

22 Top Pride Parades and Celebrations in the U.S.

Explore the biggest gatherings and unique events celebrating LGBTQ communities from coast to coast.



Pride has a long and storied history. On June 28, 1969, in the New York City neighborhood of Greenwich Village, police raided a popular gay bar called the Stonewall Inn, causing nearly a week of protests by LGBTQ people who were fed up with the frequent raids and harassment from law enforcement. The world-famous Stonewall built on years of LGBTQ activism. Similar homophobic and transphobic persecution by police had previously sparked other uprisings in the U.S., such as nearly three years earlier in San Francisco at Gene Compton's Cafeteria, or a decade before in Los Angeles' Cooper Do-nuts.

On the anniversary of Stonewall in 1970, activists held a march known as Christopher Street Liberation Day in New York to commemorate the uprising on that very street a year before. This parade drew thousands of marchers and prompted other cities to hold Pride events, which evolved into the annual celebrations in June that we know today. Even now, the rights and legal protections of gay and trans communities across the U.S. continue to be under immediate threat from state legislation and violent assaults. This year's Pride events are more than just celebrations – they're acts of unity and solidarity.

Here are the top destinations to champion and celebrate Pride nationwide in 2024.

Providence, Rhode Island: June 15



Providence is a city with a small-town vibe and a vibrant arts community. Its first Pride event was held in 1976 after a court ruling allowed local gay and lesbian communities to march through the city. About 75 people marched in that parade. Today that number has grown to 125,000-plus attendees to the annual PrideFest in [Providence](#).

The 48th annual Rhode Island PrideFest & Illuminated Night Parade is slated for June 15. During the day, you can enjoy more than 250 nonprofit vendors with live entertainment and plenty of food. The Rhode Pride Illuminated Night Parade is New England's only nighttime LGBTQ parade. Paradoers can expect to see buildings and floats light up as participants make their way through downtown Providence after dusk.

For more details, consult [Rhode Island Pride's website](#).