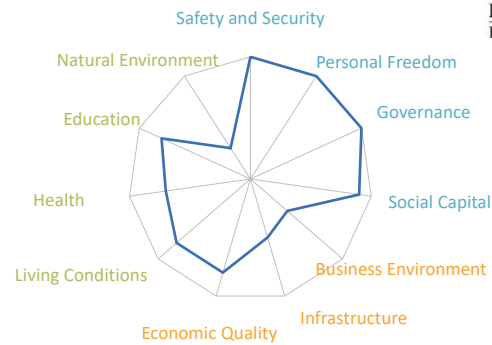
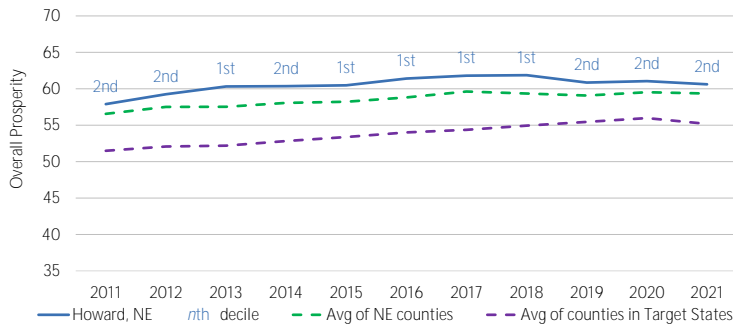


Howard, NE: Overall Prosperity 60.6 (2nd decile*)



Prosperity over time














Breakdown of performance

	2011	Score 10-year trend	2021	Deciles - US Counties (1 to 10) 2021	10-year decile change	Ranks - NE (1 to 93) 2021
Overall Prosperity	57.9		60.6	2	-	32
Inclusive Societies	71.8		73.1	1	-	18
Safety and Security	91.8		97.2	1	-	1
Personal Freedom	61.1		62.6	1	1	4
Governance	74.2		70.1	1	-	1
Social Capital	60.0		62.6	2	1	48
Open Economies	45.2		49.1	6	-	62
Business Environment	41.1		42.0	7	-	75
Infrastructure	42.8		45.2	6	1	41
Economic Quality	51.6		60.1	3	-	70
Empowered People	56.7		59.6	4	-	51
Living Conditions	62.7		70.4	3	1	38
Health	62.8		60.1	4	1	85
Education	55.2		59.1	3	-	41
Natural Environment	46.2		48.8	8	1	35

