

As of September 2024

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35%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

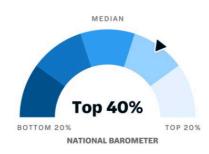


# **Economic Conditions**

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

25/60 TOP 409

RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

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

12/30 MEDIAN

RANK: 22ND OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

13/30 TOP 20%
RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50



Immediate Security Ability to meet current daily needs.	Intra-Generational Mobility  Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life.
RANK: 22TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50
	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses 66%	13%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	Percentage households owning their home
63%	65%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)	Small business ownership per 100,000 people
94%	11
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	Percentage people with retirement accounts
79%	68%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line 88%	Percentage borrowers with student loan debt
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.
RANK: 23TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school 63%
79.6%	
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent 46.8%	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)  223
Percentage workers represented by a union	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females
8.6%	11.1
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	Percentage children completing high school
90.5%	82%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts	Percentage completion of post-secondary education
74.8%	46%
Enabling Context	Enabling Context
Systems that Support Economic Security.	Systems that support Economic Mobility.
RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)
33%	13.39
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
7.54	21%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income 27	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based 99%
	Percentage households with multiple earners
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs  10%	59%
Tax inequality index	Economic Connectedness Score
-2%	0.95



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**♀** AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

56/120 TOP 20%

RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50

**& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 

25/60 TOP 40%

RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50

**SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 

32<sub>/60</sub> TOP 20%

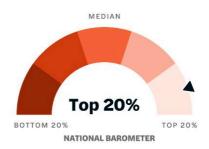
RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50

## **Socio-Political Conditions**

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

32/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50



#### CIVIC VITALITY

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

32/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50



## DEMOCRATIC VITALITY

The ability to engage in our political process to determine who they are represented by and how they are served.

22<sub>/30</sub> TOP 20%

RANK: 1ST OUT OF 50



Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belief	fs.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.	
RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 2TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	493	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	94%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	5	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	7%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	271	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	5
Police violence index	38%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	64%
Inclusiveness Index	58%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	32%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 32TH OUT OF 50		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.  RANK: 1TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	11%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.57
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	44%	Percentage women state legislators	53%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	13%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.76
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	28%	Presence of state open data laws	1
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	1.68	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	2
<b>Enabling Context</b> Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 24TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.  RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	1	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	5
Gini index	0.46	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	5.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	52%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	18
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	53%	Presence of small donor financing programs	0.5
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	53%	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	12