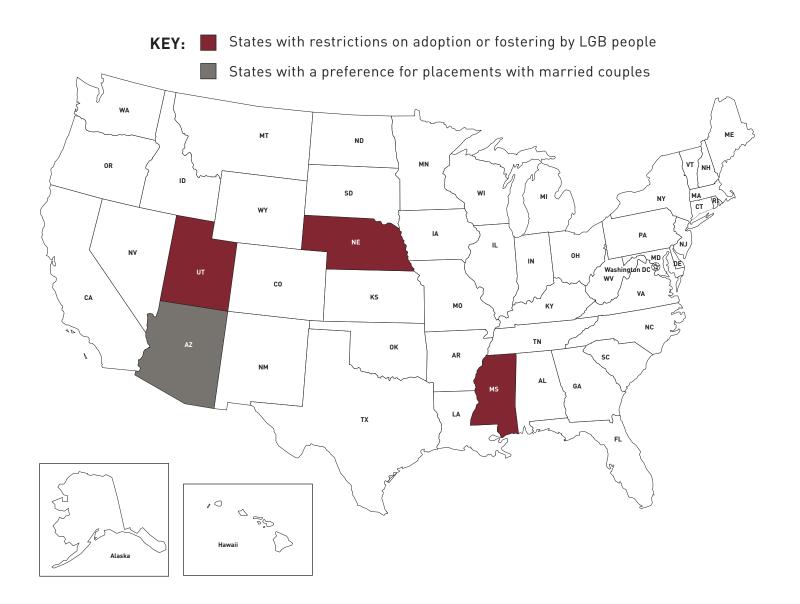
States with restrictions on adoption or fostering by LGB people



Arizona: Law enacted in 2011 gives preference to "a married man and woman" over any single individual in adoption. 2011 Ariz Legis Serv. 147 (S.B. 1188) ("If all relevant factors are equal and the choice is between a married man and woman certified to adopt and a single adult certified to adopt, placement preference shall be with a married man and woman")(approved by governor, April 18, 2011).

Mississippi: Law enacted in 2000 provides: "Adoption by couples of the same gender is prohibited." Miss. Code § 93-17-3[5].

Nebraska: 1995 Administrative Memorandum of the Nebraska Division of Children and Family Services bars foster home licensing of homes of persons who identify as "homosexual" or unrelated, unmarried adults residing together. Whether the ban on "homosexuals" is still enforced is unclear.

Utah: Law enacted in 2000 provides: "A child may not be adopted by a person who is cohabiting in a relationship that is not a legally valid and binding marriage under the laws of this state." Utah Code Ann. § 78B-6-117(3); see also § 62A-4a-602 (cohabitation prohibition applies to foster parents).