

## Culture and Opportunity Indicators, Master Table (Page 1 of 2)

INDICATOR	LATEST AVAILABLE DATA		RECENT CHANGE			STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF TREND*	
	Year	Figure	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Parameter	p-value
<b>CULTURE</b>							
Marriage Rate, Marriages per 1,000 Unmarried Females Ages 15 and Older	2015	34.6	0.7	-0.8	-6.4	0.9	0.338
Divorce Rate, Number of Divorces per 1,000 Total Population	2015	3.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.000
Total Fertility Rate, Births per Woman	2015	1.84	-0.02	-0.09	-0.21	-0.02	0.004
Single-Parent Households, Percentage of Children Living in Single-Parent Households	2016	31.4	0.1	0.3	3.4	0.2	0.000
Teen Drug Use, Percentage of 12th-graders Who Used Illicit Drugs in Past Month	2016	24.4	0.8	-0.8	2.9	0.1	0.733
Abstinence Among High Schoolers, Percentage of High Schoolers Who Ever Had Sex	2015	58.1	(2-Year) -6.0	(6-Year) -4.2	-5.0	-0.7	0.000
Abortion Rate, Abortions per 1,000 Women Ages 15-44	2014	14.6	-0.6	-3.9	-5.1	-0.6	0.000
Religious Attendance, Percentage Attending Religious Services Weekly	2016	29.1	(2-Year) 0.4	(6-Year) -1.2	-2.1	-0.2	0.000
Volunteering, Percentage of Adults Volunteering	2015	24.9	-0.4	-1.4	-3.9	-0.3	0.000
Violent Crime Rate, Number of Crimes per 100,000 People	2015	372.6	11.0	-31.9	-96.4	-9.9	0.000
Labor Force Participation Rate, Percentage of Adults Ages 25-54 Working or Searching for Work	2016	81.3	0.4	-0.3	-1.6	-0.1	0.359
Unwed Birth Rate, Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women	2015	40.3	0.1	-0.5	3.4	-0.4	0.000
Self-Sufficiency, Percentage of Individuals Who Live in Poverty (Excluding Welfare Benefits)	2015	13.5	-1.3	-1.6	0.9	-0.1	0.675
Total Welfare Spending, Federal and State Welfare Spending, in Billions of 2015 Dollars	2015	1,092	58	95	288	36	0.008
Subsidized Housing Participation, Number of Individuals Living in Subsidized Housing, in Thousands	2016	9,785	-68	-314	686	33	0.343
Food Stamp Participation, Number of Individuals Receiving Food Stamps, in Millions	2016	44.2	-1.5	-0.5	17.7	0.3	0.731
TANF Participation, Number of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance from TANF/AFDC, in Thousands	2016	3,855	-271	-702	-727	-170	0.132
TANF Work Participation Rate, Percentage of Work-Eligible Adult TANF Recipients Engaging in Work Activity	2015**	29.2	-7.4	0.2	-3.8	0.0	0.831
<b>POVERTY AND DEPENDENCE</b>							

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\*\* Calculations based on Heritage estimates.

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	Year	Figure	1-Year (2-Year)	5-Year (6-Year)	10-Year		
Reading Proficiency, Reading Proficiency for 8th Grade Students on a 500-Point Scale	2015	265	(2-Year) -3	(6-Year) 1	3	0	0.014
Charter School Enrollment, Number of Students Enrolled in Charter Schools	2015	2,721,786	199,764	1,111,501	(9-Year) 1,708,880	196,023	0.000
Private School-Choice Participation, Number of Students Enrolled in Private School-Choice Programs	2015	394,311	40,501	203,500	285,606	31,948	0.001
High School Graduation Rate, Percentage of Public School Students Receiving High School Diploma Four Years After Starting 9th Grade	2013	81.9	1.1	7.2	8.0	1.0	0.000
Student Loan Debt, Average Student Debt per Borrower Graduate, Four-Year Colleges and Universities, in 2015 Dollars	2015	28,153	1,236	2,387	4,329	446	0.000
Employment-Population Ratio, Percentage of Civilians Ages 25-54 Who Are Working	2016	77.9	0.7	2.8	-1.9	0.3	0.412
Unemployment Rate, Percentage of Unemployed Civilians Ages 25-54	2016	4.2	-0.3	-3.7	0.4	-0.4	0.043
Job Openings Rate, Monthly Private-Sector Job Openings/Vacancies as a Percentage of All Private-Sector Jobs	2016	4.0	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.135
Job Hires Rate, Monthly Private-Sector New Hires as a Percentage of All Private-Sector Jobs	2016	4.0	0.0	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.533
Money Taxed Away by Federal Government, Percentage of GDP Taken by Federal Taxes	2017**	18.1	0.3	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.100
Start-Up Job Share, Start-Up Jobs as a Percentage of Total Private-Sector Employment	2014	2.1	0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.317
Major Federal Regulations, Annual Number of Planned Regulations Expected to Cost \$100 Million or More	2016	107	-37	-26	38	0.0	0.917
Economic Freedom, U.S. Overall Score from the Heritage Foundation's <i>Index of Economic Freedom</i>	2017	75.1	-0.3	-1.2	-6.1	-0.4	0.069

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\*\* Forecast.