Best States 2017

Ranking performance throughout all 50 states

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Overall Rankings

Overall Rank	State	Health Care	Education	Crime & Corrections	Infrastructure	Opportunity	Economy	Government
1	Massachusetts	2	1	7	19	16	5	16
2	New Hampshire	4	3	12	13	1	13	30
3	Minnesota	3	11	17	5	2	12	24
4	North Dakota	19	16	15	6	7	2	7
5	Washington	9	7	25	2	17	11	8
6	Iowa	5	8	16	16	6	30	10
7	Utah	15	9	30	3	23	4	3
8	Maryland	14	5	22	14	5	21	18
9	Colorado	11	18	26	7	31	1	13
10	Vermont	6	15	1	28	10	33	21
11	Virginia	25	10	6	24	11	27	2
12	Connecticut	12	4	8	26	15	38	20
13	Nebraska	20	6	27	9	21	20	17
14	New Jersey	8	2	4	18	27	25	50
15	South Dakota	17	13	28	8	25	24	25
16	Wisconsin	21	17	10	37	14	35	5
17	New York	13	19	5	22	44	29	23
18	Maine	16	28	2	30	3	42	39
19	Oregon	24	22	36	1	29	15	27
20	Delaware	22	26	43	17	8	9	34
21	Rhode Island	7	31	3	35	32	18	38
22	Indiana	41	27	33	20	4	26	1
23	California	10	25	20	33	42	3	44
24	Florida	31	29	37	11	43	7	9
25	North Carolina	27	21	24	47	34	17	4

Overall Rankings

Overall Rank	State	Health Care	Education	Crime & Corrections	Infrastructure	Opportunity	Economy	Government
26	Wyoming	43	12	13	29	9	41	40
27	Hawaii	1	36	38	48	13	22	33
28	Kansas	23	14	32	15	22	43	48
29	Illinois	32	20	29	10	19	44	47
30	Pennsylvania	18	33	14	34	26	39	36
31	Montana	36	24	23	32	30	23	28
32	Idaho	40	40	9	21	39	8	37
33	Michigan	34	42	19	41	12	28	22
34	Arizona	28	43	39	12	33	19	26
35	Ohio	29	38	34	40	18	31	12
36	Georgia	38	37	35	27	41	14	15
37	Missouri	35	23	44	36	24	36	14
38	Texas	30	41	31	49	45	6	11
39	Tennessee	42	32	45	23	37	32	6
40	Nevada	37	49	46	4	38	10	49
41	West Virginia	46	44	18	44	20	49	19
42	Kentucky	44	35	11	46	35	40	35
43	Alaska	33	34	47	25	28	50	41
44	Oklahoma	48	30	40	42	36	34	31
45	South Carolina	39	50	41	43	48	16	32
46	New Mexico	26	48	49	38	46	47	43
47	Alabama	47	47	42	31	40	45	42
48	Arkansas	50	39	48	45	47	37	29
49	Mississippi	49	45	21	50	50	48	45
50	Louisiana	45	46	50	39	49	46	46

Massachusetts

OVERALL RANK	1

Economy · 5

Jobs	4	Growth	26	Business and innovation environment	2
Unemployment rate	3	GDP growth rate	33	Business birth rate	11
Job growth	17	Net migration per capita	17	Patents per million population	2
Labor force participation rate	11	Growth of young population	23		

Education · 1

Higher Education	20	Preschool-12	3
Educational Attainment	1	Preschool enrollment	3
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	14	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	22	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	1
Average debt at graduation	39	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	2
Tuition and required fees	41	College readiness	1
		Public high school graduation rate	19

Healthcare · 2

Access	1	Population Health	5	Quality	15
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	1	Mortality Rate	10	Medicare Quality	2
Adults uninsured	1	Suicide rate	3	Hospital Readmission Rates	46
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	3	Adults who smoke	6	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	7
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	2	Mental Health	40		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	9	Infant Mortality Rate	3		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	7	Adult Obesity rate	5		

Infrastructure · 19

Transportation	45	Energy	42	Broadband	1
Average commute time	47	Renewable energy consumption	35	Broadband access	3
Road quality	47	Reliability of power grids	27	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	2
Structurally deficient bridges	28	Average retail price of electricity	46		
Public transit coverage	8				

Crime & Corrections · 7

Crime	17	Corrections	13
Violent Crime Rate	33	Prison overpopulation	46
Property Crime Rate	4	Parole completion	5
		Incarceration rate	3
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	3
		Racial incarceration gap	46
		Change in Incarceration rate	9

Government Administration · 16

Digitization	21	Transparency	9	Corruption	7	Financial Health	29
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	9	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	48
						Pension liability	17

Opportunity · 16

Poverty	10	Affordability	47	Equal Opportunity	12
Gini coefficient	45	Cost of living	45	Gender Parity	5
Median Household income	6	Housing affordability	44	Racial gap in educational attainment	31
% of households under poverty line	13			Racial gap in income	40
Food insecurity rate	3			Racial gap in unemployment rate	19
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	41

New Hampshire

OVERALL RANK			2

Economy — 13

Jobs	6	Growth	31	Business and innovation environment	11
Unemployment rate	1	GDP growth rate	32	Business birth rate	28
Job growth	31	Net migration per capita	28	Patents per million population	6
Labor force participation rate	5	Growth of young population	33		

Education — 3

Higher Education	39	Preschool-12	1
Educational Attainment	6	Preschool enrollment	5
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	5	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	24	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	2
Average debt at graduation	48	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	1
Tuition and required fees	50	College readiness	2
		Public high school graduation rate	6

Healthcare — 4

Access	9	Population Health	10	Quality	4
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	21	Mortality Rate	18	Medicare Quality	13
Adults uninsured	16	Suicide rate	38	Hospital Readmission Rates	19
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	14	Adults who smoke	17	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	1
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	11	Mental Health	15		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	8	Infant Mortality Rate	2		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	8	Adult Obesity rate	13		

Infrastructure — 13

Transportation	33	Energy	28	Broadband	7
Average commute time	42	Renewable energy consumption	9	Broadband access	1
Road quality	3	Reliability of power grids	22	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	23
Structurally deficient bridges	38	Average retail price of electricity	45		
Public transit coverage	31				

Crime & Corrections — 12

Crime	3	Corrections	48
Violent Crime Rate	4	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	6	Parole completion	42
		Incarceration rate	6
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	7
		Racial incarceration gap	50
		Change in Incarceration rate	48

Government Administration — 30

Digitization	35	Transparency	37	Corruption	30	Financial Health	20
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	37	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	39
						Pension liability	12

Opportunity — 1

Poverty	1	Affordability	38	Equal Opportunity	4
Gini coefficient	4	Cost of living	43	Gender Parity	2
Median Household income	7	Housing affordability	25	Racial gap in educational attainment	7
% of households under poverty line	1			Racial gap in income	29
Food insecurity rate	2			Racial gap in unemployment rate	31
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	49

Minnesota

OVERALL RANK		3

Economy — 12

Jobs	8	Growth	27	Business and innovation environment	13
Unemployment rate	10	GDP growth rate	6	Business birth rate	39
Job growth	22	Net migration per capita	24	Patents per million population	5
Labor force participation rate	1	Growth of young population	44		

Education — 11

Higher Education	25	Preschool-12	8
Educational Attainment	3	Preschool enrollment	17
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	16	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	15	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	3
Average debt at graduation	45	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	6
Tuition and required fees	38	College readiness	23
		Public high school graduation rate	32

Healthcare — 3

Access	8	Population Health	7	Quality	8
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	13	Mortality Rate	4	Medicare Quality	5
Adults uninsured	4	Suicide rate	10	Hospital Readmission Rates	15
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	24	Adults who smoke	19	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	33
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	3	Mental Health	8		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	41	Infant Mortality Rate	15		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	6	Adult Obesity rate	12		

Infrastructure — 5

Transportation	5	Energy	11	Broadband	10
Average commute time	18	Renewable energy consumption	13	Broadband access	12
Road quality	15	Reliability of power grids	21	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	12
Structurally deficient bridges	14	Average retail price of electricity	25		
Public transit coverage	15				

Crime & Corrections — 17

Crime	16	Corrections	31
Violent Crime Rate	12	Prison overpopulation	33
Property Crime Rate	21	Parole completion	37
		Incarceration rate	4
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	27
		Racial incarceration gap	44
		Change in Incarceration rate	45

Government Administration — 24

Digitization	11	Transparency	25	Corruption	25	Financial Health	27
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	25	State Integrity Grade	25	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	15
						Pension liability	33

Opportunity — 2

Poverty	6	Affordability	19	Equal Opportunity	5
Gini coefficient	11	Cost of living	27	Gender Parity	2
Median Household income	12	Housing affordability	13	Racial gap in educational attainment	26
% of households under poverty line	3			Racial gap in income	44
Food insecurity rate	6			Racial gap in unemployment rate	43
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	35

North Dakota

OVERALL RANK		4

Economy — 2

Jobs	3	Growth	1	Business and innovation environment	21
Unemployment rate	3	GDP growth rate	18	Business birth rate	10
Job growth	16	Net migration per capita	1	Patents per million population	39
Labor force participation rate	3	Growth of young population	1		

Education — 16

Higher Education	6	Preschool-12	28
Educational Attainment	12	Preschool enrollment	47
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	31	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	4	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	7
Average debt at graduation	No Data	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	23
Tuition and required fees	14	College readiness	31
		Public high school graduation rate	11

Healthcare — 19

Access	28	Population Health	21	Quality	10
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	39	Mortality Rate	12	Medicare Quality	4
Adults uninsured	17	Suicide rate	37	Hospital Readmission Rates	11
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	46	Adults who smoke	31	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	41
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	24	Mental Health	21		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	49	Infant Mortality Rate	14		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	3	Adult Obesity rate	34		

Infrastructure — 6

Transportation	11	Energy	8	Broadband	15
Average commute time	1	Renewable energy consumption	10	Broadband access	23
Road quality	7	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	13
Structurally deficient bridges	44	Average retail price of electricity	12		
Public transit coverage	37				

Crime & Corrections — 15

Crime	12	Corrections	34
Violent Crime Rate	10	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	19	Parole completion	13
		Incarceration rate	5
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	47
		Racial incarceration gap	42
		Change in Incarceration rate	44

Government Administration — 7

Digitization	6	Transparency	46	Corruption	39	Financial Health	1
Use of digital technology	6	Online access to spending data	46	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	3
						Pension liability	11

Opportunity — 7

Poverty	7	Affordability	20	Equal Opportunity	36
Gini coefficient	26	Cost of living	26	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	16	Housing affordability	18	Racial gap in educational attainment	5
% of households under poverty line	9			Racial gap in income	20
Food insecurity rate	1			Racial gap in unemployment rate	49
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	27

Washington

OVERALL RANK		**5**

Economy — 11

Jobs	26	Growth	6	Business and innovation environment	9
Unemployment rate	39	GDP growth rate	7	Business birth rate	35
Job growth	9	Net migration per capita	8	Patents per million population	3
Labor force participation rate	26	Growth of young population	9		

Education — 7

Higher Education	5	Preschool-12	16
Educational Attainment	10	Preschool enrollment	35
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	15	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	11	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	12
Average debt at graduation	10	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	21
Tuition and required fees	24	College readiness	11
		Public high school graduation rate	38

Healthcare — 9

Access	10	Population Health	11	Quality	12
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	12	Mortality Rate	11	Medicare Quality	23
Adults uninsured	18	Suicide rate	30	Hospital Readmission Rates	8
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	42	Adults who smoke	9	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	25
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	19	Mental Health	44		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	3	Infant Mortality Rate	7		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	16	Adult Obesity rate	14		

Infrastructure — 2

Transportation	20	Energy	7	Broadband	2
Average commute time	40	Renewable energy consumption	2	Broadband access	2
Road quality	41	Reliability of power grids	47	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	6
Structurally deficient bridges	6	Average retail price of electricity	1		
Public transit coverage	3				

Crime & Corrections — 25

Crime	37	Corrections	2
Violent Crime Rate	17	Prison overpopulation	34
Property Crime Rate	48	Parole completion	1
		Incarceration rate	10
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	21
		Racial incarceration gap	12
		Change in Incarceration rate	25

Government Administration — 8

Digitization	6	Transparency	24	Corruption	7	Financial Health	18
Use of digital technology	6	Online access to spending data	24	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	26
						Pension liability	16

Opportunity — 17

Poverty	16	Affordability	41	Equal Opportunity	17
Gini coefficient	18	Cost of living	38	Gender Parity	14
Median Household income	10	Housing affordability	46	Racial gap in educational attainment	28
% of households under poverty line	17			Racial gap in income	37
Food insecurity rate	19			Racial gap in unemployment rate	8
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	23

Iowa

OVERALL RANK	6

Economy — 30

Jobs	9	Growth	36	Business and innovation environment	42
Unemployment rate	10	GDP growth rate	25	Business birth rate	47
Job growth	32	Net migration per capita	25	Patents per million population	24
Labor force participation rate	7	Growth of young population	41		

Education — 8

Higher Education	16	Preschool-12	6
Educational Attainment	27	Preschool enrollment	6
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	3	Quality of state Pre-K program	30
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	16	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	14
Average debt at graduation	42	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	16
Tuition and required fees	21	College readiness	17
		Public high school graduation rate	1

Healthcare — 5

Access	5	Population Health	14	Quality	9
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	11	Mortality Rate	22	Medicare Quality	18
Adults uninsured	5	Suicide rate	14	Hospital Readmission Rates	13
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	23	Adults who smoke	29	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	22
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	12	Mental Health	9		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	15	Infant Mortality Rate	11		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	1	Adult Obesity rate	39		

Infrastructure — 16

Transportation	37	Energy	5	Broadband	25
Average commute time	5	Renewable energy consumption	7	Broadband access	32
Road quality	24	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	22
Structurally deficient bridges	48	Average retail price of electricity	9		
Public transit coverage	32				

Crime & Corrections — 16

Crime	14	Corrections	30
Violent Crime Rate	18	Prison overpopulation	41
Property Crime Rate	18	Parole completion	31
		Incarceration rate	13
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	42
		Racial incarceration gap	25
		Change in Incarceration rate	18

