

# **READING, PENNSYLVANIA** 1/2

**2015 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

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.

on Laws	STATE	COUNTY	СІТҮ	AVAILABLE
Employment	00	00	5 5	55
Housing	00	00	5 5	5 5
Public Accommodations	00	00	55	55
SCORE			<b>30</b> o	ut of 30

## II. Municipality as

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBT employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded business municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBT employees equally.

Em	ploye	er	CITY	AVAILABLE
	Non-Disc	rimination in City Employment	66	66
ses, ng	Transgen	der-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits		6
	City Cont	ractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance		33
	SCORE		<b>12</b> 。	ut of 24
	BONUS	Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work	+0	+2

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## **IV.** Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes LGBT Police Liaiso responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT community in a Reported 2013 Ha thoughtful and respectful way. to the FBI

SCORE

# V. Relat

V. Relationship with	СІТҮ	AVAILABLE	
This category measures the city leadership's commitment to fully include the LGBT	Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality	0	5
community and to advocate for full equality.	Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts	0	3
	SCORE	0	out of 8
	BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders	+0	+3
	BONUS Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law	+0	+4

## III. Municipal Services

This section assesses the efforts of to ensure LGBT constituents are incl city services and programs.

ervices		STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE	
f the city cluded in	Human Ri	ights Commission			5	5
	LGBT Liai	ison in the Mayor's Office			5	5
	Enumerat	ed Anti-Bullying School Policies	30	00	00	33
	SCORE				<b>13</b> οι	ut of 16
	BONUS	Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission			+3	+3
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT youth			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT homeless			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT elderly			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS			+0	+2

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION

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	CITY	AVAILABLE
on or Task Force	0	(10)
ate Crimes Statistics	0	12
	<b>0</b> οι	ut of 22

TOTAL SCORE 55 + TOTAL BONUS 3 =



**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

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