

WEST VIRGINIA

OVERALL SCORE 443 BETTER	OVERALL RANK 41
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	509 BETTER	37

	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 WV 73,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	22% 2024	↑ WORSE
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 WV 100,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	34% 2019	29% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 WV 72,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	20% 2019	21% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 WV 7,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	9% 2019	8% 2024	↓ BETTER

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	242 WORSE	43

	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 WV 24,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	65% 2015-19	68% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. WV N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	75% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. WV N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	82% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. WV N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	9% 2018-19	7% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		SCORE	RANK
						440 STABLE	45
Low birth-weight babies us 308,966 wv 1,704	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	9.8% 2019	10.0% 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children without health insurance us 4,648,000 wv 11,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	4% 2019	3% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 us 21,189 wv 125	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	31 2019	33 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese us N.A. wv N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	40% 2018-19	40% 2023-24	STABLE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			WEST VIRGINIA		SCORE	RANK
						583 BETTER	35
Children in single-parent families us 23,472,000 wv 113,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	35% 2019	35% 2024	STABLE	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 7,868,000 wv 27,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	8% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas us 5,419,000 wv 28,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	11% 2015-19	8% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
Teen births per 1,000 us 137,273 wv 939	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	25 2019	18 2024	↓ BETTER	

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