

# **HOUSTON, TEXAS 1/2**

**2018 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

COUNTY

### I. Non-Discrimination Laws

This category evaluates whether discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Employment	
Housing	

Public Accommodations

Facilities

**SCORE** 



STATE





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**BONUS** Single-Occupancy All-Gender **BONUS** Protects Youth from Conversion







**0** out of 30

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## II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

Non-Discrimination	in	City	Employment

Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits





SCORE

Inclusive Workplace

**BONUS** City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits



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AVAILABLE









### III. Municipal Services

This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBTQ constituents are included in city services and programs.

### Human Rights Commission

NDO Enforcement by Human Rights

LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive's Office





**AVAILABLE** 





**5** out of 12

**BONUS** Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services

**BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth

**BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless

**BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders

**BONUS** City Provides Services HIV/AIDS Population

**BONUS** City Provides Services to the Transgender Community



COUNTY



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## IV. Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBTQ community in a thoughtful and respectful way.

LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force

Reported 2016 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

**SCORE** 



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## V. Leadership on LGBTQ Equality

This category measures the city leadership's commitment to fully include the LGBTQ community and to advocate for full equality.

Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ Equality

Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE

**BONUS** Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders

**BONUS** City Tests Limits of Restrictive State





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Final Score 70 **TOTAL SCORE 57 + TOTAL BONUS 13 =** 

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION — PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY





BONUS PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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