



2002 Year In Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In the year 2002, the number of people, according to the 2000 Census, who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **18,472,684 people**, just barely **more than doubling** the number of people covered in the U.S. when 2002 began. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **36.8 million people**, **13%** of the U.S. population.

The 15 local jurisdictions that added protection for transgender people, either alone or simultaneously with sexual orientation:

Erie County, PA – February 26, 2002 – Vote 6-1
East Lansing, MI – March 19, 2002 – Vote 4-0
Allentown, PA – April 3, 2002 – Vote 5-2
Tacoma, WA – April 23, 2002 – Vote 8-1
New York City, NY – April 30, 2002 – Vote 45-5
Dallas, TX – May 8, 2002 – Vote 13-2
Philadelphia, PA – May 16, 2002 – Vote 15-2
Salem, OR – June 11, 2002 – Vote 6-2
New Hope, PA – September 10, 2002 – Vote 6-0
Buffalo, NY – September 17, 2002 – Vote 12-1
Decatur, IL – October 7, 2002 – Vote 6-1
Boston, MA – October 23, 2002 – Vote 9-1
Chicago, IL – November 7, 2002 – Vote 40-9
Cook County, IL – November 19, 2002 – Vote 14-1-1
Baltimore, MD – November 25, 2002 – Vote 18-0

Vote Totals for Local Jurisdictions: 207 yes votes, 28 no votes, 1 abstention

STATEWIDE VICTORIES (2)

New Jersey passed a Safe Schools Law, which covered gender identity or expression among many other categories:

Passed Assembly – June 20, 2002 – Vote 74-0-2 abstentions
Passed Senate – June 24, 2002 – Vote 38-0
Signed by Governor McGreevey - September 6, 2002

Pennsylvania passed a Hate Crimes Law, which added gender identity among many other categories:

Passed Senate – June 21, 2001 – Vote 32-15
Passed House – November 26, 2002 – Vote 118-79
Signed by Governor Schweiker - December 3, 2002



2003 Year In Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In the year 2003, the number of people who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **32,035,137 people**, nearly **doubling** the number of people covered in the U.S. when 2003 began. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **68.8 million people**, **24.5%** of the U.S. population, at the beginning of 2003, it was 36.8 million people or 13% of the population. (Numbers according to 2000 Census)

The 12 local jurisdictions that have added protection for transgender people, either alone or simultaneously with sexual orientation, in 2003, are:

Key West, FL – January 7, 2003 – Vote 7-0
Springfield, IL – January 7, 2003 – Vote 8-1-1
El Paso, TX – April 8, 2003 – Vote 8-0
Monroe County, FL – April 16, 2003 – Vote 5-0
Peoria, IL – April 22, 2003 – Vote 8-3
Covington, KY – April 29, 2003 – Vote 5-0
Ithaca, NY – July 9, 2003 – Vote 10-0
San Diego, CA – July 28, 2003 – Vote 9-0
Lake Oswego, OR – Oct. 21, 2003 – Vote 7-0
Carbondale, IL – Oct. 21, 2003 – Vote 7-0
University City, MO – Nov. 3, 2003 – Vote 6-1
Scranton, PA – Dec. 8, 2003 – Vote 5-0

Vote Total for Nondiscrimination Laws in Local Jurisdictions: 85 yes votes, 5 no votes, 1 abstention
(note 9 of the 12 localities passed with unanimous votes)

STATEWIDE VICTORIES (4)

California amended the definition of sex to include protections for gender identity or expression in its employment and housing non-discrimination law:

Passed Assembly – April 21, 2003 – Vote 42-34
Passed Senate – July 24, 2003 – Vote 23-11
Signed by Governor Gray Davis – August 2, 2003

New Mexico added sexual orientation and gender identity to its non-discrimination law covering housing, employment and public accommodations:

Passed Senate – February 26, 2003 – Vote 22-18
Passed House – March 21, 2003 – Vote 32-26
Signed by Governor Bill Richardson – April 8, 2003

New Mexico passed a hate crime law that included gender identity or expression among many other categories:

Passed Senate – February 7, 2003 – Vote 24-17
Passed House – March 20, 2003 – Vote 39-27
Signed by Governor Bill Richardson – April 8, 2003

Hawai`i amended its hate crime law to include crimes motivated by gender identity or expression:

Passed Senate – March 4, 2003 – Vote 22-3
Passed House – March 31, 2003 – Vote 39 - 8 (4 excused)
Became law without Governor Linda Lingle's Signature – April 22, 2003



2004 Year In Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In the year 2004, the number of people, according to the 2000 Census, who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **1,067,918 people**. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **69 million people, 25%** of the U.S. population.

