



New York Voted One of the Top 3 Most Hated States in America

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Despite New York being one of America's most populous states, it's also one of the least liked. Why is the Empire State so detestable?

Nobody Likes New York?

Every state has its strengths and weaknesses, with some flaws being more pronounced than others. Some states have unhinged politicians passing inane laws while others suffer from nasty natural disasters.

However, there is always good to balance out the bad. Some redeeming factors include natural landscapes, low crime rates, job opportunities and more.

But what about the states that cannot redeem themselves?

A new report from Zippia looked into the states Americans love and hate the most. In order to come up with the most accurate rankings, the outlet factored in the number of residents who feel their state is the "worst possible state to live in" as well as those hemorrhaging the most residents.

Zippia also counted the opinions coming from other states to determine which is the most detested by comparing data from Gallup polls and other national surveys.

Unfortunately for New York, our bad reputation didn't endear us to the country and instead led us straight to the doghouse.

The Most Hated States in America

New York was so hated, it made it into the top 3 least-liked states.

Coming in first place was Illinois, with a population decrease of .54% and a quarter of its current residents agreeing it's the worst state to call home. Illinois earned a spot at the top because it is one of the fastest shrinking states in the country.

In second place was New Jersey, which is probably not all that shocking considering it has a reputation for being "the armpit of America." Before anyone gets their hackles up, the title is known nationwide and was even the topic of a **2014 deodorant ad from Dove**. Smelly armpit stereotype aside, the state lost .30% of its population and 10 percent of its current residents say they hate their home state.

Additionally, five other states say they hate New Jersey the most. Ouch!

This leads us to New York, which was voted the third most-detested state in America.

Shout Out to New York

The Empire State shed .45% of its population and of those that remained, 12% of the current population claimed they despise living in New York. Also, there was one other state said they hate New York the most.

Said Zippia:

New York, New York what a wonderful place.... except for the 12% of people who say it's the absolute worst state to live. Or Massachusetts who have taken all those beating by the Yankees pretty hard and hates New York more than any other state.

Although the state is not #1, there's no way to put a positive spin on where we ended up on this list. The best we can do is go, "Hey, at least we aren't Illinois, right?"

New York's reputation has taken a beating as of late. For the 23rd year in a row, the Cato Institute **deemed the Empire State the worst place for freedom**. Making matters worse for us, multiple national surveys deemed New York to be the rudest state in the nation.

Americans **also regularly say New York is the state with the worst drivers**, despite federal data **suggesting the opposite**. New York's roadways also suffer from a bad rap, such as one of our **interstates being named the most hated in the entire country** or Americans voting **NY-17 the most feared highway in America**.

Residents may find this disappointing considering all that New York has to offer. The state is regularly highlighted for its **scenic beauty**, year-round entertainment options, sports teams, and diversity.

In the end, New York seems to have too many sins to redeem itself in America's eyes.

Other Hated States

With Illinois, New Jersey and New York making up the top three, here's how the rest of the list went:

4. West Virginia
5. California
6. Massachusetts
7. Michigan
8. Mississippi
9. Connecticut
10. Kentucky

One fun fact concerns California, which had the highest number of states that say they hate it the most with nine. Following the five that named New Jersey as their most detested, Massachusetts had the third highest number of votes with four other states naming it as their most hated.

While some may find it fun dogpiling on these so-called wretched states, the ranking also highlighted the America's most loved states.

Least Hated States of America

The 10 states making the top cut tended to be among the best places for job seekers and have the fastest growing populations. Here they are as follows:

1. Colorado
2. Utah
3. Montana
4. Idaho
5. Minnesota
6. New Hampshire
7. Maine
8. Washington
9. Wyoming
10. Arizona

Do you think this roundup is accurate? Moreover, do you think New York deserves all the hate?

THE 20 WORST PLACES TO LIVE IN NEW YORK [RANKED]

The experts at **Money Inc.** have compiled their annual rankings of the worst place to live in New York for 2023 based on safety, quality of schools, the strength of local job markets, and leisure/entertainment. When you put that all together, **Money Inc.** says there are 20 New York cities and towns to stay away from.

20. Gloversville

Money Inc. cites Gloversville's crime rates, underfunded schools, and the job market as the main factors that landed the city at #20 on this list. It's not all bad in Gloversville though as the location is everything in the Adirondack foothills and it's only a stone's throw from Sacandaga Lake.

19. Goshen

The negatives? **Money Inc.** says Goshen has a high cost of living and below-average income. Goshen also has some exciting stuff happening too though and is home to New York's LEGOLAND Theme Park.

18. Niagara Falls

No matter what negative things exist in Niagara Falls, it all melts away with a true natural wonder. **Money Inc.** says crime rates are the main reason for Niagara Falls landing here.

17. Jamestown

Money Inc. says Jamestown is the state's 10th most dangerous city with a weak job market. On the flipside, Jamestown has great schools and many great recreational opportunities around Chautauqua Lake.

16. Monroe

Money Inc. says high crime rates are the main reason for Monroe's ranking here. But, the city does have great schools and is plenty for families to do.

15. Albion

According to **Money Inc.** Albion has a weak economy and not a lot of job opportunities. It is however a small town of about 5,400 people and there are many great local attractions.

14. Buffalo

Crime rates and poor public school performance are some negatives, but **Money Inc.** says there is plenty to love about Buffalo like great entertainment and attractions. And don't forget about that football team everyone loves so much!

13. Wappingers Falls

Money Inc. says the high cost of living and below-average incomes are some cons to living here. Employment opportunities are limited as well

12. Watertown

Weak schools, a weak job market, and being the 5th most dangerous city in the state make Watertown **Money Inc.**'s 12th worst NY town. The pros? A great nightlife and reasonable cost of living.

11. Schenectady

Crime, the job market, and weak schools are some of the challenges facing the Electric City according to **Money Inc.** But, in the Capital Region we know the city offers a great restaurant, nightlife, and entertainment scenes.

10. Syracuse

Money Inc. says high crime rates is Syracuse's biggest weakness. On the flipside, Syracuse is a great college city with some great attractions.

9. Brockport

Money Inc. says schools are great and so are the entertainment options in Brockport. But high unemployment and poverty rates are worrying figures.

8. Endicott

Endicott has the 2nd lowest median home value in the state, and **Money Inc.** says household incomes are also below average.

7. Binghamton

Binghamton is known as a diverse community with great schools and attractions. But why this ranking? **Money Inc** cites crime rates, a weak economy, and a high unemployment rate.

6. Poughkeepsie

A weak economy and high unemployment and poverty rates land Poughkeepsie on **Money Inc**'s list. The pros? Poughkeepsie is a great college town right on the Hudson River.

5. Utica

Money Inc says crime rates and unemployment land Utica at #5 here.

4. Newburgh

Violent crime rates in Newburgh are the worst in the state, and **Money Inc** says unemployment is also an issue.

3. Lockport

Money Inc says a weak economy, crime, and unemployment rates are all issues in Lockport.

2. Rochester

Right on Lake Ontario, Rochester has plenty to offer with recreation and is known for having very good schools. The cons? **Money Inc** household income is below average and unemployment rates are high. Property and violent crime rates are also 10th highest in the state.

1. Monticello

A weak economy, high unemployment, and household incomes near the poverty are all major factors that land Monticello at #1 **Money Inc**'s 20 worst places to live in New York. On the flipside crime rates in Monticello are low and living in the foothills of the Catskills is not a bad place to be!