

STATE EQUALITY INDEX 2014

Working Toward Innovative Equality

States in this category have marriage equality, robust LGBT non-discrimination laws, the most protections for transgender people. Many are working on innovative laws and policies guaranteeing access to health care, and to protect LGBT youth.

- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington

Solidifying Equality

States in this category have marriage equality and non-discrimination protections, though some lack explicit gender identity protections. They have relatively robust anti-bullying laws, but bad laws begin to crop up in this category.

- Delaware
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- New York

Building Equality

States in this category have marriage equality and have passed basic non-discrimination and hate crimes laws. Some lack explicit gender identity and anti-bullying protections. Bad laws are more common.

- Hawaii
- Maryland
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- Rhode Island
- Wisconsin

High Priority to Achieve Basic Equality

Most states in this category have bad laws undermining LGBT equality, from criminalization of HIV and sodomy, to religious-based discrimination. None have explicit statewide non-discrimination protections for sexual orientation or gender identity.

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