The local jurisdictions that added protection for transgender people, either alone or simultaneously with sexual orientation:

Oakland, CA – January 7, 2004 – Vote 7-0
Tompkins County, NY – February 17, 2004 – Vote 11-4
Albany, NY – April 7, 2004 – Vote 13-1
Austin, TX – June 10, 2004 – Vote 7-0
Bend, OR – June 16 – Vote 7-0
Miami Beach, FL – July 7, 2004 – Vote 7-0
Burien, WA – November 1, 2004 – Vote 6-0
Beaverton, OR – November 15, 2004 – Vote 5-0

Note: On December 9, 2004, the Louisville Metro Council re-passed Louisville/Jefferson County's anti-discrimination law, an action needed to preserve the law after the City of Louisville and Jefferson County merged on January 6, 2003. The vote was 19-6.

Vote Totals for Local Jurisdictions: 82 yes votes and 11 no votes, with six of the nine jurisdictions passing their laws unanimously.

STATEWIDE VICTORY

Connecticut added “gender identity and expression” to the state hate crimes law:
Passed House of Representatives – April 22, 2004– Vote 139-4
Passed Senate – April 29, 2004 – Vote 33-0
Signed by Governor Rowland – May 21, 2004



2005 Year in Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In the year 2005, the number of people who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **10,474,538 people**. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **80.4 million people, 29%** of the U.S. population. (Data according to 2000 Census)

STATEWIDE VICTORIES

Illinois amended its non-discrimination law to include LGBT protections:

Passed Assembly – January 12, 2005 – Vote 65-51
Passed Senate – January 11, 2005 – Vote 30-27
Signed by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich – January 21, 2005

Maine amended its non-discrimination law to include LGBT protections:

Passed Assembly – March 30, 2005 – Vote 91-58
Passed Senate – March 30, 2005 – Vote 25-10
Signed by Governor John Baldacci – March 31, 2005

Maryland amended its state hate crimes law to include LGBT protections:

Passed House – March 24, 2005 – Vote 93-41
Passed Senate – April 8, 2005 – Vote 34-13
Signed by Governor Robert Ehrlich – May 26, 2005

Colorado amended its hate crimes law to include LGBT protections, as part of the omnibus law enforcement bill:

Passed House – April, 7 2005 (no vote on the omnibus package)
Passed Senate – April 27, 2005 (no vote on the omnibus package)
Passed without Governor Bill Owens' signature – May 27, 2005

Hawai'i amended its housing non-discrimination law to include LGBT protections:

Passed Senate – April 4, 2005 – Vote 20-5
Passed House – April 21, 2005 – Vote 44-7
Signed by Governor Linda Lingle – July 12, 2005

California amended its insurance code to prohibit discrimination against trans people:

Passed Assembly – September 7, 2005 – Vote 45-34
Passed Senate – September 6, 2005 – Vote 23-14
Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger – September 29, 2005

California clarified that discrimination by public accommodations against LGBT people is prohibited:

Passed Assembly – August 29, 2005 – Vote 48-29
Passed Senate – August 22, 2005 – Vote 22-16
Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger – September 29, 2005

LOCAL VICTORIES

Gulfport, FL – October 4, 2005 – Vote 5–0
Lincoln City, OR – November 14, 2005 – Vote 7–0
Washington, DC – December 6, 2005 – Vote 13–0
Northampton, MA – December 15, 2005 – Vote 9–0
Indianapolis, IN – December 19, 2005 – Vote 15–14
Decorah, IA – exact date and vote unknown



2006 Year in Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In the year 2006, the number of people who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **14,172,038 people**. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **94 million people, 34%** of the U.S. population. (Data according to 2000 Census)

