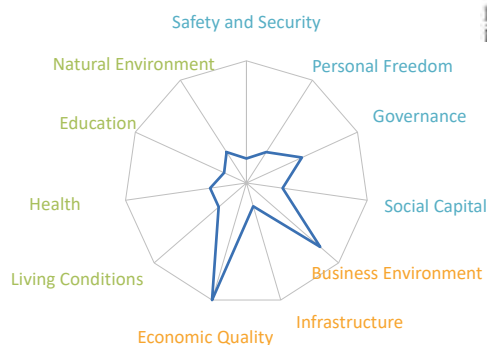
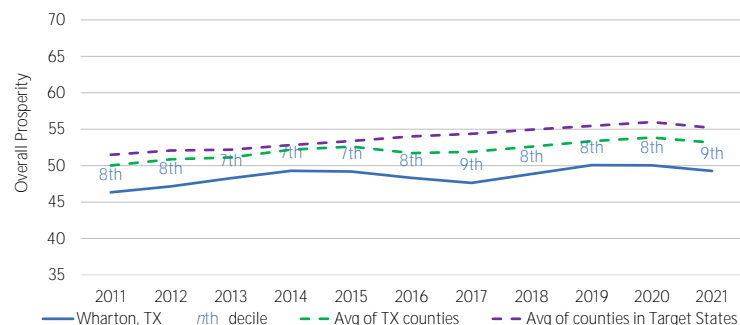


Wharton, TX: Overall Prosperity 49.3 (9th decile*)



Prosperity over time














Breakdown of performance

	2011	Score 10-year trend	2021	Deciles - US Counties (1 to 10) 2021	10-year decile change	Ranks - TX (1 to 254) 2021
Overall Prosperity	46.3		49.3	9	▼ 1	202
Inclusive Societies	45.9		47.8	9	-	211
<div></div> Safety and Security	44.4		50.5	9	▲ 1	207
<div></div> Personal Freedom	43.0		45.7	8	▼ 1	70
<div></div> Governance	57.1		51.4	6	▼ 2	1
<div></div> Social Capital	39.1		43.8	8	▲ 1	202
Open Economies	47.4		50.5	5	-	134
<div></div> Business Environment	50.4		50.3	3	-	59
<div></div> Infrastructure	34.1		35.5	9	-	193
<div></div> Economic Quality	57.8		65.7	1	-	65
Empowered People	45.7		49.5	8	-	174
<div></div> Living Conditions	44.1		58.8	8	▲ 1	109
<div></div> Health	46.4		46.9	8	▼ 1	170
<div></div> Education	43.0		43.7	9	▼ 2	179
<div></div> Natural Environment	49.2		48.5	8	▼ 1	207

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest
 ** There is no county variation in Governance, all counties have been given the state score value

