

# HEALTHCARE OPENNESS AND ACCESS PROJECT

HOAP is a set of tools providing state-by-state measures of the flexibility and discretion that patients and providers have in managing health and health care. In other words, how open are each state's laws and regulations to institutional variation in the delivery of care, and how much access to varying modes of care does this confer on the state's patients and providers?

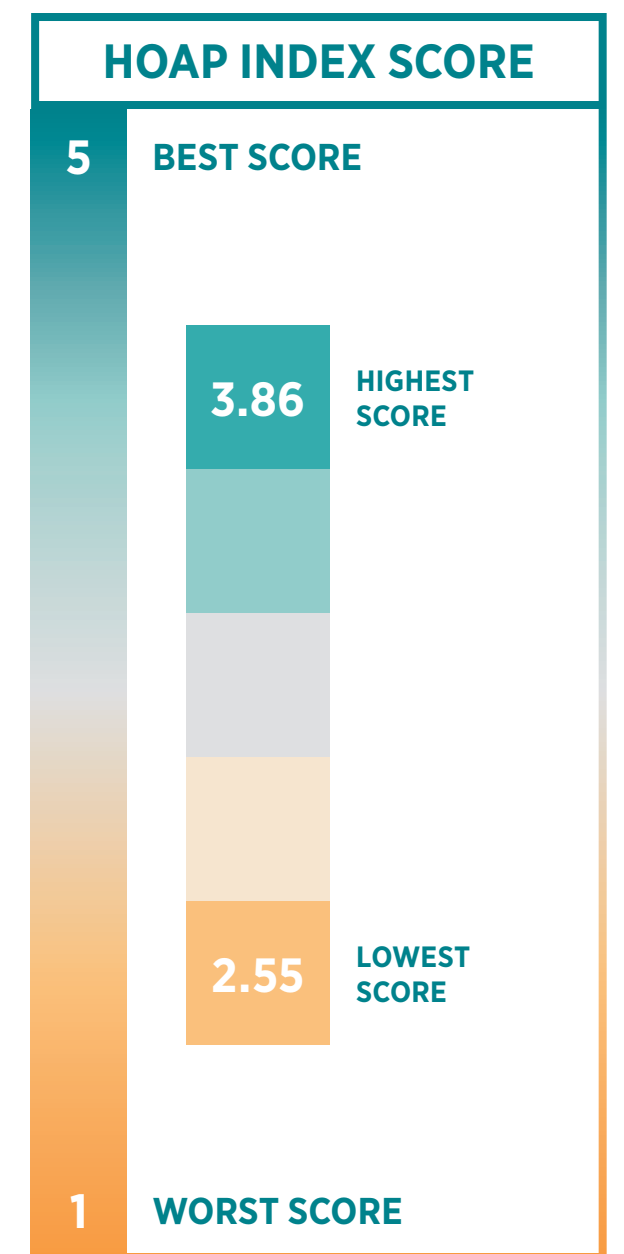
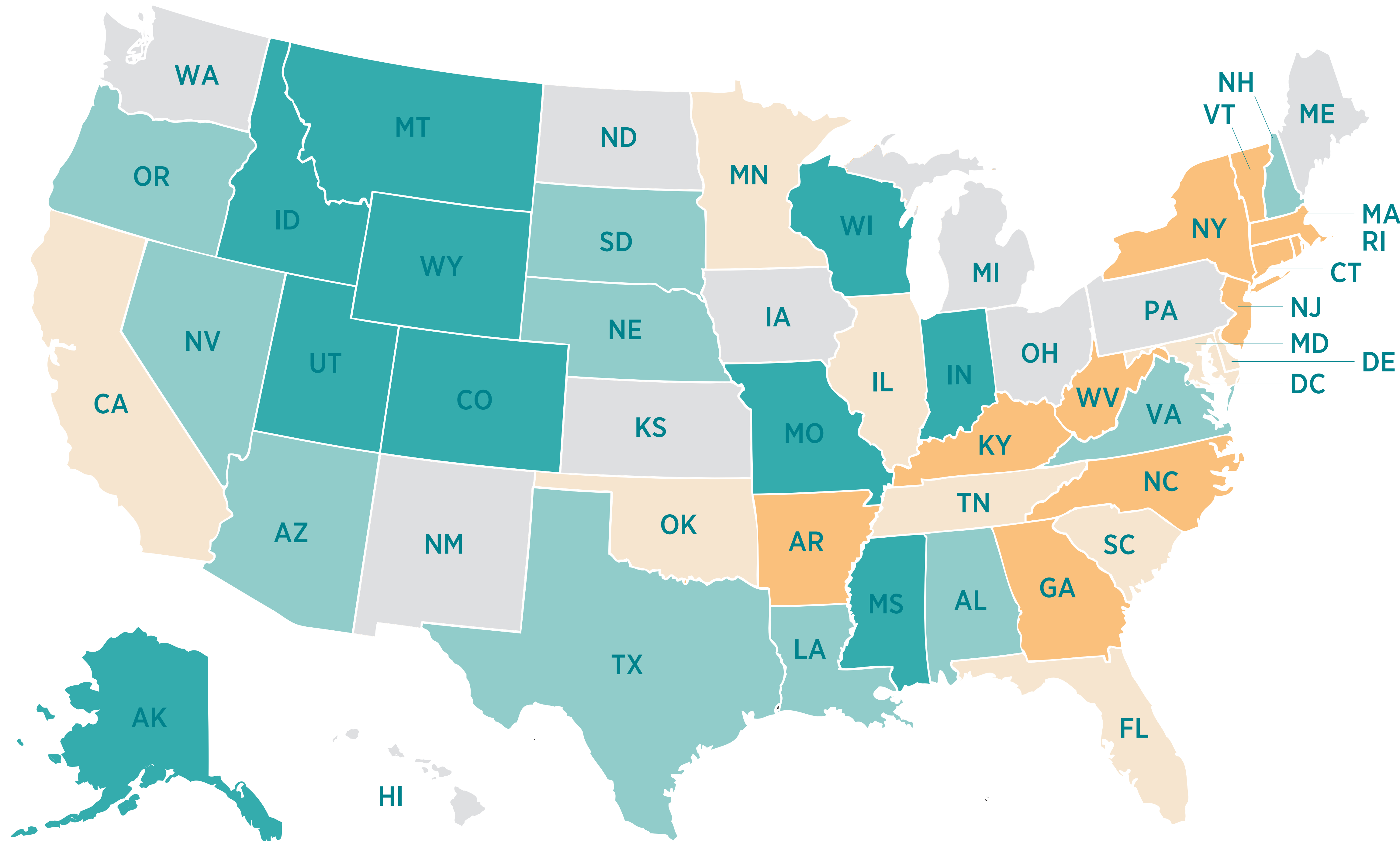
STATE RANKING BY INDEX SCORE

