

# West Virginia

As of September 2024

### Overview

People in every state struggle to exercise economic and political control over their lives, West Virginia ranked 43rd in the Dēmos Power Scorecard. For more insight into West Virginia's economic and socio-political conditions, see below.

Each state scorecard and associated data can be downloaded separately.

2M  
STATE POPULATION

10%  
POPULATION OF COLOR

### AGGREGATE CONDITIONS

34/120 **BOTTOM 20%**  
RANK: 43RD OUT OF 50

### ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

15/60 **BOTTOM 40%**  
RANK: 40TH OUT OF 50

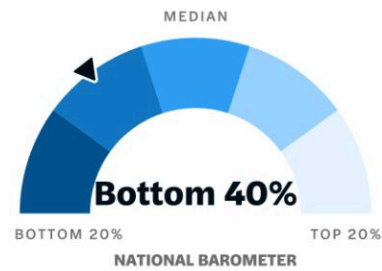
### SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

18/60 **BOTTOM 20%**  
RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50

## 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.

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



- Immediate Security
- Future Resilience
- Enabling Context

### ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The ability to improve economic situation over time.

6/30 **BOTTOM 20%**  
RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50

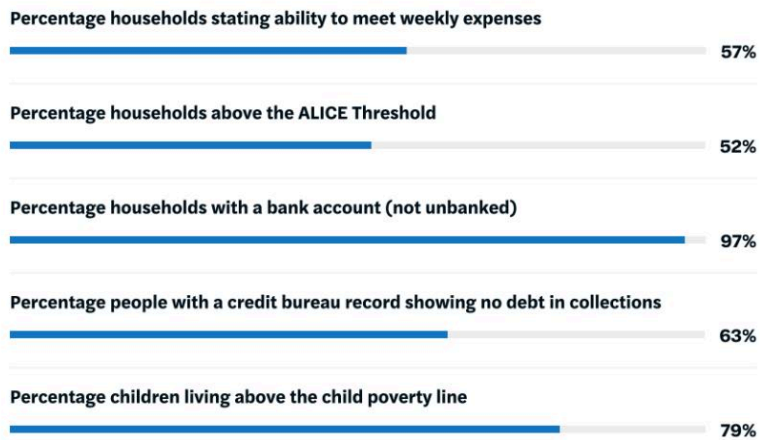


- Intra-Generational Mobility
- Inter-Generational Mobility
- Enabling Context

**Immediate Security**

Ability to meet current daily needs.

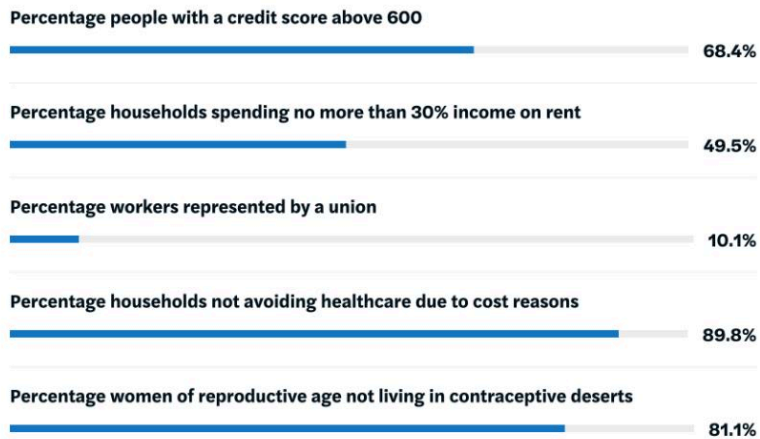
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**Future Resilience**

Ability to sustain economic shocks and financial emergencies.

RANK: 30TH OUT OF 50



**Enabling Context**

Systems that Support Economic Security.

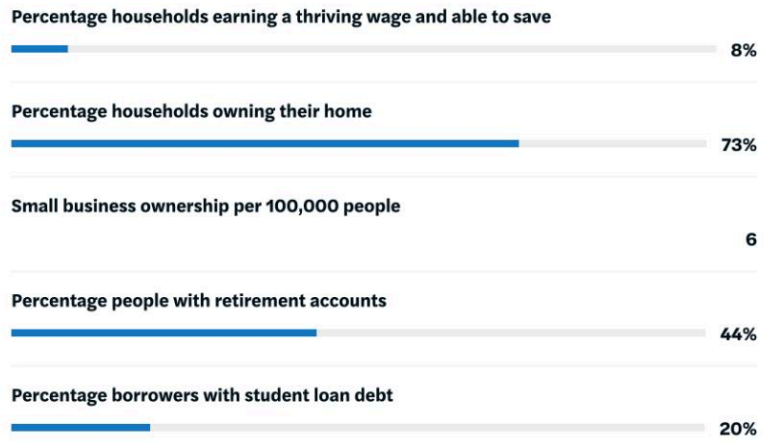
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**Intra-Generational Mobility**

Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life.

