

HEALTHCARE OPENNESS AND ACCESS PROJECT

2018

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 healthcare. 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?

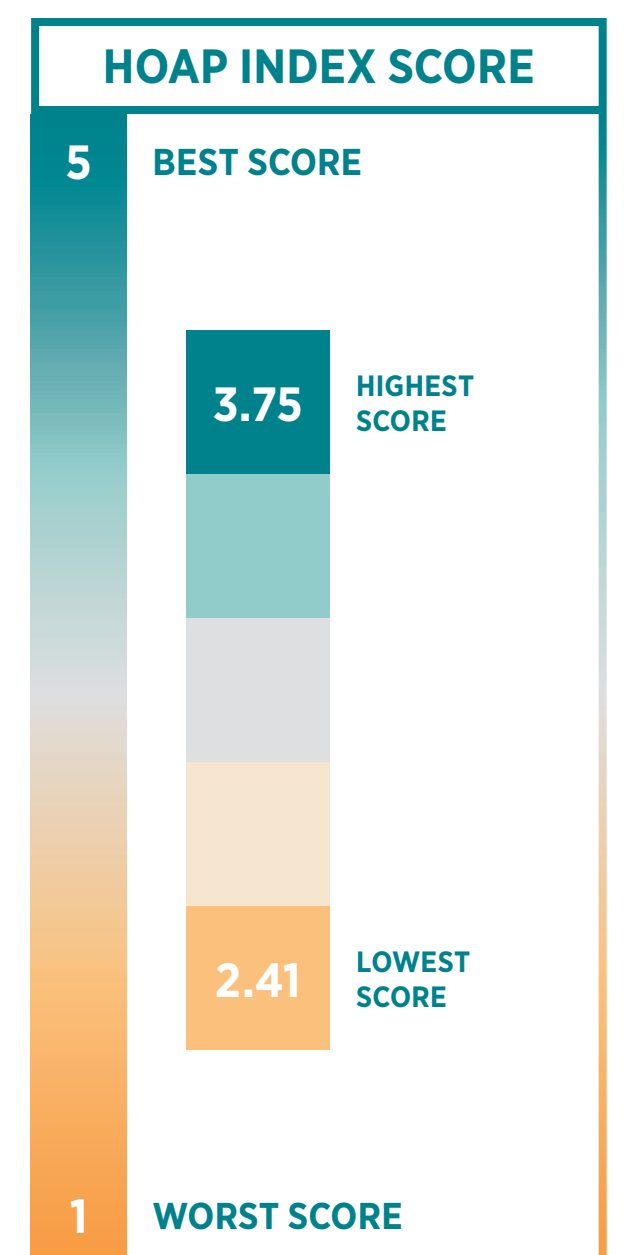
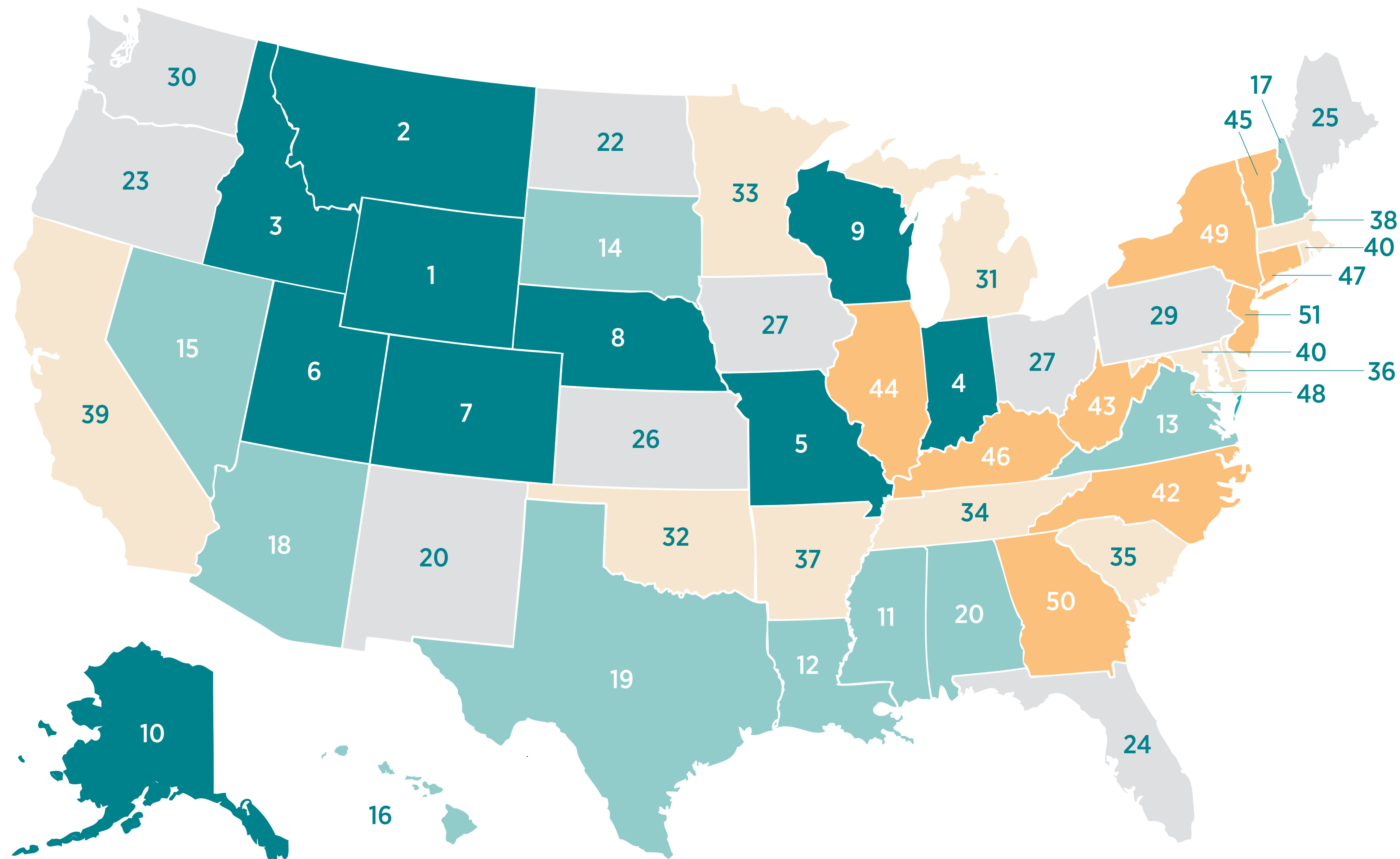
STATE RANKING BY INDEX SCORE