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 Safety and Security		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 91.8 97.2	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 1 - -	NE Rank 2021 1	 Personal Freedom		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 61.1 62.6	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 1 ▲ 1	NE Rank 2021 4
	Mass Killings and Injuries 15%	100.0	1	1		Agency 30%	65.2	3	1
	Violent Crime 50%	89.2	1	1		Freedom of Association and Speech 15%	60.0	3	2
	Property Crime 35%	91.9	1	1		Absence of Legal Discrimination 25%	46.3	2	1
						Social Tolerance 30%	69.9	2	4
 Governance		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 74.2 70.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 1 - -	NE Rank 2021 1	 Social Capital		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 60.0 62.6	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2 ▲ 1	NE Rank 2021 48
	Political Accountability 30%	56.4	3	1		Personal and Family Relationships 25%	70.8	2	11
	Rule of Law 35%	80.5	3	1		Social Networks 25%	57.2	3	1
	Government Integrity 35%	83.2	1	1		Institutional Trust 20%	64.9	3	1
						Civic and Social Participation 30%	50.0	3	83
 Business Environment		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 41.1 42.0	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 7 - -	NE Rank 2021 75	 Infrastructure		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 42.8 45.2	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 6 ▲ 1	NE Rank 2021 41
	Financing Ecosystems 40%	8.5	10	75		Communications 40%	16.8	9	54
	Domestic Market Contestability 30%	69.5	1	1		Resources 25%	73.2	1	30
	Burden of Regulation 10%	33.2	7	1		Transport 35%	50.9	6	14
	Labor Market Flexibility 10%	70.4	7	1					
	Price Distortions 10%	65.1	5	1					
 Economic Quality		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 51.6 60.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 3 - -	NE Rank 2021 70					
	Fiscal Sustainability 25%	60.3	2	22					
	Productivity and Competitiveness 25%	41.4	6	77					
	Dynamism 20%	39.1	7	42					
	Labor Force Engagement 30%	61.2	2	86					
 Living Conditions		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 62.7 70.4	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 3 ▲ 1	NE Rank 2021 38	 Health		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 62.8 60.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 4 ▼ 1	NE Rank 2021 85
	Material Resources 25%	75.4	2	23		Behavioral Risk Factors 15%	76.7	4	61
	Nutrition 15%	54.9	4	23		Preventative Interventions 15%	47.9	6	85
	Water Services 15%	47.0	6	68		Care Systems 15%	49.5	3	58
	Shelter 15%	67.5	2	35		Mental Health 15%	75.2	3	63
	Connectedness 15%	50.1	8	57		Physical Health 20%	67.6	4	87
	Protection from Harm 15%	72.8	4	16		Longevity 20%	59.5	6	85
 Education		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 55.2 59.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 3 - -	NE Rank 2021 41	 Natural Environment		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 46.2 48.8	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▲ 1	NE Rank 2021 35
	Pre-Primary Education 5%	54.4	1	11		Emissions 25%	42.2	7	46
	Primary Education 20%	72.7	4	63		Exposure to Air Pollution 25%	79.4	2	39
	Secondary Education 25%	65.4	2	42		Forest, Land and Soil 20%	30.3	9	6
	Tertiary Education 25%	39.2	6	40		Freshwater 20%	47.1	9	57
	Adult Skills 25%	47.0	3	36		Preservation Efforts 10%	3.1	10	1

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Political Accountability (3rd)			30%	56.4		76.9	2	3				Rule of Law (3rd)		35%	80.5		61.0	2	3			
Statewide Elections Performance Index	MIT	index score, 0-1	1.5	0.69		0.84	4	3				Statewide Justice Index	NCAJ	index rank 1-51	1.5	14.0		27.0	2	4		
Statewide gender balance in legislatures	CAWP	percentage	0.5	22.4		26.5	5	7				Statewide judicial integrity	ATRF	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0		0.0	1	1		
Statewide state campaign disclosure	NIMP	index, 0-1	1.0	0.5		0.7	7	9														
Statewide term limits	NCSL	coding, 0-1	0.5	1.0		1.0	1	1														
Government Integrity (1st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile		2011	2021												
Statewide legal corruption perceptions	ICS	expert survey, 3-15	1.0	5.0		8.0	1	3														
Statewide illegal corruption perceptions	ICS	expert survey, 3-15	1.0	5.0		7.0	1	4														
Statewide Corruption Reflection Index	ICS	index score, 0-1	0.5	0.2120		0.1282	2	2														
Statewide State Integrity Investigation	CPI	index rank, 1-50	1.0	5.0		10.0	1	2														
Statewide public record request compliance	Cullier	percentage	1.0	58.7		58.7	1	1														
Statewide Online Spending Transparency Index	USPIRG	index score, 0-100	0.5	82.0		80.0	7	5														

