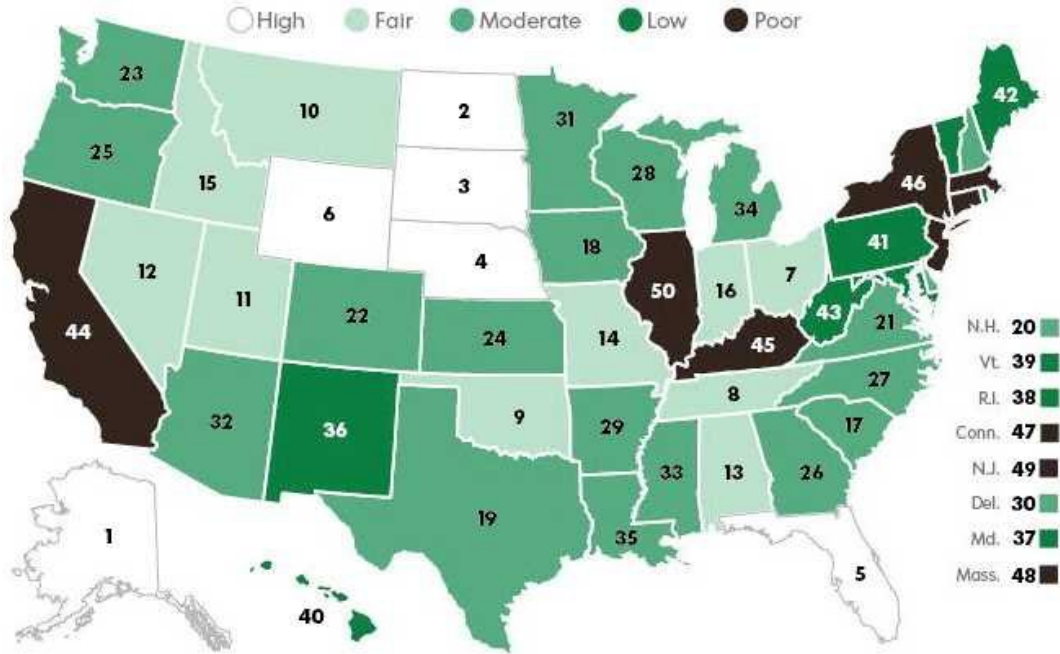


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A new study ranked American states' fiscal solvency. Below is each state, ranked from best to worst, based on a weighted score of fiscal year 2013 data for measures including cash on hand, budgeting, long-term planning and trust funds.



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