Government Administration — 10

Digitization	21	Transparency	10	Corruption	7	Financial Health	16
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	10	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	25
						Pension liability	21

Opportunity — 6

Poverty	15	Affordability	3	Equal Opportunity	40
Gini coefficient	6	Cost of living	12	Gender Parity	24
Median Household income	25	Housing affordability	3	Racial gap in educational attainment	30
% of households under poverty line	16			Racial gap in income	46
Food insecurity rate	6			Racial gap in unemployment rate	46
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	37

Utah

OVERALL RANK		7

Economy — 4

Jobs	1	Growth	20	Business and innovation environment	5
Unemployment rate	6	GDP growth rate	4	Business birth rate	5
Job growth	1	Net migration per capita	18	Patents per million population	13
Labor force participation rate	6	Growth of young population	45		

Education — 9

Higher Education	2	Preschool-12	22
Educational Attainment	15	Preschool enrollment	30
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	43	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	6	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	15
Average debt at graduation	1	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	9
Tuition and required fees	4	College readiness	33
		Public high school graduation rate	26

Healthcare — 15

Access	31	Population Health	12	Quality	7
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	29	Mortality Rate	14	Medicare Quality	25
Adults uninsured	32	Suicide rate	40	Hospital Readmission Rates	1
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	49	Adults who smoke	1	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	38
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	14	Mental Health	49		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	29	Infant Mortality Rate	13		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	29	Adult Obesity rate	6		

Infrastructure — 3

Transportation	2	Energy	20	Broadband	4
Average commute time	10	Renewable energy consumption	48	Broadband access	4
Road quality	24	Reliability of power grids	19	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	8
Structurally deficient bridges	5	Average retail price of electricity	10		
Public transit coverage	13				

Crime & Corrections — 30

Crime	25	Corrections	37
Violent Crime Rate	9	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	42	Parole completion	47
		Incarceration rate	7
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	24
		Racial incarceration gap	40
		Change in Incarceration rate	23

Government Administration — 3

Digitization	1	Transparency	20	Corruption	25	Financial Health	9
Use of digital technology	1	Online access to spending data	20	State Integrity Grade	25	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	4
						Pension liability	24

Opportunity — 23

Poverty	5	Affordability	29	Equal Opportunity	47
Gini coefficient	1	Cost of living	22	Gender Parity	40
Median Household income	13	Housing affordability	39	Racial gap in educational attainment	42
% of households under poverty line	12			Racial gap in income	23
Food insecurity rate	24			Racial gap in unemployment rate	3
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	46

Maryland

OVERALL RANK	**8**

Economy — 21

Jobs	14	Growth	28	Business and innovation environment	24
Unemployment rate	17	GDP growth rate	36	Business birth rate	17
Job growth	35	Net migration per capita	23	Patents per million population	27
Labor force participation rate	13	Growth of young population	24		

Education — 5

Higher Education	13	Preschool-12	7
Educational Attainment	7	Preschool enrollment	7
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	9	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	42	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	25
Average debt at graduation	30	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	18
Tuition and required fees	26	College readiness	13
		Public high school graduation rate	17

Healthcare — 14

Access	6	Population Health	18	Quality	36
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	9	Mortality Rate	13	Medicare Quality	22
Adults uninsured	14	Suicide rate	4	Hospital Readmission Rates	50
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	5	Adults who smoke	10	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	21
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	8	Mental Health	17		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	7	Infant Mortality Rate	33		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	13	Adult Obesity rate	20		

Infrastructure — 14

Transportation	28	Energy	30	Broadband	8
Average commute time	49	Renewable energy consumption	39	Broadband access	11
Road quality	29	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	10
Structurally deficient bridges	12	Average retail price of electricity	39		
Public transit coverage	4				

Crime & Corrections — 22

Crime	29	Corrections	8
Violent Crime Rate	39	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	23	Parole completion	27
		Incarceration rate	18
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	13
		Racial incarceration gap	35
		Change in Incarceration rate	7

Government Administration — 18

Digitization	21	Transparency	20	Corruption	20	Financial Health	17
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	20	State Integrity Grade	20	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	45
						Pension liability	14

Opportunity — 5

Poverty	3	Affordability	35	Equal Opportunity	31
Gini coefficient	15	Cost of living	39	Gender Parity	36
Median Household income	1	Housing affordability	26	Racial gap in educational attainment	15
% of households under poverty line	2			Racial gap in income	6
Food insecurity rate	11			Racial gap in unemployment rate	18
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	36

Colorado

OVERALL RANK		9

Economy — 1

Jobs	2	Growth	2	Business and innovation environment	4
Unemployment rate	7	GDP growth rate	3	Business birth rate	6
Job growth	2	Net migration per capita	4	Patents per million population	10
Labor force participation rate	10	Growth of young population	4		

Education — 18

Higher Education	8	Preschool-12	30
Educational Attainment	2	Preschool enrollment	14
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	23	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	21	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	16
Average debt at graduation	12	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	17
Tuition and required fees	29	College readiness	27
		Public high school graduation rate	41

Healthcare — 11

Access	25	Population Health	9	Quality	5
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	41	Mortality Rate	7	Medicare Quality	10
Adults uninsured	22	Suicide rate	46	Hospital Readmission Rates	3
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	43	Adults who smoke	15	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	37
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	18	Mental Health	47		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	11	Infant Mortality Rate	10		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	22	Adult Obesity rate	1		

Infrastructure — 7

Transportation	18	Energy	16	Broadband	11
Average commute time	33	Renewable energy consumption	26	Broadband access	7
Road quality	29	Reliability of power grids	16	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	18
Structurally deficient bridges	13	Average retail price of electricity	30		
Public transit coverage	11				

Crime & Corrections — 26

Crime	24	Corrections	25
Violent Crime Rate	23	Prison overpopulation	42
Property Crime Rate	28	Parole completion	40
		Incarceration rate	27
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	35
		Racial incarceration gap	8
		Change in Incarceration rate	4

Government Administration — 13

Digitization	11	Transparency	11	Corruption	7	Financial Health	24
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	11	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	19
						Pension liability	32

Opportunity — 31

Poverty	11	Affordability	39	Equal Opportunity	45
Gini coefficient	19	Cost of living	33	Gender Parity	36
Median Household income	11	Housing affordability	48	Racial gap in educational attainment	45
% of households under poverty line	14			Racial gap in income	39
Food insecurity rate	12			Racial gap in unemployment rate	13
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	40

Vermont

OVERALL RANK		10

Economy — 33

Jobs	10	Growth	47	Business and innovation environment	15
Unemployment rate	7	GDP growth rate	45	Business birth rate	43
Job growth	44	Net migration per capita	44	Patents per million population	4
Labor force participation rate	16	Growth of young population	48		

Education — 15

Higher Education	34	Preschool-12	5
Educational Attainment	5	Preschool enrollment	13
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	7	Quality of state Pre-K program	39
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	31	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	5
Average debt at graduation	35	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	3
Tuition and required fees	49	College readiness	6
		Public high school graduation rate	8

Healthcare — 6

Access	3	Population Health	13	Quality	14
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	25	Mortality Rate	15	Medicare Quality	11
Adults uninsured	2	Suicide rate	44	Hospital Readmission Rates	20
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	26	Adults who smoke	18	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	22
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	4	Mental Health	28		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	4	Infant Mortality Rate	8		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	2	Adult Obesity rate	8		

Infrastructure — 28

Transportation	31	Energy	12	Broadband	35
Average commute time	15	Renewable energy consumption	8	Broadband access	16
Road quality	34	Reliability of power grids	22	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	43
Structurally deficient bridges	17	Average retail price of electricity	42		
Public transit coverage	38				

Crime & Corrections — 1

Crime	1	Corrections	1
Violent Crime Rate	1	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	1	Parole completion	18
		Incarceration rate	8
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	1
		Racial incarceration gap	27
		Change in Incarceration rate	16

Government Administration — 21

Digitization	35	Transparency	20	Corruption	36	Financial Health	6
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	20	State Integrity Grade	36	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	30
						Pension liability	3

Opportunity — 10

Poverty	12	Affordability	45	Equal Opportunity	6
Gini coefficient	9	Cost of living	41	Gender Parity	14
Median Household income	20	Housing affordability	40	Racial gap in educational attainment	3
% of households under poverty line	4			Racial gap in income	7
Food insecurity rate	16			Racial gap in unemployment rate	10
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	39

Virginia

OVERALL RANK				11

Economy — 27

Jobs	19	Growth	39	Business and innovation environment	18
Unemployment rate	17	GDP growth rate	42	Business birth rate	12
Job growth	40	Net migration per capita	22	Patents per million population	30
Labor force participation rate	20	Growth of young population	30		

Education — 10

Higher Education	10	Preschool-12	13
Educational Attainment	8	Preschool enrollment	26
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	2	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	25	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	8
Average debt at graduation	25	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	25
Tuition and required fees	42	College readiness	8
		Public high school graduation rate	23

Healthcare — 25

Access	20	Population Health	16	Quality	46
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	38	Mortality Rate	19	Medicare Quality	38
Adults uninsured	27	Suicide rate	17	Hospital Readmission Rates	30
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	8	Adults who smoke	20	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	46
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	13	Mental Health	4		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	19	Infant Mortality Rate	23		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	25	Adult Obesity rate	22		

Infrastructure — 24

Transportation	32	Energy	40	Broadband	16
Average commute time	44	Renewable energy consumption	33	Broadband access	17
Road quality	28	Reliability of power grids	45	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	16
Structurally deficient bridges	19	Average retail price of electricity	18		
Public transit coverage	17				

Crime & Corrections — 6

Crime	6	Corrections	32
Violent Crime Rate	3	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	10	Parole completion	41
		Incarceration rate	38
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	29
		Racial incarceration gap	38
		Change in Incarceration rate	20

Government Administration — 2

Digitization	1	Transparency	33	Corruption	15	Financial Health	11
Use of digital technology	1	Online access to spending data	33	State Integrity Grade	15	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	27
						Pension liability	13

Opportunity — 11

Poverty	9	Affordability	31	Equal Opportunity	28
Gini coefficient	28	Cost of living	30	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	8	Housing affordability	37	Racial gap in educational attainment	19
% of households under poverty line	11			Racial gap in income	8
Food insecurity rate	4			Racial gap in unemployment rate	25
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	28

Connecticut

OVERALL RANK		12

Economy — 38

Jobs	22	Growth	44	Business and innovation environment	28
Unemployment rate	24	GDP growth rate	43	Business birth rate	48
Job growth	45	Net migration per capita	45	Patents per million population	7
Labor force participation rate	14	Growth of young population	37		

Education — 4

Higher Education	27	Preschool-12	4
Educational Attainment	3	Preschool enrollment	2
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	8	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	46	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	20
Average debt at graduation	43	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	4
Tuition and required fees	39	College readiness	3
		Public high school graduation rate	13

Healthcare — 12

Access	4	Population Health	6	Quality	48
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	22	Mortality Rate	5	Medicare Quality	36
Adults uninsured	10	Suicide rate	5	Hospital Readmission Rates	34
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	13	Adults who smoke	3	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	48
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	1	Mental Health	35		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	1	Infant Mortality Rate	12		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	14	Adult Obesity rate	9		

Infrastructure — 26

Transportation	47	Energy	44	Broadband	3
Average commute time	37	Renewable energy consumption	37	Broadband access	6
Road quality	50	Reliability of power grids	22	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	3
Structurally deficient bridges	25	Average retail price of electricity	49		
Public transit coverage	19				

Crime & Corrections — 8

Crime	7	Corrections	39
Violent Crime Rate	6	Prison overpopulation	No Data
Property Crime Rate	7	Parole completion	33
		Incarceration rate	16
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	4
		Racial incarceration gap	48
		Change in Incarceration rate	11

Government Administration — 20

Digitization	11	Transparency	5	Corruption	3	Financial Health	47
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	5	State Integrity Grade	3	State credit rating	43
						Operating Ratio	50
						Pension liability	37

Opportunity — 15

Poverty	17	Affordability	43	Equal Opportunity	14
Gini coefficient	49	Cost of living	47	Gender Parity	2
Median Household income	5	Housing affordability	21	Racial gap in educational attainment	40
% of households under poverty line	6			Racial gap in income	48
Food insecurity rate	15			Racial gap in unemployment rate	36
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	48

Nebraska

OVERALL RANK			13

Economy — 20

Jobs	7	Growth	34	Business and innovation environment	31
Unemployment rate	9	GDP growth rate	10	Business birth rate	24
Job growth	28	Net migration per capita	27	Patents per million population	36
Labor force participation rate	2	Growth of young population	49		

Education — 6

Higher Education	9	Preschool-12	9
Educational Attainment	18	Preschool enrollment	16
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	21	Quality of state Pre-K program	25
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	10	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	13
Average debt at graduation	24	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	10
Tuition and required fees	15	College readiness	22
		Public high school graduation rate	2

Healthcare — 20

Access	23	Population Health	15	Quality	23
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	37	Mortality Rate	25	Medicare Quality	37
Adults uninsured	23	Suicide rate	16	Hospital Readmission Rates	11
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	41	Adults who smoke	21	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	25
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	22	Mental Health	7		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	10	Infant Mortality Rate	16		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	20	Adult Obesity rate	37		

Infrastructure — 9

Transportation	13	Energy	9	Broadband	24
Average commute time	4	Renewable energy consumption	11	Broadband access	15
Road quality	1	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	31
Structurally deficient bridges	45	Average retail price of electricity	15		
Public transit coverage	39				

Crime & Corrections — 27

Crime	18	Corrections	47
Violent Crime Rate	15	Prison overpopulation	44
Property Crime Rate	22	Parole completion	15
		Incarceration rate	14
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	38
		Racial incarceration gap	26
		Change in Incarceration rate	50

Government Administration — 17

Digitization	21	Transparency	17	Corruption	7	Financial Health	23
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	17	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	No Data
						Operating Ratio	12
						Pension liability	4

