

As of September 2024

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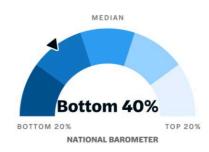


## **Economic Conditions**

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

17/60 воттом 40%

RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

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

9<sub>/30</sub> BOTTOM 40%

RANK: 37TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

8/30 BOTTOM 40%
RANK: 39TH 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: 42TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 48TH OUT OF 50
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
507	76
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold 559	Percentage households owning their home  66%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)	Small business ownership per 100,000 people
95%	
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	Percentage people with retirement accounts  50%
307	
Percentage children living above the child poverty line 789	Percentage borrowers with student loan debt  21%
Future Resilience Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies.	Inter-Generational Mobility  Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than their
RANK: 35TH OUT OF 50	parents. RANK: 39TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school
70.19	50%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent 52.19	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238) 217
Percentage workers represented by a union	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females
11.39	% 21.8
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	Percentage children completing high school
91.29	30%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts 70.49	Percentage completion of post-secondary education  28%
Enabling Context Systems that Support Economic Security.	Enabling Context Systems that support Economic Mobility.
RANK: 23TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 37TH OUT OF 50
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact	
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
3.3	3%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based
4	7 46%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	Percentage households with multiple earners 49%
Tax inequality index	Economic Connectedness Score
-59	0.00

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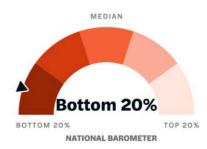
**♀** AGGREGATE CONDITIONS **1**/120 воттом 20% RANK: 41ST OUT OF 50 **& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 17/60 воттом 40% RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50 **SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 18/60 воттом 20%

RANK: 45TH 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.

RANK: 45TH OUT OF 50



### CIVIC VITALITY

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

18/60 воттом 20%

RANK: 45TH OUT OF 50



- Basic Liberties
- Community Cohesion
- **Enabling Context**

## DEMOCRATIC VITALITY

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

/30 воттом 20%

RANK: 42ND OUT OF 50



- Representative Elections
- Responsive Governance
- **Enabling Context**

Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and beliefs RANK: 18TH OUT OF 50  Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people		Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.  RANK: 26TH OUT OF 50  Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	214	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	95% 52%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	411	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	5
Police violence index	76%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	60%
Inclusiveness Index	45%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	23%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community  RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.  RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	14%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.33
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	22%	Percentage women state legislators	29%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	8%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.36
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	21%	Presence of state open data laws	0
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	2.02	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	0
<b>Enabling Context</b> Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 50TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.  RANK: 32TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	2	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	1
Gini index	0.48	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	2.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	33%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	14.5
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	39%	Presence of small donor financing programs	0
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	13.483	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	0