South Dakota

As of September 2024

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20%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

45/120 MEDIAN

& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

22/60 MEDIAN
RANK: 29TH OUT OF 50

SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

24/60

MEDIAN

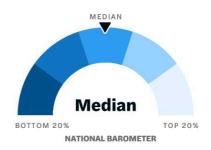
RANK: 28TH OUT OF 50

Economic Conditions

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

22/60 MEDIA

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ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

13/30 TOP 20%

RANK: 10TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

9/30 BOTTOM 40%
RANK: 35TH OUT OF 50



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Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s) 11.38
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10) Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
3.49
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income Percentage of financial aid that is need-based
57 — 4%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs Percentage households with multiple earners 59%
Tax inequality index Economic Connectedness Score
-7%

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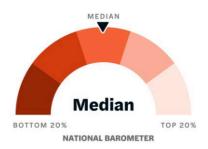
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Socio-Political Conditions

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

24/60 MEDIA

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CIVIC VITALITY

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

24/60 MEDIAN

RANK: 28TH 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.

10/30 воттом 20%

RANK: 43RD 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 RANK: 25TH OUT OF 50	fs.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes. RANK: 16TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	377	Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	96%
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	2	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	38%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	371	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	5
Police violence index	75%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	56%
Inclusiveness Index	45%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	25%
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50		Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents. RANK: 39TH OUT OF 50	
Rate of youth disconnection	9%	Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.28
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	35%	Percentage women state legislators	29%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	13%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.35
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	35%	Presence of state open data laws	0
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	6.88	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	2
Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 13TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability. RANK: 48TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	2	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	2
Gini index	0.45	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	1.5
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	36%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	7
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	63%	Presence of small donor financing programs	0
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	152.736	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	32