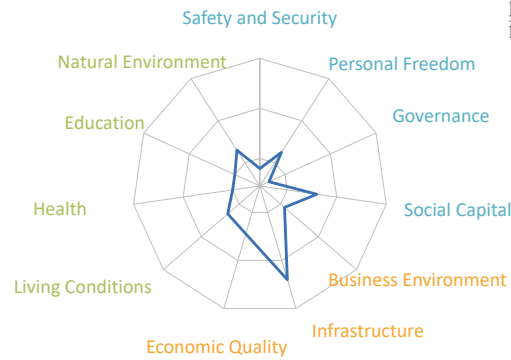
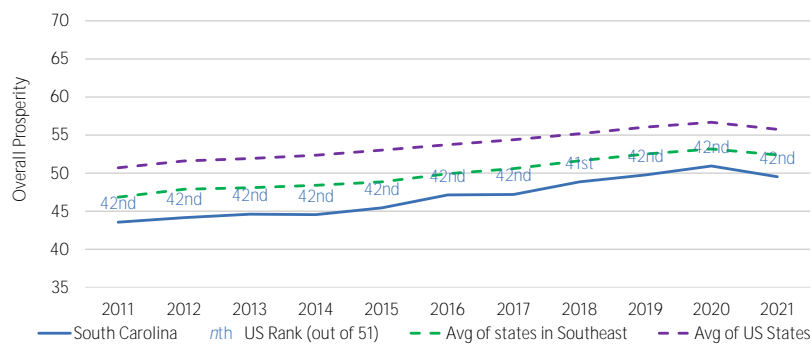


South Carolina: Overall Prosperity 49.5 (42nd)














Prosperity over time



Breakdown of performance

	2011	Score 10-year trend	2021	Rank - US States (1 to 51) 2021	10-year rank change	Rank - Southeast (1 to 15) 2021
Overall Prosperity	43.6		49.5	42	-	9
Inclusive Societies	42.2		45.6	44	1	10
Safety and Security	44.1		44.2	45	2	12
Personal Freedom	44.1		50.5	36	2	6
Governance	31.6		39.0	48	1	13
Social Capital	49.2		48.7	29	4	3
Open Economies	43.1		50.8	32	4	9
Business Environment	41.5		46.2	39	5	11
Infrastructure	60.5		57.7	13	7	6
Economic Quality	27.4		48.4	32	11	10
Empowered People	45.3		52.2	42	1	8
Living Conditions	55.1		66.0	35	2	8
Health	44.1		50.0	41	3	8
Education	36.9		44.5	41	-	10
Natural Environment	44.9		48.2	35	2	9

