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643K

10%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR

AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

63<sub>/120</sub> TOP 20%

RANK: 1ST OUT OF 50

**& ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 

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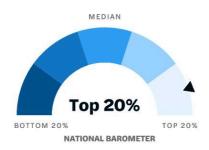
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# **Economic Conditions**

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

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### **ECONOMIC SECURITY**

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

15<sub>/30</sub> TOP 20%

RANK: 2ND OUT OF 50



### ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

14/30 TOP 20%
RANK: 1ST 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: 6TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 1TH OUT OF 50
Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses	Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save
699	8%
Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold	Percentage households owning their home
599	% <b>70</b> %
Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked)	Small business ownership per 100,000 people  12
Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections  849	Percentage people with retirement accounts  78%
Percentage children living above the child poverty line	Percentage borrowers with student loan debt
909	% 21%
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: 2TH OUT OF 50	parents. RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50
Percentage people with a credit score above 600	Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school
84.29	
Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent	Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238)
49.19	% 217
Percentage workers represented by a union	Number of births per 1,000 teenage females
15.49	5.8
Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons  93.83	Percentage children completing high school  83%
	Percentage completion of post-secondary education
Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts  85.33	
Enabling Context Systems that Support Economic Security.	Enabling Context Systems that support Economic Mobility.
RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50	RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50
SECTION ASSOCIATION OF THE COMMITTEE COMMITTE	State spending per capita on public goods for economic mobility (,000s)
Percentage gap between current benefit program funding/participation vs max. impact	
Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10)	Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts
	7 10%
Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income	Percentage of financial aid that is need-based
34	0 100%
Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs	Percentage households with multiple earners 57%
119	
Tax inequality index	Economic Connectedness Score  % 0.95

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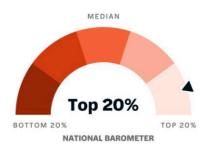
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## **Socio-Political Conditions**

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

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RANK: 1ST OUT OF 50



### CIVIC VITALITY

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

35/60 TOP 20%

RANK: 1ST 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.

20<sub>/30</sub> TOP 20%

RANK: 4TH OUT OF 50



- Representative Elections
- Responsive Governance
- Enabling Context

Basic Liberties Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one's identities, opinions, and belief RANK: 22TH OUT OF 50 Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people	rs.	Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.  RANK: 7TH OUT OF 50  Percentage voting age population eligible to vote	
Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people	222	Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local)	98% 32%
Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people	134	Redistricting Report Card score (0-5)	3.7
Police violence index	31%	Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections	65%
Inclusiveness Index	63%	Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections	<b>42</b> %
Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community		Responsive Governance  Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.	
RANK: 2TH OUT OF 50  Rate of youth disconnection	11%	RANK: 11TH OUT OF 50  Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population	0.34
Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet	86%	Percentage women state legislators	44%
Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official	20%	Ratio of legislator compensation to median income	0.92
Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering	34%	Presence of state open data laws	1
Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people	5.29	Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3)	0
<b>Enabling Context</b> Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 5TH OUT OF 50		Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.  RANK: 2TH OUT OF 50	
Anti-protest laws index (0-2)	o	Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5)	4
Gini index	0.45	Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9)	6.75
Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts	20%	Lobby transparency index (0-20)	6.75
Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods	71%	Presence of small donor financing programs	1
Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s)	71/0	State limits on corporate contributions to candidates	7

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