Wharton, TX (9th decile*): Pillar and element scores

 Safety and Security		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 44.4 50.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 9 ▲ 1	TX Rank 2021 207	 Personal Freedom		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 43.0 45.7	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▼ 1	TX Rank 2021 70				
Mass Killings and Injuries	15%	100.0	100.0	1	Agency	30%	54.3	56.7	6	▲ 1	1		
Violent Crime	50%	40.9	46.4	9	▲ 1	196	Freedom of Association and Speech	15%	39.0	36.6	5	▲ 1	1
Property Crime	35%	25.7	35.1	9	▲ 1	201	Absence of Legal Discrimination	25%	13.0	13.7	7	▲ 1	1
					Social Tolerance	30%	58.6	66.0	5	▲ 1	72		
 Governance		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 57.1 51.4	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 6 ▼ 2	TX Rank 2021 1	 Social Capital		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 39.1 43.8	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▲ 1	TX Rank 2021 202				
Political Accountability	30%	52.2	55.4	7	▼ 3	1	Personal and Family Relationships	25%	44.0	58.5	8	▲ 1	190
Rule of Law	35%	65.0	52.0	5	▼ 1	1	Social Networks	25%	21.7	28.1	7	▲ 2	45
Government Integrity	35%	53.3	47.4	6	▼ 2	1	Institutional Trust	20%	62.1	62.1	4	▲ 1	39
					Civic and Social Participation	30%	34.2	32.5	8	▼ 1	146		
 Business Environment		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 50.4 50.3	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 3 ▲ -	TX Rank 2021 59	 Infrastructure		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 34.1 35.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 9 ▲ -	TX Rank 2021 193				
Financing Ecosystems	40%	42.5	43.1	3	▲ -	59	Communications	40%	15.2	15.2	9	▲ -	186
Domestic Market Contestability	30%	49.8	51.6	4	▲ 2	1	Resources	25%	43.7	47.8	8	▲ 1	149
Burden of Regulation	10%	43.5	37.1	4	▲ -	1	Transport	35%	48.7	49.8	6	▲ 1	192
Labor Market Flexibility	10%	74.4	74.2	2	▲ -	1							
Price Distortions	10%	66.3	64.6	6	▼ 4	1							
 Economic Quality		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 57.8 65.7	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 1 ▲ -	TX Rank 2021 65									
Fiscal Sustainability	25%	59.3	68.8	1	▲ -	71							
Productivity and Competitiveness	25%	65.8	87.4	1	▲ 1	67							
Dynamism	20%	66.9	58.6	4	▼ 2	135							
Labor Force Engagement	30%	43.7	49.7	6	▼ 2	106							
 Living Conditions		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 44.1 58.8	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▲ 1	TX Rank 2021 109	 Health		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 46.4 46.9	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▼ 1	TX Rank 2021 170				
Material Resources	25%	49.6	52.7	8	▲ -	190	Behavioral Risk Factors	15%	59.6	60.8	3	▲ 2	137
Nutrition	15%	36.6	48.4	9	▼ 1	130	Preventative Interventions	15%	31.6	36.8	8	▲ -	46
Water Services	15%	33.7	76.7	6	▲ 4	77	Care Systems	15%	13.0	29.6	10	▲ -	215
Shelter	15%	53.9	60.6	6	▲ -	54	Mental Health	15%	74.5	66.3	2	▼ 1	72
Connectedness	15%	25.8	62.9	8	▲ 1	182	Physical Health	20%	45.0	32.3	9	▼ 2	208
Protection from Harm	15%	61.6	55.6	7	▼ 2	195	Longevity	20%	53.0	57.0	7	▲ -	150
 Education		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 43.0 43.7	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 9 ▼ 2	TX Rank 2021 179	 Natural Environment		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 49.2 48.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 8 ▼ 1	TX Rank 2021 207				
Pre-Primary Education	5%	50.9	22.8	10	▼ 5	206	Emissions	25%	48.3	37.4	9	▼ 3	177
Primary Education	20%	54.6	49.1	8	▼ 2	160	Exposure to Air Pollution	25%	57.1	59.0	7	▲ -	164
Secondary Education	25%	57.1	63.4	5	▲ -	143	Forest, Land and Soil	20%	41.4	46.6	6	▼ 1	94
Tertiary Education	25%	32.5	32.4	9	▼ 1	229	Freshwater	20%	70.3	73.1	5	▲ -	180
Adult Skills	25%	28.7	35.1	8	▲ -	160	Preservation Efforts	10%	4.7	4.7	7	▲ -	1

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

** There is no county variation in Governance, all counties have been given the state score value

[illegible]

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest.