South Carolina (42nd): Pillar and element scores									
<div>  <div>Safety and Security</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 44.1 2021 44.2</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 45 ▲ 2</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 12</div> </div>	<div>  <div>Personal Freedom</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 44.1 2021 50.5</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 36 ▼ 2</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 6</div> </div>
	Mass Killings and Injuries 15%	79.9 67.5	44 ▼ 2	11		Agency 30%	61.2 71.5	24 ▲ 11	5
	Violent Crime 50%	38.9 40.7	45 ▲ 3	12		Freedom of Association and Speech 15%	60.0 58.1	9 ▼ 8	3
	Property Crime 35%	36.3 39.2	47 ▼ 4	13		Absence of Legal Discrimination 25%	18.5 19.3	44 ▼ 2	12
						Social Tolerance 30%	40.6 51.9	43 — -	9
<div>  <div>Governance</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 31.6 2021 39.0</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 48 ▲ 1</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 13</div> </div>	<div>  <div>Social Capital</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 49.2 2021 48.7</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 29 ▼ 4</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 3</div> </div>
	Political Accountability 30%	13.7 52.7	40 ▲ 10	9		Personal and Family Relationships 25%	45.5 63.2	37 ▲ 2	6
	Rule of Law 35%	32.5 16.5	50 ▼ 6	14		Social Networks 25%	56.0 37.5	33 ▼ 7	4
	Government Integrity 35%	46.0 49.8	37 ▲ 10	10		Institutional Trust 20%	66.0 60.4	5 ▲ 1	1
						Civic and Social Participation 30%	35.3 38.3	25 ▲ 2	5
<div>  <div>Business Environment</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 41.5 2021 46.2</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 39 ▲ 5</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 11</div> </div>	<div>  <div>Infrastructure</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 60.5 2021 57.7</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 13 ▼ 7</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 6</div> </div>
	Financing Ecosystems 40%	27.6 32.1	43 — -	11		Communications 40%	50.5 51.3	27 — -	8
	Domestic Market Contestability 30%	44.8 43.8	35 ▼ 1	8		Resources 25%	75.7 70.3	8 ▼ 3	2
	Burden of Regulation 10%	32.1 43.6	34 ▲ 12	8		Transport 35%	61.1 55.8	16 ▼ 8	8
	Labor Market Flexibility 10%	73.6 72.8	9 ▲ 4	6					
	Price Distortions 10%	64.0 86.1	9 ▲ 7	3					
<div>  <div>Economic Quality</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 27.4 2021 48.4</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 32 ▲ 11</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 10</div> </div>					
	Fiscal Sustainability 25%	29.9 61.8	23 ▲ 6	7					
	Productivity and Competitiveness 25%	26.7 41.3	35 ▲ 4	10					
	Dynamism 20%	39.5 49.8	26 ▲ 7	5					
	Labor Force Engagement 30%	17.9 42.1	24 ▲ 22	7					
<div>  <div>Living Conditions</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 55.1 2021 66.0</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 35 ▲ 2</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 8</div> </div>	<div>  <div>Health</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 44.1 2021 50.0</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 41 ▲ 3</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 8</div> </div>
	Material Resources 25%	35.1 56.8	40 ▲ 8	8		Behavioral Risk Factors 15%	45.9 57.1	30 ▲ 8	6
	Nutrition 15%	47.0 66.8	26 ▲ 15	5		Preventative Interventions 15%	41.4 51.4	31 ▲ 5	9
	Water Services 15%	80.2 84.2	11 ▼ 2	7		Care Systems 15%	36.1 56.3	35 ▲ 7	6
	Shelter 15%	78.1 72.9	28 ▼ 14	9		Mental Health 15%	55.3 53.0	21 ▲ 10	7
	Connectedness 15%	49.8 81.2	31 ▼ 4	9		Physical Health 20%	43.4 40.6	43 — -	8
	Protection from Harm 15%	53.9 40.5	42 ▼ 8	13		Longevity 20%	43.0 46.0	43 ▼ 1	8
<div>  <div>Education</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 36.9 2021 44.5</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 41 — -</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 10</div> </div>	<div>  <div>Natural Environment</div> </div>		<div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2011 44.9 2021 48.2</div> </div>	<div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>2021 35 ▼ 2</div> </div>	<div> <div>Southwest Rank</div> <div>2021 9</div> </div>
	Pre-Primary Education 5%	54.8 46.3	32 ▼ 18	11		Emissions 25%	53.9 68.4	28 ▲ 2	9
	Primary Education 20%	49.7 53.4	32 ▲ 4	7		Exposure to Air Pollution 25%	44.1 56.3	41 ▼ 3	10
	Secondary Education 25%	40.8 46.2	43 ▼ 4	10		Forest, Land and Soil 20%	48.6 47.3	18 ▼ 5	6
	Tertiary Education 25%	33.2 35.7	41 ▼ 5	12		Freshwater 20%	47.6 31.5	47 ▼ 16	13
	Adult Skills 25%	22.8 44.1	38 ▲ 2	8		Preservation Efforts 10%	12.0 12.0	29 — -	6

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Personal and Family Relationships (37th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			25%	45.5		63.2	39	37
Divorce	CDC	instances /1,000 population	1.0	3.0		2.6	13	14
Children in unmarried households	Census	percentage	1.0	35.2		34.7	47	47
Teen births	CDC	instances /1,000 female 15-19 population	1.0	47.0		22.1	38	40
Parent's attendance of children's activities	NSCH	percentage	0.5	94.5		96.6	14	13
Shared meals with household members	CPS	percentage	0.5	87.3		88.7	38	30
Frequently hear from family and friends	CPS	percentage	1.0	78.6		86.8	36	17
Close friends	CPS	average	1.0	5.5		5.5	46	46
Social Networks (33rd)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			25%	56.0		37.5	26	33
Favors between neighbors	CPS	percentage	1.0	42.0		30.9	6	27
Frequently talk with neighbors	CPS	percentage	1.0	73.2		56.4	5	22
Trust in people in neighborhood	CPS	percentage	1.5	56.3		58.6	38	31
Supportive neighborhood for a child	NSCH	percentage	1.0	57.5		57.1	24	26
Trust in people	ANES	coding. 0-1	0.5	0.477		0.477	44	49
Institutional Trust (5th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			20%	66.0		60.4	6	5
Confidence in corporations	CPS	percentage	1.0	68.5		69.0	7	15
Confidence in the media	CPS	percentage	1.0	62.3		58.3	26	14
Trust in federal government	ANES	coding. 0-1	0.5	0.400		0.400	4	3
Civic and Social Participation (25th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			30%	35.3		38.3	27	25
Volunteer rate	Census	instances /1,000 population	1.0	0.32		0.33	37	33
Volunteering intensity	CNCS	hours, per capita	0.5	30.2		34.8	38	21
Volunteering intensity (microdata)	Census	hours, per capita	0.5	26.7		65.2	48	21
Active in neighborhood	Census	percentage	1.0	22.9		24.2	23	17
Helping the community	CNCS	instances /1,000	0.5	3.17		2.32	7	27
Helping the community (microdata)	Census	percentage	0.5	9.0		11.9	32	25
(Non-religious) membership organizations	Census	number /1,000	1.0	0.33		0.34	40	41
Religious membership organizations	USRC	number /1,000	0.5	1.7		1.7	13	13
Religious organization participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	24.8		25.0	8	9
Sport or recreation organization participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	7.8		4.4	42	50
School, neighborhood or community association participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	18.5		14.3	8	26

