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# The U.S. ranks:

- 7<sup>th</sup> in literacy
- 27<sup>th</sup> in math
- 178<sup>th</sup> in infant mortality
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in median household income
- 22<sup>nd</sup> in science
- 49<sup>th</sup> in life expectancy
- 4<sup>th</sup> in exports

# Today, Arizona ranks:

- 43<sup>rd</sup> in education
- 22<sup>nd</sup> in infant mortality
- 37<sup>th</sup> in median household income
- 17<sup>th</sup> in life expectancy
- 37<sup>th</sup> in exports

# These reports encompass:

- Aerospace & defense
- Bioscience
- Infrastructure
- Trade with Mexico
- Science & technology
- Sustainability & solar power
- Sun Corridor
- Arizona's economic competitiveness

# Unemployment in Arizona:

In real numbers, rather than percentages, it is expected that the number of unemployed Arizonans, 25 and older, will rise from around 400,000 in 2010 to nearly 700,000 by 2030.

# Arizona's Personal Income:

Average individual incomes in Arizona flattened out through most of the 2000s and began declining in 2009.

Projected Low Point: 2020

# Arizona's Poverty Rate:

In 2010 approximately 1.2 million Arizonans lived below the federally defined poverty level.

By 2030 that number is expected to rise to around 1.9 million.

# Morrison Institute Poll:

- **64%** of the respondents think we don't spend enough on our public school system overall.
- **50%** believe we should spend more on Kindergarten-middle school.



# Morrison Institute Poll:

**52%** believe AZ public schools don't prepare students to pursue specific career paths.

# Morrison Institute Poll:

**69%** of Arizonans believe it is critical to increase **trade with Mexico**.

# Morrison Institute Poll:

**70%** would like to see more  
**moderate candidates** run for office.

# Morrison Institute Poll:

What issues will be most critical in 2014?

- Job creation
- Immigration
- Education
- Health Care

# Morrison Institute Poll:

What issues will most likely be critical in 2025?

- **19%** - water management
- **15.8%** - health care
- **16.4%** - job creation
- **14.5%** - education



- Do we need to change?
- What does success look like?
- What are 3 barriers to progress?
- Who needs to come together to make this happen?

