

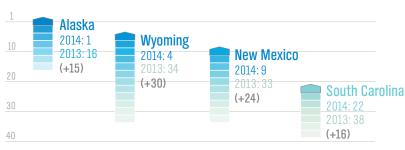
WELL-BEING 2014 State Well-Being Rankings

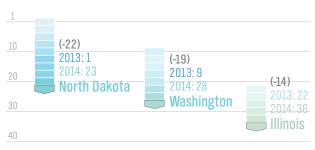


The above graph represents each state's composite rank (1 – 50) as measured by the 2014 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index®. Quintiles are divided by color, and longer segments correlate to a higher rank. Alaska — ranked number 1 — sets the high end of the scale, while West Virginia — ranked 50th — marks the low end.



2014 State Well-Being Rankings Analysis





Largest Increase in Ranking

Largest Decrease in Ranking

"Researchers, policy makers and healthcare leaders need good information about the well-being of populations that they serve. Well-being sheds light on the issues that drive quality, cost and productivity. A well-being metric also supports the creation of an action plan for our nation, in order to achieve sustained improvement in the health of our citizens."

-David B. Nash MD, MBA, Dean, Jefferson School of Population Health

The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index® includes more than 2.1 million surveys and captures how people feel about and experience their daily lives. Levels of well-being correlate with healthcare (utilization and cost) and productivity measures (absenteeism, presenteeism and job performance), all critical to organizational and economic competitiveness.

Well-Being Index data provide a comprehensive view of well-being across five elements:

- **Purpose:** Liking what you do each day and being motivated to achieve your goals
- Social: Having supportive relationships and love in your life
- **Financial:** Managing your economic life to reduce stress and increase security
- Community: Liking where you live, feeling safe and having pride in your community
- **Physical:** Having good health and enough energy to get things done daily

Policy, community and business leaders can use these data to benchmark populations and prioritize interventions to measurably improve well-being.

Nationally, many aspects of well-being have improved in 2014 to their best levels since measurement began in 2008. Life evaluation, for example, reached its highest recorded point. In 2014, Alaska topped the rankings for the first time; Alaska has ranked in the top 10 four times in seven years. Alaska is the only state to rank in the top 10 in all five elements and ranks first in purpose well-being.

Hawaii, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana round out the top five. Hawaii and Colorado are the only states that have been in the top 10 every year since 2008. Ten others — Montana, Utah, Minnesota, Nebraska, Alaska, North Dakota, Iowa, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming — have ranked in the top 10 at least three times.

Kentucky and West Virginia continue to have the lowest well-being in the nation, ranking 49th and 50th respectively for six straight years. Arkansas, Mississippi and Ohio also have consistently low well-being.

Methodology

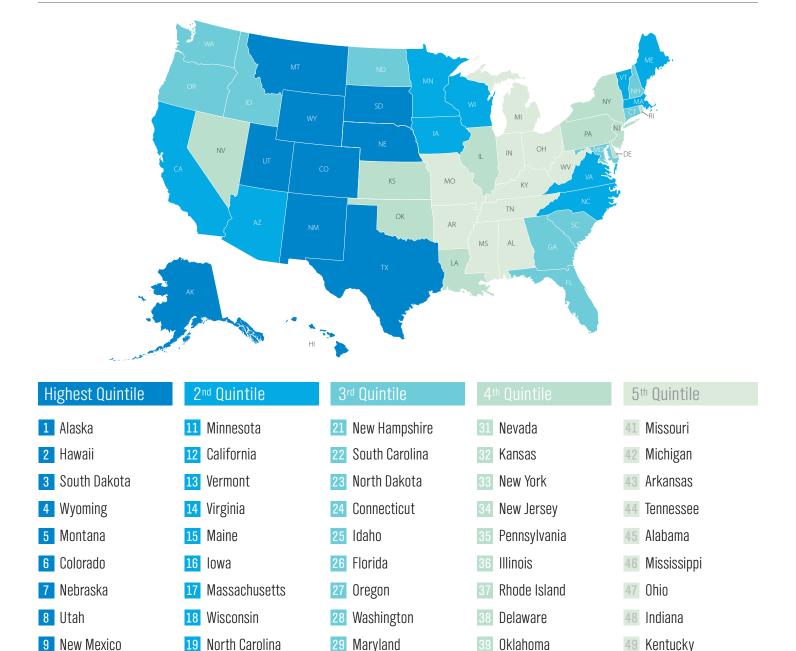
These data are based on 176,702 interviews with U.S. adults across all 50 states, conducted from January 2 to December 30, 2014. Gallup conducts 500 telephone interviews a day with American adults, for a resulting sample that projects to an estimated 95 percent of all U.S. adults. The Well-Being Index is calculated on a scale of 0 to 100, where zero represents the lowest possible well-being and 100 represents the highest possible well-being. Visit wbi.healthways.com to learn more.

State Rankings by Element

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

Community

Overall State Rankings



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Georgia

50 West Virginia

Louisiana

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