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NASBO: State of the State Speeches Highlight Continued Strength and Affordability Concerns

Overview

Through February 25th, governors from 43 states and territories have delivered a State of the State address. In their speeches, governors described the state of their state as strong, resilient, and well positioned for the future. Many highlighted economic growth, job creation, fiscal discipline, record reserves, sustained investment in core priorities, and efforts to increase opportunities and build a brighter future. At the same time, challenges with affordability and the cost of living emerged as a central focus across many governors' addresses. Governors repeatedly cited rising housing, childcare, food, healthcare, and utility costs as top concerns for families.

Below are trends from State of the State speeches through January. To read individual summaries of State of the State addresses, please [click here](#).

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