

Progress and LGBT Equality Overview

See Momentum Report for Full Analysis (Available at www.lgbtmap.org/momentum-report)

Indicator of Progress	Two-Year Trend	Current Level of Equality	
		Level	Explanation
Cultural, Social and Political Climate			
Public Perceptions of Morality of Same-Sex Relations		N/A	
Public Attitudes Toward Legality of Same-Sex Relationship		N/A	
Public Support for Marriage for Gay and Lesbian Couples		N/A	
LGBT Adoption and Parenting		N/A	
Equal Employment Opportunities and Compensation		N/A	
Visibility of LGBT People in the Media			Improving but less than 3% of major TV characters are LGBT
Political Support for LGBT People		N/A	
Number of Openly LGBT Elected Officials			Less than 3% of elected officials are LGBT
State Legislative Climate		N/A	
Progress By Issue			
Marriage and Relationship Recognition			35 states offer limited or no recognition
Joint and Second-Parent Adoption			Second-parent adoption not available or uncertain in 30 states
Employment and Housing Non-Discrimination Protections			29 states offer no protections
Ability to Serve Openly in U.S. Military			LGB Americans will soon be able to serve openly
Freedom of Immigration and Travel			HIV travel ban lifted but LGBT Americans still cannot sponsor partners/spouses for immigration
Coverage Under Safe-Schools and Anti-Bullying Laws			28 states have no laws
Hate Crime Laws			Federal hate crime law and most state laws cover LGBT Americans
Progress on HIV/AIDS			Men who have sex with men comprise growing share of new HIV cases
Federal Domestic Spending on HIV/AIDS			Almost \$14 billion in spending, but much is global
Lived Experience of LGBT Americans⁶			
Economic Lives of LGBT Americans	N/A		LGBT Americans more likely to live in poverty
Experiences of Employment Discrimination	N/A		Up to 43% of LGB and 90% of transgender Americans face employment discrimination
Expansion of Employer Non-Discrimination Policies			Three quarters of major U.S. businesses protect LGBT employees
Health, Wellness and Access to Health Insurance	N/A		LGBT Americans face health disparities and lower rates of health insurance
Access to Education	N/A		LGBT Americans more likely to be educated but also to experience bullying
Incidents of Housing Discrimination	N/A		Between 11% and 27% of LGBT Americans experience housing discrimination
Fewer Hate Crimes Based on Sexual Orientation ⁷		N/A	
LGBT Movement Capacity			
LGBT Organization Revenue			Over \$500 million in revenue but significantly out-resourced by opponents
Contributions to LGBT Organizations by LGBT People			Less than 4% of LGBT Americans give to major LGBT organizations