

**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 LGBT+ 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 LGBT 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.

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Ranking 2024	Country	Total	LGBT Rights								Social & Cultural						Human Rights			
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
54	Bermuda	0	1	2	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
54	Bolivia	0	2	1	1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	
54	Thailand	0	2	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
58	Bosnia-Herzegovina	-1	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
58	Cyprus	-1	1	1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
58	Italy	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
58	Latvia	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
58	Montenegro	-1	2	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
58	Vietnam	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
64	Albania	-2	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
64	Bhutan	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
64	Korea South	-2	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
64	Singapore	-2	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
64	Slovakia	-2	2	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
64	Ukraine	-2	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Angola	-3	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Antigua & Barbuda	-3	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Belize	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Curacao	-3	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Fiji	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Japan	-3	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Laos	-3	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Marshall Islands	-3	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Monaco	-3	0	1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Mongolia	-3	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	North Macedonia	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Romania	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Serbia	-3	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
70	St. Maarten	-3	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Barbados	-4	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Botswana	-4	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Cabo Verde	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Cambodia	-4	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Kosovo	-4	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Lithuania	-4	2	-1	-1	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
84	Macao	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Micronesia	-4	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Saint Lucia	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	British Virgin Islands	-5	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
93	Bulgaria	-5	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
93	China incl. Hong Kong	-5	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
93	El Salvador	-5	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0
93	Hungary	-5	2	1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0
93	Kazakhstan	-5	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
93	Lesotho	-5	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	Mauritius	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	Moldova	-5	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
93	Mozambique	-5	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
93	Niger	-5	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	Panama	-5	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
93	Peru	-5	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
93	Samoa	-5	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
93	Seychelles	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
93	Suriname	-5	1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0

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			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	
109	Armenia	-6	0	-1	0	-0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Benin	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Cook Islands	-6	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Georgia (Europe)	-6	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	
109	Guinea-Bissau	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Mali	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	
109	Sao Tome and Principe	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Sri Lanka	-6	1	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
109	Vanuatu	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
118	Honduras	-7	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0	
118	Kiribati	-7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
118	Kyrgyzstan	-7	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0	
118	Pakistan	-7	1	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
118	Palau	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
118	Philippines	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	
118	Poland	-7	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	
118	Saint Kitts and Nevis	-7	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
118	Trinidad & Tobago	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	
127	Burkina Faso	-8	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
127	Gabon	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
127	Grenada	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
127	Lebanon	-8	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	
127	Namibia	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
127	Nicaragua	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0	
127	Paraguay	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	
127	Tuvalu	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
127	Vatican City	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	
127	Venezuela	-8	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0	
137	Bahrain	-9	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0	
137	Bangladesh	-9	0	-1	0	1	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	
137	Guatemala	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0	
137	Guinea	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	
137	Tajikistan	-9	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0	
137	Tonga	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	
143	Azerbaijan	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	
143	Bahamas	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0	
143	Burundi	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	
143	Central African Rep.	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0	
143	Comoros Islands	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
143	Dem.Rep. of Congo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	
143	Equatorial Guinea	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
143	Guyana	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	
143	Haiti	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0	
143	Jordan	-10	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	
143	Kenya	-10	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	
143	Myanmar	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	
143	Papua New Guinea	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
143	Republic of the Congo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
143	Rwanda	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0	
143	Saint Vincent and the	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	
143	Sierra Leone	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0	
143	Togo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0	
143	Turkey	-10	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0	
162	Belarus	-11	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	0	0	
162	Chad	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	

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162	Djibouti	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
162	Dominica	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Dominican Republic	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
162	Gambia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Korea North	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	0
162	Liberia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Madagascar	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
162	Maldives	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Solomon Islands	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
162	Uzbekistan	-11	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
174	Algeria	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0
174	Eswatini	-12	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-2	0
174	Ghana	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
174	Ivory Coast	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
174	Jamaica	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	0
174	Mauritania	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	-1
174	Oman	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0
174	Sudan	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
174	Zambia	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
174	Zimbabwe	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	0
184	Cameroon	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	0
184	Eritrea	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
184	Indonesia	-13	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
184	Senegal	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	0
184	Syria	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-1	-1
189	Brunei	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	0	-1
189	Egypt	-14	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
189	Ethiopia	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
189	Indonesia/Aceh	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	-1
189	Iraq	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
189	Malawi	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0
189	Morocco	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
189	South Sudan	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
189	Tunisia	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
189	Turkmenistan	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
199	Malaysia	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	0
199	Tanzania	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
201	Kuwait	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	0	0
201	Libya	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1
201	Qatar	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	-1
201	United Arab Emirates	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1
205	Nigeria	-17	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	-3
205	Russia	-17	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
207	Somalia	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	-5
207	Uganda	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3
209	Yemen	-19	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1
210	Afghanistan	-21	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
210	Chechnya	-21	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
210	Iran	-21	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
210	Saudi Arabia	-21	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	-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 ten years now, a culture war over liberality has been intensifying in the USA. What began with anti-trans laws and campaigns culminated in tough censorship in the post-Trump era: 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 LGBT+

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 LGBT+ 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.

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Ranking 2024	State	Total										
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Option	Hate Crime Law	Censorship	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Queer Infrastructure	Gay and Trans* Panic Defense	Locals Hostile
1	New York	14	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
2	California	13	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
2	Colorado	13	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
2	Nevada	13	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
2	Oregon	13	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
6	Washington	12	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
6	Washington DC	12	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
8	Illinois	11	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
8	Massachusetts	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	1
8	New Jersey	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1
8	New Mexico	11	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
12	Connecticut	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
12	Maryland	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
12	Rhode Island	10	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
15	Hawaii	9	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
15	Maine	9	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
15	Vermont	9	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	1
15	Virginia	9	2	2	1	2	-1	1	1	1	0	0
19	Minnesota	8	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0
20	Michigan	7	2	2	-1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	-0
20	New Hampshire	7	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	1
20	Pennsylvania	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	-1	1
23	Delaware	6	2	2	-1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	1
23	Utah	6	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	-1	0
25	Ohio	5	2	2	1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	1
26	Arizona	4	2	1	-1	1	0	0	1	1	-1	0
27	Wisconsin	3	2	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1
28	Georgia	1	2	0	-1	1	0	-1	1	1	-1	-1
29	Alaska	0	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
29	Arkansas	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	1	0	-1	-1
29	Idaho	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
29	Indiana	0	1	0	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
29	Louisiana	0	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
29	Missouri	0	1	0	-1	2	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1
29	South Carolina	0	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
36	Iowa	-1	2	0	-1	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
36	Kansas	-1	2	-1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
36	Kentucky	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	-1
36	Nebraska	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
36	Texas	-1	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
36	Wyoming	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
42	Florida	-2	1	-1	0	1	-2	-1	1	1	-1	-1
42	North Carolina	-2	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
42	North Dakota	-2	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
42	South Dakota	-2	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
46	West Virginia	-3	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
47	Alabama	-4	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
47	Mississippi	-4	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
47	Tennessee	-4	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	-1	-1
50	Montana	-5	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
51	Oklahoma	-6	1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	-1	-1