Pennsylvania

As of September 2024

Overview

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Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

13M

27%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR



RANK: 22ND OUT OF 50

Economic Conditions

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

22/60 M

RANK: 26TH OUT OF 50

Median

BOTTOM 20%

NATIONAL BAROMETER

TOP 20%

ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

11/30 MEDIAN
RANK: 30TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

11/30 MEDIAN
RANK: 22ND 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: 26TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
62%	11%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	Percentage households owning their home 67%
33%	
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked) 97%	Small business ownership per 100,000 people
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections	Percentage people with retirement accounts
77%	68%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line 83%	Percentage borrowers with student loan debt
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: 18TH OUT OF 50	parents. RANK: 15TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school
77.6%	56%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)
51.4%	219
Percentage workers represented by a union	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females
14.2%	10.6
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons	Percentage children completing high school 87%
93.3%	67.6
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts 70.3%	Percentage completion of post-secondary education 35%
70.0%	
Enabling Context	Enabling Context
Systems that Support Economic Security.	Systems that support Economic Mobility.
RANK: 40TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 16TH OUT OF 50
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s) 15.49
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
5.49	20%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based
41	99%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	Percentage households with multiple earners
10%	54%
Tax inequality index	Economic Connectedness Score
-8%	0.86

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♀ AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

47/120 MEDIAN

RANK: 26TH OUT OF 50

& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

22/60 MEDIAN

RANK: 26TH OUT OF 50

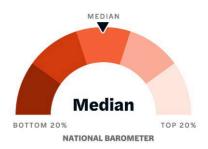
SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

25/60 MEDIAN

Socio-Political Conditions

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

RANK: 22ND OUT OF 50



CIVIC VITALITY

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

RANK: 22ND 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.

14/30 MEDIAN

RANK: 25TH OUT OF 50



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

96%

32%

65%

25%

0.5

31%

2.44

0

0

3

4.5

12.5

0

0

Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belief	fs.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.
RANK: 19TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 13TH OUT OF 50
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	280	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	3	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	287	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)
Police violence index	57%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections
Inclusiveness Index	49%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.
RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50 Rate of youth disconnection		RANK: 31TH OUT OF 50 Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population
_	11%	······································
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	66%	Percentage women state legislators
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	10%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	30%	Presence of state open data laws
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	2.9	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)
Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 29TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability. RANK: 25TH OUT OF 50
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	1	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)
Gini index	0.48	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	44%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	52%	Presence of small donor financing programs
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	2270	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates

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