

Spartacus publishes the Gay Travel Index every year since 2012. The index measures the legal situation and living conditions for members of the queer community in the respective country.



There are currently 18 categories ranging from marriage for all to the death penalty for homosexuals. Countries are color-coded, with dark green representing the most liberal and queer-friendly countries – and red representing the most dangerous countries for persons belonging to sexual and/or gender minorities to visit and live in.

The index attempts to strike a balance between the rights of the local LGBTQIA+ community and the demands of queer vacationers. The safety of these people in the respective country as well as increasing the visibility of abuses are important to us. We are convinced that there are holidaymakers who choose countries where the community is an accepted and loved part of society. But there are also vacationers who consciously want to travel to a country in order to enter into a dialogue with the oppressed local queer community. The index is intended to offer both attitudes a valid evaluation basis for a decision.

HOW THE RATING SYSTEM WORKS

It has a negative impact on the rating of a county, if human rights are not observed nor guaranteed or even worse, violated. A zero rating as lowest rating is only awarded if a county is lacking in important but not elementary categories such as LGBTQIA+ marketing or anti-discrimination legislation. The weighing of the factors as well as the categories themselves are subject to constant editorial monitoring. Both can be modified if necessary, which we indicate clearly if it is done.

Countries in which the death sentences for homosexuals is enshrined in law but is no longer performed have received one negative point. If people are still executed in a country because of their homosexuality, the country has been given five negative points. We can thus assure that the countries concerned get their deserved place at the bottom of our ranking.

Countries in which islamic sharia law applies in parts (Indonesia / Aceh, Pakistan and Libya minus one point) or are applied (Nigeria minus three points) are a special case in this system.

REFERENCES

www.rainbow-europe.org, www.ilga.org, www.wikipedia.org, www.transrespect.org, www.transequality.org, www.equaldex.com, openly accessible NGO portals and government organisations

Ranking 2026	Country	Total	LGBT Rights								Social & Legal						Human Rights				
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences	
52	Thailand	3	2	2	2	-1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0
56	Croatia	2	2	1	2	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
56	Liechtenstein	2	1	2	2	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	San Marino	2	3	1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
59	Curacao	-1	1	2	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
59	Italy	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
59	Japan	-1	1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
59	Latvia	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
59	Lithuania	-1	2	1	-1	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
59	Montenegro	-1	2	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
59	Poland	-1	1	0	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
59	Vietnam	-1	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Bermuda	-2	1	1	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
67	Bosnia-Herzegovina	-2	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
67	Korea South	-2	0	0	-1	3	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
67	North Cyprus	-2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
67	Romania	-2	2	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
67	St. Maarten	-2	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Suriname	-2	1	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
74	Albania	-3	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
74	Antigua & Barbuda	-3	3	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
74	Barbados	-3	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	Bhutan	-3	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Botswana	-3	3	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	British Virgin Islands	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Fiji	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Lesotho	-3	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
74	Monaco	-3	0	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Namibia	-3	1	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Serbia	-3	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
74	Singapore	-3	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
74	Ukraine	-3	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
87	Belize	-4	3	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
87	Cabo Verde	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	Cambodia	-4	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
87	Micronesia	-4	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
87	Moldova	-4	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0	0
87	Mongolia	-4	2	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
87	North Macedonia	-4	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
87	Peru	-4	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0	0
87	Seychelles	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	Slovakia	-4	2	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
97	China incl. Hong Kong	-5	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
97	East Timor	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
97	Kosovo	-5	3	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
97	Macao	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
97	Marshall Islands	-5	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97	Mauritius	-5	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
97	Samoa	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
104	Armenia	-6	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
104	Bulgaria	-6	2	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-2	0	0	0	0
104	Cook Islands	-6	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
104	Panama	-6	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
104	Sao Tome and Principe	-6	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0

Ranking 2026	Country	Total	LGBT Rights								Social & Legal						Human Rights			
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
104	Sri Lanka	-6	1	-1	-1	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
110	Angola	-7	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
110	El Salvador	-7	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	-1	0
110	Guinea-Bissau	-7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
110	Honduras	-7	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
110	Laos	-7	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
110	Mozambique	-7	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
110	Saint Kitts and Nevis	-7	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
110	Saint Lucia	-7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
110	Venezuela	-7	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	0
119	Benin	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
119	Kiribati	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
119	Palau	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
119	Philippines	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
123	Dominican Republic	-9	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
123	Ethiopia	-9	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0
123	Gabon	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
123	Guinea	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
123	Hungary	-9	1	1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	0
123	Nicaragua	-9	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0
123	Pakistan	-9	0	-1	-1	3	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1
123	Tuvalu	-9	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
123	Vanuatu	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
132	Bahamas	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
132	Bahrain	-10	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0
132	Bangladesh	-10	0	-1	0	1	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
132	Belarus	-10	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	0
132	Central African Rep.	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
132	Equatorial Guinea	-10	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0
132	Eswatini	-10	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-2	0
132	Grenada	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
132	Guatemala	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
132	Haiti	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
132	Ivory Coast	-10	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
132	Kazakhstan	-10	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	0	0	0
132	Korea North	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0	0
132	Lebanon	-10	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	0
132	Paraguay	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	-1	0
132	Rwanda	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
132	Solomon Islands	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
132	Tonga	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
132	Trinidad & Tobago	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
132	Vatican City	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
152	Chad	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
152	Comoros Islands	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
152	Dem.Rep. of Congo	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
152	Dominica	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
152	Gambia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
152	Guyana	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-0	0
152	Jamaica	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
152	Madagascar	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
152	Niger	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0
152	Republic of the Congo	-11	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
152	Saint Vincent and the	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
152	Sierra Leone	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0

