











RLS 2025

At a Glance




The new number one state in 2025, **Florida** protects 75 percent of the religious liberty safeguards.

TOP FIVE			SCORE
	1	Florida	74.6%
	2	Montana	70.6%
	3	Illinois	68.8%
	4	Ohio	66.9%
	5	Mississippi	66.4%

BOTTOM FIVE			SCORE
	46	Vermont	29.3%
	47	Nebraska	29.1%
	48	Michigan	27.4%
	49	Wyoming	23.3%
	50	West Virginia	19.6%

In last place for the third year in a row, **West Virginia** made some progress by passing a Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 2023.


Recent legislation protecting the conscience rights of health-care workers has contributed to **Montana's** success as the most improved state over the life of the RLS index.

MOST IMPROVED SINCE 2022			PERCENT CHANGE
	Montana		30.8%
	South Carolina		29.6%
	Florida		16.6%

Despite **Mississippi's** strong fifth-place finish this year, its score has fallen significantly since 2022 due to its lack of newly measured protections that other states have implemented.

MOST DECLINED SINCE 2022			PERCENT CHANGE
	Mississippi		-15.4%
	Kansas		-15.0%
	Pennsylvania		-12.3%

MOST IMPROVED SINCE 2024

 **Idaho's** score increased because it has some of the newly measured protections in the categories of health care and family, making it the most improved state this year.