

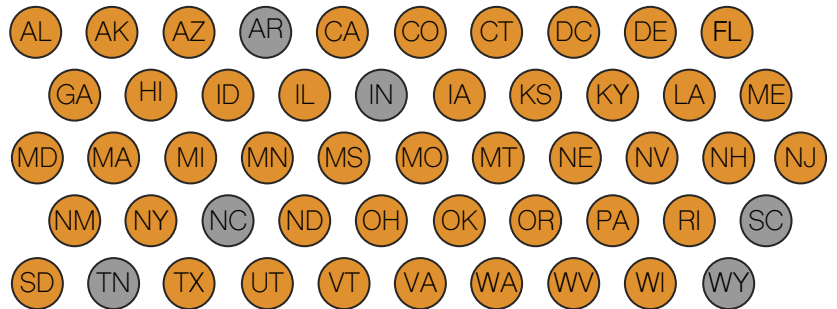
Only 17 States in the U.S. Are Safe for Transgender People

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In the United States of America, only 17 states have laws that protect transgender people from employment and housing discrimination, as well as explicitly mention gender in their hate crime legislation. This means that, in terms of housing, employment, and protection from acts of hate, there are only 17 states—out of 50, plus DC—that are safe for trans individuals to live in.

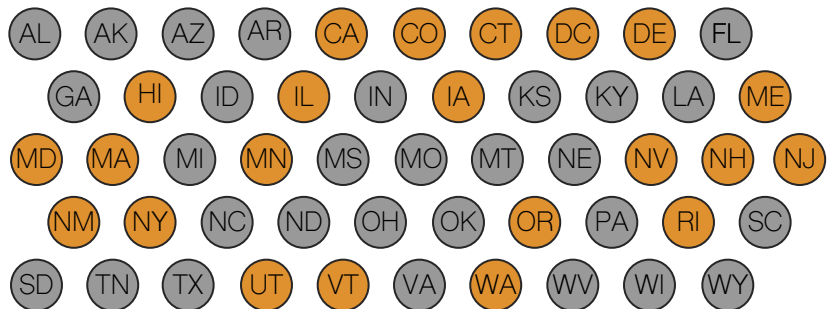
Four states (AR, IN, SC, and WY) have no hate crime law on their books at all, and three states (AR, NC, and TN) have local ordinances forbidding the passage of any non-discrimination laws.

45 safe; **5** unsafe



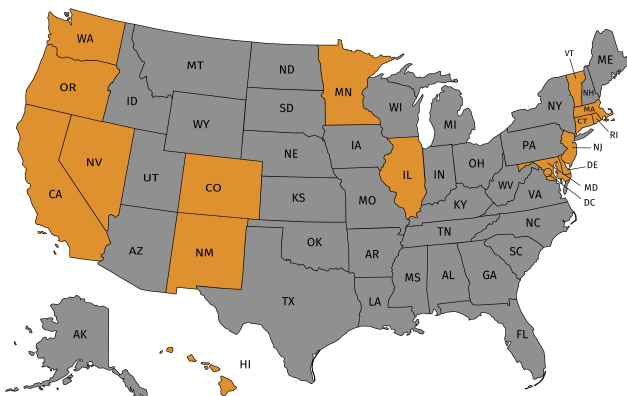
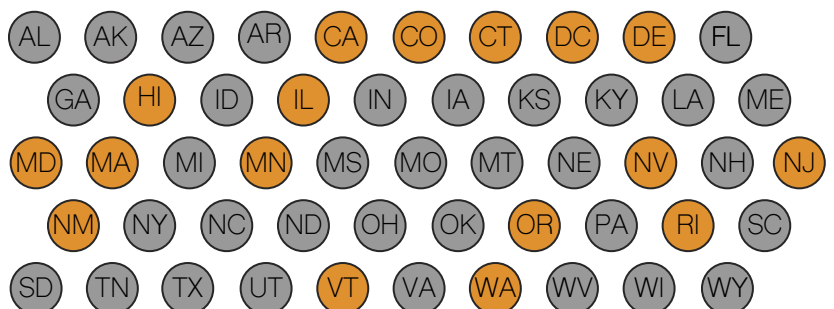
Housing and employment discrimination are mentioned under the same laws in all 50 states (+DC), so the states that don't forbid either one based on gender have been grouped here.

21 safe; **29** unsafe



Most states without gender-based hate crime discrimination also lack gender-based housing and employment discrimination law—but there are enough that lack the necessary hate crime legislation to change the count.

17 safe; **34** unsafe



This graphic only examines three basic points of data—employment, housing, and hate crime legislation—without going into finer points of safety, such as the laws around medically transitioning or the requirements for name changes. This graphic examines only safety, not necessarily comfort—and less than one-fifth of the United States passes that examination.