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Secretary Benson announces Michigan's elections ranked #2 in the nation by MIT Election Data and Science Lab

LANSING, Mich. – Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson today announced that Michigan has been ranked second in the nation for election administration by the [Elections Performance Index \(EPI\)](#) released by the [MIT Election Data and Science Lab](#). For the 2022 midterm elections, [Michigan scored 88% on the EPI](#), which provides an objective measure of the election performance of every state for federal elections.

In the last midterm election measured by the EPI in 2018, [Michigan ranked 31st with a score of 74%](#) and in the last federal election in 2020, [Michigan was ranked 7th with a score of 87%](#).

“When I first took office, Michigan’s elections were ranked 31st in the nation, today we are number two,” **said Secretary Benson**. “We’ve reached this incredible achievement thanks to the outstanding work of Michigan’s clerks and poll workers, who administer safe, secure, and accurate elections. I’m grateful to the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, for its data-driven work to improve elections across the country. We won’t rest until Michigan is ranked number one.”

The 2022 EPI found that Michigan scored better than the national average on key metrics like voter registration rate (91%), voter turnout (60%), and average voting wait time (3.7 minutes).

The [top five states in the 2022 EPI](#) are: New Mexico (88%), Michigan (88%), Colorado (87%), Vermont (87%) and Nebraska (87%).

EPI launched in 2013 and tracks data as far back as 2008. It provides a comprehensive, nonpartisan, data-focused assessment of how election policy and administration operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The full [2022 EPI is online at the MIT Election Data and Science Lab website](#). For more information about voting and elections in Michigan, visit [Michigan.gov/Vote](#).