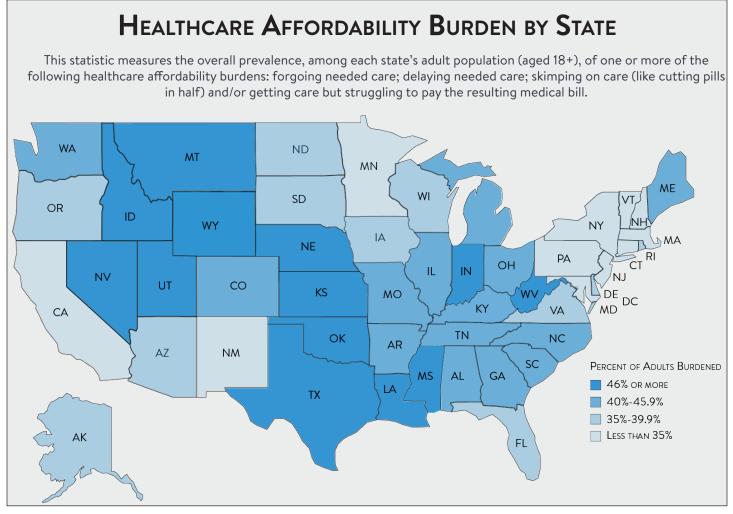# HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY STATE POLICY SCORECARD

Polling data repeatedly shows that healthcare affordability is the number one issue that state residents—on both sides of the political aisle—want their policymakers to work on. On Jan. 7, 2020, Altarum's Healthcare Value Hub released a scorecard that used a unique database to measure state progress on policies to ensure that all residents have affordable coverage that features consumer-friendly cost-sharing and whose premiums reflect the efficient delivery of healthcare and fair healthcare pricing.

HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY BURDEN BY STATE

This statistic measures the overall prevalence, among each state's adult population (aged 18+), of one or more of the following healthcare affordability burdens: forgoing needed care; delaying needed care; skimping on care (like cutting pills in half) and/or getting care but struggling to pay the resulting medical bill.

Percent of Adults Burdened

- 46% OR MORE
- 40%-45.9%
- 35%-39.9%
- LESS THAN 35%

Note: Source data was insufficient to create an estimate for Hawaii. For complete methodology, see Healthcare Affordability State Policy Scorecard Methodology, Healthcare Value Hub (January 2020).

For detailed state Scorecards, custom recommendations and links to policy evidence and case studies, see
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How States Scored on Policies to Address Healthcare Affordability

State	Extend Coverage to All Residents	Make Out-of-Pocket Costs Affordable	Reduce Low-Value Care	Curb Excess Prices in the System
	Out of 10 points:	*Out of 10 points:*	*Out of 10 points:*	*Out of 10 points:*
Alabama	2	0	3	0
Alaska	6	0	1	0
Arizona	3	2	1	0
Arkansas	4	0	0	3
California	7	7	2	3
Colorado	4	9	2	4
Connecticut	4	7	3	4
Delaware	4	6	0	9
DC	8	3	2	0
Florida	2	4	2	2
Georgia	2	0	2	0
Hawaii	4	2	2	2
Idaho	2	0	0	0
Illinois	5	8	2	0
Indiana	3	2	2	0
Iowa	3	3	2	0
Kansas	2	1	2	3
Kentucky	3	0	2	0
Louisiana	3	4	2	0
Maine	7	6	4	4
Maryland	7	8	10	6
Massachusetts	10	5	10	10
Michigan	3	1	1	3
Minnesota	7	3	9	4
Mississippi	2	2	2	0
Missouri	2	3	2	0
Montana	3	1	0	0
Nebraska	3	1	2	0
Nevada	3	1	1	0
New Hampshire	3	5	2	4
New Jersey	7	9	4	0
New Mexico	4	5	1	2
New York	8	10	2	3
North Carolina	3	2	2	0
North Dakota	3	1	0	0
Ohio	4	1	1	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0	3
Oregon	9	6	4	10
Pennsylvania	4	2	3	1
Rhode Island	6	4	1	7
South Carolina	3	1	2	3
South Dakota	2	1	1	0
Tennessee	2	1	3	0
Texas	1	5	1	3
Utah	2	1	3	3
Vermont	9	4	1	9
Virginia	4	1	8	3
Washington	7	5	7	3
West Virginia	4	2	3	0
Wisconsin	7	1	1	3
Wyoming	1	0	0	3

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