West Virginia



As of September 2024

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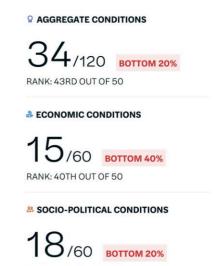
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10%

STATE POPULATION

POPULATION OF COLOR



RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50

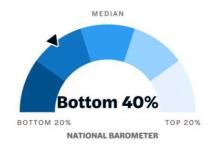
Economic Conditions

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

15/60

BOTTOM 40%

RANK: 40TH OUT OF 50



ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

9/30

1/30 **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. | Intra-Generational Mobility Ability to increase income and wealth over the course of one's life. |
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| RANK: 41TH OUT OF 50 | RANK: 50TH OUT OF 50 |
| | Secretary by the late of the secretary o |
| Percentage households stating ability to meet weekly expenses | Percentage households earning a thriving wage and able to save 8% |
| December 1 households about the MIGET has belief | Percentage households owning their home |
| Percentage households above the ALICE Threshold 529 | |
| Percentage households with a bank account (not unbanked) | Small business ownership per 100,000 people |
| 979 | - |
| Percentage people with a credit bureau record showing no debt in collections | Percentage people with retirement accounts |
| 639 | 44% |
| Percentage children living above the child poverty line | Percentage borrowers with student loan debt |
| 799 | 20% |
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| 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: 30TH OUT OF 50 | parents. RANK: 46TH OUT OF 50 |
| Percentage people with a credit score above 600 | Percentage children 3-5 years old enrolled in school |
| 68.49 | |
| Percentage households spending no more than 30% income on rent | Average 4th grade reading level (out of 238) |
| 49.5% | % 205 |
| Percentage workers represented by a union | Number of births per 1,000 teenage females |
| 10.19 | % 19.8 |
| Percentage households not avoiding healthcare due to cost reasons | Percentage children completing high school |
| 89.8 | 91% |
| Percentage women of reproductive age not living in contraceptive deserts | Percentage completion of post-secondary education |
| 81.19 | 25% |
| Enabling Context | Enabling Context |
| Systems that Support Economic Security. | Systems that support Economic Mobility. |
| RANK: 27TH OUT OF 50 | RANK: 41TH 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) |
| 249 | % 13.63 |
| Worker protection policies and collective bargaining laws index (0-10) | Percentage people living in high mobility census tracts |
| 2.4 | 9 - 2% |
| Affordable available housing units per 100 households with extremely low income | Percentage of financial aid that is need-based |
| 5 | 45% |
| Percentage household median income consumed by childcare costs | Percentage households with multiple earners 43% |
| 109 | 4376 |
| Tax inequality index | Economic Connectedness Score % 0.78 |
| -47 | |

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SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS

18/60 BOTTOM 20%
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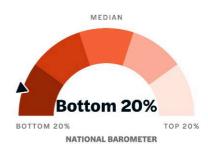
Socio-Political Conditions

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

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ВОТТОМ 20%

RANK: 44TH OUT OF 50



CIVIC VITALITY

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

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RANK: 44TH 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.

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 belief RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50 | fs. | Representative Elections Experience and participate in inclusive electoral processes. RANK: 14TH OUT OF 50 | |
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| Rate of reported violent crime per 100,000 people | 278 | Percentage voting age population eligible to vote | 98% |
| Rate of reported hate crimes per 100,000 people | 3 | Percentage of uncontested elections (federal, state and local) | 22% |
| Rate of incarceration per 100,000 people | 328 | Redistricting Report Card score (0-5) | 3.7 |
| Police violence index | 41% | Voter turnout rate: Presidential elections and mid-term elections | 47% |
| Inclusiveness Index | 46% | Voter turnout rate: gubernatorial elections | 33% |
| Community Cohesion Ability to shape and stay connected to local community RANK: 41TH OUT OF 50 | | Responsive Governance Experience governance responsive to the needs of its constituents. RANK: 47TH OUT OF 50 | |
| Rate of youth disconnection | 15% | Ratio of percentage POC state legislators to percentage POC population | 0.44 |
| Percentage counties with more than one local news source or outlet | 22% | Percentage women state legislators | 11% |
| Percentage engaged in a public meeting or with a public official | 8% | Ratio of legislator compensation to median income | 0.64 |
| Percentage members of community organizations or spent time volunteering | 24% | Presence of state open data laws | 0 |
| Community-Based Development Organizations per 100,000 people | 2.95 | Presence of direct democracy initiatives (0-3) | 0 |
| Enabling Context Social and political environment that supports free, safe, and interconnected communities. RANK: 49TH OUT OF 50 | | Enabling Context Systems that facilitate political participation and compel government accountability. RANK: 34TH OUT OF 50 | |
| Anti-protest laws index (0-2) | 2 | Democracy Subversion Protections index (1-5) | 3 |
| Gini index | 0.48 | Voter suppression and expansion law index (0-9) | 2.75 |
| Percentage of residents living in racially diverse census tracts | 20% | Lobby transparency index (0-20) | 7 |
| Percentage of residents in poverty NOT living in persistently high poverty neighborhoods | 52% | Presence of small donor financing programs | 0 |
| Civic and democratic grant spending per capita (in 000s) | 18.045 | State limits on corporate contributions to candidates | 0 |