Opportunity increased in this dimension by 1.1 percent since 2016, with most counties seeing progress. For states, Vermont had the highest score of 66.9, while Oklahoma had the lowest score of 38.1.

The proportion of youth disconnected from employment and education declined in most states and, for the first time in the Index’s history, dropped below five million to 4.9 million youth nationally.

BOYD COUNTY, NEBRASKA had the HIGHEST SCORE in the Community dimension. Boyd County’s rate of YOUTH DISCONNECTION is EXCEPTIONALLY LOW, at 2.6%, and its rate of VIOLENT CRIME is just ONE-EIGHTH of the national rate.

Access to healthy food DECLINED in 33 STATES and IMPROVED in 15.