Italics: Indicator contains imputed values

	Source	Unit	Weight	Value			US Counties Decile				Source	Unit	Weight	Value			US Counties Decile		
				2011	10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021						2011	10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021	
Political Accountability (7th)			30%	52.2		55.4	4	7			Rule of Law (5th)		35%	65.0		52.0	4	5	
Statewide Elections Performance Index	MIT	index score, 0-1	1.5	0.63		0.71	5	5			Statewide Justice Index	NCAJ	index rank 1-51	1.5	16.0		33.0	3	6
Statewide gender balance in legislatures	CAWP	percentage	0.5	21.0		26.5	7	7			Statewide judicial integrity	ATRF	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.5		0.0	7	1
Statewide state campaign disclosure	NIMP	index, 0-1	1.0	1.0		0.8	1	6											
Statewide term limits	NCSL	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0		0.0	4	4											
Government Integrity (6th)			35%	53.3		47.4	4	6											
Statewide legal corruption perceptions	ICS	expert survey, 3-15	1.0	9.0		11.5	4	6											
Statewide illegal corruption perceptions	ICS	expert survey, 3-15	1.0	8.0		7.0	5	4											
Statewide Corruption Reflection Index	ICS	index score, 0-1	0.5	0.3943		0.1966	5	4											
Statewide State Integrity Investigation	CPI	index rank, 1-50	1.0	27.0		39.0	5	8											
Statewide public record request compliance	Cullier	percentage	1.0	41.4		41.4	4	4											
Statewide Online Spending Transparency Index	USPIRG	index score, 0-100	0.5	91.0		82.0	1	3											

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

** There is no county variation in Governance, all counties have been given the state score value

Italics: Indicator contains imputed values

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest


Italics: Indicator contains imputed values

Fiscal Sustainability (1st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile 2011	2021	Productivity and Competitiveness (1st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile 2011	2021
25%				59.3		68.8	1	1	25%				65.8		87.4	2	1
Statewide government credit rating	Ballotpedia	rating	0.5	7.0		8.0	5	1	Export value (goods)	BIEM	\$ /capita	1.0	4,222.1		7,857.9	4	2
Statewide state reserves capacity	0	days	1.0	85.3		72.6	1	2	Export value (services)	BIEM	\$ /capita	0.5	1,025.8		1,315.4	4	3
Government revenue to expenditure ratio	Census	ratio	1.0	1.12		1.01	2	6	Labor productivity	BLS	\$ per hour	1.5	66.5		75.4	2	2
Statewide state budget balance	0	\$ /capita	1.0	-472.7		891.5	1	1									
Statewide state pension funding	FR	percent	1.0	58.3		51.2	2	4									
Debt-to-GDP ratio	Census	percent	1.0	1.59		1.22	4	4									
20%				66.9		58.6	2	4	30%				43.7		49.7	4	6
Startup concentration	Kauffman	number /1,000 businesses	0.5	109.7		90.9	4	1	Unemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	8.7		6.8	6	7
Startup early job creation	Kauffman	number /1,000 population	1.0	5.21		5.61	3	4	Youth unemployment	Census	percent	1.0	18.2		11.8	7	6
Startup early survival rate	Kauffman	percent	0.5	77.3		79.8	4	4	Employee Engagement	Gallup	percent	0.5	34.0		36.0	1	2
Opportunity-driven startups	Kauffman	percent	1.0	94.1		79.5	3	6	Statewide underemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	5.2		5.0	4	7
Rate of new entrepreneurs	Kauffman	number /100,000 population	1.5	608.5		564.1	1	5	Labor force participation	Census	percent	1.5	65.9		59.7	3	5
Patent applications	USPTO	number /1,000	1.0	72.7		0.0	5	7									

