# **New Jersey**

As of September 2024

#### Overview

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Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

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49%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR



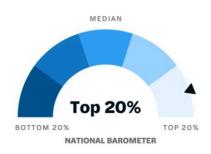
RANK: 6TH OUT OF 50

# **Economic Conditions**

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

26/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50



# **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

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

13/30 TOP 20%

RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50



# **ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

13/30 TOP 20%
RANK: 4TH 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: 20TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 19TH OUT OF 50
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	629/	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
	63%	
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	64%	Percentage households owning their home 61%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)		Small business ownership per 100,000 people
	96%	10
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	78%	Percentage people with retirement accounts  66%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line		Percentage borrowers with student loan debt
	86%	22%
<b>Future Resilience</b> Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies.		Inter-Generational Mobility  Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than their parents.
RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	78.6%	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school  74%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent	47.9%	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)
Percentage workers represented by a union		Number of births per 1,000 teenage females
	17.3%	8.2
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	90.9%	Percentage children completing high school 85%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts		Percentage completion of post-secondary education
	76.1%	44%
Enabling Context Systems that Support Economic Security.		Enabling Context Systems that support Economic Mobility.
RANK: 3TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 9TH OUT OF 50
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. in	npact	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)		Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
	7.54	35%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	30	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based 98%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	9%	Percentage households with multiple earners 58%
Tax inequality index		Economic Connectedness Score
	1%	0.89



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**♀** AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

58/120 TOP 20%

RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50

**& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 

26/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50

**SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS** 

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

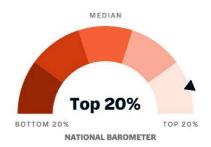
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# **Socio-Political Conditions**

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

32/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 6TH OUT OF 50



## CIVIC VITALITY

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

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

RANK: 6TH 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.

20/30 TOP 20% RANK: 3RD OUT OF 50

Representative Elections
 Responsive Governance
 Enabling Context

Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belie	efs.	Representative Elections	
RANK: 31TH OUT OF 50		Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.  RANK: 8TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	203	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	89%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people		Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	
	13	, stockings of another sections (section, section and section)	0%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people		Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	
	135		5
Police violence index		Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	
	61%		64%
Inclusiveness Index	52%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	17%
			1770
Community Cohesion		Responsive Governance	
Ability to shape and stay connected to local community		Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.	
RANK: 12TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 13TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	11%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.6
			0.0
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	95%	Percentage women state legislators	34%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official		Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	
_	6%	nate of registator compensation to median media.	0.9
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering		Presence of state open data laws	
	20%		1
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people		Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	
	2.61		0
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: 21TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 1TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)		Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	
	1		5
Gini index	0.48	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	6.5
	0.40		0.5
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	66%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	16
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty		Presence of small donor financing programs	
neighborhoods	61%	Presence of Small donor infallents programs	1
	01%	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	16.616		10