Ranking 2026	Country	Total	LGBT Rights							Societal & Legal Factors										
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
152	Tajikistan	-11	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	0
152	Togo	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
152	Turkey	-11	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
152	Uzbekistan	-11	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	0
168	Georgia (Europe)	-12	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	0
168	Ghana	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
168	Indonesia	-12	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
168	Kenya	-12	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
168	Kyrgyzstan	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
168	Liberia	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
168	Maldives	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
168	Myanmar	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0
176	Azerbaijan	-13	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	0
176	Burundi	-13	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
176	Djibouti	-13	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
176	Malawi	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
176	Mauritania	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	-1
176	Papua New Guinea	-13	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
176	Zambia	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	0	0
183	Algeria	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	0
183	Burkina Faso	-14	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	0
183	Cameroon	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	0
183	Eritrea	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	0
183	Mali	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
183	Morocco	-14	0	-1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
183	Tunisia	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
190	Brunei	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	0	0	-1
190	Indonesia/Aceh	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	0	-1
190	Jordan	-15	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
190	Oman	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	0
190	Syria	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-2	-1	-1
195	Egypt	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
195	Kuwait	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	0
195	Libya	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1
195	Malaysia	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
195	Senegal	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
195	Sudan	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	0
195	Zimbabwe	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
202	Nigeria	-17	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	-3
202	Qatar	-17	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	-1
202	Russia	-17	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
202	South Sudan	-17	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
202	Tanzania	-17	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
202	Turkmenistan	-17	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
208	Iraq	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
208	United Arab Emirates	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1
210	Uganda	-19	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	-3
211	Somalia	-21	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Afghanistan	-22	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Chechnya	-22	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Saudi Arabia	-22	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	-5
215	Iran	-23	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
216	Yemen	-24	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5



The legal situation for queer people varies widely within the 50 federal US states. We have therefore decided in 2020 to publish the USA Index again and to examine each state individually.

For 15 years now, a culture war over liberalism has been intensifying in the USA. What began with anti-trans laws and campaigns culminated in tough censorship since Trump's first administration: In schools in more and more (Republican-governed) states in particular, it is forbidden to teach or even talk about sexual orientation or gender identity. We have therefore added the *censorship* rating category.

The *hate crime laws, gay and trans* panic defense* and *queer infrastructure* categories are tailored specifically for the USA. This is where differences between the individual countries manifest themselves

With *queer infrastructure* we have in addition to the category of LGBTQIA+

marketing created a balance to the presentation of the legal situation. Here we've taken a look at which states have more than one city with prides, queer establishments, and other events. This may put small states at a disadvantage, but it makes sense that even states with regressive and anti-queer legislation can have cities with great queer diversity and offerings.

Under the *hostility* heading, we mainly counted murders of members of the LGBTQIA+ community in the last year. Other physical or verbal assaults were weighted when the final score was inconclusive based on the number of murders. Incidents in which people were offended or being physically attacked is almost every-

where. This can also happen in states that have not received any negative points.

REFERENCES

www.rainbow-europe.org,
www.ilga.org, www.wikipedia.org,
www.transrespect.org,
www.transequality.org,
www.equaldex.com,
 openly accessible NGO portals and government organisations

Ranking 2026	State	Total										
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Hate Crime Law	Censorship	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Queer Infrastructure	Gay and Trans* Panic Defense	Locals Hostile
1	New York	16	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
2	California	14	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	0
2	Nevada	14	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
2	Washington	14	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
5	Colorado	13	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
5	New Jersey	13	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
5	New Mexico	13	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
5	Oregon	13	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
9	Maine	12	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1
9	Massachusetts	12	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	-1	1
9	Minnesota	12	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
9	Vermont	12	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
9	Washington DC	12	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
14	Hawaii	11	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
14	Illinois	11	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
14	Maryland	11	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
14	Michigan	11	3	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
14	Rhode Island	11	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
14	Virginia	11	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
20	Connecticut	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
20	Delaware	10	3	2	1	2	-1	1	1	0	0	1
22	Utah	8	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	1
23	New Hampshire	6	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
23	Pennsylvania	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	-1	0
25	Arizona	5	2	2	-1	1	0	0	1	1	-1	0
26	Wisconsin	3	2	1	-1	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0
27	Georgia	2	2	0	-1	1	0	-1	1	1	-1	0
28	Alaska	1	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	1	0	-1	0
29	Kentucky	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	1	1	0	-1	-1
30	Kansas	-1	2	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	0
30	Louisiana	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
30	North Carolina	-1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	0
30	Ohio	-1	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
34	Indiana	-2	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
34	Iowa	-2	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
34	Missouri	-2	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
34	Montana	-2	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
34	Nebraska	-2	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
34	South Dakota	-2	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	1	0	-1	-1
40	Alabama	-3	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
40	Florida	-3	1	-1	-1	1	-2	-1	1	1	-1	-1
40	North Dakota	-3	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	0	-1	-1
40	Texas	-3	1	-1	-1	1	-2	-1	1	1	-1	-1
40	Wyoming	-3	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	0	-1	-1
45	Idaho	-4	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
45	Mississippi	-4	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
45	South Carolina	-4	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
45	West Virginia	-4	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
49	Arkansas	-5	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
49	Oklahoma	-5	1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	1	0	-1	-1
49	Tennessee	-5	1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	1	0	-1	-1