

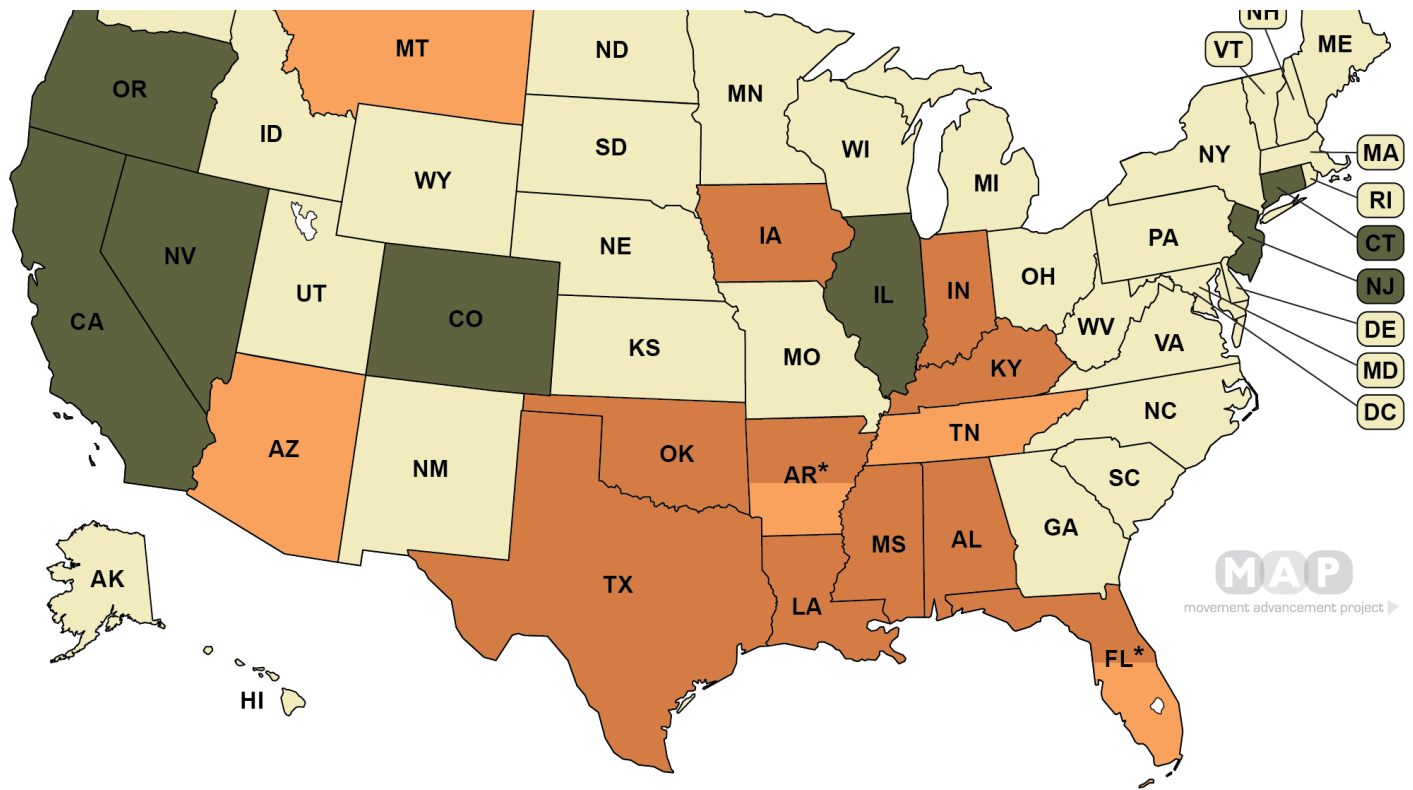
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LGBTQ CURRICULAR LAWS

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LGBTQ-related curricular laws are important for LGBTQ students’ health, wellbeing, and academic success. This map shows three distinct policies related to LGBTQ inclusion in—or exclusion from—school curricula or standards. First, LGBTQ-inclusive curricular laws explicitly require the state’s curricular standards to include LGBTQ people and history, such as in subjects like history, civics, or social studies. Harmful, exclusionary laws include parental opt-out laws, which require parents to be notified in advance of LGBTQ-inclusive curricula and allow parents to opt their children out of those classes. “Don’t Say Gay or Trans” policies censor teachers and staff from even talking about LGBTQ people or issues. Learn more about the importance of inclusive curricular standards from GLSEN (<https://www.glsen.org/activity/inclusive-curriculum-standards>).

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U.S. Territories

American Samoa

Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Puerto Rico

U.S. Virgin Islands



State law explicitly requires LGBTQ inclusion in state curricular standards (7 states)

State has none of these LGBTQ-specific curricular laws (30 states, 5 territories + D.C.)

State law requires parental notification of LGBTQ-inclusive curricula and allows parents to opt their children out (5 states)

State law censors discussions of LGBTQ people or issues in school (i.e., “Don’t Say Gay or Trans”) (10 states)



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*Note: Arkansas and Florida have both a "Don't Say Gay or Trans" law censoring discussions of LGBTQ people in schools and a parental opt-out law. Click "Citations & More Information" beneath the map legend, or the "Citations" tab above, for more information and these and all states.

Often, laws requiring LGBTQ-inclusive curricular standards also require inclusive representation of other communities like people of color, people with disabilities, and religious minorities. Learn more about the importance of inclusive curricular standards from GLSEN (<https://www.glsen.org/activity/inclusive-curriculum-standards>).

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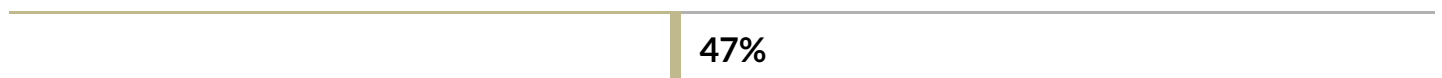
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Percent of Adult LGBTQ Population Covered by Laws

*Note: These percentages reflect estimates of the LGBTQ adult population living in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Estimates of the LGBTQ adult population in the five inhabited U.S. territories are not available, and so cannot be reflected here.



27 % of LGBTQ population lives in states that require inclusion of LGBTQ people/history in school curricular standards



47 % of LGBTQ population lives in states with none of these LGBTQ-specific curricular laws



10 % of LGBTQ population lives in states that have a law allowing parents to opt children out of LGBTQ-inclusive curricula



23 % of LGBTQ population lives in states that censor discussions of LGBTQ people or issues in school (i.e., "Don't Say Gay or Trans")

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