

As of September 2024

#### Overview

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Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

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53%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR



RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50

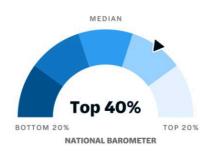
Maryland

# **Economic Conditions**

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

24/60 TOP 40%

RANK: 15TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

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

12/30 TOP 40%

RANK: 19TH OUT OF 50



## **ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

12/30 TOP 40%
RANK: 12TH 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: 27TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	65%	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save	17%
	03%		
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	61%	Percentage households owning their home	65%
		Small business ownership per 100,000 people	
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)	95%	Sinail business ownership per 100,000 people	10
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections		Percentage people with retirement accounts	
	76%		72%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line	86%	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 the	eir
RANK: 21TH OUT OF 50		parents. RANK: 16TH OUT OF 50	63.0
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Percentage people with a credit score above 600	4.8%	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school	61%
Parantana harrahalda arandian aranda ahan 200 in aran aranda		Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)	
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent	48%	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 250)	212
Percentage workers represented by a union		Number of births per 1,000 teenage females	
	12.8%		10.9
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons		Percentage children completing high school	
9	91.3%		86%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts		Percentage completion of post-secondary education	
7	77.4%		44%
Enabling Context		Enabling Context	
Systems that Support Economic Security.		Systems that support Economic Mobility.	
RANK: 8TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 13TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. imp	pact 25%	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)	14.81
	2070		
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	6.68	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts	16%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income		Percentage of financial aid that is need-based	
	32		97%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs		Percentage households with multiple earners	
	9%		57%
Tax inequality index		Economic Connectedness Score	
	-1%		0.95



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**♀** AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

57/120 TOP 20%

RANK: 8TH OUT OF 50

**& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 

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

RANK: 15TH OUT OF 50

**SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 

33/60 тор 20%

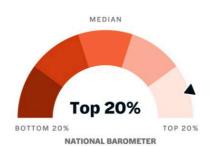
**RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50** 

## **Socio-Political Conditions**

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

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

RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50



#### CIVIC VITALITY

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

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

RANK: 5TH 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.

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

RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50



Basic Liberties		Representative Elections	
Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and beliefs	s.	Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.	
RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 35TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	200	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	2.25%
	399		92%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	4	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	34%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people		Redictricting Penant Could seems (O. E.)	
nate of meanceration per 100,000 people	245	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	3.5
Police violence index	50%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	66%
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Inclusiveness Index	64%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	16%
Community Cohesion		Responsive Governance	
Ability to shape and stay connected to local community		Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.	
RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	12%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.65
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet		Percentage women state legislators	
	88%		41%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official		Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	
_	10%		0.92
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	26%	Presence of state open data laws	1
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people		Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	
	2.98		1
Enabling Context		Enabling Context	
Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities.		Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.	
RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	1	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	5
Gini index		Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	
	0.46		5.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	67%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	11
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	70%	Presence of small donor financing programs	1
	70%	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	57.992		18