Opportunity — 21

Poverty	18	Affordability	5	Equal Opportunity	49
Gini coefficient	10	Cost of living	15	Gender Parity	40
Median Household income	24	Housing affordability	4	Racial gap in educational attainment	38
% of households under poverty line	19			Racial gap in income	47
Food insecurity rate	14			Racial gap in unemployment rate	41
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	26

New Jersey

OVERALL RANK		14

Economy — 25

Jobs	28	Growth	37	Business and innovation environment	12
Unemployment rate	32	GDP growth rate	35	Business birth rate	16
Job growth	33	Net migration per capita	38	Patents per million population	12
Labor force participation rate	17	Growth of young population	34		

Education — 2

Higher Education	28	Preschool-12	2
Educational Attainment	9	Preschool enrollment	1
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	4	Quality of state Pre-K program	15
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	32	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	4
Average debt at graduation	32	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	5
Tuition and required fees	46	College readiness	12
		Public high school graduation rate	3

Healthcare — 8

Access	17	Population Health	2	Quality	20
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	23	Mortality Rate	8	Medicare Quality	21
Adults uninsured	26	Suicide rate	2	Hospital Readmission Rates	42
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	4	Adults who smoke	4	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	4
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	9	Mental Health	2		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	20	Infant Mortality Rate	4		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	28	Adult Obesity rate	10		

Infrastructure — 18

Transportation	38	Energy	35	Broadband	5
Average commute time	48	Renewable energy consumption	44	Broadband access	8
Road quality	42	Reliability of power grids	18	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	4
Structurally deficient bridges	27	Average retail price of electricity	41		
Public transit coverage	2				

Crime & Corrections — 4

Crime	5	Corrections	16
Violent Crime Rate	13	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	3	Parole completion	10
		Incarceration rate	9
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	8
		Racial incarceration gap	49
		Change in Incarceration rate	3

Government Administration — 50

Digitization	43	Transparency	29	Corruption	18	Financial Health	49
Use of digital technology	43	Online access to spending data	29	State Integrity Grade	18	State credit rating	47
						Operating Ratio	49
						Pension liability	39

Opportunity — 27

Poverty	20	Affordability	40	Equal Opportunity	27
Gini coefficient	44	Cost of living	42	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	4	Housing affordability	32	Racial gap in educational attainment	41
% of households under poverty line	8			Racial gap in income	36
Food insecurity rate	47			Racial gap in unemployment rate	16
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	25

South Dakota

OVERALL RANK		15

Economy — 24

Jobs	5	Growth	35	Business and innovation environment	47
Unemployment rate	1	GDP growth rate	29	Business birth rate	41
Job growth	34	Net migration per capita	19	Patents per million population	42
Labor force participation rate	4	Growth of young population	40		

Education — 13

Higher Education	7	Preschool-12	20
Educational Attainment	26	Preschool enrollment	32
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	35	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	2	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	19
Average debt at graduation	19	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	22
Tuition and required fees	20	College readiness	18
		Public high school graduation rate	28

Healthcare — 17

Access	35	Population Health	20	Quality	6
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	50	Mortality Rate	16	Medicare Quality	8
Adults uninsured	33	Suicide rate	32	Hospital Readmission Rates	6
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	25	Adults who smoke	38	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	36
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	7	Mental Health	1		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	45	Infant Mortality Rate	25		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	4	Adult Obesity rate	30		

Infrastructure — 8

Transportation	27	Energy	2	Broadband	28
Average commute time	2	Renewable energy consumption	4	Broadband access	33
Road quality	9	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	30
Structurally deficient bridges	47	Average retail price of electricity	23		
Public transit coverage	48				

Crime & Corrections — 28

Crime	20	Corrections	45
Violent Crime Rate	29	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	14	Parole completion	22
		Incarceration rate	30
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	50
		Racial incarceration gap	37
		Change in Incarceration rate	27

Government Administration — 25

Digitization	35	Transparency	17	Corruption	47	Financial Health	5
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	17	State Integrity Grade	47	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	9
						Pension liability	10

Opportunity — 25

Poverty	19	Affordability	11	Equal Opportunity	46
Gini coefficient	8	Cost of living	20	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	28	Housing affordability	7	Racial gap in educational attainment	36
% of households under poverty line	24			Racial gap in income	50
Food insecurity rate	6			Racial gap in unemployment rate	50
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	31

Wisconsin

OVERALL RANK		16

Economy — 35

Jobs	12	Growth	42	Business and innovation environment	32
Unemployment rate	16	GDP growth rate	22	Business birth rate	36
Job growth	27	Net migration per capita	40	Patents per million population	17
Labor force participation rate	12	Growth of young population	47		

Education — 17

Higher Education	21	Preschool-12	17
Educational Attainment	24	Preschool enrollment	37
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	18	Quality of state Pre-K program	28
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	12	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	6
Average debt at graduation	33	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	8
Tuition and required fees	25	College readiness	26
		Public high school graduation rate	3

Healthcare — 21

Access	14	Population Health	23	Quality	34
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	1	Mortality Rate	17	Medicare Quality	6
Adults uninsured	7	Suicide rate	15	Hospital Readmission Rates	13
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	29	Adults who smoke	23	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	49
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	10	Mental Health	30		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	50	Infant Mortality Rate	22		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	9	Adult Obesity rate	32		

Infrastructure — 37

Transportation	41	Energy	17	Broadband	32
Average commute time	13	Renewable energy consumption	24	Broadband access	23
Road quality	49	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	39
Structurally deficient bridges	30	Average retail price of electricity	36		
Public transit coverage	27				

Crime & Corrections — 10

Crime	15	Corrections	22
Violent Crime Rate	21	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	15	Parole completion	No Data
		Incarceration rate	22
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	23
		Racial incarceration gap	47
		Change in Incarceration rate	21

Government Administration — 5

Digitization	6	Transparency	6	Corruption	23	Financial Health	15
Use of digital technology	6	Online access to spending data	6	State Integrity Grade	23	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	13
						Pension liability	1

Opportunity — 14

Poverty	13	Affordability	15	Equal Opportunity	42
Gini coefficient	7	Cost of living	23	Gender Parity	24
Median Household income	23	Housing affordability	15	Racial gap in educational attainment	35
% of households under poverty line	15			Racial gap in income	43
Food insecurity rate	5			Racial gap in unemployment rate	48
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	42

New York

OVERALL RANK		**17**

Economy — 29

Jobs	33	Growth	32	Business and innovation environment	17
Unemployment rate	36	GDP growth rate	38	Business birth rate	21
Job growth	19	Net migration per capita	41	Patents per million population	15
Labor force participation rate	25	Growth of young population	20		

Education — 19

Higher Education	15	Preschool-12	23
Educational Attainment	11	Preschool enrollment	19
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	27	Quality of state Pre-K program	25
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	26	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	33
Average debt at graduation	31	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	33
Tuition and required fees	17	College readiness	4
		Public high school graduation rate	39

Healthcare — 13

Access	15	Population Health	4	Quality	40
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	6	Mortality Rate	3	Medicare Quality	33
Adults uninsured	20	Suicide rate	1	Hospital Readmission Rates	45
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	17	Adults who smoke	13	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	31
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	16	Mental Health	33		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	39	Infant Mortality Rate	9		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	24	Adult Obesity rate	7		

Infrastructure — 22

Transportation	30	Energy	33	Broadband	17
Average commute time	50	Renewable energy consumption	17	Broadband access	21
Road quality	37	Reliability of power grids	30	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	24
Structurally deficient bridges	34	Average retail price of electricity	43		
Public transit coverage	1				

Crime & Corrections — 5

Crime	13	Corrections	9
Violent Crime Rate	28	Prison overpopulation	31
Property Crime Rate	2	Parole completion	34
		Incarceration rate	12
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	16
		Racial incarceration gap	28
		Change in Incarceration rate	12

Government Administration — 23

Digitization	21	Transparency	13	Corruption	30	Financial Health	22
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	13	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	34
						Pension liability	20

Opportunity — 44

Poverty	35	Affordability	48	Equal Opportunity	11
Gini coefficient	50	Cost of living	49	Gender Parity	9
Median Household income	15	Housing affordability	45	Racial gap in educational attainment	27
% of households under poverty line	34			Racial gap in income	34
Food insecurity rate	16			Racial gap in unemployment rate	28
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	16

Maine

OVERALL RANK						**18**

Economy — 42

Jobs	27	Growth	40	Business and innovation environment	39
Unemployment rate	13	GDP growth rate	47	Business birth rate	34
Job growth	46	Net migration per capita	32	Patents per million population	37
Labor force participation rate	31	Growth of young population	26		

Education — 28

Higher Education	38	Preschool-12	18
Educational Attainment	21	Preschool enrollment	40
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	37	Quality of state Pre-K program	37
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	22	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	18
Average debt at graduation	44	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	14
Tuition and required fees	34	College readiness	5
		Public high school graduation rate	16

Healthcare — 16

Access	18	Population Health	38	Quality	2
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	8	Mortality Rate	35	Medicare Quality	3
Adults uninsured	24	Suicide rate	33	Hospital Readmission Rates	21
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	21	Adults who smoke	36	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	5
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	32	Mental Health	39		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	40	Infant Mortality Rate	37		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	10	Adult Obesity rate	27		

Infrastructure — 30

Transportation	39	Energy	6	Broadband	40
Average commute time	22	Renewable energy consumption	3	Broadband access	17
Road quality	21	Reliability of power grids	25	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	44
Structurally deficient bridges	42	Average retail price of electricity	40		
Public transit coverage	42				

Crime & Corrections — 2

Crime	2	Corrections	7
Violent Crime Rate	2	Prison overpopulation	36
Property Crime Rate	9	Parole completion	No Data
		Incarceration rate	1
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	19
		Racial incarceration gap	20
		Change in Incarceration rate	43

Government Administration — 39

Digitization	21	Transparency	42	Corruption	39	Financial Health	38
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	42	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	40
						Pension liability	23

Opportunity — 3

Poverty	25	Affordability	37	Equal Opportunity	1
Gini coefficient	13	Cost of living	40	Gender Parity	1
Median Household income	30	Housing affordability	27	Racial gap in educational attainment	2
% of households under poverty line	22			Racial gap in income	30
Food insecurity rate	30			Racial gap in unemployment rate	37
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	50

Oregon

OVERALL RANK		19

Economy — 15

Jobs	24	Growth	14	Business and innovation environment	14
Unemployment rate	32	GDP growth rate	28	Business birth rate	26
Job growth	7	Net migration per capita	9	Patents per million population	9
Labor force participation rate	35	Growth of young population	19		

Education — 22

Higher Education	19	Preschool-12	26
Educational Attainment	17	Preschool enrollment	21
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	19	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	32	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	27
Average debt at graduation	21	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	20
Tuition and required fees	32	College readiness	21
		Public high school graduation rate	47

Healthcare — 24

Access	36	Population Health	31	Quality	11
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	48	Mortality Rate	21	Medicare Quality	20
Adults uninsured	19	Suicide rate	43	Hospital Readmission Rates	8
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	45	Adults who smoke	22	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	29
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	23	Mental Health	50		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	42	Infant Mortality Rate	17		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	31	Adult Obesity rate	28		

Infrastructure — 1

Transportation	3	Energy	1	Broadband	9
Average commute time	20	Renewable energy consumption	1	Broadband access	9
Road quality	7	Reliability of power grids	20	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	11
Structurally deficient bridges	9	Average retail price of electricity	12		
Public transit coverage	16				

Crime & Corrections — 36

Crime	27	Corrections	38
Violent Crime Rate	14	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	40	Parole completion	28
		Incarceration rate	26
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	48
		Racial incarceration gap	3
		Change in Incarceration rate	41

Government Administration — 27

Digitization	21	Transparency	1	Corruption	39	Financial Health	35
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	1	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	21
						Pension liability	38

Opportunity — 29

Poverty	30	Affordability	44	Equal Opportunity	10
Gini coefficient	22	Cost of living	37	Gender Parity	14
Median Household income	26	Housing affordability	47	Racial gap in educational attainment	23
% of households under poverty line	33			Racial gap in income	27
Food insecurity rate	29			Racial gap in unemployment rate	6
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	10

Delaware

OVERALL RANK	20

Economy — 9

Jobs	18	Growth	8	Business and innovation environment	8
Unemployment rate	20	GDP growth rate	21	Business birth rate	8
Job growth	13	Net migration per capita	10	Patents per million population	14
Labor force participation rate	30	Growth of young population	3		

Education — 26

Higher Education	40	Preschool-12	15
Educational Attainment	23	Preschool enrollment	23
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	1	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	43	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	34
Average debt at graduation	49	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	36
Tuition and required fees	44	College readiness	6
		Public high school graduation rate	13

Healthcare — 22

Access	12	Population Health	28	Quality	32
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	28	Mortality Rate	26	Medicare Quality	27
Adults uninsured	9	Suicide rate	18	Hospital Readmission Rates	23
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	6	Adults who smoke	24	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	39
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	21	Mental Health	12		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	28	Infant Mortality Rate	38		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	18	Adult Obesity rate	23		

Infrastructure — 17

Transportation	12	Energy	39	Broadband	13
Average commute time	35	Renewable energy consumption	50	Broadband access	29
Road quality	24	Reliability of power grids	36	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	5
Structurally deficient bridges	11	Average retail price of electricity	38		
Public transit coverage	9				

Crime & Corrections — 43

Crime	40	Corrections	41
Violent Crime Rate	43	Prison overpopulation	45
Property Crime Rate	30	Parole completion	24
		Incarceration rate	35
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	17
		Racial incarceration gap	31
		Change in Incarceration rate	35

Government Administration — 34

Digitization	35	Transparency	39	Corruption	47	Financial Health	13
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	39	State Integrity Grade	47	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	46
						Pension liability	6

Opportunity — 8

Poverty	14	Affordability	28	Equal Opportunity	19
Gini coefficient	13	Cost of living	32	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	14	Housing affordability	28	Racial gap in educational attainment	11
% of households under poverty line	18			Racial gap in income	10
Food insecurity rate	9			Racial gap in unemployment rate	1
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	44

