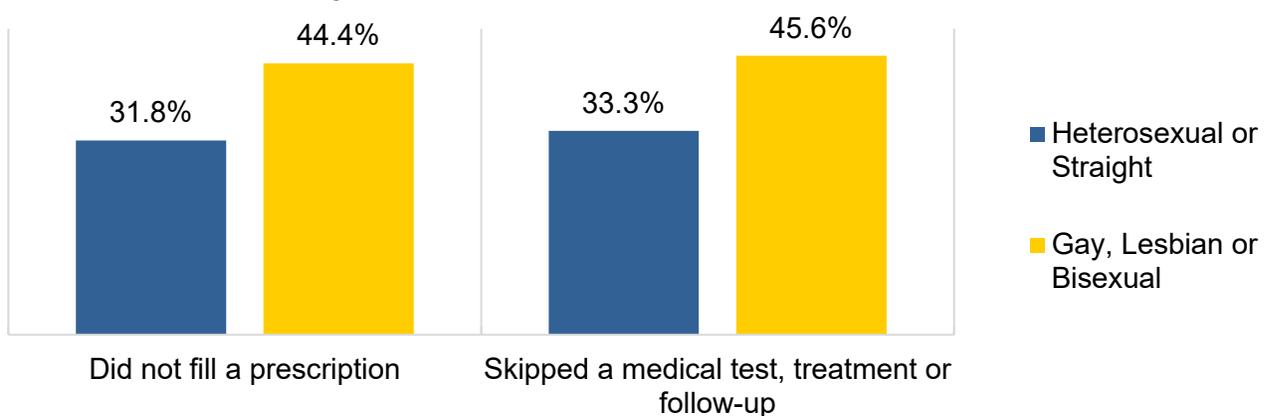
Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual people were also more likely to report problems paying, or being unable to pay, for medical bills in the last 12 months, compared to heterosexual or straight people, 2016-2020.

Figure 2. Percentage of respondents who reported problems paying or were unable to pay for medical bills in the last 12 months*



Out-of-pocket cost burdens were reported by respondents of all sexual orientations, but more often by those who are Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual, 2020.

Figure 3. Impact of out-of-pocket burdens in 2020*



Notes: These findings do not adjust for other factors, such as income or health insurance.

* Differences across comparison groups were statistically significant, at $p < 0.05$, in Figure 2 and Figure 3; Analysis conducted on StataSE 15.