

2017 PROSPERITY NOW SCORECARD

STATE OUTCOMES

The Prosperity Now Scorecard ranks the states on 56 outcome measures that describe how well residents are faring in each state in terms of financial health overall and within five issue areas: #1 is the most desirable, #51 is the least desirable.

State	Overall	Financial Assets & Income	Businesses & Jobs	Homeownership & Housing	Health Care	Education
Alabama	49	49	47	32	47	45
Alaska	15	9	25	11	17	37
Arizona	40	31	41	19	49	40
Arkansas	45	46	27	25	45	46
California	26	27	15	40	30	20
Colorado	6	8	3	24	20	9
Connecticut	28	16	43	47	26	12
Delaware	19	23	22	31	4	29
District of Columbia	31	40	10	43	7	31
Florida	42	38	33	45	50	23
Georgia	48	48	44	42	44	39
Hawaii	3	1	2	36	1	14
Idaho	24	30	12	4	36	44
Illinois	30	28	35	38	15	22
Indiana	32	29	34	29	25	30
Iowa	14	17	38	2	13	21
Kansas	21	24	28	10	32	24
Kentucky	38	41	40	22	21	41
Louisiana	50	50	28	44	43	47
Maine	16	15	19	30	18	16
Maryland	17	17	23	37	35	4
Massachusetts	12	19	9	48	3	3
Michigan	27	33	32	14	9	38
Minnesota	5	3	23	3	16	13
Mississippi	51	51	48	34	41	51
Missouri	29	35	37	20	24	18
Montana	10	11	15	5	33	15
Nebraska	18	25	45	7	28	8
Nevada	46	43	45	46	34	43
New Hampshire	2	4	1	12	5	2
New Jersey	23	21	5	50	36	5
New Mexico	47	47	50	22	39	48
New York	33	32	4	51	19	19
North Carolina	43	34	48	33	45	34
North Dakota	7	12	8	17	12	6
Ohio	36	37	39	39	6	36
Oklahoma	37	44	14	16	48	33
Oregon	20	20	6	40	21	25
Pennsylvania	25	22	41	35	11	27
Rhode Island	34	26	21	49	31	26
South Carolina	44	39	51	13	36	49
South Dakota	22	13	30	8	40	41
Tennessee	39	42	26	27	42	32
Texas	41	45	20	21	51	35
Utah	4	7	12	6	23	7
Vermont	1	2	7	18	2	1
Virginia	11	14	18	14	28	10
Washington	8	5	17	28	8	11
West Virginia	35	36	36	8	14	50
Wisconsin	13	6	31	26	10	16
Wyoming	9	10	11	1	27	28

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The Prosperity Now Scorecard has been ranking states on outcome measures annually since 2012. By tracking the movement in each state's outcome rank over time, one can more clearly see the aggregate effects that a state's policies have on the well-being of its residents. Below are the trends in states' overall ranks.

State	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Alabama	49	50	49	48	46	47
Alaska	15	11	7	5	5	7
Arizona	40	42	43	41	40	44
Arkansas	45	39	42	43	47	46
California	26	33	36	34	35	42
Colorado	6	9	13	14	18	15
Connecticut	28	23	27	25	27	30
Delaware	19	18	23	22	22	22
District of Columbia	31	27	30	28	31	24
Florida	42	40	39	39	44	45
Georgia	48	49	50	49	49	49
Hawaii	3	5	5	6	6	5
Idaho	24	21	12	21	23	25
Illinois	30	29	33	33	33	33
Indiana	32	29	34	35	34	39
Iowa	14	7	9	8	15	10
Kansas	21	20	18	19	19	11
Kentucky	38	44	38	38	38	38
Louisiana	50	46	43	44	42	35
Maine	16	12	10	13	11	9
Maryland	17	22	21	23	20	23
Massachusetts	12	14	19	11	10	13
Michigan	27	28	25	27	26	28
Minnesota	5	6	8	7	8	8
Mississippi	51	51	51	51	51	51
Missouri	29	31	28	32	32	27
Montana	10	15	11	9	7	4
Nebraska	18	13	17	15	14	16
Nevada	46	48	48	50	50	48
New Hampshire	2	3	4	3	2	3
New Jersey	23	25	29	29	28	29
New Mexico	47	47	45	42	41	34
New York	33	32	32	30	29	32
North Carolina	43	38	41	46	45	40
North Dakota	7	2	3	2	4	6
Ohio	36	36	35	36	36	36
Oklahoma	37	34	31	31	30	31
Oregon	20	26	22	25	25	26
Pennsylvania	25	24	24	24	21	17
Rhode Island	34	35	40	40	37	43
South Carolina	44	45	47	47	48	50
South Dakota	22	17	16	12	9	18
Tennessee	39	43	46	44	43	41
Texas	41	41	37	37	39	37
Utah	4	8	6	10	12	14
Vermont	1	1	2	1	1	1
Virginia	11	19	20	18	16	12
Washington	8	10	14	16	17	19
West Virginia	35	37	26	20	24	20
Wisconsin	13	16	15	17	13	21
Wyoming	9	4	1	4	3	2

