



 **States with laws or policies expressly prohibiting discrimination against gay individuals in the adoption process (6 states):**  
California (2004), Maryland (2005), Massachusetts (2005), Nevada (2005), New Jersey (2001), New York (2005)

 **States with laws or policies expressly restricting gay adoption (4 states):**  
Florida (1977) (prohibits "homosexual" individuals from adopting), Michigan (2004) (Attorney General opinion states that same-sex couples married in other jurisdictions may not jointly adopt children in Michigan), Mississippi (2000) (prohibits adoption by same-sex couples), Nebraska (1995) (directive of the then director of Nebraska's Department of Social Service prohibits adoption by gay individuals as well as unmarried, cohabitating individuals)

 **States with laws or policies that may have the effect of restricting gay adoption (3 states):**  
North Dakota (2003) (allows child-placing agencies to discriminate against prospective adoptive parents based on religious or moral objection), Utah (2000, 2007) (prohibits adoption by unmarried, cohabitating individuals (2000); gives preference to married couples over single adults in adoption placement decisions (2007)), Arkansas (2008) (prohibits adoption by unmarried, cohabitating individuals)