Massachusetts

As of September 2024

Overview

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Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

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33%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

58/120 TOP 20%

RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50

& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

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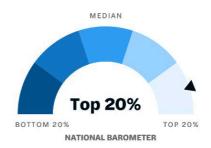
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Economic Conditions

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

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RANK: 3RD OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

13/30 TOP 20%
RANK: 8TH OUT OF 50

• Immediate Security
• Future Resilience
• Enabling Context

ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

14/30 TOP 20% RANK: 2ND OUT OF 50



Immediate Security Ability to meet current daily needs. RANK: 15TH OUT OF 50		Intra-Generational Mobility Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life. RANK: 22TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	67%	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save	13%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	58%	Percentage households owning their home	60%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)	96%	Small business ownership per 100,000 people	10
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	83%	Percentage people with retirement accounts	67%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line	87%	Percentage borrowers with student loan debt	22%
Future Resilience Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies. RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50		Inter-Generational Mobility Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than the parents. RANK: 1TH OUT OF 50	heir
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	82.8%	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school	67%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent	46.5%	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)	227
Percentage workers represented by a union	13.6%	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females	5.8
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	92.8%	Percentage children completing high school	90%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts	75.1%	Percentage completion of post-secondary education	47%
Enabling Context Systems that Support Economic Security. RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that support Economic Mobility. RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50	
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. in	npact 32%	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)	16.98
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	7.89	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts	27%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	46	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based	98%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	12%	Percentage households with multiple earners	59%
Tax inequality index	0%	Economic Connectedness Score	0.93

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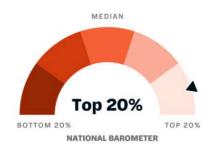
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Socio-Political Conditions

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

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CIVIC VITALITY

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

31/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 10TH 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.

18_{/30} TOP 20%

RANK: 10TH 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: 27TH OUT OF 50	s.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes. RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	322	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	91%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	6	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	59%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	96	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	5
Police violence index	40%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	62%
Inclusiveness Index	48%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	25%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50 Rate of youth disconnection		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents. RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50	
Nate of youth disconnection	8%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.53
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	86%	Percentage women state legislators	31%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official			
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Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	11%		1.32
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