

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 1/2

STATE

2019 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.

Employment Housing

Public Accommodations

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







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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 City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Inclusive Workplace

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BONUS City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits



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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













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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

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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

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BONUS Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders

BONUS City Tests Limits of Restrictive State

TOTAL SCORE 92 + TOTAL BONUS 3 =





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Final Score 95

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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