

2018 PROSPERITY NOW SCORECARD

STATE OUTCOMES

The Prosperity Now Scorecard ranks the states on 58 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	46	49	48	23	39	46
Alaska	17	18	26	3	22	40
Arizona	36	31	44	16	47	39
Arkansas	44	46	35	21	38	41
California	27	26	12	42	31	23
Colorado	11	7	2	25	29	19
Connecticut	20	14	37	47	6	6
Delaware	28	23	34	36	18	25
District of Columbia	39	35	20	44	21	48
Florida	42	38	30	43	49	28
Georgia	49	48	38	41	47	44
Hawaii	3	1	3	35	1	20
Idaho	21	30	13	5	28	32
Illinois	29	28	27	40	26	20
Indiana	31	32	29	30	23	30
Iowa	9	16	33	6	4	11
Kansas	23	26	30	13	25	27
Kentucky	38	40	46	28	30	35
Louisiana	50	50	22	44	43	50
Maine	14	13	19	25	12	16
Maryland	22	21	28	39	24	15
Massachusetts	13	12	15	46	3	3
Michigan	30	33	36	14	13	38
Minnesota	4	2	25	2	15	13
Mississippi	51	51	47	20	50	51
Missouri	33	34	39	17	36	24
Montana	6	8	16	4	31	10
Nebraska	18	22	42	9	34	7
Nevada	48	43	45	48	46	42
New Hampshire	2	4	1	15	5	2
New Jersey	25	17	8	50	42	4
New Mexico	46	47	50	18	45	47
New York	32	29	11	51	14	26
North Carolina	43	37	49	31	41	35
North Dakota	10	11	6	10	20	14
Ohio	35	36	40	37	8	37
Oklahoma	40	45	13	18	44	45
Oregon	15	20	4	38	7	30
Pennsylvania	24	25	41	29	11	22
Rhode Island	26	24	17	49	10	17
South Carolina	45	42	51	12	37	49
South Dakota	19	10	32	8	33	28
Tennessee	37	41	22	33	35	34
Texas	41	44	21	24	51	33
Utah	5	9	9	7	16	5
Vermont	1	3	5	25	2	1
Virginia	16	19	18	22	40	12
Washington	8	5	7	33	19	8
West Virginia	34	39	43	11	17	43
Wisconsin	12	6	22	32	9	9
Wyoming	7	15	10	1	26	18

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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	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Alabama	46	49	50	49	48	46	47
Alaska	17	15	11	7	5	5	7
Arizona	36	40	42	43	41	40	44
Arkansas	44	45	39	42	43	47	46
California	27	26	33	36	34	35	42
Colorado	11	6	9	13	14	18	15
Connecticut	20	28	23	27	25	27	30
Delaware	28	19	18	23	22	22	22
District of Columbia	39	31	27	30	28	31	24
Florida	42	42	40	39	39	44	45
Georgia	49	48	49	50	49	49	49
Hawaii	3	3	5	5	6	6	5
Idaho	21	24	21	12	21	23	25
Illinois	29	30	29	33	33	33	33
Indiana	31	32	29	34	35	34	39
Iowa	9	14	7	9	8	15	10
Kansas	23	21	20	18	19	19	11
Kentucky	38	38	44	38	38	38	38
Louisiana	50	50	46	43	44	42	35
Maine	14	16	12	10	13	11	9
Maryland	22	17	22	21	23	20	23
Massachusetts	13	12	14	19	11	10	13
Michigan	30	27	28	25	27	26	28
Minnesota	4	5	6	8	7	8	8
Mississippi	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Missouri	33	29	31	28	32	32	27
Montana	6	10	15	11	9	7	4
Nebraska	18	18	13	17	15	14	16
Nevada	48	46	48	48	50	50	48
New Hampshire	2	2	3	4	3	2	3
New Jersey	25	23	25	29	29	28	29
New Mexico	46	47	47	45	42	41	34
New York	32	33	32	32	30	29	32
North Carolina	43	43	38	41	46	45	40
North Dakota	10	7	2	3	2	4	6
Ohio	35	36	36	35	36	36	36
Oklahoma	40	37	34	31	31	30	31
Oregon	15	20	26	22	25	25	26
Pennsylvania	24	25	24	24	24	21	17
Rhode Island	26	34	35	40	40	37	43
South Carolina	45	44	45	47	47	48	50
South Dakota	19	22	17	16	12	9	18
Tennessee	37	39	43	46	44	43	41
Texas	41	41	41	37	37	39	37
Utah	5	4	8	6	10	12	14
Vermont	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Virginia	16	11	19	20	18	16	12
Washington	8	8	10	14	16	17	19
West Virginia	34	35	37	26	20	24	20
Wisconsin	12	13	16	15	17	13	21
Wyoming	7	9	4	1	4	3	2

