

# HEALTHCARE OPENNESS AND ACCESS PROJECT

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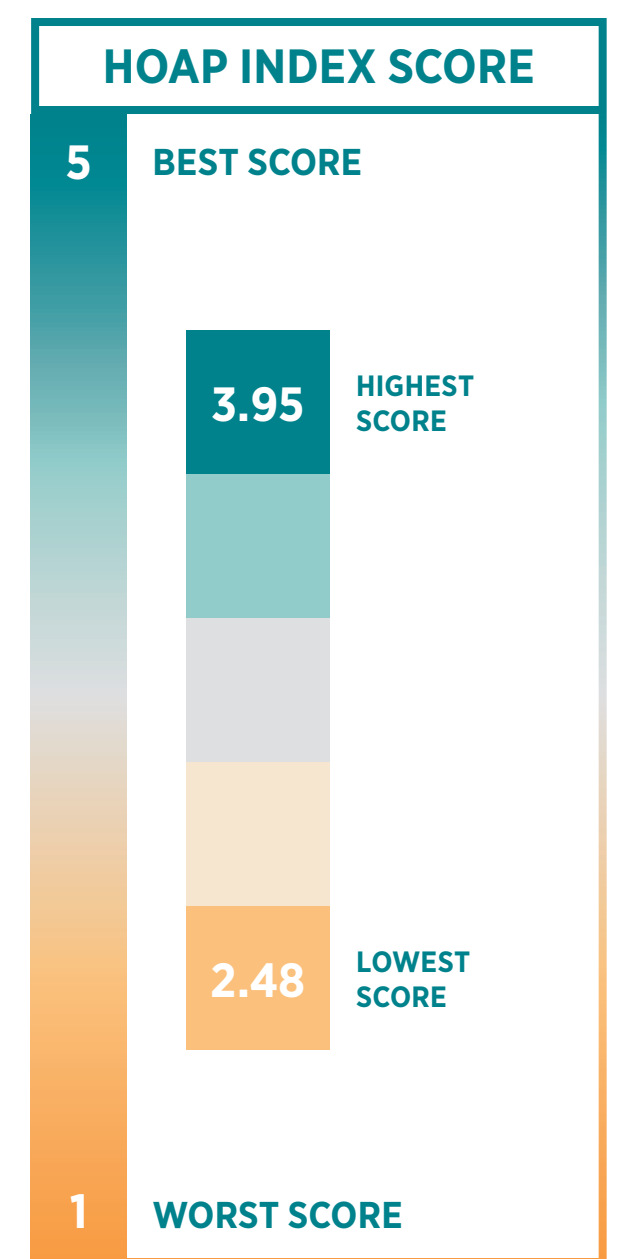
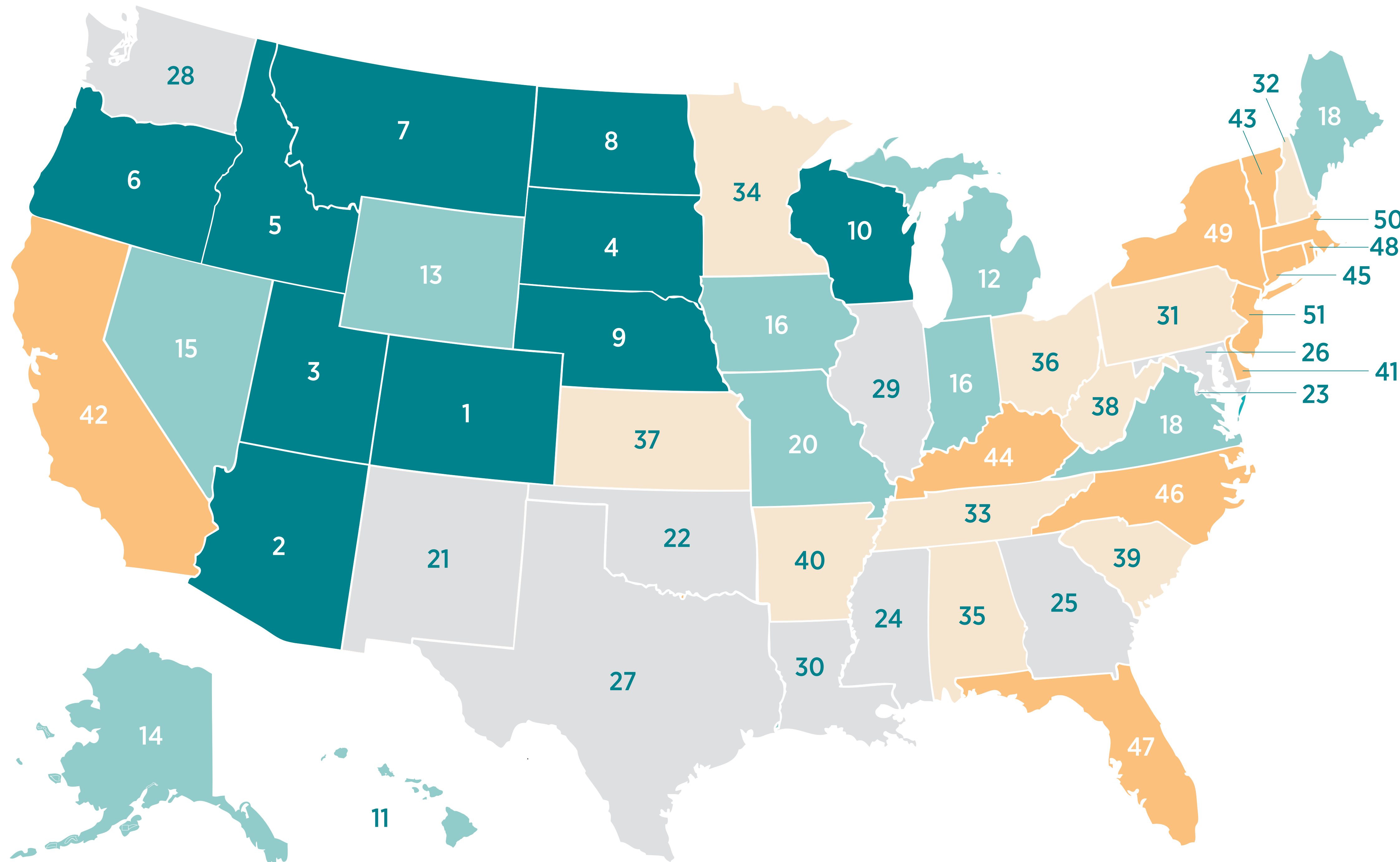
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HOAP is a set of tools providing state-by-state measures of the flexibility and discretion that patients and providers have in managing health and healthcare. In other words, how open are each state's laws and regulations to institutional variation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

