




Summary Report

State Fair Housing Protections

Forty-nine states and D.C. have adopted their own fair housing laws to expand upon protections outlined in the federal Fair Housing Act. These laws regulate which protected classes are included, the types of discriminatory actions that are prohibited, and when discrimination is exempt under the law.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying state fair housing laws in effect from August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2019. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting www.lawatlas.org.

	<p>Sexual Orientation is a Protected Class</p> <p>Twenty-three jurisdictions include sexual orientation as a protected class under the law. Additionally, 20 of these 23 jurisdictions also include gender identity as a protected class.</p> <p>Jurisdictions as of 8/1/19: 23 (CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, HI, IL, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, UT, VT, WA, WI)</p>
	<p>Evicting a Tenant is Prohibited Conduct</p> <p>Eleven jurisdictions explicitly prohibit eviction as discriminatory conduct under the law.</p> <p>Jurisdictions as of 8/1/19: 11 (CA, GA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, OR, PA, VA, WA, WI)</p>
	<p>Duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing</p> <p>Eight jurisdictions impose a duty on the state to administer their programs and activities in a manner affirmatively to further fair housing policies.</p> <p>Jurisdictions as of 8/1/19: 8 (CT, DE, FL, GA, LA, MA, NE, WV)</p>