

# LGBTQIA+ Pride

## WHAT IS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH?

This month seeks to raise awareness in society from a positive stance on the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as to promote safe spaces where inclusion prevails and violence and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people are eradicated.

The month is dedicated to promoting equal rights, as well as increasing LGBTQIA+ visibility as a social group while celebrating sexual diversity and gender variance.

## WHY IS IT CALLED "PRIDE"?

Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the perspective that drives most LGBTQIA+ rights groups and movements around the world.

## WHY IS PRIDE CELEBRATED IN JUNE?

On June 28, 1969, police raided a gay bar in New York City known as the Stonewall Inn. The event sparked a series of riots by people in the LGBTQIA+ community, constituting the major event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBTQIA+ rights in the United States.

The month of June was chosen to honor and commemorate those Stonewall riots.

## HOW IS PRIDE CELEBRATED?

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants from around the world each year. Today, the celebrations include parades, marches, parties, concerts/shows, workshops, among other activities that take place in different nations.

## WHO STARTED THE JUNE CELEBRATIONS?

Known as the "Mother of Pride", it was Brenda Howard who coordinated the first LGBT Pride march. As well as sparking the idea for a week of events around Pride Day. These events then developed into the annual LGBT celebrations held every June.



*"The next time someone asks you why LGBT Pride marches exist or why Gay Pride Month is June tell them, 'A bisexual woman named Brenda Howard thought it should be.'"*

Mitchell, N. (2022, June 30). Brenda Howard—the bisexual activist you need to know. Catcall. <https://catcallmag.com/2022/06/30/brenda-howard-the-bisexual-activist-you-need-to-know/>

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- June 1-5 One Magical Weekend. Orlando, FL
- June 2-4 Pittsburgh Pride. Pittsburgh, PA
- June 2-4 WeHo Pride. West Hollywood, CA
- June 4 Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival. Annapolis, MD
- June 7-11 Key West Pride. Key West, FL
- June 9-10 LA Pride. Los Angeles, CA
- June 17-18 Stonewall Columbus Pride Festival. Columbus, OH
- June 17 Iowa City Pride. Iowa City, IA
- June 23-24 Chicago Pride Fest. Chicago, IL
- June 24 Raleigh Pride. Raleigh, NC
- June 24-25 San Fransisco Pride. San Fransisco, CA
- June 23-25 Tulsa Pride. Tulsa, OK
- June 24-25 Nashville Pride. Nashville, TN
- June 24-25 Denver PrideFest. Denver, CO
- June 24-25 Seattle PrideFest. Seattle, WA
- June 24-25 Twin Cities Pride. Minneapolis, MN

## MICHIGAN EVENTS & GLOBAL CALENDAR

- Cadillac: Up North Pride
- Jackson: Jackson PrideFest
- Muskegon: Muskegon Pride Festival
- Owosso: Owosso Pride Weekend
- Port Huron: Blue Water Pride
- Royal Oak: Ferndale Pride

2023 Global Gay Pride Calendar of Events