







OUTCOME RANK	POLICIES ADOPTED
<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28 out of 53</p>
OUTCOME HIGHLIGHTS	POLICY HIGHLIGHTS
<p style="text-align: center;">30.8% of Connecticut households live in liquid asset poverty</p>	<p> Has state enacted a refundable CTC?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20.9% of Connecticut households experienced income volatility in the past year</p>	<p> Does state adequately protect consumers' assets from debt collection?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.8% of Connecticut workers are underemployed</p>	<p> Is state's effective state tax rate for bottom 20% of earners lower than for top 1% of earners?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">51.3% of renters in Connecticut are cost burdened</p>	<p> Does state regulate paid tax preparers?</p>

About the Prosperity Now Scorecard

The *Prosperity Now Scorecard* is a comprehensive resource featuring data on family financial health and policy recommendations to help put all U.S. households on a path to prosperity. The Scorecard equips advocates, policymakers and practitioners with national, state, county and city data to jump-start a conversation about solutions and policies that put households on stronger financial footing across five issue areas: Financial Assets & Income, Businesses & Jobs, Homeownership & Housing, Health Care and Education.

OUTCOME MEASURES

The *Scorecard* ranks 58 outcome measures from best to worst; #1 is the most desirable, #51 is the least desirable. Data for an additional 4 measures are published but not ranked due to insufficient data at the state level. Issue area ranks are calculated by averaging the ranks of measures within the issue area; overall ranks are calculated by averaging all of the outcome measures ranks. Grades are given on a curve: states ranked 1-10 get As, ranked 11-20 get Bs, ranked 21-36 get Cs, ranked 37-47 get Ds and those ranked 48-51 get Fs.

Financial Assets & Income

ISSUE AREA RANK: 14

GRADE B

OUTCOME MEASURE	STATE DATA	US DATA	STATE RANK
Liquid Asset Poverty Rate	30.8%	36.8%	13
Asset Poverty Rate	24.6%	25.5%	16
Net Worth	—	\$76,708	—
Households with Zero Net Worth	17.7% *	16.9%	—
Emergency Savings	62.2%	56.3%	15
Income Poverty Rate	9.9%	13.4%	5
Income Poverty by Race	2.6x higher for HHs of color	2x higher for HHs of color	45
Income Inequality	4.9x as high for top 20%	4.9x as high for top 20%	38
Income Volatility	20.9%	20.9%	19
Unbanked Households	6.2%	7.0%	29
Underbanked Households	14.8%	19.9%	5
Households with Savings Accounts	79.1%	70.8%	11
Consumers with Prime Credit	57.0%	51.0%	17
Access to Revolving Credit	76.4%	71.9%	13
Borrowers Over 75% Credit Card Limit	21.6%	25.4%	9
Severely Delinquent Borrowers	11.8%	14.7%	19
Consumers with Collections	18.0%	24.5%	10
Bankruptcy Rate (per 1,000 people)	1.5	2.4	15

Businesses & Jobs

ISSUE AREA RANK: 37

GRADE D

OUTCOME MEASURE	STATE DATA	US DATA	STATE RANK
Microenterprise Ownership Rate	16.6%	17.8%	31
Small Business Ownership Rate	1.44%	1.39%	23
Business Ownership by Race	1.54x as high for white workers	1.22x as high for white workers	31
Business Ownership by Gender	1.5x as high for men	1.3x as high for men	48
Business Value by Race	4.5x as high for white bus. owners	2.9x as high for white bus. owners	50
Business Value by Gender	4.5x as high for men	3x as high for men	51
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.5%	32
Unemployment by Race	2x as high for workers of color	1.6x as high for workers of color	36
Underemployment Rate	9.8%	8.9%	42
Low-Wage Jobs	14.0%	23.3%	6
Average Annual Pay	\$60,598	\$53,621	3
Employers Offering Health Insurance	52.6%	45.3%	7

Homeownership & Housing

ISSUE AREA RANK: 47

GRADE F

OUTCOME MEASURE	STATE DATA	US DATA	STATE RANK
Homeownership Rate	64.8%	63.1%	31
Homeownership by Race	2.1x as high for white HHs	1.6x as high for white HHs	48
Homeownership by Income	2.8x as high for top 20%	2.1x as high for top 20%	47
Homeownership by Gender	1.03x as high for single women	1.03x as high for single women	—
Homeownership by Family Structure	2.2x higher for 2-parent HHs	1.9x higher for 2-parent HHs	50
Foreclosure Rate	2.08%	1.29%	44
Delinquent Mortgage Loans	1.47%	1.20%	40
High-Cost Mortgage Loans	3.7%	7.6%	10
Affordability of Homes (value/income)	3.7x higher than median income	3.6x higher than median income	32
Housing Cost Burden - Homeowners	30.8%	28.3%	43
Housing Cost Burden - Renters	51.3%	49.7%	43

