

### **AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS 1/2**

STATE

**2019 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

COUNTY

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#### 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



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**30** out of 30

MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE

**SCORE BONUS** Single-Occupancy All-Gender

**BONUS** Protects Youth from Conversion

Facilities

Therapy





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AVAILABLE

### 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

City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Inclusive Workplace

SCORE

**BONUS** City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits







**14** out of 28





**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









SCORE	
BONUS	Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services
BONUS	City Provides Services to LGBTQ

Youth **BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless People

**BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders

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

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



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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 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

**SCORE** 

12

**12** out of 22

# 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

**TOTAL SCORE 71 + TOTAL BONUS 7 =** 



**3** out of 8

MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE

Final Score 78

**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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