Alaska Ranked "Second Most Free State" By Libertarians

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A Libertarian think tank has listed Alaska as the second most free state in the nation, calculating the rates of home schooling, gun ownership, and drug arrests.

The Cato Institute says New Hampshire is the freest place to live in America, noting the state's government spending, regulations, and personal freedoms.

In the previous ranking, done in 2012, Alaska was in 9th position. The Institute says Alaska is unique because of its dependence on the price of oil and the consolidated nature of local government in the 49th state.

The Institute explains that they consider personal freedom to be measured by a relatively low number of drug arrests and unregulated homeschooling.

Alaska was the only state considered "tolerant" of both firearms and marijuana.

The least free states in the nation, according to the Institute, are New York and California.