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest


Italics: Indicator contains imputed values

	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile 2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile 2011	2021
Behavioral Risk Factors (3rd)			15%	59.6		60.8	5	3	Preventative Interventions (8th)			15%	31.6		36.8	8	8
Obesity	CDC	percentage	1.0	33.0		36.7	10	8	Adult dentist visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	55.8		59.2	9	8
Smoking	CHR	percentage	1.5	18.1		19.2	4	4	Adult doctor visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	69.2		72.7	3	6
Alcohol use disorder	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	6.7		4.2	7	1	Colorectal cancer screening	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	56.6		59.5	9	9
Illicit drug use disorder	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	2.19		1.92	2	1	Statewide child medical visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	85.6		64.8	6	5
Pain reliever misuse	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	3.7		3.7	2	2	Statewide HPV immunizations	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	32.9		48.4	8	7
									Pap smear test	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	74.1		71.6	9	9
									Statewide child immunization	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	58.6		67.8	2	5
									Statewide child dentist visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	80.6		77.7	5	8
Care Systems (10th)			15%	13.0		29.6	10	10	Mental Health (2nd)			15%	74.5		66.3	1	2
Statewide child mental health access	NSCH	percentage	1.0	62.0		52.2	7	8	Suicide	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	1.0	13.3		17.3	5	6
Adults with no health care coverage	CHR	percentage	0.5	32.9		27.4	10	10	Drug overdose deaths	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	9.5		9.9	4	2
Avoided medical care due to cost	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	20.7		19.6	8	9	Serious mental illness	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	1.0	3.45		3.36	1	1
Hospital rating	HCA	percentage	0.5	61.4		70.0	10	8	Statewide disability weighted prevalence from mental illness	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	1.0	2,155.6		2,088.3	1	2
Preventable hospitalizations for medicare enrollees	CHR	discharges / 100,000	1.0	7,932.1		6,110.0	5	9	Self-reported mental health not good	CHR	percentage	1.0	10.4		15.1	5	7
Physical Health (9th)			20%	45.0		32.3	7	9	Longevity (7th)			20%	53.0		57.0	7	7
High blood pressure	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	33.2		34.8	6	7	Under 5 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 under 5 population	1.0	146.6		140.6	4	6
Diabetes	CDC	percentage	1.0	9.1		13.4	7	9	5-14 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 5-14 population	0.5	15.7		14.8	6	3
Heart attack	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	5.21		4.77	7	8	15-64 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 15-64 population	2.0	398.1		368.6	8	7
Statewide disability weighted prevalence of infectious diseases	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	0.5	410.9		428.2	5	5	Maternal mortality	IMHE	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	0.46		0.54	8	9
Self-reported poor physical health	CHR	percentage	1.0	11.8		14.6	7	7	Mortality risk 65-85	IMHE	percentage	1.0	55.5		52.1	6	6

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest


Italics: Indicator contains imputed values

	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US Counties Decile	2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US Counties Decile	2011	2021
Pre-Primary Education (10th)			5%	50.9		22.8	5	10		Primary Education (8th)			20%	54.6		49.1	6	8	
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	58.1		27.5	2	9		Math grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	4.27		4.06	3	5	
Statewide state pre-K quality	NIEER	Index score, 0-10	1.0	2.0		3.0	8	8		Statewide science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	147.6		154.7	7	5	
										English, language and arts grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	3.24		2.21	8	10	
										Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	97.6		95.8	3	6	
Secondary Education (5th)			25%	57.1		63.4	5	5		Tertiary Education (9th)			25%	32.5		32.4	8	9	
Math grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	7.97		8.26	6	5		College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	35.0		27.7	3	5	
Statewide science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.0	150.5		156.2	5	5		Statewide college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	49.2		52.6	5	4	
English, language and arts grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	7.34		7.08	7	9		Statewide university quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.224		0.222	5	4	
High school graduation rate	CHR	percentage	1.0	77.6		97.1	6	2		Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	16.4		18.5	10	10	
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	98.9		97.1	3	6											
Adult Skills (8th)			25%	28.7		35.1	8	8											
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	75.1		78.3	9	9											
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	15.4		18.0	7	6											

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest

* The 1,196 counties in the 12 states have been grouped into deciles, for each pillar, element and indicator. Counties in the 1st decile are the strongest performers and those in the 10th decile are the weakest.

Source Code	Source Name
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
Cuillier	Dave Cuillier
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
NIIMP	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