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Financing Ecosystems (10th)						40%	8.5		7.8	10	10	Domestic Market Contestability (1st)						30%	69.5		72.9	1	1
Venture capital invested	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		0.0	9	9	Statewide low-income licensed occupations				Inst Just	number	1.5	63.0		63.0	8	8			
Number of venture capital deals	NVCA	number /1,000,000	1.0	0.0		0.0	9	9	Statewide occupational licensing training cost				Inst Just	\$	1.0	76.0		76.0	1	1			
Assets under management	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		0.0	9	8	Statewide occupational licensing training time				Inst Just	days	1.0	118.0		118.0	1	1			
Venture capital fundraising	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		0.0	6	6	Statewide age requirements for license				Inst Just	years	1.0	6.0		6.0	2	2			
New foreign direct investment	BEA	\$ /capita	1.0	69.3		48.1	8	9	Statewide regulation density index				Cato	index score	1.0	0.003		0.016	2	2			
Bank branch access	FDIC	number /square mile	1.5	0.007		0.007	7	8															
Burden of Regulation (7th)						10%	33.2		35.4	9	7	Labor Market Flexibility (7th)						10%	70.4		57.9	6	7
Statewide Federal Regulation and State Enterprise Index	QuantGov	index score	1.0	1.35		1.33	10	9	Statewide collective bargaining agreement coverage				FI	percent	1.0	10.7		8.0	7	5			
Statewide state regulation	QuantGov	percent	1.0	1.336		1.326	2	2	Statewide employee health insurance cost				HJK	\$	0.5	4,104.0		5,094.0	4	2			
									Workers Compensation Premium Rate				State OR	\$ per \$100	0.5	2.0		1.0	2	5			
									Statewide minimum wage				DOL	\$	1.0	7.3		9.0	3	7			
Price Distortions (5th)						10%	65.1		77.1	5	5												
Statewide subsidies to the private sector	BEA	percent	1.0	0.14		0.09	3	3															
Statewide Corporate Tax Score	Tax Found	index score	1.0	4.82		4.87	6	6															

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Behavioral Risk Factors (4th)			15%	76.7		58.6	1	4	Preventative Interventions (6th)			15%	47.9		51.9	4	6
Obesity	CDC	percentage	1.0	30.0		38.6	7	9	Adult dentist visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	63.2		62.8	4	7
Smoking	CHR	percentage	1.5	9.5		17.2	1	2	Adult doctor visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	56.0		66.2	10	10
Alcohol use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	7.2		5.8	9	7	Colorectal cancer screening	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	67.5		65.2	4	7
Illicit drug use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	2.29		2.32	3	2	Statewide child medical visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	84.8		70.6	8	5
Pain reliever misuse	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	3.5		3.5	1	1	Statewide HPV immunizations	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	45.9		60.5	2	2
									Pap smear test	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	84.2		79.4	4	3
									Statewide child immunization	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	66.3		77.9	1	1
									Statewide child dentist visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	83.2		80.5	3	4
Care Systems (3rd)			15%	49.5		65.3	3	3	Mental Health (3rd)			15%	75.2		64.1	1	3
Statewide child mental health access	NSCH	percentage	1.0	20.8		32.6	1	2	Suicide	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	1.0	8.7		17.2	1	6
Adults with no health care coverage	CHR	percentage	0.5	17.9		10.7	3	4	Drug overdose deaths	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	4.8		9.1	1	7
Avoided medical care due to cost	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	16.6		13.5	5	6	Serious mental illness	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	1.0	4.48		4.54	6	5
Hospital rating	HCA	percentage	0.5	78.0		78.0	4	4	Statewide disability weighted prevalence from mental illness	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	1.0	2,169.6		2,096.4	4	4
Preventable hospitalizations for medicare enrollees	CHR	discharges / 100,000	1.0	8,152.9		3,684.0	6	3	Self-reported mental health not good	CHR	percentage	1.0	8.0		11.7	1	2
Physical Health (4th)			20%	67.6		58.1	3	4	Longevity (6th)			20%	59.5		62.4	6	6
High blood pressure	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	30.5		32.3	5	6	Under 5 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 under 5 population	1.0	132.0		111.2	3	2
Diabetes	CDC	percentage	1.0	6.3		9.3	2	5	5-14 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 5-14 population	0.5	10.4		15.4	1	7
Heart attack	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	4.10		3.70	5	4	15-64 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 15-64 population	2.0	415.8		415.8	8	8
Statewide disability weighted prevalence of infectious diseases	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	0.5	352.3		369.0	4	3	Maternal mortality	IMHE	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	0.31		0.29	4	4
Self-reported poor physical health	CHR	percentage	1.0	8.2		10.1	1	2	Mortality risk 65-85	IMHE	percentage	1.0	50.8		46.3	3	3