Rhode Island

OVERALL RANK		21

Economy — 18

Jobs	35	Growth	12	Business and innovation environment	23
Unemployment rate	39	GDP growth rate	27	Business birth rate	20
Job growth	25	Net migration per capita	34	Patents per million population	22
Labor force participation rate	19	Growth of young population	2		

Education — 31

Higher Education	46	Preschool-12	14
Educational Attainment	14	Preschool enrollment	31
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	23	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	49	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	29
Average debt at graduation	46	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	29
Tuition and required fees	40	College readiness	8
		Public high school graduation rate	34

Healthcare — 7

Access	7	Population Health	8	Quality	13
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	26	Mortality Rate	20	Medicare Quality	1
Adults uninsured	6	Suicide rate	6	Hospital Readmission Rates	39
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	1	Adults who smoke	14	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	18
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	5	Mental Health	41		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	32	Infant Mortality Rate	5		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	11	Adult Obesity rate	11		

Infrastructure — 35

Transportation	50	Energy	46	Broadband	6
Average commute time	29	Renewable energy consumption	47	Broadband access	14
Road quality	47	Reliability of power grids	27	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	1
Structurally deficient bridges	50	Average retail price of electricity	47		
Public transit coverage	14				

Crime & Corrections — 3

Crime	9	Corrections	4
Violent Crime Rate	11	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	12	Parole completion	9
		Incarceration rate	2
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	33
		Racial incarceration gap	36
		Change in Incarceration rate	5

Government Administration — 38

Digitization	47	Transparency	35	Corruption	5	Financial Health	37
Use of digital technology	47	Online access to spending data	35	State Integrity Grade	5	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	23
						Pension liability	28

Opportunity — 32

Poverty	24	Affordability	42	Equal Opportunity	25
Gini coefficient	33	Cost of living	44	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	19	Housing affordability	30	Racial gap in educational attainment	37
% of households under poverty line	25			Racial gap in income	35
Food insecurity rate	23			Racial gap in unemployment rate	35
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	9

Indiana

OVERALL RANK		22

Economy — 26

Jobs	17	Growth	23	Business and innovation environment	41
Unemployment rate	17	GDP growth rate	15	Business birth rate	44
Job growth	21	Net migration per capita	30	Patents per million population	26
Labor force participation rate	22	Growth of young population	29		

Education — 27

Higher Education	47	Preschool-12	11
Educational Attainment	41	Preschool enrollment	38
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	25	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	50	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	10
Average debt at graduation	37	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	15
Tuition and required fees	28	College readiness	16
		Public high school graduation rate	7

Healthcare — 41

Access	33	Population Health	42	Quality	35
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	32	Mortality Rate	41	Medicare Quality	35
Adults uninsured	28	Suicide rate	22	Hospital Readmission Rates	26
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	38	Adults who smoke	39	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	28
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	35	Mental Health	46		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	31	Infant Mortality Rate	42		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	37	Adult Obesity rate	36		

Infrastructure — 20

Transportation	24	Energy	18	Broadband	29
Average commute time	16	Renewable energy consumption	40	Broadband access	38
Road quality	18	Reliability of power grids	17	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	25
Structurally deficient bridges	29	Average retail price of electricity	16		
Public transit coverage	34				

Crime & Corrections — 33

Crime	31	Corrections	28
Violent Crime Rate	31	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	25	Parole completion	36
		Incarceration rate	36
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	30
		Racial incarceration gap	10
		Change in Incarceration rate	33

Government Administration — 1

Digitization	6	Transparency	1	Corruption	25	Financial Health	8
Use of digital technology	6	Online access to spending data	1	State Integrity Grade	25	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	24
						Pension liability	5

Opportunity — 4

Poverty	28	Affordability	4	Equal Opportunity	7
Gini coefficient	12	Cost of living	8	Gender Parity	9
Median Household income	35	Housing affordability	5	Racial gap in educational attainment	14
% of households under poverty line	26			Racial gap in income	12
Food insecurity rate	30			Racial gap in unemployment rate	34
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	30

California

OVERALL RANK			23

Economy — 3

Jobs	25	Growth	5	Business and innovation environment	1
Unemployment rate	39	GDP growth rate	2	Business birth rate	4
Job growth	6	Net migration per capita	21	Patents per million population	1
Labor force participation rate	28	Growth of young population	10		

Education — 25

Higher Education	3	Preschool-12	42
Educational Attainment	20	Preschool enrollment	29
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	6	Quality of state Pre-K program	39
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	9	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	41
Average debt at graduation	4	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	44
Tuition and required fees	33	College readiness	15
		Public high school graduation rate	33

Healthcare — 10

Access	24	Population Health	3	Quality	16
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	19	Mortality Rate	2	Medicare Quality	7
Adults uninsured	25	Suicide rate	7	Hospital Readmission Rates	31
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	36	Adults who smoke	2	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	18
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	26	Mental Health	37		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	37	Infant Mortality Rate	1		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	26	Adult Obesity rate	4		

Infrastructure — 33

Transportation	40	Energy	43	Broadband	23
Average commute time	46	Renewable energy consumption	16	Broadband access	13
Road quality	42	Reliability of power grids	39	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	32
Structurally deficient bridges	21	Average retail price of electricity	44		
Public transit coverage	7				

Crime & Corrections — 20

Crime	33	Corrections	3
Violent Crime Rate	38	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	26	Parole completion	No Data
		Incarceration rate	19
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	24
		Racial incarceration gap	29
		Change in Incarceration rate	2

Government Administration — 44

Digitization	11	Transparency	50	Corruption	2	Financial Health	43
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	50	State Integrity Grade	2	State credit rating	43
						Operating Ratio	22
						Pension liability	42

Opportunity — 42

Poverty	27	Affordability	49	Equal Opportunity	16
Gini coefficient	47	Cost of living	48	Gender Parity	9
Median Household income	9	Housing affordability	49	Racial gap in educational attainment	50
% of households under poverty line	32			Racial gap in income	49
Food insecurity rate	22			Racial gap in unemployment rate	5
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	7

Florida

OVERALL RANK		24

Economy — 7

Jobs	37	Growth	3	Business and innovation environment	6
Unemployment rate	28	GDP growth rate	5	Business birth rate	1
Job growth	4	Net migration per capita	2	Patents per million population	32
Labor force participation rate	45	Growth of young population	5		

Education — 29

Higher Education	1	Preschool-12	46
Educational Attainment	28	Preschool enrollment	12
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	32	Quality of state Pre-K program	42
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	3	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	42
Average debt at graduation	11	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	32
Tuition and required fees	2	College readiness	41
		Public high school graduation rate	43

Healthcare — 31

Access	49	Population Health	17	Quality	22
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	33	Mortality Rate	6	Medicare Quality	16
Adults uninsured	48	Suicide rate	27	Hospital Readmission Rates	44
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	11	Adults who smoke	16	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	12
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	34	Mental Health	24		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	48	Infant Mortality Rate	27		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	48	Adult Obesity rate	16		

Infrastructure — 11

Transportation	4	Energy	23	Broadband	20
Average commute time	39	Renewable energy consumption	29	Broadband access	30
Road quality	6	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	19
Structurally deficient bridges	3	Average retail price of electricity	35		
Public transit coverage	18				

Crime & Corrections — 37

Crime	38	Corrections	18
Violent Crime Rate	40	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	33	Parole completion	20
		Incarceration rate	41
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	22
		Racial incarceration gap	6
		Change in Incarceration rate	19

Government Administration — 9

Digitization	11	Transparency	7	Corruption	30	Financial Health	10
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	7	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	7
						Pension liability	9

Opportunity — 43

Poverty	41	Affordability	34	Equal Opportunity	30
Gini coefficient	46	Cost of living	28	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	38	Housing affordability	42	Racial gap in educational attainment	8
% of households under poverty line	35			Racial gap in income	17
Food insecurity rate	34			Racial gap in unemployment rate	4
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	38

North Carolina

OVERALL RANK		25

Economy — 17

Jobs	36	Growth	10	Business and innovation environment	22
Unemployment rate	32	GDP growth rate	14	Business birth rate	19
Job growth	15	Net migration per capita	11	Patents per million population	21
Labor force participation rate	37	Growth of young population	13		

Education — 21

Higher Education	12	Preschool-12	34
Educational Attainment	25	Preschool enrollment	41
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	9	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	40	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	30
Average debt at graduation	13	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	39
Tuition and required fees	10	College readiness	45
		Public high school graduation rate	26

Healthcare — 27

Access	27	Population Health	34	Quality	21
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	14	Mortality Rate	37	Medicare Quality	29
Adults uninsured	42	Suicide rate	19	Hospital Readmission Rates	25
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	12	Adults who smoke	33	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	13
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	30	Mental Health	10		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	14	Infant Mortality Rate	42		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	41	Adult Obesity rate	29		

Infrastructure — 47

Transportation	26	Energy	47	Broadband	44
Average commute time	25	Renewable energy consumption	28	Broadband access	36
Road quality	12	Reliability of power grids	48	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	42
Structurally deficient bridges	35	Average retail price of electricity	20		
Public transit coverage	30				

Crime & Corrections — 24

Crime	30	Corrections	10
Violent Crime Rate	25	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	32	Parole completion	8
		Incarceration rate	20
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	4
		Racial incarceration gap	43
		Change in Incarceration rate	29

Government Administration — 4

Digitization	11	Transparency	19	Corruption	18	Financial Health	4
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	19	State Integrity Grade	18	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	8
						Pension liability	7

Opportunity — 34

Poverty	44	Affordability	26	Equal Opportunity	9
Gini coefficient	36	Cost of living	18	Gender Parity	9
Median Household income	41	Housing affordability	33	Racial gap in educational attainment	25
% of households under poverty line	39			Racial gap in income	21
Food insecurity rate	45			Racial gap in unemployment rate	30
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	18

Wyoming

OVERALL RANK		26

Economy — 41

Jobs	23	Growth	45	Business and innovation environment	29
Unemployment rate	28	GDP growth rate	44	Business birth rate	15
Job growth	49	Net migration per capita	36	Patents per million population	33
Labor force participation rate	9	Growth of young population	42		

Education — 12

Higher Education	4	Preschool-12	27
Educational Attainment	32	Preschool enrollment	11
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	26	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	7	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	11
Average debt at graduation	8	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	11
Tuition and required fees	1	College readiness	39
		Public high school graduation rate	36

Healthcare — 43

Access	42	Population Health	33	Quality	43
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	44	Mortality Rate	30	Medicare Quality	46
Adults uninsured	37	Suicide rate	47	Hospital Readmission Rates	8
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	47	Adults who smoke	34	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	45
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	27	Mental Health	14		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	38	Infant Mortality Rate	31		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	23	Adult Obesity rate	21		

Infrastructure — 29

Transportation	10	Energy	10	Broadband	46
Average commute time	5	Renewable energy consumption	20	Broadband access	19
Road quality	5	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	49
Structurally deficient bridges	37	Average retail price of electricity	4		
Public transit coverage	49				

Crime & Corrections — 13

Crime	8	Corrections	42
Violent Crime Rate	8	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	13	Parole completion	19
		Incarceration rate	29
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	49
		Racial incarceration gap	14
		Change in Incarceration rate	46

Government Administration — 40

Digitization	47	Transparency	44	Corruption	49	Financial Health	2
Use of digital technology	47	Online access to spending data	44	State Integrity Grade	49	State credit rating	No Data
						Operating Ratio	2
						Pension liability	34

Opportunity — 9

Poverty	8	Affordability	32	Equal Opportunity	29
Gini coefficient	5	Cost of living	29	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	17	Housing affordability	38	Racial gap in educational attainment	32
% of households under poverty line	10			Racial gap in income	24
Food insecurity rate	9			Racial gap in unemployment rate	9
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	5

Hawaii

OVERALL RANK							27

Economy — 22

Jobs	11	Growth	16	Business and innovation environment	45
Unemployment rate	5	GDP growth rate	31	Business birth rate	37
Job growth	20	Net migration per capita	20	Patents per million population	45
Labor force participation rate	36	Growth of young population	6		

Education — 36

Higher Education	24	Preschool-12	40
Educational Attainment	13	Preschool enrollment	25
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	40	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	34	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	35
Average debt at graduation	9	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	47
Tuition and required fees	30	College readiness	47
		Public high school graduation rate	30

Healthcare — 1

Access	2	Population Health	1	Quality	3
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	7	Mortality Rate	1	Medicare Quality	17
Adults uninsured	3	Suicide rate	23	Hospital Readmission Rates	3
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	30	Adults who smoke	8	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	32
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	6	Mental Health	3		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	5	Infant Mortality Rate	6		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	5	Adult Obesity rate	2		

Infrastructure — 48

Transportation	34	Energy	49	Broadband	37
Average commute time	41	Renewable energy consumption	19	Broadband access	5
Road quality	46	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	50
Structurally deficient bridges	10	Average retail price of electricity	50		
Public transit coverage	6				

Crime & Corrections — 38

Crime	43	Corrections	5
Violent Crime Rate	20	Prison overpopulation	40
Property Crime Rate	50	Parole completion	39
		Incarceration rate	11
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	2
		Racial incarceration gap	1
		Change in Incarceration rate	8

Government Administration — 33

Digitization	21	Transparency	45	Corruption	4	Financial Health	41
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	45	State Integrity Grade	4	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	43
						Pension liability	43

Opportunity — 13

Poverty	2	Affordability	50	Equal Opportunity	2
Gini coefficient	3	Cost of living	50	Gender Parity	5
Median Household income	2	Housing affordability	50	Racial gap in educational attainment	21
% of households under poverty line	7			Racial gap in income	3
Food insecurity rate	19			Racial gap in unemployment rate	20
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	43

Kansas

OVERALL RANK		28

Economy — 43

Jobs	16	Growth	48	Business and innovation environment	30
Unemployment rate	20	GDP growth rate	48	Business birth rate	32
Job growth	39	Net migration per capita	47	Patents per million population	20
Labor force participation rate	15	Growth of young population	46		

Education — 14

Higher Education	14	Preschool-12	19
Educational Attainment	19	Preschool enrollment	24
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	28	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	8	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	21
Average debt at graduation	16	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	27
Tuition and required fees	19	College readiness	20
		Public high school graduation rate	21