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	14 of 53	6 of 20	1 of 10	3 of 12	0 of 2	4 of 9
Alaska	14 of 53	4 of 20	2 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Arizona	18 of 53	6 of 20	3 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Arkansas	18 of 49	7 of 19	3 of 10	3 of 9	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	11 of 20	4 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	3 of 9
Delaware	19 of 51	6 of 19	3 of 10	8 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 8
District of Columbia	24 of 51	11 of 19	5 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 8
Florida	18 of 53	4 of 20	3 of 10	8 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Georgia	16 of 52	6 of 20	2 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 8
Hawaii	18 of 53	6 of 20	5 of 10	4 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Idaho	14 of 52	3 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	0 of 2	2 of 8
Illinois	21 of 53	8 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	2 of 2	2 of 9
Indiana	12 of 50	5 of 20	1 of 10	3 of 9	1 of 2	2 of 9
Iowa	18 of 53	8 of 20	1 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Kansas	19 of 53	7 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 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	28 of 53	10 of 20	7 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Maryland	34 of 53	16 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	15 of 52	5 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 8
Minnesota	27 of 53	10 of 20	6 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Mississippi	12 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	4 of 12	1 of 2	2 of 9
Missouri	11 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	4 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 9
Montana	16 of 53	6 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
Nebraska	16 of 53	5 of 20	2 of 10	6 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	17 of 52	4 of 20	4 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 8
New Jersey	30 of 53	9 of 20	6 of 10	9 of 12	2 of 2	4 of 9
New Mexico	16 of 53	4 of 20	1 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
New York	31 of 50	14 of 20	4 of 10	7 of 9	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	18 of 50	6 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 9	2 of 2	2 of 9
Ohio	19 of 52	8 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	2 of 2	0 of 8
Oklahoma	19 of 53	5 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	5 of 9
Oregon	31 of 53	10 of 20	7 of 10	9 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Pennsylvania	20 of 53	7 of 20	2 of 10	7 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Rhode Island	30 of 53	9 of 20	6 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	5 of 9
South Carolina	15 of 53	6 of 20	1 of 10	5 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
South Dakota	13 of 52	3 of 19	3 of 10	6 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 9
Tennessee	16 of 53	2 of 20	3 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Texas	16 of 53	4 of 20	0 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	5 of 9
Utah	13 of 53	4 of 20	0 of 10	5 of 12	1 of 2	3 of 9
Vermont	25 of 53	10 of 20	5 of 10	8 of 12	1 of 2	1 of 9
Virginia	19 of 53	7 of 20	2 of 10	6 of 12	0 of 2	4 of 9
Washington	28 of 53	6 of 20	7 of 10	8 of 12	2 of 2	5 of 9
West Virginia	18 of 53	6 of 20	1 of 10	6 of 12	1 of 2	4 of 9
Wisconsin	20 of 53	7 of 20	3 of 10	7 of 12	0 of 2	3 of 9
Wyoming	8 of 51	3 of 20	2 of 10	2 of 12	0 of 2	1 of 7

Notes on Policy Adoption: Data were not available in all states for all policies. The total numbers of policies possible for each state in each issue area and overall reflect this variance.