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STATE POLICY ADOPTION COUNT

The Prosperity Now Scorecard assesses all 50 states and the District of Columbia on 53 policy measures to determine the progress states have made toward building a path to prosperity for all its residents. The total number of policies assessed may vary based on the total number of policies for which data was available for each state and D.C.

State	Overall	Financial Assets & Income	Businesses & Jobs	Homeownership & Housing	Health Care	Education
Alabama	13 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	4 of 12	0 of 2	4 of 9
Alaska	12 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
Arizona	18 of 53	6 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Arkansas	21 of 53	8 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
California	27 of 53	10 of 20	6 of 10	6 of 12	2 of 2	3 of 9
Colorado	26 of 53	8 of 20	5 of 10	7 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
Connecticut	28 of 53	10 of 20	4 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
Delaware	18 of 53	5 of 20	3 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
District of Columbia	23 of 51	11 of 19	5 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 8
Florida	18 of 53	4 of 20	3 of 10	8 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Georgia	17 of 53	6 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Hawaii	18 of 53	6 of 20	5 of 10	4 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Idaho	16 of 53	4 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Illinois	20 of 53	7 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	2 of 2	2 of 9
Indiana	13 of 53	5 of 20	0 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Iowa	17 of 53	7 of 20	1 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Kansas	18 of 53	7 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Kentucky	13 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Louisiana	15 of 53	7 of 20	0 of 10	4 of 12	2 of 2	2 of 9
Maine	26 of 53	10 of 20	5 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Maryland	33 of 53	15 of 20	2 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	6 of 9
Massachusetts	23 of 53	9 of 20	4 of 10	5 of 12	2 of 2	3 of 9
Michigan	16 of 53	5 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Minnesota	24 of 53	10 of 20	3 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Mississippi	11 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	3 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Missouri	10 of 53	3 of 20	3 of 10	3 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 9
Montana	15 of 53	5 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
Nebraska	16 of 53	5 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Nevada	17 of 53	4 of 20	4 of 10	6 of 12	2 of 2	1 of 9
New Hampshire	16 of 53	4 of 20	3 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
New Jersey	29 of 53	9 of 20	5 of 10	9 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
New Mexico	15 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
New York	33 of 53	14 of 20	5 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
North Carolina	23 of 53	9 of 20	1 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	5 of 9
North Dakota	20 of 53	6 of 20	2 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	2 of 9
Ohio	18 of 50	8 of 20	2 of 10	5 of 9	2 of 2	1 of 9
Oklahoma	16 of 53	5 of 20	1 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Oregon	32 of 53	11 of 20	7 of 10	9 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Pennsylvania	19 of 53	7 of 20	1 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Rhode Island	28 of 53	9 of 20	5 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
South Carolina	16 of 53	7 of 20	1 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
South Dakota	12 of 53	2 of 20	3 of 10	6 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 9
Tennessee	15 of 53	2 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Texas	15 of 53	3 of 20	0 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	5 of 9
Utah	12 of 53	4 of 20	0 of 10	4 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Vermont	27 of 53	10 of 20	7 of 10	8 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
Virginia	19 of 53	7 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	4 of 9
Washington	27 of 53	5 of 20	7 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	5 of 9
West Virginia	18 of 53	6 of 20	2 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Wisconsin	19 of 53	6 of 20	4 of 10	6 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Wyoming	8 of 53	3 of 20	2 of 10	2 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 9

Data were not available for these policies:

District of Columbia: Postsecondary Education Funding

Ohio: Downpayment Assistance for First-Time Homebuyers, Direct Lending for First-Time Homebuyers, and Homeownership Counseling for First-Time Homebuyers