

Ten states with strongest unions (based on percentage of the workforce with a union) are Hawaii, New York, Alaska, New Jersey, Washington State, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, California and Connecticut.

Ten states with weakest unions (based on percentage of the workforce with a union) are North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, Utah, Mississippi and South Dakota.

	TEN STATES WHERE UNIONS ARE STRONGEST	TEN STATES WHERE UNIONS ARE WEAKEST
Average Hourly Manufacturing Earnings, 2005 (1)	\$17.01	\$14.39
Median Household Income, 2005 (2)	\$53,380	\$43,204
Percent of Population With No Medical Insurance, 2005 (3)	13.4%	17.5%
Workplace Fatalities Per 100,000 Employees, 2004 (4)	4.0	5.2
Public Education Spending Per Pupil, 2005-2006 (5)	\$10,507	\$7,580
Percent of Eligible Voters Who Voted in Presidential Election, 2004 (6)	60.8%	55.0%
Crimes Per 100,000 Population, 2004 (7)	3,715	4,168
Percent of Population in Poverty, 2005 (8)	10.4%	13.4%

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