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- 1 IDAHO (3.86)
- 2 MONTANA (3.68)
- 3 MISSOURI (3.66)
- 4 MISSISSIPPI (3.65)
- 5 UTAH (3.61)

- 6 WISCONSIN (3.59)
- 7 WYOMING (3.59)
- 8 INDIANA (3.57)
- 9 COLORADO (3.56)
- 10 ALASKA (3.50)
- 11 NEVADA (3.48)
- 12 NEBRASKA (3.40)
- 13 VIRGINIA (3.37)
- 14 S. DAKOTA (3.36)
- 15 NEW HAMPSHIRE (3.36)
- 16 LOUISIANA (3.33)
- 17 OREGON (3.31)
- 18 ARIZONA (3.28)
- 19 ALABAMA (3.25)
- 20 TEXAS (3.23)
- 21 NEW MEXICO (3.22)
- 22 MAINE (3.21)
- 23 WASHINGTON (3.19)
- 24 OHIO (3.18)
- 25\* IOWA (3.18) / MICHIGAN (3.18)
- 27 PENNSYLVANIA (3.17)
- 28 N. DAKOTA (3.17)
- 29 HAWAII (3.12)
- 30 KANSAS (3.12)
- 31 S. CAROLINA (3.09)
- 32 FLORIDA (3.04)
- 33 OKLAHOMA (3.04)
- 34 CALIFORNIA (3.03)
- 35 TENNESSEE (3.03)
- 36 MARYLAND (3.03)
- 37 ILLINOIS (3.01)
- 38 DELAWARE (2.98)
- 39 MINNESOTA (2.97)
- 40 DIST. OF COLUMBIA (2.94)
- 41 MASSACHUSETTS (2.89)
- 42 VERMONT (2.87)
- 43 N. CAROLINA (2.87)
- 44 WEST VIRGINIA (2.84)
- 45 KENTUCKY (2.81)
- 46 ARKANSAS (2.79)

- 47 RHODE ISLAND (2.78)
- 48 CONNECTICUT (2.71)
- 49 NEW YORK (2.66)
- 50 NEW JERSEY (2.59)
- 51 GEORGIA (2.55)



Data note: The overall HOAP index is calculated by averaging 10 subindexes that measure the discretion patients and providers have over broad areas of health care.

Sources: Darcy N. Bryan, Jared M. Rhoads, and Robert F. Graboyes, "Healthcare Openness and Access Project: Mapping the Frontier for the Next Generation of American Health Care" (Mercatus Research, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, December 2016).

\* Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth. Iowa and Michigan are the only true tie for overall rank.