South Carolina

As of September 2024

Overview

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5M

37%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

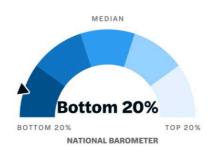


Economic Conditions

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

14/60 воттом

RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

8/30 воттом 20%

RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

6/30 BOTTOM 20%
RANK: 45TH 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: 44TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 38TH OUT OF 50
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses		Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
	61%	10%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	56%	Percentage households owning their home 70%
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)		Small business ownership per 100,000 people
	94%	9
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections		Percentage people with retirement accounts
	63%	55%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line	80%	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: 46TH OUT OF 50		parents. RANK: 37TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600		Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school
	67.3%	57%
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent		Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)
	47.8%	216
Percentage workers represented by a union	3%	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females 17.3
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons		Percentage children completing high school
8	38.3%	84%
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts		Percentage completion of post-secondary education 33%
6	69.4%	33%
Enabling Context		Enabling Context
Systems that Support Economic Security.		Systems that support Economic Mobility. RANK: 49TH OUT OF 50
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Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. imp	pact 32%	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s) 12.87
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)		Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
	1.31	2%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income		Percentage of financial aid that is need-based
	41	
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	8%	Percentage households with multiple earners 48%
Tax inequality index		Economic Connectedness Score
	-3%	0.56

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AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

33/120 воттом 20%

RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50

B ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

14/60 воттом 20%

SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

20_{/60} BOTTOM 40%

BANK: 40TH OUT OF 50

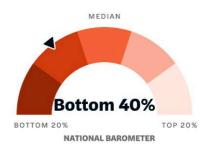
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Socio-Political Conditions

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

20_{/60} BOTTOM 40%

RANK: 40TH OUT OF 50



CIVIC VITALITY

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

20/60 воттом 40%

RANK: 40TH 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.

9/30 воттом 20%

RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50

Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and beliefs	s.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.	
RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50		RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	491	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	96%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	1	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	49%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	298	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	2
Police violence index	75%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	54%
Inclusiveness Index	50%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	23%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.	
Rate of youth disconnection	13%	RANK: 48TH OUT OF 50 Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.6
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	41%	Percentage women state legislators	15%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	9%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.27
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	21%	Presence of state open data laws	c
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	2.32	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	c
Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 31TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability. RANK: 28TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	1	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	2
Gini index	0.48	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	2.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	55%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	16
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	43%	Presence of small donor financing programs	c
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	9.645	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	5