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Pre-Primary Education (1st)				5%	54.4	<div><div></div></div>	70.7	5	1		Primary Education (4th)				20%	72.7	<div><div></div></div>	63.0	1	4
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	48.5	<div><div></div></div>	57.9	4	2			Math grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	4.43	<div><div></div></div>	3.89	3	6	
Statewide state pre-K quality	NIEER	Index score, 0-10	1.0	6.0	<div><div></div></div>	8.0	6	1			Statewide science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	161.8	<div><div></div></div>	161.8	1	1	
											English, language and arts grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	4.38	<div><div></div></div>	3.76	3	6	
											Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	99.3	<div><div></div></div>	97.4	2	3	
Secondary Education (2nd)				25%	65.4	<div><div></div></div>	75.3	3	2		Tertiary Education (6th)				25%	39.2	<div><div></div></div>	37.7	5	6
Math grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	8.71	<div><div></div></div>	9.36	3	2			College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	35.2	<div><div></div></div>	26.1	3	5	
Statewide science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.0	156.7	<div><div></div></div>	160.2	2	2			Statewide college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	56.0	<div><div></div></div>	58.9	3	3	
English, language and arts grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	7.35	<div><div></div></div>	8.77	7	2			Statewide university quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.192	<div><div></div></div>	0.192	8	8	
High school graduation rate	CHR	percentage	1.0	91.3	<div><div></div></div>	97.2	2	2			Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	30.9	<div><div></div></div>	30.9	8	8	
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	97.3	<div><div></div></div>	94.1	4	8												

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AAR	Association of American Railroads
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ANES	American National Election Studies
ATRF	American Tort Reform Association
Ballotpedia	Ballotpedia
BBN	BroadbandNow
BEA	United States Bureau of Economic Analysis
BIEM	Brookings Institution Export Monitor
BJS	United States Bureau of Justice Statistics
BLS	United States Bureau of Labour Statistics
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
BTS	United States Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Cato	Cato - Freedom in the 50 States
CAWP	Center for American Women and Politics
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC	CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Diabetes Atlas
CDC	Center for Disease Control (WONDER)
Census	United States Census Bureau
Census	US Census Bureau
Census	United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey
CHR	County Health Rankings
CJRP	Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement
CNCS	Corporation for National and Community Service, Volunteering & Civil Life in America
CPI	Center for Public Integrity
CPS	Current Population Survey, Civic Engagement Supplement
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DOL	United States Department of Labor
DUH Nat Srvy	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, The National Survey on Drug Use and Health
EIA	United States Energy Information Administration
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FA	Feeding America
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FI	Fraser Institute
FR	Federal Reserve
FTC	Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Sentinel Network
Gallup	Gallup
Google	Google Trends
GTD	Global Terrorism Database
GVA	Gun Violence Archive
HCA	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
HJK	Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation
HUD	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
ICS	Institute for Corruption Studies
IMHE	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Inst Just	Institute for Justice
JBEN	Bennett et al. 2019. "Particulate matter air pollution and national and county life expectancy loss in the USA: A spatiotemporal analysis".
Kauffman	Kauffman Foundation
MAP	Movement Advancement Project
MIT	MIT Election and Data Science Lab coding of state policies
Mukherjee	Mukherjee et al.
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NACJD	National Archive Of Criminal Justice Data
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NCAJ	National Center for Access to Justice
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCIRD	National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
NIMF	National Institute on Money in Politics
NLCD	National Land Cover Database
NSCH	National Survey of Children's Health
NVCA	National Venture Capital Association
POL	Polaris Project
Pros Now	Prosperity Now Scorecard
PRRI	Public Religion Research Institute
QS Rank	QS World University Rankings
QuantGov	QuantGov
SEDA	Stanford Education Data Archive
SPLC	Southern Poverty Law Center
State OR	State of Oregon
Talk Pov	Talk Poverty
Tax Found	Tax Foundation
UI	Urban Institute
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USPFT	United States Press Freedom Tracker
USPIRG	United States Public Interest Research Group
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
USRC	United States Religious Census
WaPo	Washington Post