Healthcare — 23

Access	22	Population Health	32	Quality	18
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	27	Mortality Rate	34	Medicare Quality	9
Adults uninsured	29	Suicide rate	29	Hospital Readmission Rates	16
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	31	Adults who smoke	28	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	47
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	17	Mental Health	6		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	33	Infant Mortality Rate	30		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	15	Adult Obesity rate	44		

Infrastructure — 15

Transportation	8	Energy	15	Broadband	26
Average commute time	5	Renewable energy consumption	14	Broadband access	26
Road quality	14	Reliability of power grids	33	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	26
Structurally deficient bridges	31	Average retail price of electricity	32		
Public transit coverage	41				

Crime & Corrections — 32

Crime	32	Corrections	19
Violent Crime Rate	32	Prison overpopulation	37
Property Crime Rate	31	Parole completion	4
		Incarceration rate	15
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	45
		Racial incarceration gap	24
		Change in Incarceration rate	31

Government Administration — 48

Digitization	50	Transparency	28	Corruption	39	Financial Health	36
Use of digital technology	50	Online access to spending data	28	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	38
						Pension liability	22

Opportunity — 22

Poverty	21	Affordability	8	Equal Opportunity	37
Gini coefficient	21	Cost of living	16	Gender Parity	36
Median Household income	27	Housing affordability	6	Racial gap in educational attainment	33
% of households under poverty line	20			Racial gap in income	28
Food insecurity rate	24			Racial gap in unemployment rate	23
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	21

Illinois

OVERALL RANK		29

Economy — 44

Jobs	39	Growth	46	Business and innovation environment	20
Unemployment rate	43	GDP growth rate	39	Business birth rate	23
Job growth	30	Net migration per capita	48	Patents per million population	16
Labor force participation rate	18	Growth of young population	43		

Education — 20

Higher Education	35	Preschool-12	10
Educational Attainment	15	Preschool enrollment	4
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	12	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	18	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	28
Average debt at graduation	34	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	26
Tuition and required fees	47	College readiness	25
		Public high school graduation rate	20

Healthcare — 32

Access	21	Population Health	30	Quality	42
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	31	Mortality Rate	24	Medicare Quality	26
Adults uninsured	21	Suicide rate	8	Hospital Readmission Rates	41
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	28	Adults who smoke	11	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	42
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	31	Mental Health	48		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	34	Infant Mortality Rate	36		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	17	Adult Obesity rate	33		

Infrastructure — 10

Transportation	21	Energy	19	Broadband	14
Average commute time	45	Renewable energy consumption	36	Broadband access	25
Road quality	24	Reliability of power grids	15	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	9
Structurally deficient bridges	24	Average retail price of electricity	21		
Public transit coverage	5				

Crime & Corrections — 29

Crime	21	Corrections	46
Violent Crime Rate	30	Prison overpopulation	48
Property Crime Rate	16	Parole completion	26
		Incarceration rate	25
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	11
		Racial incarceration gap	19
		Change in Incarceration rate	32

Government Administration — 47

Digitization	11	Transparency	13	Corruption	7	Financial Health	50
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	13	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	48
						Operating Ratio	41
						Pension liability	46

Opportunity — 19

Poverty	23	Affordability	21	Equal Opportunity	21
Gini coefficient	42	Cost of living	35	Gender Parity	9
Median Household income	18	Housing affordability	14	Racial gap in educational attainment	39
% of households under poverty line	23			Racial gap in income	38
Food insecurity rate	12			Racial gap in unemployment rate	39
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	33

Pennsylvania

OVERALL RANK	30

Economy — 39

Jobs	44	Growth	22	Business and innovation environment	40
Unemployment rate	44	GDP growth rate	20	Business birth rate	46
Job growth	47	Net migration per capita	37	Patents per million population	25
Labor force participation rate	29	Growth of young population	17		

Education — 33

Higher Education	50	Preschool-12	12
Educational Attainment	28	Preschool enrollment	18
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	11	Quality of state Pre-K program	31
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	37	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	24
Average debt at graduation	47	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	12
Tuition and required fees	48	College readiness	10
		Public high school graduation rate	23

Healthcare — 18

Access	13	Population Health	29	Quality	19
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	18	Mortality Rate	33	Medicare Quality	19
Adults uninsured	12	Suicide rate	21	Hospital Readmission Rates	31
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	10	Adults who smoke	30	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	20
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	20	Mental Health	32		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	35	Infant Mortality Rate	26		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	21	Adult Obesity rate	26		

Infrastructure — 34

Transportation	49	Energy	31	Broadband	19
Average commute time	38	Renewable energy consumption	38	Broadband access	27
Road quality	37	Reliability of power grids	34	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	21
Structurally deficient bridges	49	Average retail price of electricity	33		
Public transit coverage	12				

Crime & Corrections — 14

Crime	11	Corrections	35
Violent Crime Rate	22	Prison overpopulation	32
Property Crime Rate	8	Parole completion	16
		Incarceration rate	28
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	45
		Racial incarceration gap	45
		Change in Incarceration rate	24

Government Administration — 36

Digitization	11	Transparency	29	Corruption	45	Financial Health	40
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	29	State Integrity Grade	45	State credit rating	43
						Operating Ratio	42
						Pension liability	25

Opportunity — 26

Poverty	22	Affordability	22	Equal Opportunity	34
Gini coefficient	29	Cost of living	36	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	21	Housing affordability	12	Racial gap in educational attainment	24
% of households under poverty line	21			Racial gap in income	33
Food insecurity rate	21			Racial gap in unemployment rate	42
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	34

Montana

OVERALL RANK			31

Economy — 23

Jobs	21	Growth	15	Business and innovation environment	36
Unemployment rate	13	GDP growth rate	11	Business birth rate	27
Job growth	23	Net migration per capita	12	Patents per million population	43
Labor force participation rate	34	Growth of young population	38		

Education — 24

Higher Education	23	Preschool-12	25
Educational Attainment	22	Preschool enrollment	44
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	42	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	17	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	9
Average debt at graduation	29	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	7
Tuition and required fees	8	College readiness	34
		Public high school graduation rate	22

Healthcare — 36

Access	43	Population Health	25	Quality	29
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	43	Mortality Rate	32	Medicare Quality	49
Adults uninsured	41	Suicide rate	50	Hospital Readmission Rates	5
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	44	Adults who smoke	32	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	10
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	33	Mental Health	11		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	36	Infant Mortality Rate	20		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	19	Adult Obesity rate	3		

Infrastructure — 32

Transportation	35	Energy	3	Broadband	47
Average commute time	3	Renewable energy consumption	5	Broadband access	33
Road quality	42	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	48
Structurally deficient bridges	20	Average retail price of electricity	14		
Public transit coverage	46				

Crime & Corrections — 23

Crime	28	Corrections	15
Violent Crime Rate	26	Prison overpopulation	29
Property Crime Rate	27	Parole completion	30
		Incarceration rate	21
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	15
		Racial incarceration gap	15
		Change in Incarceration rate	26

Government Administration — 28

Digitization	35	Transparency	15	Corruption	20	Financial Health	33
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	15	State Integrity Grade	20	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	10
						Pension liability	41

Opportunity — 30

Poverty	29	Affordability	33	Equal Opportunity	26
Gini coefficient	23	Cost of living	24	Gender Parity	8
Median Household income	37	Housing affordability	43	Racial gap in educational attainment	29
% of households under poverty line	27			Racial gap in income	41
Food insecurity rate	18			Racial gap in unemployment rate	47
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	47

Idaho

OVERALL RANK						32

Economy — 8

Jobs	13	Growth	17	Business and innovation environment	3
Unemployment rate	10	GDP growth rate	12	Business birth rate	3
Job growth	8	Net migration per capita	13	Patents per million population	8
Labor force participation rate	33	Growth of young population	36		

Education — 40

Higher Education	37	Preschool-12	36
Educational Attainment	36	Preschool enrollment	50
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	48	Quality of state Pre-K program	No Data
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	36	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	23
Average debt at graduation	20	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	13
Tuition and required fees	12	College readiness	14
		Public high school graduation rate	41

Healthcare — 40

Access	44	Population Health	24	Quality	44
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	40	Mortality Rate	23	Medicare Quality	39
Adults uninsured	38	Suicide rate	42	Hospital Readmission Rates	2
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	48	Adults who smoke	5	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	50
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	29	Mental Health	42		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	26	Infant Mortality Rate	19		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	34	Adult Obesity rate	18		

Infrastructure — 21

Transportation	16	Energy	4	Broadband	41
Average commute time	9	Renewable energy consumption	6	Broadband access	21
Road quality	20	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	47
Structurally deficient bridges	26	Average retail price of electricity	5		
Public transit coverage	40				

Crime & Corrections — 9

Crime	4	Corrections	44
Violent Crime Rate	5	Prison overpopulation	39
Property Crime Rate	5	Parole completion	46
		Incarceration rate	40
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	43
		Racial incarceration gap	2
		Change in Incarceration rate	36

Government Administration — 37

Digitization	21	Transparency	48	Corruption	25	Financial Health	12
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	48	State Integrity Grade	25	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	6
						Pension liability	15

Opportunity — 39

Poverty	31	Affordability	24	Equal Opportunity	41
Gini coefficient	16	Cost of living	7	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	40	Housing affordability	35	Racial gap in educational attainment	44
% of households under poverty line	31			Racial gap in income	22
Food insecurity rate	27			Racial gap in unemployment rate	17
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	45

Michigan

OVERALL RANK		33

Economy — 28

Jobs	38	Growth	25	Business and innovation environment	26
Unemployment rate	28	GDP growth rate	24	Business birth rate	40
Job growth	18	Net migration per capita	43	Patents per million population	11
Labor force participation rate	38	Growth of young population	11		

Education — 42

Higher Education	45	Preschool-12	35
Educational Attainment	33	Preschool enrollment	27
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	19	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	47	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	38
Average debt at graduation	41	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	31
Tuition and required fees	45	College readiness	30
		Public high school graduation rate	36

Healthcare — 34

Access	19	Population Health	35	Quality	38
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	34	Mortality Rate	36	Medicare Quality	12
Adults uninsured	11	Suicide rate	20	Hospital Readmission Rates	48
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	18	Adults who smoke	40	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	44
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	15	Mental Health	43		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	43	Infant Mortality Rate	34		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	30	Adult Obesity rate	35		

Infrastructure — 41

Transportation	43	Energy	48	Broadband	21
Average commute time	27	Renewable energy consumption	31	Broadband access	35
Road quality	42	Reliability of power grids	49	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	14
Structurally deficient bridges	36	Average retail price of electricity	37		
Public transit coverage	20				

Crime & Corrections — 19

Crime	22	Corrections	26
Violent Crime Rate	36	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	11	Parole completion	14
		Incarceration rate	33
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	34
		Racial incarceration gap	33
		Change in Incarceration rate	38

Government Administration — 22

Digitization	1	Transparency	1	Corruption	49	Financial Health	31
Use of digital technology	1	Online access to spending data	1	State Integrity Grade	49	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	37
						Pension liability	30

Opportunity — 12

Poverty	34	Affordability	2	Equal Opportunity	15
Gini coefficient	27	Cost of living	10	Gender Parity	14
Median Household income	33	Housing affordability	2	Racial gap in educational attainment	17
% of households under poverty line	36			Racial gap in income	14
Food insecurity rate	33			Racial gap in unemployment rate	45
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	22

Arizona

OVERALL RANK			34

Economy   19

Jobs	40	Growth	19	Business and innovation environment	10
Unemployment rate	32	GDP growth rate	37	Business birth rate	6
Job growth	12	Net migration per capita	7	Patents per million population	18
Labor force participation rate	43	Growth of young population	18		

Education   43

Higher Education	22	Preschool-12	47
Educational Attainment	35	Preschool enrollment	48
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	17	Quality of state Pre-K program	37
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	38	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	26
Average debt at graduation	5	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	34
Tuition and required fees	37	College readiness	37
		Public high school graduation rate	44

Healthcare   28

Access	37	Population Health	22	Quality	25
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	35	Mortality Rate	9	Medicare Quality	32
Adults uninsured	34	Suicide rate	36	Hospital Readmission Rates	17
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	34	Adults who smoke	7	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	34
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	41	Mental Health	26		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	22	Infant Mortality Rate	29		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	40	Adult Obesity rate	17		

Infrastructure   12

Transportation	7	Energy	22	Broadband	22
Average commute time	31	Renewable energy consumption	23	Broadband access	31
Road quality	12	Reliability of power grids	31	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	20
Structurally deficient bridges	4	Average retail price of electricity	34		
Public transit coverage	22				

Crime & Corrections   39

Crime	39	Corrections	27
Violent Crime Rate	34	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	44	Parole completion	32
		Incarceration rate	45
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	12
		Racial incarceration gap	4
		Change in Incarceration rate	39

Government Administration   26

Digitization	21	Transparency	25	Corruption	20	Financial Health	32
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	25	State Integrity Grade	20	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	18
						Pension liability	26

Opportunity   33

Poverty	38	Affordability	30	Equal Opportunity	8
Gini coefficient	31	Cost of living	31	Gender Parity	5
Median Household income	31	Housing affordability	36	Racial gap in educational attainment	47
% of households under poverty line	43			Racial gap in income	42
Food insecurity rate	42			Racial gap in unemployment rate	11
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	20

Ohio

OVERALL RANK					35

Economy — 31

Jobs	32	Growth	18	Business and innovation environment	44
Unemployment rate	28	GDP growth rate	16	Business birth rate	50
Job growth	24	Net migration per capita	39	Patents per million population	23
Labor force participation rate	24	Growth of young population	14		

Education — 38

Higher Education	43	Preschool-12	31
Educational Attainment	38	Preschool enrollment	22
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	30	Quality of state Pre-K program	39
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	28	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	17
Average debt at graduation	38	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	28
Tuition and required fees	36	College readiness	19
		Public high school graduation rate	30

