



ECONOMY

JOB | WAGES | POVERTY | INCOME INEQUALITY | ASSETS | AFFORDABLE HOUSING | INTERNET ACCESS

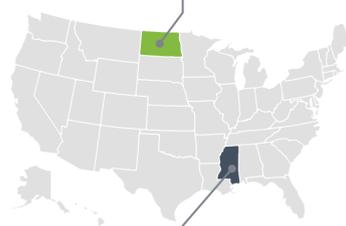
More than half of states saw a decreased poverty rate, lower unemployment rate, greater housing affordability, and more broadband internet access.

At the same time, income inequality rose in one-third of states, and over half of states saw a reduction in access to banking.

Twenty-two states had an increase in median household income, but an equal number had no change from 2017- 2018.

▲ 67.2

State with the highest Economy Score:
North Dakota



▼ 46.2

State with the lowest Economy Score:
Mississippi



More than half of states showed **improvements** in the poverty rate, the unemployment rate, housing affordability, and broadband internet access.



Of the 42 counties with **unemployment rates** under 2%, 11 are in Colorado.



Income inequality grew by more than 1% in nearly a third of states from the 2017 to the 2018 Index.



The **poverty rate** continues to decrease in the United States, maintaining a trend first evident in the 2014 Opportunity Index.