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As of September 2024

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STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

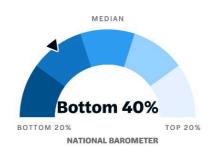


Economic Conditions

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

17/60 воттом 40%

RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

9/30 BOTTOM 40%
RANK: 39TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

9/30 BOTTOM 40%
RANK: 36TH OUT OF 50



Intra-Generational Mobility Immediate Security Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life. Ability to meet current daily needs. RANK: 35TH OUT OF 50 RANK: 33TH OUT OF 50 Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses 10% 62% Percentage households owning their home Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold 57% 65% Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked) Small business ownership per 100,000 people 97% Percentage people with retirement accounts Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections 53% 67% Percentage borrowers with student loan debt Percentage children living above the child poverty line 20% 82% **Inter-Generational Mobility Future Resilience** Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than their Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies. parents. RANK: 27TH OUT OF 50 RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50 Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school Percentage people with a credit score above 600 52% 71.6% Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238) 216 51.5% Number of births per 1,000 teenage females Percentage workers represented by a union 15 3.3% Percentage children completing high school Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons 86% 89.4% Percentage completion of post-secondary education Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts 36% 70% **Enabling Context Enabling Context** Systems that support Economic Mobility. Systems that Support Economic Security. **RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50** RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50 State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s) Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact 12.12 23% Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10) 4% 0.77 Percentage of financial aid that is need-based Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income 97% 40 Percentage households with multiple earners Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs 51% 10% **Economic Connectedness Score** Tax inequality index 0.63

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AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

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BECONOMIC CONDITIONS

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SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

20/60 BOTTOM 40%

RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50

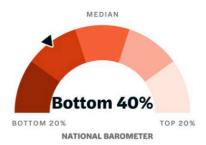
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RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50



CIVIC VITALITY

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

20/60 BOTTOM 409

RANK: 38TH 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.

11/30 **BOTTOM 40%**

RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50



Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belief	s.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	405	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	94%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	3	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	34%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	267	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	2.33
Police violence index	54%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	55%
Inclusiveness Index	44%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	36%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 39TH OUT OF 50		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents. RANK: 42TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	12%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.54
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	39%	Percentage women state legislators	29%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	7%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.34
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	25%	Presence of state open data laws	0
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	1.71	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	0
Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 37TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability. RANK: 26TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	2	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	4
Gini index	0.48	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	2.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	58%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	10.5
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	47%	Presence of small donor financing programs	0
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	24.256	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	0