

# SOUTH DAKOTA'S EQUALITY PROFILE

## Quick Facts About South Dakota

Percent of Adults (18+) Who are LGBTQ <b>3%</b> <i>Gallup/Williams 2019</i>	Total LGBTQ Population (13+) <b>25,000</b> <i>Williams 2020</i>	Percent of Workforce That is LGBTQ <b>3%</b> <i>Census 2018; Williams 2020</i>	Total LGBTQ Workers <b>15,000</b> <i>Williams 2020</i>	Percent of LGBTQ Adults (25+) Raising Children <b>29%</b> <i>Gallup/Williams 2019</i>
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## South Dakota's LGBTQ Policy Tally



Sexual Orientation Policy  
Tally:

**-0.5/23**



**NEGATIVE**

Gender Identity Policy  
Tally:

**-7/26**



**NEGATIVE**

Overall Tally:

**-7.5/49**

**NEGATIVE**



MAP's "LGBTQ Policy Tally" examines each state's LGBTQ policy climate, as measured by over 50 pro- or anti-LGBTQ laws and policies. These laws are grouped into seven major categories: relationship and parental recognition; non-discrimination; religious exemptions; LGBTQ youth; healthcare; criminal justice; and the ability for transgender people to correct name and gender markers on identity documents. See the state's full profile for more detailed information.

Scores as of 04/24/2025. For full state profile, visit: [https://www.mapresearch.org/equality\\_maps/profile\\_state/SD](https://www.mapresearch.org/equality_maps/profile_state/SD)

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