

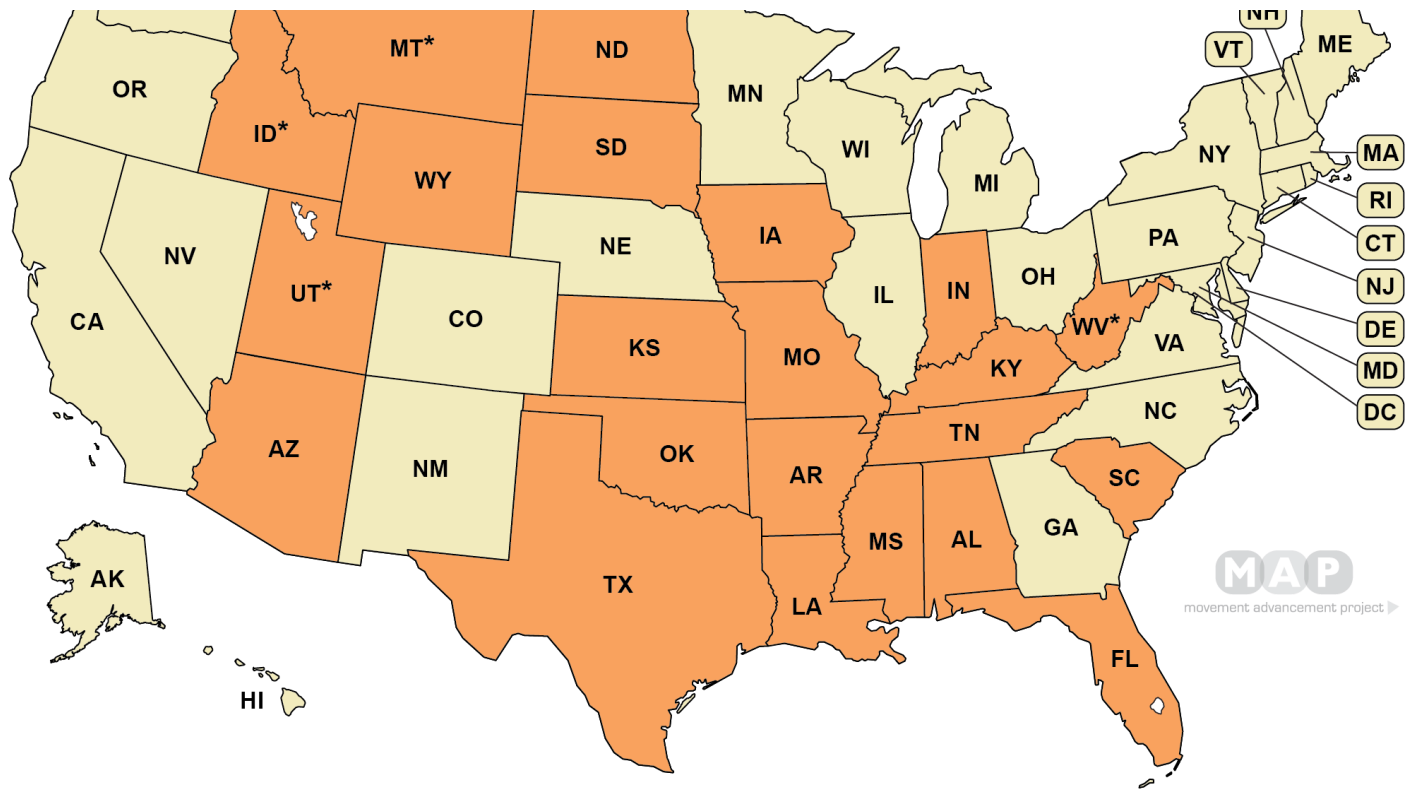
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# BANS ON TRANSGENDER YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS

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Recently, anti-LGBTQ activists and politicians have introduced – and passed – laws to ban transgender youth from participating in school sports, most frequently in K-12 schools but sometimes including in college. These laws mean that transgender girls, for example, would not be allowed to participate in sports with other girls. Local schools and state athletic associations already have policies that both protect transgender people and ensure a level playing field for all athletes. In contrast, the policies shown below are blanket bans on transgender people’s participation in sports, and they are both unnecessary and harmful.

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## U.S. Territories



State law bans transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity  
(22 states)

State law does not ban transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity  
(28 states, 5 territories + D.C.)

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**\*Note:** Currently, temporary injunctions are blocking enforcement of the bans in Idaho (*Hecox v. Little* ([https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field\\_document/hecox\\_v\\_little\\_-\\_order\\_granding\\_preliminary\\_injunction.pdf](https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/hecox_v_little_-_order_granding_preliminary_injunction.pdf)), Aug 2020), West Virginia (*B.P.J. v. West Virginia* (<https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/bpj-v-west-virginia-state-board-education-order-granting-preliminary-injunction>), July 2021), ([https://www.aclu-in.org/sites/default/files/field\\_documents/dkt\\_61\\_-\\_preliminjorder.pdf](https://www.aclu-in.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/dkt_61_-_preliminjorder.pdf)) and Utah (*Roe v. Utah HSAA* (<https://www.acluutah.org/en/cases/roe-v-utah-high-school-activities-association-2022>), Aug 2022), but the cases are still active in the court system pending further judicial review. This map will be updated as those cases progress. Additionally, a court order in Montana (*Barrett v. Montana* (<https://apps.montanafreepress.org/montana-legislature-lawsuit-tracker/#case-18-DV-21-0581>), Sept 2022) has permanently blocked the state's ban as it applies to higher education, but not K-12. Click "Citations & More Information" beneath the map legend for more information on each and every state.

While in 2020 Idaho became the first state to legislate whether transgender student-athletes can play sports, many state high school athletic associations have developed their own policies, which also vary widely from state to state. For more on these associations' policies, see Trans Athlete's tracking (<https://www.transathlete.com/k-12>).

For more information, see Athlete Ally (<https://www.athleteally.org/>) or the Women's Sports Foundation (<https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/>).

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## Percent of Transgender Youth Covered by Laws

\*Note: These percentages reflect estimates of the transgender youth (ages 13-17) population living in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Estimates of transgender youth in the U.S. territories or under age 13 are not available, and so cannot be reflected here. Population estimates are from The Williams Institute (<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/trans-adults-united-states/>).

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**31%**

31 % of transgender youth (ages 13-17) live in states that have laws preventing transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity

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**69%**

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*Data current as of 06/07/2023*

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