

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.

	STATE	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	AVAILABLE
Employment				
Housing				
Public Accommodations				
SCORE				20 out of 30
FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities				
FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy				

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.

	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	AVAILABLE
Non-Discrimination in City Employment			
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits			
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance			
Inclusive Workplace			
SCORE			21 out of 28
FLEX City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits			

III. Municipal Services

This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBTQ+ residents are included in city services and programs.

	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	AVAILABLE
Human Rights Commission			
NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission			
LGBTQ+ Liaison in City Executive's Office			
SCORE			12 out of 12
FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services			
FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ Youth			
FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ People Experiencing Homelessness			
FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ Older Adults			
FLEX City Provides Services to People Living with HIV or AIDS			
FLEX City Provides Services to the Transgender Community			

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+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department
Reported 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

	MUNICIPAL	AVAILABLE
LGBTQ+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department		
Reported 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI		
SCORE	22 out of 22	

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

	MUNICIPAL	AVAILABLE
Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ+ Equality		
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts		
SCORE	8 out of 8	
FLEX Openly LGBTQ+ Elected or Appointed Leaders		
FLEX City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law		

TOTAL SCORE 83 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 12 = Final Score 95
CANNOT EXCEED 100

** On June 15, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia* that sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination are prohibited under federal sex-based employment protections. Nevertheless, it is imperative that localities continue enacting explicitly LGBTQ+-inclusive comprehensive non-discrimination laws since it will likely take additional litigation for *Bostock* to be fully applied to all sex-based protections under existing federal civil rights law. Moreover, federal law currently lacks sex-based protections in numerous key areas of life, including public spaces and services. Lastly, there are many invaluable benefits to localizing inclusive protections even when they exist on higher levels of government. **For these reasons, the MEI will continue to only award credit in Part I for state, county, or municipal non-discrimination laws that expressly include sexual orientation and gender identity.**

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION FLEX PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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