



## The Power of Unions in Building Up the Middle Class

*It is no mistake that where unions are strongest, workers earn more, work in safer conditions, send their children to better schools and live in safer neighborhoods. Consider these facts the next time you hear about an attack on unions in your state or elsewhere.*

	<b>10 States Where Unions Are Strongest</b>	<b>10 States Where Unions Are Weakest</b>
<b>Average Hourly Earnings (Manufacturing)</b>	<b>\$18.98</b>	<b>\$16.35</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>\$56,409</b>	<b>\$43,913</b>
<b>Population without Health Insurance</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
<b>Workplace Fatalities Rate per 100,000 Employees</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Public Education Spending per Pupil</b>	<b>\$12,673</b>	<b>\$8,860</b>
<b>Eligible Voters who Voted for President - 2008</b>	<b>62.8%</b>	<b>60.0%</b>
<b>Crimes per 100,000</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>4,152</b>
<b>Population in Poverty</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>

Note: All figures are from 2009 unless indicated. The states with the greatest density in 2009 are AK, CA, CT, HI, IL, MI, NJ, NY, RI and WA. The least dense states are AR, GA, MS, NC, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX and VA (Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey). Additional data compiled from the following sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; AFL-CIO, "Death on the Job," 2011; Center for Democracy & Election Management.

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