

RLS 2026

At a Glance



The new number 1 state, **Arkansas**, has 89 percent of the possible religious liberty safeguards and receives a rating of excellent along with second-place Tennessee (see page 4).

TOP FIVE

			SCORE
	1	Arkansas	89%
	2	Tennessee	85%
	3	Florida	77%
	4	Montana	71%
	5	Illinois	70%

BOTTOM FIVE

			SCORE
	46	California	30%
	47	West Virginia	30%
	48	Michigan	27%
	49	Vermont	27%
	50	New York	26%

MOST IMPROVED SINCE 2022

		PERCENT CHANGE
	Tennessee	34%
	South Carolina	32%
	Montana	31%

MOST DECLINED SINCE 2022

		PERCENT CHANGE
	New Mexico	-24%
	Mississippi	-15%
	Connecticut	-12%

New York returns to last place for the first time since 2022. It has remained stagnant while other states have been active in protecting religious liberty.

Because it adopted an exemplary medical conscience law, **Tennessee** advanced from tenth to second place.

NEW RFRAS



Georgia and **Wyoming**

deserve praise for adopting Religious Freedom Restoration Acts in 2025.