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- 1 WYOMING (3.75)
- 2 MONTANA (3.75)
- 3 IDAHO (3.73)
- 4 INDIANA (3.72)
- 5 MISSOURI (3.71)

- 6 UTAH (3.69)
- 7 COLORADO (3.62)
- 8 NEBRASKA (3.61)
- 9 WISCONSIN (3.60)
- 10 ALASKA (3.58)
- 11 MISSISSIPPI (3.53)
- 12 LOUISIANA (3.47)
- 13 VIRGINIA (3.42)
- 14 SOUTH DAKOTA (3.41)
- 15 NEVADA (3.38)
- 16 HAWAII (3.36)
- 17 NEW HAMPSHIRE (3.34)
- 18 ARIZONA (3.30)
- 19 TEXAS (3.28)
- 20 ALABAMA (3.27)
- 20 NEW MEXICO (3.27)
- 22 NORTH DAKOTA (3.27)
- 23 OREGON (3.25)
- 24 FLORIDA (3.24)
- 25 MAINE (3.22)
- 26 KANSAS (3.17)
- 27 IOWA (3.17)
- 27 OHIO (3.17)
- 29 PENNSYLVANIA (3.16)
- 30 WASHINGTON (3.16)
- 31 MICHIGAN (3.15)
- 32 OKLAHOMA (3.15)
- 33 MINNESOTA (3.08)
- 34 TENNESSEE (3.07)
- 35 S. CAROLINA (3.05)
- 36 DELAWARE (3.03)
- 37 ARKANSAS (2.95)
- 38 MASSACHUSETTS (2.95)
- 39 CALIFORNIA (2.93)
- 40 MARYLAND (2.93)
- 40 RHODE ISLAND (2.93)
- 42 NORTH CAROLINA (2.91)
- 43 WEST VIRGINIA (2.91)
- 44 ILLINOIS (2.91)
- 45 VERMONT (2.89)
- 46 KENTUCKY (2.85)

- 47 CONNECTICUT (2.82)
- 48 DIST. OF COLUMBIA (2.74)
- 49 NEW YORK (2.65)
- 50 GEORGIA (2.59)
- 51 NEW JERSEY (2.41)



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

Source: Darcy N. Bryan, Jared M. Rhoads, and Robert F. Graboyes, "Healthcare Openness and Access Project: Mapping the Frontier for the Next Generation of American Healthcare, June 2018 Update" (Project Overview, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, updated April 2019).

Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth. There are three pairs of true ties: Alabama and New Mexico, Iowa and Ohio, and Maryland and Rhode Island.