OVERALL STATE RANKING

[WWW.MERCATUS.ORG/HOAP](http://WWW.MERCATUS.ORG/HOAP)

- 1 COLORADO (3.95)
- 2 ARIZONA (3.71)
- 3 UTAH (3.69)
- 4 SOUTH DAKOTA (3.69)
- 5 IDAHO (3.67)
- 6 OREGON (3.67)
- 7 MONTANA (3.65)
- 8 NORTH DAKOTA (3.64)
- 9 NEBRASKA (3.58)
- 10 WISCONSIN (3.57)
- 11 HAWAII (3.56)
- 12 MICHIGAN (3.56)
- 13 WYOMING (3.50)
- 14 ALASKA (3.48)
- 15 NEVADA (3.47)
- 16 INDIANA (3.45)
- 16 IOWA (3.45)
- 18 MAINE (3.42)
- 18 VIRGINIA (3.42)
- 20 MISSOURI (3.40)
- 21 NEW MEXICO (3.36)
- 22 OKLAHOMA (3.36)
- 23 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (3.34)
- 24 MISSISSIPPI (3.29)
- 25 GEORGIA (3.28)
- 26 MARYLAND (3.26)
- 27 TEXAS (3.26)
- 28 WASHINGTON (3.22)
- 29 ILLINOIS (3.22)
- 30 LOUISIANA (3.19)
- 31 PENNSYLVANIA (3.18)
- 32 NEW HAMPSHIRE (3.17)
- 33 TENNESSEE (3.17)
- 34 MINNESOTA (3.15)
- 35 ALABAMA (3.14)
- 36 OHIO (3.12)
- 37 KANSAS (3.12)
- 38 WEST VIRGINIA (3.12)
- 39 SOUTH CAROLINA (3.08)
- 40 ARKANSAS (3.07)
- 41 DELAWARE (3.06)
- 42 CALIFORNIA (3.04)
- 43 VERMONT (2.98)
- 44 KENTUCKY (2.96)
- 45 CONNECTICUT (2.94)
- 46 NORTH CAROLINA (2.91)
- 47 FLORIDA (2.87)
- 48 RHODE ISLAND (2.80)
- 49 NEW YORK (2.76)
- 50 MASSACHUSETTS (2.58)
- 51 NEW JERSEY (2.48)



Data note: The overall HOAP index is calculated by averaging 5 categories that measure the extent to which healthcare is liberated or restricted by state laws.

Source: Darcy N. Bryan, Jared M. Rhoads, and Robert F. Graboyes, "Healthcare Openness and Access Project 2020: Full Release" (Project Overview, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, December 2020)

Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth. There are two pairs of true ties: Indiana and Iowa, and Maine and Virginia.