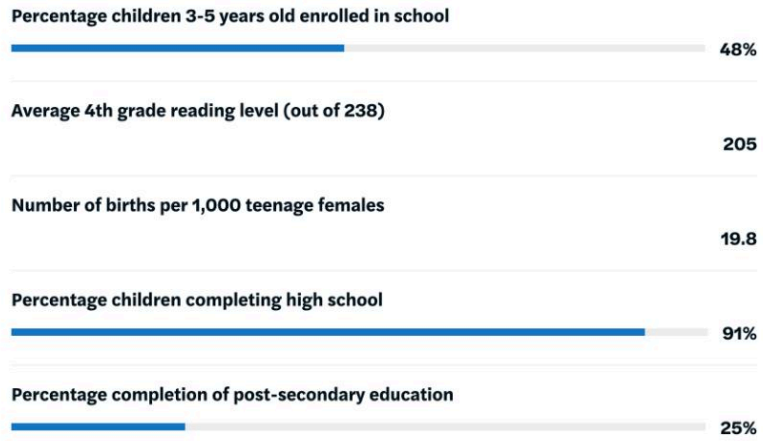
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**Inter-Generational Mobility**

Factors that support children having a better economic situation in adulthood than their parents.

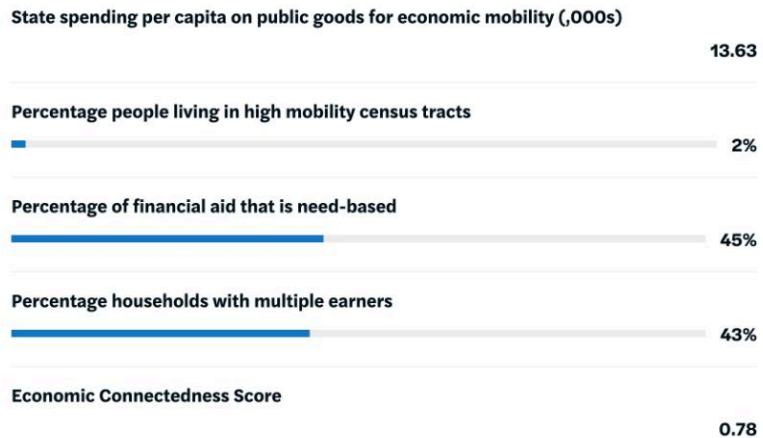
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**Enabling Context**

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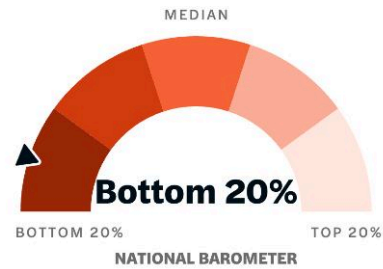
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## Socio-Political Conditions

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

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### CIVIC VITALITY

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

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- 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.

11/30 **BOTTOM 40%**

RANK: 39TH OUT OF 50



- Representative Elections
- Responsive Governance
- Enabling Context

**Basic Liberties**

Ability to live freely and safely while expressing one’s identities, opinions, and beliefs.

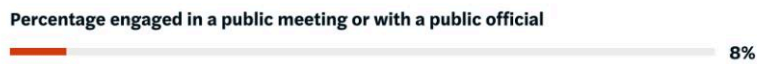
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**Community Cohesion**

Ability to shape and stay connected to local community

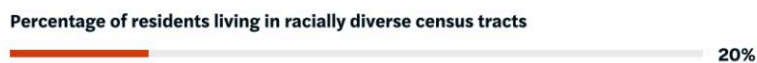
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**Enabling Context**

Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities.

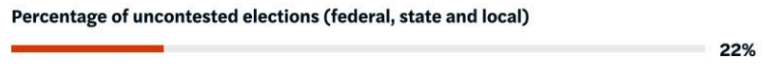
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**Representative Elections**

Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes.

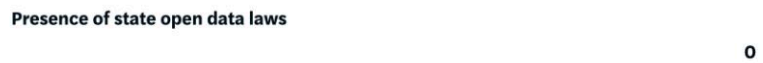
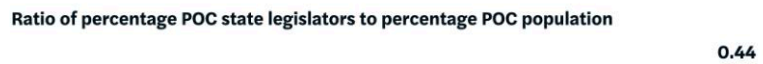
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**Responsive Governance**

Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents.

RANK: 47TH OUT OF 50



**Enabling Context**

Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability.

RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50