Healthcare — 29

Access	26	Population Health	39	Quality	17
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	49	Mortality Rate	40	Medicare Quality	14
Adults uninsured	15	Suicide rate	13	Hospital Readmission Rates	35
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	19	Adults who smoke	42	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	16
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	25	Mental Health	31		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	46	Infant Mortality Rate	39		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	12	Adult Obesity rate	24		

Infrastructure — 40

Transportation	15	Energy	34	Broadband	45
Average commute time	18	Renewable energy consumption	45	Broadband access	27
Road quality	18	Reliability of power grids	35	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	46
Structurally deficient bridges	18	Average retail price of electricity	31		
Public transit coverage	24				

Crime & Corrections — 34

Crime	23	Corrections	43
Violent Crime Rate	19	Prison overpopulation	47
Property Crime Rate	24	Parole completion	17
		Incarceration rate	37
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	26
		Racial incarceration gap	32
		Change in Incarceration rate	37

Government Administration — 12

Digitization	1	Transparency	1	Corruption	1	Financial Health	42
Use of digital technology	1	Online access to spending data	1	State Integrity Grade	5	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	20
						Pension liability	48

Opportunity — 18

Poverty	32	Affordability	1	Equal Opportunity	24
Gini coefficient	25	Cost of living	9	Gender Parity	24
Median Household income	34	Housing affordability	1	Racial gap in educational attainment	13
% of households under poverty line	29			Racial gap in income	11
Food insecurity rate	36			Racial gap in unemployment rate	44
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	17

Georgia

OVERALL RANK			36

Economy — 14

Jobs	31	Growth	11	Business and innovation environment	16
Unemployment rate	39	GDP growth rate	9	Business birth rate	9
Job growth	10	Net migration per capita	15	Patents per million population	29
Labor force participation rate	32	Growth of young population	22		

Education — 37

Higher Education	32	Preschool-12	37
Educational Attainment	31	Preschool enrollment	10
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	46	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	29	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	36
Average debt at graduation	26	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	37
Tuition and required fees	11	College readiness	24
		Public high school graduation rate	46

Healthcare — 38

Access	45	Population Health	36	Quality	27
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	36	Mortality Rate	38	Medicare Quality	31
Adults uninsured	47	Suicide rate	12	Hospital Readmission Rates	28
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	22	Adults who smoke	27	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	14
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	38	Mental Health	19		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	12	Infant Mortality Rate	45		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	44	Adult Obesity rate	31		

Infrastructure — 27

Transportation	19	Energy	37	Broadband	27
Average commute time	43	Renewable energy consumption	22	Broadband access	37
Road quality	9	Reliability of power grids	44	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	17
Structurally deficient bridges	7	Average retail price of electricity	28		
Public transit coverage	26				

Crime & Corrections — 35

Crime	35	Corrections	12
Violent Crime Rate	27	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	43	Parole completion	7
		Incarceration rate	42
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	14
		Racial incarceration gap	30
		Change in Incarceration rate	17

Government Administration — 15

Digitization	6	Transparency	43	Corruption	23	Financial Health	14
Use of digital technology	6	Online access to spending data	43	State Integrity Grade	23	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	28
						Pension liability	18

Opportunity — 41

Poverty	42	Affordability	14	Equal Opportunity	39
Gini coefficient	40	Cost of living	17	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	32	Housing affordability	17	Racial gap in educational attainment	9
% of households under poverty line	42			Racial gap in income	13
Food insecurity rate	45			Racial gap in unemployment rate	29
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	15

Missouri

OVERALL RANK		37

Economy — 36

Jobs	30	Growth	38	Business and innovation environment	27
Unemployment rate	24	GDP growth rate	26	Business birth rate	14
Job growth	29	Net migration per capita	35	Patents per million population	34
Labor force participation rate	27	Growth of young population	39		

Education — 23

Higher Education	29	Preschool-12	21
Educational Attainment	36	Preschool enrollment	28
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	22	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	27	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	31
Average debt at graduation	17	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	24
Tuition and required fees	23	College readiness	35
		Public high school graduation rate	10

Healthcare — 35

Access	29	Population Health	37	Quality	28
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	1	Mortality Rate	39	Medicare Quality	15
Adults uninsured	30	Suicide rate	34	Hospital Readmission Rates	37
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	33	Adults who smoke	46	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	35
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	42	Mental Health	18		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	44	Infant Mortality Rate	27		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	35	Adult Obesity rate	40		

Infrastructure — 36

Transportation	36	Energy	38	Broadband	30
Average commute time	20	Renewable energy consumption	42	Broadband access	38
Road quality	32	Reliability of power grids	41	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	27
Structurally deficient bridges	40	Average retail price of electricity	22		
Public transit coverage	25				

Crime & Corrections — 44

Crime	41	Corrections	40
Violent Crime Rate	42	Prison overpopulation	30
Property Crime Rate	37	Parole completion	43
		Incarceration rate	43
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	41
		Racial incarceration gap	17
		Change in Incarceration rate	42

Government Administration — 14

Digitization	1	Transparency	39	Corruption	25	Financial Health	21
Use of digital technology	1	Online access to spending data	39	State Integrity Grade	25	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	31
						Pension liability	31

Opportunity — 24

Poverty	33	Affordability	9	Equal Opportunity	20
Gini coefficient	24	Cost of living	11	Gender Parity	24
Median Household income	36	Housing affordability	9	Racial gap in educational attainment	10
% of households under poverty line	30			Racial gap in income	5
Food insecurity rate	36			Racial gap in unemployment rate	33
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	32

Texas

OVERALL RANK		38

Economy — 6

Jobs	15	Growth	4	Business and innovation environment	19
Unemployment rate	23	GDP growth rate	1	Business birth rate	17
Job growth	5	Net migration per capita	6	Patents per million population	19
Labor force participation rate	21	Growth of young population	15		

Education — 41

Higher Education	33	Preschool-12	41
Educational Attainment	39	Preschool enrollment	36
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	33	Quality of state Pre-K program	43
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	45	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	22
Average debt at graduation	23	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	38
Tuition and required fees	22	College readiness	29
		Public high school graduation rate	5

Healthcare — 30

Access	47	Population Health	19	Quality	24
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	15	Mortality Rate	28	Medicare Quality	34
Adults uninsured	50	Suicide rate	9	Hospital Readmission Rates	26
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	39	Adults who smoke	12	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	11
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	46	Mental Health	5		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	2	Infant Mortality Rate	24		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	49	Adult Obesity rate	41		

Infrastructure — 49

Transportation	14	Energy	50	Broadband	39
Average commute time	36	Renewable energy consumption	43	Broadband access	40
Road quality	21	Reliability of power grids	50	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	40
Structurally deficient bridges	2	Average retail price of electricity	11		
Public transit coverage	23				

Crime & Corrections — 31

Crime	34	Corrections	11
Violent Crime Rate	35	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	35	Parole completion	6
		Incarceration rate	44
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	18
		Racial incarceration gap	9
		Change in Incarceration rate	10

Government Administration — 11

Digitization	21	Transparency	11	Corruption	36	Financial Health	3
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	11	State Integrity Grade	36	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	5
						Pension liability	8

Opportunity — 45

Poverty	36	Affordability	23	Equal Opportunity	48
Gini coefficient	43	Cost of living	21	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	22	Housing affordability	24	Racial gap in educational attainment	43
% of households under poverty line	37			Racial gap in income	45
Food insecurity rate	41			Racial gap in unemployment rate	7
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	13

Tennessee

OVERALL RANK				39

Economy 32

Jobs	34	Growth	21	Business and innovation environment 38
Unemployment rate	26	GDP growth rate	23	Business birth rate	33
Job growth	14	Net migration per capita	14	Patents per million population	38
Labor force participation rate	40	Growth of young population	25		

Education 32

Higher Education	30	Preschool-12	29
Educational Attainment	42	Preschool enrollment	42
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	36	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	5	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	37
Average debt at graduation	15	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	30
Tuition and required fees	27	College readiness	42
		Public high school graduation rate	11

Healthcare 42

Access	34	Population Health	43	Quality	33
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	30	Mortality Rate	44	Medicare Quality	30
Adults uninsured	35	Suicide rate	24	Hospital Readmission Rates	35
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	15	Adults who smoke	44	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	17
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	44	Mental Health	23		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	16	Infant Mortality Rate	40		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	43	Adult Obesity rate	42		

Infrastructure 23

Transportation	6	Energy	36	Broadband	31
Average commute time	30	Renewable energy consumption	27	Broadband access	44
Road quality	2	Reliability of power grids	43	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	15
Structurally deficient bridges	8	Average retail price of electricity	17		
Public transit coverage	29				

Crime & Corrections 45

Crime	46	Corrections	20
Violent Crime Rate	47	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	39	Parole completion	29
		Incarceration rate	34
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	9
		Racial incarceration gap	34
		Change in Incarceration rate	28

Government Administration 6

Digitization	11	Transparency	27	Corruption	15	Financial Health	7
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	27	State Integrity Grade	15	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	35
						Pension liability	2

Opportunity 37

Poverty	43	Affordability	16	Equal Opportunity	22
Gini coefficient	38	Cost of living	5	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	42	Housing affordability	20	Racial gap in educational attainment	6
% of households under poverty line	41			Racial gap in income	4
Food insecurity rate	40			Racial gap in unemployment rate	26
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	19

Nevada

OVERALL RANK		40

Economy — 10

Jobs	20	Growth	7	Business and innovation environment	7
Unemployment rate	38	GDP growth rate	17	Business birth rate	2
Job growth	3	Net migration per capita	3	Patents per million population	28
Labor force participation rate	23	Growth of young population	12		

Education — 49

Higher Education	18	Preschool-12	50
Educational Attainment	45	Preschool enrollment	49
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	49	Quality of state Pre-K program	25
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	13	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	43
Average debt at graduation	3	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	43
Tuition and required fees	3	College readiness	50
		Public high school graduation rate	49

Healthcare — 37

Access	40	Population Health	27	Quality	37
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	10	Mortality Rate	31	Medicare Quality	24
Adults uninsured	43	Suicide rate	45	Hospital Readmission Rates	39
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	35	Adults who smoke	26	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	40
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	40	Mental Health	29		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	47	Infant Mortality Rate	20		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	38	Adult Obesity rate	15		

Infrastructure — 4

Transportation	1	Energy	13	Broadband	12
Average commute time	23	Renewable energy consumption	15	Broadband access	20
Road quality	15	Reliability of power grids	13	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	7
Structurally deficient bridges	1	Average retail price of electricity	24		
Public transit coverage	10				

Crime & Corrections — 46

Crime	47	Corrections	21
Violent Crime Rate	49	Prison overpopulation	No Data
Property Crime Rate	29	Parole completion	11
		Incarceration rate	32
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	35
		Racial incarceration gap	5
		Change in Incarceration rate	14

Government Administration — 49

Digitization	43	Transparency	29	Corruption	46	Financial Health	44
Use of digital technology	43	Online access to spending data	29	State Integrity Grade	46	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	16
						Pension liability	45

Opportunity — 38

Poverty	26	Affordability	36	Equal Opportunity	33
Gini coefficient	17	Cost of living	34	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	29	Housing affordability	41	Racial gap in educational attainment	46
% of households under poverty line	28			Racial gap in income	26
Food insecurity rate	28			Racial gap in unemployment rate	2
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	2

West Virginia

OVERALL RANK				41

Economy — 49

Jobs	50	Growth	33	Business and innovation environment	50
Unemployment rate	47	GDP growth rate	41	Business birth rate	49
Job growth	50	Net migration per capita	42	Patents per million population	47
Labor force participation rate	50	Growth of young population	16		

Education — 44

Higher Education	48	Preschool-12	38
Educational Attainment	50	Preschool enrollment	45
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	41	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	43	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	46
Average debt at graduation	28	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	42
Tuition and required fees	9	College readiness	27
		Public high school graduation rate	25

Healthcare — 46

Access	11	Population Health	49	Quality	49
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	1	Mortality Rate	49	Medicare Quality	47
Adults uninsured	13	Suicide rate	41	Hospital Readmission Rates	49
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	2	Adults who smoke	49	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	24
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	50	Mental Health	22		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	23	Infant Mortality Rate	41		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	36	Adult Obesity rate	47		

Infrastructure — 44

Transportation	48	Energy	14	Broadband	38
Average commute time	34	Renewable energy consumption	30	Broadband access	41
Road quality	37	Reliability of power grids	13	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	38
Structurally deficient bridges	43	Average retail price of electricity	6		
Public transit coverage	35				

Crime & Corrections — 18

Crime	19	Corrections	24
Violent Crime Rate	24	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	17	Parole completion	12
		Incarceration rate	23
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	44
		Racial incarceration gap	18
		Change in Incarceration rate	40

Government Administration — 19

Digitization	11	Transparency	29	Corruption	15	Financial Health	30
Use of digital technology	11	Online access to spending data	29	State Integrity Grade	15	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	33
						Pension liability	29

Opportunity — 20

Poverty	40	Affordability	10	Equal Opportunity	3
Gini coefficient	20	Cost of living	13	Gender Parity	28
Median Household income	48	Housing affordability	10	Racial gap in educational attainment	1
% of households under poverty line	44			Racial gap in income	1
Food insecurity rate	30			Racial gap in unemployment rate	22
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	4

Kentucky

OVERALL RANK		42

Economy — 40

Jobs	43	Growth	30	Business and innovation environment	34
Unemployment rate	26	GDP growth rate	34	Business birth rate	25
Job growth	26	Net migration per capita	31	Patents per million population	41
Labor force participation rate	44	Growth of young population	27		

Education — 35

Higher Education	41	Preschool-12	24
Educational Attainment	46	Preschool enrollment	39
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	38	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	20	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	39
Average debt at graduation	18	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	19
Tuition and required fees	35	College readiness	39
		Public high school graduation rate	9

Healthcare — 44

Access	16	Population Health	45	Quality	45
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	20	Mortality Rate	48	Medicare Quality	43
Adults uninsured	8	Suicide rate	31	Hospital Readmission Rates	46
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	7	Adults who smoke	50	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	3
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	37	Mental Health	36		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	30	Infant Mortality Rate	44		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	27	Adult Obesity rate	46		

