Interactive Map and Data Measures Economic Opportunity Across States

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The American Human Development Project, commissioned by Opportunity Nation, released interactive data from The Opportunity Index. The Index reveals how states and counties perform on a set of indicators that measure access to opportunity in communities within three dimensions—jobs and local economy, education, and community health and civic life. For example, states with low opportunity tend to have higher rates of negative social outcomes, including teen pregnancy, child poverty and incarceration. The Index is part of a larger campaign aimed at bringing the issues of opportunity and mobility into mainstream debate and igniting grassroots efforts to spur action by policymakers.