Health Care

ISSUE AREA RANK: 6

GRADE A

OUTCOME MEASURE	STATE DATA	US DATA	STATE RANK
Uninsured Rate	5.7%	10.0%	8
Uninsured by Race	2.9x as high for people of color	2.1x as high for people of color	43
Uninsured by Income	4.7x as high for poorest 20%	4.7x as high for poorest 20%	35
Uninsured by Gender	1.3x as high for men	1.2x as high for men	21
Uninsured Low-Income Children	2.9%	6.1%	6
Employer-Provided Insurance Coverage	64.7%	58.6%	12
Employee Share of Premium	28.4%	28.0%	28
Forgoing Doctor Visit Due to Cost	9.9%	13.0%	9
Poor or Fair Health Status	14.4%	17.8%	10

Education

ISSUE AREA RANK: 6

GRADE A

OUTCOME MEASURE	STATE DATA	US DATA	STATE RANK
Early Childhood Education Enrollment	65.8%	48.0%	2
Math Proficiency - 8th Grade	36.1%	32.1%	16
Reading Proficiency - 8th Grade	43.3%	34.3%	4
High School Graduation Rate	87.4%	84.1%	15
Disconnected Youth	8.5%	11.7%	6
Four-Year College Degree	38.6%	31.3%	5
Four-Year Degree by Race	1.8x higher for white adults	1.5x higher for white adults	37
Four-Year Degree by Income	4x as high for top 20%	4.3x as high for top 20%	23
Four-Year Degree by Gender	1.02 x as high for women	1.03 x as high for women	—
Borrowers with Student Loan Debt	23.7%	22.2%	33
Median Student Loan Debt	\$18,827	\$17,711	41
Severely Delinquent Student Loan Debt	12.5%	15.8%	9

For a complete description of *Scorecard* measures and sources, including how the grades and ratings were assigned, go to <http://scorecard.prosperitynow.org>.

* Indicates that the margin of error is greater than 25% of the estimate, and as such, this estimate is too imprecise to rank. Caution should be used when using this data.

** Indicates that estimate is unable to be ranked because the ranks are too closely clustered to say with confidence how the state compares to other states.

— Indicates that no data is available, or data is suppressed due to a margin of error that is greater than 50% of the estimate.

POLICY MEASURES

The *Scorecard* includes 53 policies organized into 36 groups. States are assessed based on whether they have adopted each policy; a ✓ indicates the state has adopted the policy; a ✗ indicates the state has not. Policy adoption is assessed on policies enacted during calendar year 2017.

Financial Assets & Income

11 OF 20 POLICIES ADOPTED

Asset Limits in Public Benefit Programs	✗	Has state eliminated TANF asset test?
	✓	Has state eliminated SNAP asset test?
	✗	Has state eliminated LIHEAP asset test?
Child and Child Care Tax Credits	✗	Has state enacted a CDCTC?
	✗	Has state enacted a refundable CTC?
Debt Collection Protections	✗	Does state adequately protect consumers' assets from debt collection?
	✗	Does state adequately protect consumers from abusive debt-buying practices?
EITC State Funding	✓	Has state enacted an EITC that is refundable and at least 15% of the federal credit?
Individual Development Accounts	✓	Does state provide funding for IDAs?
Predatory Small-Dollar Lending Protections	✓	Does state protect against payday lending?
	✓	Does state protect against car-title lending?
	✓	Does state protect against high-cost installment loans?
Prize-Linked Savings	✓	Does state allow for prize-linked savings?
Property Tax Relief	✗	Does the state provide property tax relief via a well-targeted circuit breaker?
Retirement Security	✓	Has state enacted an Automatic-Enrollment Individual Retirement Account program?
Tax Fairness	✓	Does state have an income tax?
	✗	Is state's effective state tax rate for bottom 20% of earners lower than for top 1% of earners?
Tax Prep Regulations	✗	Does state regulate paid tax preparers?
	✓	Does state prohibit add-on fees for refund anticipation checks?
Unemployment Comp. Using Prepaid Cards	✓	Does state offer a quality unemployment prepaid card with few fees?













