

ECONOMY



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Opportunity increased in the Economy dimension by 4.3 percent in 2017. North Dakota was the highest-performing state, with a score of 65.2. The state with the lowest score was New Mexico, at 42.3. Most counties made progress in this dimension.



3 COUNTIES IN COLORADO
have the
LOWEST
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
in the nation



ROBERTS COUNTY, TX (population 918)
had the **HIGHEST SCORE** in the Economy
dimension, largely influenced by its
VERY LOW POVERTY RATE
(1.5 percent, which is 1/10
the national average) and a relatively
HIGH RATE
OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING



ACCESS TO
BANKING SERVICES
has **DETERIORATED**
in **NEARLY EVERY STATE**
and improved in none



The **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**
IMPROVED
in **49 STATES** and the
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Only **ALASKA'S RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINED UNCHANGED**
from 2016-2017, due in part to a **steep drop in oil prices**
and by related declines over this time in their industries related to
extraction of natural resources

Thanks to PwC US, the 2017 Opportunity Index provides business-specific data to provide further insight into how opportunity interacts with the evolving U.S. economy. Want to learn more about the future of work in your community? Visit opportunityindex.org.