

As of September 2024

### Overview

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Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

40M

66%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

**♀** AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

50/120 TOP 40%

**& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 

23/60 MEDIAN

**SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 

RANK: 18TH OUT OF 50

# **Economic Conditions**

Economic conditions refer to individual's and communities' financial well-being and the factors that impact it.

RANK: 24TH OUT OF 50



### **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

The ability to meet daily needs and sustain a comfortable standard of

11/30 MEDIAN

RANK: 28TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

12<sub>/30</sub> TOP 40% RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50

Intra-Generational Mobility Inter-Generational Mobility **Enabling Context** 

Immediate Security		Intra-Generational Mobility	
Ability to meet current daily needs.		Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life.	
RANK: 29TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 18TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	60%	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save	4%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold		Percentage households owning their home	
	55%		5%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)		Small business ownership per 100,000 people	
	95%		10
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	79%	Percentage people with retirement accounts	9%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line		Percentage borrowers with student loan debt	
	84%	16	6%
Future Resilience		Inter-Generational Mobility	
Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies.		Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than their parents.	ſ
RANK: 33TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 17TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	79.3%	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school	8%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent		Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)	
	43.9%	2	214
Percentage workers represented by a union		Number of births per 1,000 teenage females	• •
	16.9%		9.8
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	90.8%	Percentage children completing high school	7%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts		Percentage completion of post-secondary education	
	69.4%	37	7%
Enabling Context		Enabling Context	
Systems that Support Economic Security.		Systems that support Economic Mobility.	
RANK: 12TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 10TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. i	mpact	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)  18.	.63
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)		Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts	
	9.29	15	9%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	e 24	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based	0%
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Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	12%		6%
Tax inequality index		Economic Connectedness Score	25237.00
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**SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 

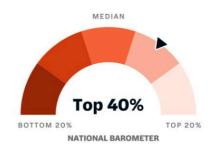
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# **Socio-Political Conditions**

Socio-political conditions refers to factors that influence the political power, civic engagement, and well-being of individuals and communities.

27<sub>/60</sub> TOP 40%

RANK: 18TH OUT OF 50



### CIVIC VITALITY

The ability to live freely and develop connection to their place of life.

27/60 TOP 40%

RANK: 18TH OUT OF 50



### DEMOCRATIC VITALITY

16/30 TOP 40%
RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50



Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belief	s.	Representative Elections  Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.	
RANK: 36TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 33TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	500	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	85%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	5	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	16%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	259	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	4.5
Police violence index	42%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	58%
Inclusiveness Index	60%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	25%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community  RANK: 29TH OUT OF 50  Rate of youth disconnection		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.  RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50  Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	
	13%		0.74
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	74%	Percentage women state legislators	37%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	8%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	2.07
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	20%	Presence of state open data laws	0
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	1.61	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	2
Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 15TH OUT OF 50		<b>Enabling Context</b> Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.  RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	1	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	5
Gini index	0.5	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	6.25
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	70%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	15.5
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	48%	Presence of small donor financing programs	0.5
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	48% 60 861	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	47