Infrastructure — 46

Transportation	9	Energy	41	Broadband	48
Average commute time	16	Renewable energy consumption	41	Broadband access	42
Road quality	3	Reliability of power grids	46	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	45
Structurally deficient bridges	22	Average retail price of electricity	7		
Public transit coverage	33				

Crime & Corrections — 11

Crime	10	Corrections	33
Violent Crime Rate	7	Prison overpopulation	38
Property Crime Rate	20	Parole completion	35
		Incarceration rate	39
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	28
		Racial incarceration gap	22
		Change in Incarceration rate	30

Government Administration — 35

Digitization	21	Transparency	20	Corruption	7	Financial Health	48
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	20	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	44
						Pension liability	44

Opportunity — 35

Poverty	45	Affordability	7	Equal Opportunity	18
Gini coefficient	37	Cost of living	2	Gender Parity	36
Median Household income	46	Housing affordability	11	Racial gap in educational attainment	4
% of households under poverty line	46			Racial gap in income	2
Food insecurity rate	36			Racial gap in unemployment rate	15
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	29

Alaska

OVERALL RANK		43

Economy — 50

Jobs	45	Growth	50	Business and innovation environment	35
Unemployment rate	50	GDP growth rate	50	Business birth rate	22
Job growth	48	Net migration per capita	50	Patents per million population	49
Labor force participation rate	8	Growth of young population	7		

Education — 34

Higher Education	11	Preschool-12	43
Educational Attainment	30	Preschool enrollment	46
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	50	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	1	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	32
Average debt at graduation	27	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	41
Tuition and required fees	7	College readiness	36
		Public high school graduation rate	48

Healthcare — 33

Access	50	Population Health	40	Quality	1
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	47	Mortality Rate	29	Medicare Quality	No Data
Adults uninsured	45	Suicide rate	49	Hospital Readmission Rates	7
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	50	Adults who smoke	35	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	9
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	28	Mental Health	45		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	25	Infant Mortality Rate	35		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	33	Adult Obesity rate	25		

Infrastructure — 25

Transportation	17	Energy	45	Broadband	18
Average commute time	8	Renewable energy consumption	49	Broadband access	10
Road quality	31	Reliability of power grids	1	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	33
Structurally deficient bridges	32	Average retail price of electricity	48		
Public transit coverage	21				

Crime & Corrections — 47

Crime	49	Corrections	23
Violent Crime Rate	50	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	34	Parole completion	45
		Incarceration rate	24
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	40
		Racial incarceration gap	11
		Change in Incarceration rate	13

Government Administration — 41

Digitization	47	Transparency	49	Corruption	1	Financial Health	25
Use of digital technology	47	Online access to spending data	49	State Integrity Grade	1	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	1
						Pension liability	50

Opportunity — 28

Poverty	4	Affordability	46	Equal Opportunity	50
Gini coefficient	2	Cost of living	46	Gender Parity	50
Median Household income	3	Housing affordability	34	Racial gap in educational attainment	48
% of households under poverty line	5			Racial gap in income	18
Food insecurity rate	26			Racial gap in unemployment rate	38
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	11

Oklahoma

OVERALL RANK		44

Economy — 34

Jobs	42	Growth	13	Business and innovation environment	37
Unemployment rate	36	GDP growth rate	8	Business birth rate	30
Job growth	36	Net migration per capita	16	Patents per million population	40
Labor force participation rate	39	Growth of young population	35		

Education — 30

Higher Education	26	Preschool-12	32
Educational Attainment	44	Preschool enrollment	8
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	44	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	14	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	45
Average debt at graduation	7	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	35
Tuition and required fees	6	College readiness	31
		Public high school graduation rate	28

Healthcare — 48

Access	46	Population Health	46	Quality	39
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	16	Mortality Rate	46	Medicare Quality	41
Adults uninsured	49	Suicide rate	39	Hospital Readmission Rates	23
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	37	Adults who smoke	45	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	27
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	48	Mental Health	16		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	24	Infant Mortality Rate	48		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	39	Adult Obesity rate	43		

Infrastructure — 42

Transportation	46	Energy	27	Broadband	36
Average commute time	11	Renewable energy consumption	21	Broadband access	43
Road quality	40	Reliability of power grids	38	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	35
Structurally deficient bridges	46	Average retail price of electricity	3		
Public transit coverage	45				

Crime & Corrections — 40

Crime	36	Corrections	36
Violent Crime Rate	37	Prison overpopulation	35
Property Crime Rate	38	Parole completion	2
		Incarceration rate	49
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	10
		Racial incarceration gap	16
		Change in Incarceration rate	49

Government Administration — 31

Digitization	35	Transparency	16	Corruption	39	Financial Health	26
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	16	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	17
						Pension liability	19

Opportunity — 36

Poverty	37	Affordability	6	Equal Opportunity	35
Gini coefficient	31	Cost of living	6	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	39	Housing affordability	8	Racial gap in educational attainment	12
% of households under poverty line	38			Racial gap in income	16
Food insecurity rate	36			Racial gap in unemployment rate	14
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	6

South Carolina

OVERALL RANK		45

Economy — 16

Jobs	29	Growth	9	Business and innovation environment	33
Unemployment rate	22	GDP growth rate	19	Business birth rate	29
Job growth	11	Net migration per capita	5	Patents per million population	35
Labor force participation rate	42	Growth of young population	8		

Education — 50

Higher Education	44	Preschool-12	48
Educational Attainment	34	Preschool enrollment	43
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	13	Quality of state Pre-K program	28
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	48	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	40
Average debt at graduation	36	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	40
Tuition and required fees	43	College readiness	48
		Public high school graduation rate	35

Healthcare — 39

Access	39	Population Health	41	Quality	30
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	24	Mortality Rate	42	Medicare Quality	40
Adults uninsured	40	Suicide rate	28	Hospital Readmission Rates	21
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	32	Adults who smoke	37	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	14
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	43	Mental Health	34		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	18	Infant Mortality Rate	32		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	46	Adult Obesity rate	38		

Infrastructure — 43

Transportation	29	Energy	32	Broadband	43
Average commute time	23	Renewable energy consumption	25	Broadband access	45
Road quality	15	Reliability of power grids	40	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	37
Structurally deficient bridges	33	Average retail price of electricity	27		
Public transit coverage	43				

Crime & Corrections — 41

Crime	44	Corrections	6
Violent Crime Rate	44	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	46	Parole completion	3
		Incarceration rate	31
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	35
		Racial incarceration gap	21
		Change in Incarceration rate	6

Government Administration — 32

Digitization	35	Transparency	37	Corruption	36	Financial Health	19
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	37	State Integrity Grade	36	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	11
						Pension liability	36

Opportunity — 48

Poverty	39	Affordability	25	Equal Opportunity	43
Gini coefficient	30	Cost of living	19	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	43	Housing affordability	31	Racial gap in educational attainment	34
% of households under poverty line	40			Racial gap in income	19
Food insecurity rate	35			Racial gap in unemployment rate	27
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	24

New Mexico

OVERALL RANK		46

Economy   47

Jobs	49	Growth	49	Business and innovation environment	25
Unemployment rate	49	GDP growth rate	40	Business birth rate	13
Job growth	43	Net migration per capita	49	Patents per million population	31
Labor force participation rate	46	Growth of young population	50		

Education   48

Higher Education	17	Preschool-12	49
Educational Attainment	40	Preschool enrollment	33
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	47	Quality of state Pre-K program	16
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	40	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	47
Average debt at graduation	2	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	49
Tuition and required fees	5	College readiness	43
		Public high school graduation rate	50

Healthcare   26

Access	30	Population Health	26	Quality	26
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	17	Mortality Rate	26	Medicare Quality	42
Adults uninsured	39	Suicide rate	48	Hospital Readmission Rates	17
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	40	Adults who smoke	25	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	2
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	36	Mental Health	20		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	6	Infant Mortality Rate	18		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	32	Adult Obesity rate	19		

Infrastructure   38

Transportation	25	Energy	26	Broadband	42
Average commute time	12	Renewable energy consumption	32	Broadband access	48
Road quality	34	Reliability of power grids	29	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	34
Structurally deficient bridges	16	Average retail price of electricity	28		
Public transit coverage	28				

Crime & Corrections   49

Crime	50	Corrections	17
Violent Crime Rate	48	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	49	Parole completion	21
		Incarceration rate	17
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	31
		Racial incarceration gap	7
		Change in Incarceration rate	34

Government Administration   43

Digitization	35	Transparency	39	Corruption	30	Financial Health	39
Use of digital technology	35	Online access to spending data	39	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	1
						Operating Ratio	14
						Pension liability	49

Opportunity   46

Poverty	46	Affordability	27	Equal Opportunity	23
Gini coefficient	39	Cost of living	25	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	45	Housing affordability	29	Racial gap in educational attainment	49
% of households under poverty line	49			Racial gap in income	32
Food insecurity rate	43			Racial gap in unemployment rate	12
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	8

Alabama

OVERALL RANK		47

Economy — 45

Jobs	48	Growth	29	Business and innovation environment	48
Unemployment rate	46	GDP growth rate	30	Business birth rate	42
Job growth	37	Net migration per capita	26	Patents per million population	44
Labor force participation rate	48	Growth of young population	28		

Education — 47

Higher Education		49	Preschool-12	39
Educational Attainment		43	Preschool enrollment	34
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)		34	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)		39	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	50
Average debt at graduation		40	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	46
Tuition and required fees		31	College readiness	46
			Public high school graduation rate	18

Healthcare — 47

Access	41	Population Health	50	Quality	31
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	42	Mortality Rate	47	Medicare Quality	28
Adults uninsured	36	Suicide rate	26	Hospital Readmission Rates	28
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	20	Adults who smoke	41	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	30
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	39	Mental Health	25		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	27	Infant Mortality Rate	50		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	47	Adult Obesity rate	49		

Infrastructure — 31

Transportation	23	Energy	29	Broadband	34
Average commute time	28	Renewable energy consumption	12	Broadband access	47
Road quality	9	Reliability of power grids	42	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	29
Structurally deficient bridges	23	Average retail price of electricity	19		
Public transit coverage	44				

Crime & Corrections — 42

Crime	42	Corrections	29
Violent Crime Rate	41	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	41	Parole completion	23
		Incarceration rate	48
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	19
		Racial incarceration gap	13
		Change in Incarceration rate	22

Government Administration — 42

Digitization	43	Transparency	47	Corruption	7	Financial Health	34
Use of digital technology	43	Online access to spending data	47	State Integrity Grade	7	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	32
						Pension liability	35

Opportunity — 40

Poverty	47	Affordability	17	Equal Opportunity	13
Gini coefficient	41	Cost of living	4	Gender Parity	18
Median Household income	47	Housing affordability	23	Racial gap in educational attainment	16
% of households under poverty line	45			Racial gap in income	9
Food insecurity rate	47			Racial gap in unemployment rate	32
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	12

Arkansas

OVERALL RANK		48

Economy — 37

Jobs	41	Growth	24	Business and innovation environment	43
Unemployment rate	13	GDP growth rate	13	Business birth rate	31
Job growth	42	Net migration per capita	33	Patents per million population	48
Labor force participation rate	47	Growth of young population	31		

Education — 39

Higher Education	42	Preschool-12	33
Educational Attainment	49	Preschool enrollment	20
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	45	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	23	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	44
Average debt at graduation	14	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	45
Tuition and required fees	16	College readiness	38
		Public high school graduation rate	15

Healthcare — 50

Access	38	Population Health	48	Quality	50
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	45	Mortality Rate	45	Medicare Quality	48
Adults uninsured	31	Suicide rate	35	Hospital Readmission Rates	31
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	27	Adults who smoke	48	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	43
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	47	Mental Health	38		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	13	Infant Mortality Rate	47		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	42	Adult Obesity rate	45		

Infrastructure — 45

Transportation	22	Energy	24	Broadband	49
Average commute time	14	Renewable energy consumption	18	Broadband access	49
Road quality	21	Reliability of power grids	37	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	41
Structurally deficient bridges	15	Average retail price of electricity	8		
Public transit coverage	47				

Crime & Corrections — 48

Crime	45	Corrections	49
Violent Crime Rate	45	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	45	Parole completion	44
		Incarceration rate	47
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	39
		Racial incarceration gap	23
		Change in Incarceration rate	47

Government Administration — 29

Digitization	21	Transparency	33	Corruption	30	Financial Health	28
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	33	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	16
						Operating Ratio	36
						Pension liability	27

Opportunity — 47

Poverty	49	Affordability	12	Equal Opportunity	32
Gini coefficient	35	Cost of living	3	Gender Parity	48
Median Household income	49	Housing affordability	16	Racial gap in educational attainment	22
% of households under poverty line	47			Racial gap in income	15
Food insecurity rate	49			Racial gap in unemployment rate	21
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	1

Mississippi

OVERALL RANK			49

Economy — 48

Jobs	47	Growth	43	Business and innovation environment	49
Unemployment rate	44	GDP growth rate	49	Business birth rate	44
Job growth	41	Net migration per capita	46	Patents per million population	50
Labor force participation rate	49	Growth of young population	21		

Education — 45

Higher Education	31	Preschool-12	45
Educational Attainment	47	Preschool enrollment	15
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	29	Quality of state Pre-K program	1
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	19	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	48
Average debt at graduation	22	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	50
Tuition and required fees	13	College readiness	49
		Public high school graduation rate	40

Healthcare — 49

Access	48	Population Health	47	Quality	47
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	46	Mortality Rate	50	Medicare Quality	45
Adults uninsured	46	Suicide rate	11	Hospital Readmission Rates	42
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	9	Adults who smoke	47	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	8
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	49	Mental Health	13		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	17	Infant Mortality Rate	49		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	50	Adult Obesity rate	48		

Infrastructure — 50

Transportation	44	Energy	25	Broadband	50
Average commute time	25	Renewable energy consumption	34	Broadband access	50
Road quality	36	Reliability of power grids	26	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	36
Structurally deficient bridges	39	Average retail price of electricity	25		
Public transit coverage	50				

