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# Wave V

## Sexual Minority Policy User Guide



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## Introduction

This contextual database further expands the collection of contextual data on sexual minority policies currently available to users of The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) for Wave III and Wave IV through the provision of several state-level measures reported by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). This database includes indicators of the policy context for sexual minorities (a population typically defined on the basis of co-residence with a same-sex partner or self-identification as gay, lesbian, or bisexual) in Wave V of Add Health. These data will enable researchers to examine how state-level policies in young adulthood are associated with a wide range of indicators of health and well-being among sexual minorities. The variables included in this contextual database measure context at the state level. Wave V measures correspond to the time period following Wave IV through to the start of Wave V (2010-2016). For instance, if a state implemented hate crime statutory provisions based on sexual orientation prior to or during 2016, then respondents are classified as having this provision at the time of the Wave V interview.

## Data Structure and Form

The data file (w5sexminpolicy.sas7bdat) contains a total of 5 variables. The first variable is the respondent identifier (AID), by which these data can be merged with other Add Health data files. The remaining variables include state-level measures of sexual minority policy.

## Source Description

### Human Rights Campaign, 2010-2016

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans. The HRC collects and disseminates information on LGBT laws and policies related to topics such as marriage, adoption, hate crimes, and employment. In addition, the HRC releases an annual state-by-state summary of LGBT laws and policies. All four variables in this data file were generated using information from the HRC. These variables include employment discrimination at Wave V, hate crime legislation at Wave V, relationship recognition at Wave V, and adoption law related to sexual minorities at Wave V. All the HRC-derived variables in these Add Health data are based on maps presented on the HRC website or in the annual "State Equality Index" reports. More information about the HRC can be found on their website: <http://www.hrc.org/>.

## Variable Naming Conventions

The first character of the variable name represents the geographic scale; since all measures are state-level, all variables start with "S". The next character indicates the wave, which is "5" for all variables. The remainder of the variable names are descriptive.

## Data Dictionary

Name	Description
<b>S5EMPNONDISCR</b>	State prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation (Private and/or Public Employment)
<b>S5HATECRMPROV</b>	State has hate crime statutory provisions based on sexual orientation
<b>S5SAMESEXMRG</b>	State allows same-sex marriage/domestic partnership/civil union/reciprocal beneficiary relationships
<b>S5SSXJNTADOPT</b>	State allows same-sex joint adoption and/or second-partner adoption

## Missing codes

This dataset has one code that indicates the source of missing data.

- -9990 Respondent lacks the geocode necessary for merging the source data