STATEWIDE VICTORIES

Washington state amended its non-discrimination law to include LGBT protections:

Passed House – January 27, 2006 – Vote 61-37

Passed Senate – January 27, 2006 – Vote 25-23

Signed by Governor Christine Gregoire – January 31, 2006

Hawai`i enacted a law prohibiting discrimination against LGBT people in public accommodations:

Passed House – March 7, 2006

Passed Senate – April 3, 2006 – Vote 18-4 (3 excused)

Became law without the signature of Governor Linda Lingle – May 2, 2006

New Jersey enacted a law prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or expression:

Passed Senate – December 11, 2006 – Vote 31-5, December 14, 2006 Vote – 33-3

Passed Assembly – December 14, 2006 – Vote 69-5 (6 abstentions)

Signed by Governor John Corzine on December 19, 2006

LOCAL VICTORIES

Cincinnati, OH – March 15, 2006 – Vote 8-1

Swarthmore, PA – March 13, 2006 – Vote 7-0

Lansdowne, PA – March 15, 2006 – Vote 7-0

King County, WA – March 27, 2006 – Vote 5-4

Bloomington, IN – April 12, 2006 – Vote 7-0 (1 abstention)

Easton, PA – July 12, 2006 – Vote 5-0

Hillsboro, OR – August 15, 2006 – Vote 5-0

West Chester, PA – September 20, 2006 – Vote 6-0

Ferndale, MI – November 7, 2006 – City vote, 65%-35%

Lansing, MI – December 18, 2006 – Vote 8-0

Johnson County, IA – December 21, 2006 – Vote 5-0



2007 Year in Review State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

In 2007, the number of people who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **12 million people**. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **107 million, 38%** of the U.S. population. (Data according to 2000 Census)

STATEWIDE VICTORIES

Oregon enacted a law prohibiting discrimination against LGBT people:

Passed Senate – Vote 19-7 – April 19, 2007
Passed Assembly – Vote 35-25 – April 17, 2007
Signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski on May 9, 2007

Iowa enacted a law prohibiting discrimination against LGBT people:

Passed House – Vote 59-37 – April 25, 2007
Passed Senate – Vote 34-16 – April 25, 2007
Signed by Governor Chet Culver on May 25, 2007

Vermont passed a law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people:

Passed House – Vote 118-28 – May 2, 2007
Passed Senate – Vote 27-1 – March 16, 2007
Signed by Governor Jim Douglas on May 22, 2007

Colorado enacted a law prohibiting discrimination against LGBT people:

Passed House – Vote 44-18 – May 1, 2007
Passed Senate – Vote 20-15 – April 17, 2007
Signed by Governor Bill Ritter on May 25, 2007

LOCAL VICTORIES

West Palm Beach, FL – May 7, 2007 – Vote 5-0
Saugatuck Township, MI – July 11, 2007 – Vote 5-0
Wasco County, OR – July 11, 2007 – Vote 3-0
Lake Worth, FL – July 17, 2007 – Vote 5-0
Milwaukee, WI – July 31, 2007 – Vote 13-0
Charleston, WV – August 20, 2007 – Vote 26-0
Saugatuck city, MI – August 27, 2007 – Vote 7-0
Montgomery County, MD – November 13, 2007 – Vote 8-0
Waterloo, IA – November 13, 2007 – Vote 7-0
Dayton, OH – November 21, 2007 – Vote 3-1
State College, PA – December 17, 2007 – Vote unanimous
Palm Beach County, FL – December 18, 2007 – Vote unanimous



2008 Year in Review, Thus Far State and Local Trans-Inclusive Legislation

As of April 2008, the number of people who reside in a city, county or state that has explicit coverage for transgender people in its anti-discrimination law, rose by **2 million people**. The total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination law in the United States is **109 million, 39%** of the U.S. population. (Data according to 2000 Census)

STATEWIDE VICTORIES

(none)

LOCAL VICTORIES

Gainesville, FL – January 29, 2008 – Vote 4-3

Broward County, FL – February 12, 2008 – Vote 9-0

Kansas City, MO – April 3, 2008 – Vote 13-0