Crime & Corrections — 21

Crime	26	Corrections	14
Violent Crime Rate	16	Prison overpopulation	1
Property Crime Rate	36	Parole completion	25
		Incarceration rate	46
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	6
		Racial incarceration gap	41
		Change in Incarceration rate	1

Government Administration — 45

Digitization	21	Transparency	36	Corruption	30	Financial Health	45
Use of digital technology	21	Online access to spending data	36	State Integrity Grade	30	State credit rating	33
						Operating Ratio	29
						Pension liability	47

Opportunity — 50

Poverty	50	Affordability	13	Equal Opportunity	38
Gini coefficient	34	Cost of living	1	Gender Parity	42
Median Household income	50	Housing affordability	22	Racial gap in educational attainment	18
% of households under poverty line	50			Racial gap in income	25
Food insecurity rate	50			Racial gap in unemployment rate	40
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	3

Louisiana

OVERALL RANK				50

Economy | 46

Jobs	46	Growth	41	Business and innovation environment	46
Unemployment rate	48	GDP growth rate	46	Business birth rate	38
Job growth	38	Net migration per capita	29	Patents per million population	46
Labor force participation rate	41	Growth of young population	32		

Education | 46

Higher Education	36	Preschool-12	44
Educational Attainment	48	Preschool enrollment	9
Graduation rate (4-year postsecondary public institutions)	39	Quality of state Pre-K program	7
Graduation rate (2-year postsecondary public institutions)	30	NAEP mathematics scores (grade 8)	49
Average debt at graduation	6	NAEP reading scores (grade 8)	48
Tuition and required fees	18	College readiness	44
		Public high school graduation rate	45

Healthcare | 45

Access	32	Population Health	44	Quality	41
Compliance with children's preventative care (EPSDT program)	1	Mortality Rate	43	Medicare Quality	44
Adults uninsured	44	Suicide rate	25	Hospital Readmission Rates	37
Adults without a routine checkup in the past year	16	Adults who smoke	43	Prevalence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes	6
Adults without a dental visit in the past year	45	Mental Health	27		
Children not receiving dental services (EPSDT program)	21	Infant Mortality Rate	46		
Adults who went without care in the past year due to cost	45	Adult Obesity rate	50		

Infrastructure | 39

Transportation	42	Energy	21	Broadband	33
Average commute time	32	Renewable energy consumption	46	Broadband access	46
Road quality	32	Reliability of power grids	32	Population with upload speed >100 mbps	28
Structurally deficient bridges	41	Average retail price of electricity	2		
Public transit coverage	36				

Crime & Corrections | 50

Crime	48	Corrections	50
Violent Crime Rate	46	Prison overpopulation	43
Property Crime Rate	47	Parole completion	38
		Incarceration rate	50
		Juvenile Incarceration Rate	32
		Racial incarceration gap	39
		Change in Incarceration rate	15

Government Administration | 46

Digitization	43	Transparency	7	Corruption	39	Financial Health	46
Use of digital technology	43	Online access to spending data	7	State Integrity Grade	39	State credit rating	43
						Operating Ratio	47
						Pension liability	40

Opportunity | 49

Poverty	48	Affordability	18	Equal Opportunity	44
Gini coefficient	48	Cost of living	14	Gender Parity	48
Median Household income	44	Housing affordability	19	Racial gap in educational attainment	20
% of households under poverty line	48			Racial gap in income	31
Food insecurity rate	44			Racial gap in unemployment rate	24
				Disability gap in unemployment rate	14

How We Score

The overall Best State ranking from U.S. News & World Report shows how each of the 50 U.S. states ranks in 68 metrics across seven categories. The data behind the rankings were based on McKinsey & Company's Leading States Index.

In calculating the rankings, each of the seven categories were assigned weightings based on a national survey that asked people to prioritize each subject in their state:

Health Care: **18%**

Education: **16%**

Infrastructure: **14%**

Crime & Corrections: **14%**

Opportunity: **14%**

Economy: **13%**

Government: **10%**

The elements of the categories and the weightings assigned to each were:

Health Care:

- Health Care Access: 33%
- Health Care Quality: 33%
- Public Health: 33%

Education:

- Higher Education: 50%
- Pre-K - 12: 50%

Infrastructure:

- Energy: 33%
- Internet Access: 33%
- Transportation: 33%

Crime & Corrections:

- Corrections: 50%
- Public Safety: 50%

Opportunity:

- Economic Opportunity: 40%
- Equality: 40%
- Affordability: 20%

Economy:

- Growth: 50%
- Employment: 30%
- Business Environment: 20%

Government:

- Fiscal Stability: 50%
- Budget Transparency: 17%
- Government Digitalization: 17%
- State Integrity: 17%

Note: Weights don't add to 100 due to rounding.

Methodology

U.S. News and McKinsey created an index score for each metric for each state. In each metric, the top state based on the raw data was given 100 points and the bottom state was given 1 point. States between these were indexed proportionally. Then, we multiplied the weight for each metric by each state's index score to calculate weighted averages. These weighted averages were then ranked 1-50 to determine the category and sub-category rankings.

For the overall rankings, U.S. News created a weighted average of the seven category rankings and multiplied each by the weight for each category, and then ranked the outcome. We chose this method for the overall ranking so that it would not be skewed by large differences in scores at a metric level.

Weights within categories and subcategories were selected in collaboration with experts based on each metric's relative importance and breadth. For example, mortality metrics in the health care index were weighed the most heavily in that category because they encompass many factors of health in the state. For categories where there was no clear order of importance, equal weighting was used.

The Survey

For the weighting of the Best States ranking, U.S. News wanted to use an objective measure reflecting the priorities of citizens for their state governments. McKinsey conducts a citizen experience survey on a fairly regular basis which asks Americans how satisfied they are with various state government services and where they think their state governments should focus resources. Between September 28 and October 14, 2016, McKinsey surveyed 11,100 adults ages 18 and up to reach a demographically representative sample of 500 responses from 22 states, which collectively accounted for 75 percent of the U.S. population. The survey results were weighted to be representative of the country's population across all ages, genders, ethnicities and household incomes.

The categories for the survey aligned with the questions that were asked of citizens. We based the weightings for the categories on a question that asked respondents to rank the categories, like health and education, 1-7 in order of what matters most in their satisfaction with their home states. The weights for the categories were calculated from the average rank for each among the respondents. Since the survey was completed before the finalization of the Best States rankings, survey responses for crime & corrections on this question were unavailable. That category's weight was based on the correlation between how satisfied respondents said they were with public safety in their state and how satisfied respondents said they were with

their state overall.

The Data

In order to select metrics for the project, we consulted experts in each of the categories for guidance. These are the criteria we used in choosing metrics:

• Metrics that measure citizen outcomes in a state were favored over inputs or outputs. For example, we selected the percentage of state residents who have an associate's degree or higher instead of the dollars spent on education per capita or the number of students enrolled at state universities.

• The set of metrics within each category should work together to provide an overview of that category.

• Government data were favored over other sources because of their reliability.

• Standardized data needed to be available across all or most states.

• Metrics should be from 2013 or later.

These guidelines meant that some of the desired metrics were not available, such as recidivism in the criminal justice system, which is measured differently across different states. Where possible, we selected a close substitute (successful parole completions).

In developing the Best States ranking, we pulled data from the following sources:

• U.S. Census Bureau

• National Center for Education Statistics

• The Institute for College Access & Success

• National Institute for Early Education Research

• ACT

• Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

• U.S. Department of Transportation

• Federal Communications Commission

• U.S. PIRG Education Fund

• The Center for Public Integrity

• Moody's

• The Mercatus Center at George Mason University

• U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

• U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

• U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

• Feeding America

• The Council for Community and Economic Research

• McKinsey & Company: Power of Parity Report

• U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics

• Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

• FBI

• Oregon State Public Interest Research Group

• U.S. Department of Energy

• TRIP

• Center for Digital Government

For each set, we used the most recent data available as of Dec. 22, 2016. Because datasets have different schedules for updates, data come from different years and months. This allowed us to pull many more data points. All data will be updated again for the 2018 relaunch of Best States.

In some cases, data for certain states are missing because not all states provide data for all metrics. In other cases, especially in states with small populations, there weren't enough people to have a statistically significant sample in a given year, which led to missing values. We omitted metrics with missing data from the calculation of rankings for those states.

Ties were rare in the dataset because we calculated scores to the maximum amount of decimal places without rounding. In some cases, where the score was from a letter grade, such as the digitization index, there were ties.

Best States didn't rank Washington, D.C., or U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico. Data

for Washington, D.C. were included for national averages.

You can see all the raw data behind the Best States ranking on the Data Explorer.

FAQ

What Is Best States?

Best States is a unique rankings and news analysis platform designed to inform citizens, business leaders and policymakers alike about what's working and what needs improvement across the country.

The site includes rankings that measure the 50 states overall and across seven different categories: education, health care, government, infrastructure, economy, opportunity and crime & corrections. The rankings are derived from more than 60 metrics and thousands of data points.

In addition to rankings, the platform offers expert commentary, news analysis and storytelling to highlight the issues, insights and best practices that matter most for states.

Why rank states?

U.S. News & World Report created the Best States rankings to provide a platform for citizens, government leaders and business executives alike to compare and better understand the issues, insights and best practices that matter most for states.

Like Best Countries, launched last year, Best States gives readers a new way to analyze the world around them. It shows which state policies are working and which can be improved, and encourages citizens

to interact more with their governments to promote positive change.

How is this different from existing state rankings?

Existing state rankings tend to focus on a very narrow set of issues, such as the business or tax environment of a state or the education and health care offered there.

U.S. News Best States is the first comprehensive effort to gauge how state governments perform across a wide array of issues. This project provides citizens with a full picture of state government performance.

What role did each partner play in producing Best Sates?

U.S. News & World Report, a global authority on rankings, news analysis and consumer advice, provides the journalistic, data and rankings expertise for the Best States project. U.S. News developed the rankings, hosts the website, and maintains editorial control of the content.

McKinsey & Company, with deep experience working with state government leaders on many of their most pressing issues, serves as the analytical engine for the project. McKinsey produced its Leading States Index in order to help state government leaders better understand

where to focus their efforts, make lasting improvements in their performance and deliver on their mission to citizens. McKinsey also ran a nationwide survey on citizen satisfaction that included more than 10,000 responses measuring citizen satisfaction with government services, which was used to calculate the weightings behind the Best States rankings.

How were the states ranked?

The overall Best States ranking is determined from how each of the 50 U.S. states ranks in seven main categories: health care, education, infrastructure, crime & corrections, opportunity, economy and government. The rankings are based on thousands of data points gathered by McKinsey in its Leading States Index.

The categories and subcategories considered were:

Health Care

- Health Care Access
- Health Care Quality
- Public Health

Education

- Higher Education
- Pre-K - 12

Infrastructure

- Energy
- Internet Access
- Transportation

Crime & Corrections

- Corrections
- Public Safety

Opportunity

- Economic Opportunity
- Equality
- Affordability

Economy

- Growth
- Employment
- Business Environment

Government

- Fiscal Stability
- Budget Transparency
- Government Digitalization
- State Integrity

Certain categories were weighted more heavily than others. For more information on category weights, please see the Best States methodology.

What were the respective weights of the inputs and why were they chosen?

The overall Best States ranking is determined from how each of the 50 U.S. states ranks in our seven categories. The weights of the categories are as follows:

- Health Care: 18 percent
- Education: 16 percent
- Infrastructure: 14 percent
- Crime & Corrections: 14 percent
- Opportunity: 14 percent

- Economy: 13 percent
- Government: 10 percent

Note: these weights do not equal 100 due to rounding.

In order to determine the weights of the category rankings, McKinsey & Company conducted an online survey of 11,100 people. The survey was meant to determine which factors are the most important to people about their state. For more on the survey, weighting and inputs, including for subcategories, please click here.

Why did my state perform so well?

Each state's performance in the overall ranking correlates directly with its ranking in each of the seven categories, including health care, education, infrastructure, crime & corrections, opportunity, economy and government. The overall ranking takes a holistic view of all of these category rankings to determine which states best serve their citizens in all aspects. If a state performed well in several categories, especially those weighted more heavily, it is likely to rank highly overall.

Why did my state perform so poorly?

Each state's overall ranking relies on its performance in all seven categories. Since these categories are not weighted equally, a state could rank highly in one or more categories, but not overall. For example, if a state ranks near the top for government, weighted at 10 percent, it could still perform poorly overall if it ranks near the

bottom for health care and education, the most highly weighted categories.

Are the rankings objective and fair?

To ensure that the Best States rankings are objective and fair, U.S. News weighted the seven major categories based on results from a representative survey designed to determine what factors most influence Americans' satisfaction with their home states.

Within each category, the metrics were selected objectively in collaboration with experts, using specific criteria. Among these considerations were the comprehensiveness, reliability and timeliness of the metrics. The project used publicly available government data when possible, and vetted proprietary data in cases where public data was not available.

Further, experts helped determine the weights of the subcategories and the metrics within them, focusing on which were most important and representative of their respective categories.

Why wasn't Washington, D.C., included in the rankings?

For this ranking, U.S. News looked at the 50 states and didn't include D.C. or U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico. One reason was data availability, as many state sets do not include these locations. Values for D.C. are often skewed because of its small population, making meaningful comparisons between D.C. and other states difficult. D.C. was included in

national averages for each metric though.

How often will the rankings be updated?

The Best States rankings will be updated each year.

Is the data used for the rankings reliable?

The rankings are based on publicly available data from government sites. Examples include the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How recent is the data?

U.S. News and McKinsey used the most recent data available as of Dec. 22, 2016. Not all data sets were released at the same time, since they are created throughout the year.

Are there any ties?

Ties were rare in the dataset because we calculated scores to the maximum amount of decimal places without rounding. In some cases, where the score was from a letter grade, ties were possible. There were ties in the government category, including in the state integrity ranking.

How was culture/history factored into the rankings?

The Best States rankings concentrate on factors that a government can influence with policy. Because of this, we didn't include factors such as culture or history of the state. Those factors are considered in some of our other rankings such as Best

Places to Live and Best Places to Travel.

Who can I contact with questions?

For questions about Best States, please email: pr@usnews.com.