Businesses & Jobs

4 OF 10 POLICIES ADOPTED

Microbusiness Support	✓	Does state use federal CDBG funding to support low-income entrepreneurs and microbusiness development?
	✗	Does state use federal TANF or WIOA funding to support low-income entrepreneurs and microbusiness development?
Minimum Wage	✗	Will state's minimum wage be at least \$15 by 2023 or is it indexed for inflation?
	✗	Are agricultural, domestic and tipped workers covered by state's minimum wage?
Paid Leave	✓	Does state require employers to offer paid medical, family or sick leave?
	✓	Does state expand FMLA to cover more workers?
Unemployed Entrepreneur Support	✗	Has state implemented a Self-Employment Assistance program?
Unemployment Benefits	✗	Is state's average weekly benefit at least 50% of state's average weekly wage?
	✓	Has state expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits?
Workforce Development	✗	Does state allocate adequate WIA funding for workforce training?



Homeownership & Housing

8 OF 12 POLICIES ADOPTED

First-Time Homebuyer Assistance	 Does state provide downpayment assistance through grants, second mortgages or resources financed with premium bonds?
	 Does state offer direct lending programs to first-time homebuyers?
	 Does state fund homeownership counseling?
Foreclosure Regulations	 Are foreclosures reviewed in the presence of a neutral third party?
	 Does state regulate mortgage servicers?
Housing Trust Funds	 Does state have a statewide housing trust fund in place?
Post-Foreclosure Protections	 Has state abolished or limited deficiency judgments?
Protection from Discrimination for Low-Income Renters	 Does state protect Section 8 voucher-holders from discrimination in the housing market?
Redeveloping Foreclosed Properties	 Has state enacted comprehensive legislation to enable land banking?
Resident Ownership, Titling and Zoning of Manufactured Homes	 Does state encourage resident ownership of manufactured home communities via an effective pre-sale notice, tax incentive or both?
	 Does state's titling or zoning laws treat manufactured homes the same as site-built homes?
Tenant Protections from Foreclosure	 Does state provide foreclosure protections for tenants?










Health Care

2 OF 2 POLICIES ADOPTED

Limitations on Hospital Charges, Billing and Collections	 Does the state limit hospital charges, billing or collections?
Medicaid Expansion	 Has state expanded Medicaid to at least 138% or more of federal poverty level?

Education

3 OF 9 POLICIES ADOPTED

Children's Savings Accounts	 Does state offer a universal, automatic CSA program with an incentive (e.g., seed, match, or refundable tax credit)?
Financial Aid for Postsecondary Education	 Is state funding for financial aid above national average of \$786 per undergraduate?
	 Is state financial aid targeted to high-need students?
Financial Education in Schools	 Does state require students to take a high school course that includes personal finance or testing on personal finance?
Full-Day Kindergarten	 Does state require districts to offer full-day kindergarten?
Head Start State Funding	 Does state provide a supplemental Head Start grant?
In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students	 Does state extend in-state tuition to undocumented students?
Postsecondary Education Funding	 Does state allocate 10% or more of its budget to public colleges & universities?
Universal Pre-Kindergarten	 Does state universally require Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) to all age-eligible children without restrictions?

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DEMOGRAPHICS



POPULATION
3,576,452



HOUSEHOLDS
1,357,269

HOUSEHOLD INCOME QUINTILES

Lowest Quintile	\$0 to \$29,917
2nd Quintile	\$29,918 to \$56,803
3rd Quintile	\$56,804 to \$92,131
4th Quintile	\$92,132 to \$146,556
Highest Quintile	Over \$146,556

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$73,433

RACE AND ETHNICITY

White		67.4%
Black		9.9%
Asian		4.5%
Latino		15.7%
Native		0.1%
NHPI		n/a
Two or More		2.0%
Other		0.3%

AGE

Under 18		21.1%
18 to 24		10.0%
25 to 44		24.0%
45 to 64		28.8%
65 and Over		16.1%

PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY 11.2%

PROSPERITY NOW COMMUNITY

Prosperity Now is committed to continuing our support of and partnerships with our movement of committed advocates and practitioners seeking to create a clear path to financial stability, wealth and prosperity. The Prosperity Now Community expands our reach, creates strong connections between those in our community and mobilizes advocates to create lasting social change.

The Prosperity Now Community facilitates learning, creates connections and inspires action to create and improve programs and policies that foster opportunity, especially for those who have not had it before. Our unwavering commitment to creating prosperity includes efforts on a wide range of issues, such as consumer protections, equity in the tax code, increasing affordable housing and removing barriers to saving and building wealth.

To Join the Community, visit prosperitynow.org/get-involved

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Asset Building Collaborative
Hartford, CT



ABOUT PROSPERITY NOW

Prosperity Now (formerly CFED) believes that everyone deserves a chance to prosper. Since 1979, we have helped make it possible for millions of people, especially people of color and those of limited incomes, to achieve financial security, stability and, ultimately, prosperity. We offer a unique combination of scalable practical solutions, in-depth research and proven policy solutions, all aimed at building wealth for those who need it most.