Quick Facts About South Carolina

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<td>Percent of Adults (18+) Who are LGBTQ</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<td>Total LGBTQ Population (13+)</td>
<td>167,000</td>
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<td>Percent of Workforce That is LGBTQ</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>Census 2018; Williams 2020</td>
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<td>Total LGBTQ Workers</td>
<td>99,000</td>
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<td>Percent of LGBTQ Adults (25+) Raising Children</td>
<td>30%</td>
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South Carolina's LGBTQ Policy Tally

- Sexual Orientation Policy Tally: 2/20.5 (LOW)
- Gender Identity Policy Tally: -3.5/22 (NEGATIVE)
- Overall Tally: -1.5/42.5 (NEGATIVE)

MAP’s "LGBTQ Policy Tally" examines each state’s LGBTQ policy climate, as measured by over 35 pro- or anti-LGBTQ laws and policies. These laws are grouped into seven major categories: relationship and parental recognition; non-discrimination; religious exemptions; LGBTQ youth; healthcare; criminal justice; and the ability for transgender people to correct name and gender markers on identity documents. See the state’s full profile for more detailed information.

Scores as of 12/20/2022. For full state profile, visit: https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality_maps/profile_state/SC

As a result of the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Obergefell, same-sex couples can marry nationwide and states must extend all the rights and benefits of marriage to same-sex couples. As a result, the following benefits are available to all married same-sex couples on the same basis they are available to married different-sex couples:

- **Marriage for Same-Sex Couples**
- **Medical Decision-Making Authority for Married Same-Sex Couples**
- **Stepparent Adoption for Married Same-Sex Couples**
- **Joint Adoption for Married Same-Sex Couples**

### Second-Parent Adoption for Unmarried Couples

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### Family Services Nondiscrimination Laws

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### Recognition for Parents Using Assisted Reproduction

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<td>Credit and Lending Nondiscrimination Laws</td>
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<td>Nondiscrimination Policies for State Employees</td>
<td>0/0.5</td>
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<td><strong>Negative Law:</strong> State Bans Cities and Counties from Passing Nondiscrimination Laws</td>
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*If state lacks statewide law, tally looks at local Nondiscrimination ordinances in employment, housing, and public accommodations and provides partial points based on percent of LGBTQ population covered by local laws.

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Scores as of 12/20/2022
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<td>State Curricular Standards Required to Be LGBTQ-Inclusive</td>
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<td><strong>Negative Law:</strong> “Don’t Say Gay” Law Barring or Explicitly Restricting Educators From Discussing LGBTQ People or Issues in Schools</td>
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<td><strong>Negative Law:</strong> State Law Requires Parental Notification of LGBTQ-Inclusive Curricula and Allows Parents to Opt Children Out</td>
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<td><strong>Negative Law:</strong> Laws Banning Local Schools and Districts from Passing LGBTQ Nondiscrimination and/or Anti-Bullying Policies</td>
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Scores as of 12/20/2022
Local Nondiscrimination Ordinances

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

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**LEGEND**

County map only shows areas with full protections for sexual orientation (i.e., discrimination prohibited in private employment, housing, and public accommodations).

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**CITY AND COUNTY LISTING:**

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- Local ordinance does not provide this protection, but county/state does
- Local ordinance provides this protection

**NOTE:** Only jurisdictions with ordinances that prohibit discrimination in private employment are listed. Other localities may have executive orders that apply to government employees and these are not listed. The level of enforcement of these ordinances may vary by jurisdiction. This information is constantly changing, and we welcome suggestions for additions or changes. For questions regarding ordinances or any other aspect of the state profile, please contact MAP at info@mapresearch.org.

This data was collected in collaboration with the Equality Federation and South Carolina Equality and is maintained by MAP.

Scores as of 12/20/2022
Local Conversion Therapy Ordinances

CONVERSION THERAPY BANS

CITY AND COUNTY NUMBERS:

0 counties out of 46 have an ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy for minors.

1 city has an ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy for minors.

CITY AND COUNTY LISTING:

• Columbia