

LEWISTON, MAINE 1/2

2023 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

I. Non-Discrimination Laws**

II. Municipality as Employer

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE

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.

By offering equivalent benefits and

LGBTQ+ employees equally.

protections to LGBTQ+ employees, awarding

taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace,

municipalities commit themselves to treating

contracts to fair-minded businesses, and

Employment		
Housing		















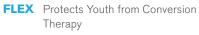
Public Accommodations





















Non-Discrimination in City Employment





City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance







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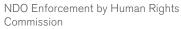


III. Municipal Services

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

Human Rights Commission

Inclusive Workplace



LGBTQ+ Liaison in City Executive's Office



COUNTY





AVAILABLE



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SCORE

FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services



Older Adults

with HIV or AIDS

FLEX City Provides Services to the Transgender Community













FLEX City Provides Services to People Living













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IV. Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes

thoughtful and respectful way.

responsible reporting of hate crimes and

engaging with the LGBTQ+ community in a

LGBTQ+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department

Reported 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI





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Leaders

12 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

FLEX Openly LGBTQ+ Elected or Appointed

FLEX City Tests Limits of Restrictive State





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1 out of 8



TOTAL SCORE 60 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 4 =

Final Score 64

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 -



- PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



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

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