

Fair Housing Protected Classes by State

In addition to the seven protected classes under federal FHA (race, color, religion, sex, handicap/disability, familial status, and national origin), state fair housing laws extend protections to other groups. Here's a rundown of the current additional protected classes in each state, as of July 1, 2025:

Alabama: Pregnancy

Alaska: Age, ancestry, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy

Arizona*: Pregnancy

Arkansas: Pregnancy

California: Sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, genetic information, source of income, military or veteran status, ancestry, age, pregnancy

Colorado: Ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, creed

Connecticut: Sexual orientation, civil union status, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, source of income, military or veteran status, ancestry, age, pregnancy, creed, erased criminal history information

Delaware: Marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, creed, source of income

District of Columbia: Age, marital status, pregnancy, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family responsibilities, matriculation (i.e., students), political affiliation, source of income, victim of intra-family offense, place of residence or business, homelessness status, sealed eviction record

Florida*: Pregnancy

Georgia: Pregnancy

Hawaii: Age, Ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, HIV/AIDS status

Idaho: Ancestry

Illinois: Sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, order of protection status, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, ancestry, age, pregnancy, source of income, arrest record

Indiana: Pregnancy

Iowa: Sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, creed

Kansas*: Ancestry

Kentucky*: Pregnancy

Louisiana: Pregnancy, natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle

Maine: Ancestry, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, status as domestic abuse order of protection recipient

Maryland: Marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, source of income

Massachusetts: Age, ancestry, children, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, military or veteran status, source of income, genetic information

Michigan: Ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, source of income

Minnesota: Ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, status as recipient of public assistance, pregnancy, hairstyles, creed

Mississippi: Ancestry

Missouri: Ancestry, pregnancy

Montana: Age, ancestry, marital status, creed

Nebraska*: Pregnancy

Nevada: Ancestry, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, creed

New Hampshire: Age, ancestry, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status

New Jersey: Ancestry, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military status, source of income, pregnancy, creed

New Mexico: Ancestry, marital status, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related condition

New York: Age, Ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military status, source of income, pregnancy, domestic violence victim status, citizenship or immigration status

North Carolina: Pregnancy

North Dakota*: Age, ancestry, marital status, public assistance recipient status, pregnancy

Ohio*: Ancestry, military status, pregnancy

Oklahoma: Age, pregnancy

Oregon: Ancestry, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, source of income, pregnancy, domestic violence victim

Pennsylvania*: Age, ancestry, pregnancy

Rhode Island: Age, ancestry, country of ancestral origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military status, domestic violence victim status, pregnancy

South Carolina: Pregnancy

South Dakota: Ancestry, pregnancy

Tennessee: Ancestry, pregnancy

Texas: Pregnancy

Utah: Ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, pregnancy

Vermont: Age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, recipient of public assistance status, sexual assault, stalking or abuse victim status, pregnancy

Virginia: Age, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, military status

Washington: Ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, pregnancy, creed, citizenship or immigration status

West Virginia: Ancestry, pregnancy

Wisconsin: Age, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking victim status, source of income, pregnancy

Wyoming: Pregnancy

**States where the ban on sex discrimination is interpreted as applying to sexual orientation and gender identity*