

“It is urgent that everyone concerned about the state of reproductive health and rights in the U.S. pay attention to what is happening at the national and local level and speak out against attacks on access to affordable reproductive health care. Only by fighting back against these attacks can we ensure that no one’s ability to access reproductive health care depends on where they live.

METHODOLOGY

Using eleven criteria, the Institute’s report card

ranked each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia:

- Thirty percent of the grade is based on measures of **effectiveness**. This includes the latest available data on the teenage pregnancy rate (15%) and the rate of unintended pregnancies (15%).
- Twenty-five percent of the grade is based upon **prevention**. This includes mandated comprehensive sex education in

the schools (15%), access to emergency contraception (5%), and minors’ access to contraceptive services (5%).

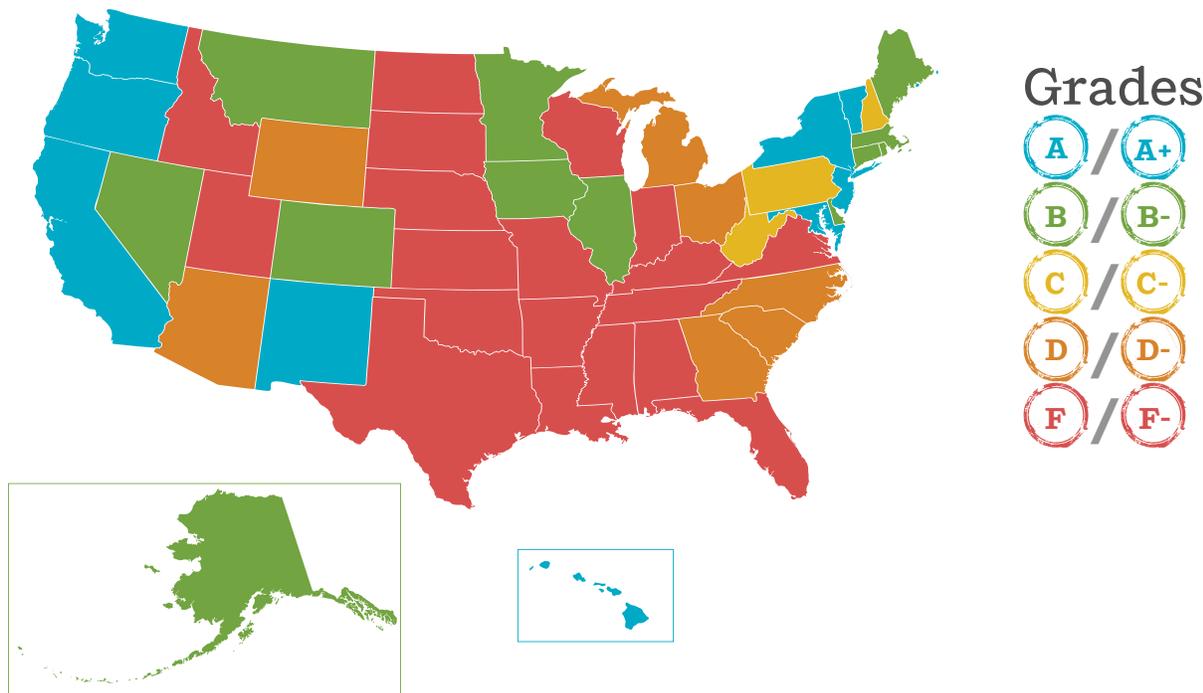
- Twenty-five percent of the grade is based upon **affordability**. This includes if states are expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (15%), Medicaid eligibility rules for family planning (5%), and restrictions of insurance coverage of abortion (5%).

- The final 20 percent of the grade is based upon clinic **access**. This includes abortion restrictions (10%), TRAP Laws (5%), and percent of women living in a county without an abortion provider (5%).

Based upon their scores, each state received a “core” grade (A, B, C, D or F), but some states received an additional “plus” or a “minus” for factors not reflected in the core grade.

FINAL GRADE:

If there are noteworthy developments or other important policies that are not reflected in the state’s “core” grade, a state may be accorded a plus (+) or a minus (-), depending on how the changes are likely to impact reproductive health and rights.



For a copy of the report, including a state-by-state breakdown, visit the Population Institute’s website www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard

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