

## TRANS REFUGE STATUS IN MINNESOTA

In 2023, Minnesota was established as a Trans Refuge state, sending a clear message that Minnesota is a safe place for LGBTQIA2S+ people to live, work, and seek care. This law has been critical during the rise of anti-LGBTQIA2S+ legislation and attacks.

Following the passage of the Trans Refuge bill, PFund and community partners began tracking the movement of individuals and families to Minnesota. Our data collection – just a small segment of the full picture – has revealed that **more than 150 individuals and families have or are soon moving to Minnesota**. Additionally, more than 85% are seeking culturally competent, affirming medical and mental healthcare.

## TRANS REFUGE NEXT STEPS

Providers of gender-affirming care are reporting waitlists of 200-400 people with wait times for an initial appointment often a year or more. The need for gender-affirming care far outweighs provider capacity.

Minnesota urgently needs to increase access to quality and competent healthcare for trans-Minnesotans and those seeking refuge in our state to uphold the promise of safety and opportunity in Minnesota for LGBTQIA2S+ people.

### OVERVIEW

With \$1m from the state of Minnesota, PFund Foundation and partners will **expand the state's gender-affirming care workforce** by establishing grant-funded training programs at gender-affirming care healthcare facilities.

Trainees will participate in a PFund-hosted cohort to expand learning opportunities, deepen knowledge, and create community.

### HF3386 / SF3502

- Grant-funded job training programs at Minnesota's top LGBTQ+ care facilities
- Wraparound services that improve employment and economic opportunity, long-term economic self-sufficiency, and pathways out of poverty

# Trans Refuge Relocation Data

## Overview

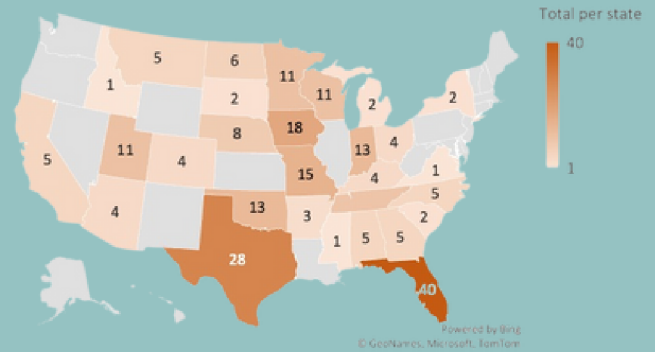
A survey was administered by Twin Cities Pride and data was collected from several LGBTQ+ serving organizations in Minnesota between July 1, 2023 and March 6, 2024. The data includes responses from **192 individuals and families** who have or are soon relocating to Minnesota for Trans Refuge purposes.

We know that this is not a holistic picture, and there are dozens, if not hundreds, more people not reflected in this survey. The information in this survey can help ensure we supply adequate resources and continue making Minnesota a beacon of hope.

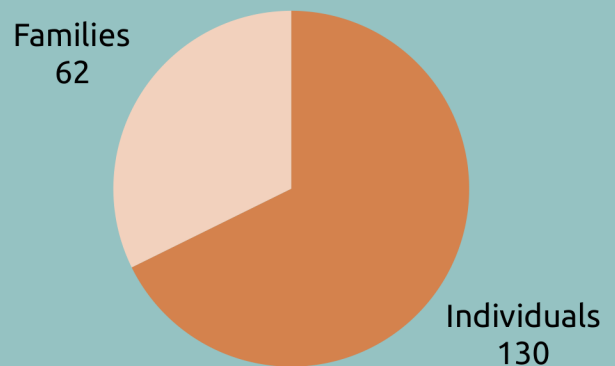
## At A Glance

- Data was collected from 192 individuals and families in 8 months
- 62 respondents moving with their families
- Of those in need of healthcare, 80% need it within 1-3 months

## State of Origin



## Families and individuals



**89%**

of respondents say gender-affirming healthcare is their #1 need

## About PFund Foundation

Since 1987, PFund Foundation has been the upper Midwest's only LGBTQ+ community foundation. PFund awards scholarships and grants, develops leaders, and inspires philanthropy. It has awarded more than \$3.5 million to LGBTQ+ communities. PFund Foundation is led by the community, in support of the community.

## Accomplishments



500 LGBTQ+ students have been awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships



Awarded more than \$250,000 in 2023 to rural-serving LGBTQ+ organizations across the upper Midwest.



In 2023, PFund awarded more than \$430,000 in small business grants to LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs



Mobilized more than \$250,000 in emergency funds for families, non-profits, and small businesses during the pandemic.

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