Opportunity increased since 2016 in the Education dimension by 2.8 percent. Since 2011, the Education dimension score increased from 46.4 to 54.4—a 17.3 percent improvement. New Jersey had the highest score, at 65.5; Nevada, at 38.6, was the lowest performer. The number of counties losing ground on the Education indicators (1,379) almost matched those making progress (1,446).

Encouragingly, adult educational attainment, measured by the percentage of adults with an associate degree or higher, has increased in every state since 2011. However, preschool enrollment has declined in the majority of states (27) and improved in fewer than one-third (16).