Global Competitiveness Index 2014-2015																	
Financing Ecosystems (43rd)								Domestic Market Contestability (35th)									
	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US States Rank 20112021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US States Rank 20112021		
Venture capital invested	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	18.3		19.9	3143	Low-income licensed occupations	Inst Just	number	1.5	60.0		60.0	2727		
Number of venture capital deals	NVCA	number /1,000,000	1.0	6.0		7.7	3743	Occupational licensing training cost	Inst Just	\$	1.0	220.0		220.0	1919		
Assets under management	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		6.7	4542	Occupational licensing training time	Inst Just	days	1.0	440.0		440.0	3636		
Venture capital fundraising	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		2.0	2626	Age requirements for license	Inst Just	years	1.0	7.0		7.0	1212		
New foreign direct investment	BEA	\$ /capita	1.0	127.3		18.0	3741	Regulation density index	Cato	index score	1.0	-0.013		-0.017	3938		
Bank branch access	FDIC	number /square mile	1.5	0.069		0.079	3435										
Burden of Regulation (34th)																	
	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US States Rank 20112021	Labor Market Flexibility (9th)									
Federal Regulation and State Enterprise Index	QuantGov	index score	1.0	1.17		1.04	4127	Collective bargaining agreement coverage	FI	percent	1.0	5.8		3.6	61		
State regulation	QuantGov	percent	1.0	1.659		1.652	4140	Employee health insurance cost	HJK	\$	0.5	4,289.0		5,275.0	2216		
								Workers compensation premium rate	State OR	\$ /\$100	0.5	2.4		1.1	4032		
								Minimum wage	DOL	\$	1.0	7.3		7.3	53		
Price Distortions (9th)																	
	Source	Unit	Unit	2011	<div>Value 10-yr trend</div>	2021	US States Rank 20112021										
Subsidies to the private sector	BEA	percent	1.0	0.21		0.13	3028										
Corporate Tax Score	Tax Found	index score	1.0	5.8		6.0	105										

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	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
Material Resources (40th)									Nutrition (26th)								
Low income	Census	percentage	1.0	27.5		23.1	42	43	Food security	USDA	percentage	1.0	86.5		89.1	31	28
Poverty	Census	percentage	1.0	17.1		13.8	41	42	Borderline food security	USDA	percentage	1.0	95.0		96.0	27	20
Deep poverty	Census	percentage	1.0	7.7		6.3	48	43	Fruit consumption	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	55.6		56.8	44	43
Liquid asset poverty	Pros Now	percentage	1.0	44.0		42.4	43	40	Vegetable consumption	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	72.7		81.3	47	13
High risk loans	Talk Pov	percentage	1.0	12.7		7.0	49	27									
Water Services (11th)									Shelter (28th)								
Clean and safe water	Gallup	percentage	0.5	95.0		95.5	27	26	Homelessness	HUD	number / 10,000 population	0.5	9.8		8.1	6	10
Public drinking water violations	EPA	percentage	1.0	92.8		98.5	8	6	Unsheltered homeless rate	HUD	percentage	0.5	32.1		41.2	35	41
Complete kitchen and plumbing facilities	HUD	percentage	1.0	99.23		99.12	17	19	Households with overcrowding	HUD	percentage	1.0	1.7		1.8	22	15
									Availability of affordable housing	NLIHC	units / 100 extremely low income tenants	1.0	49.0		44.0	7	21
Connectedness (31st)									Protection from Harm (42nd)								
Urban access to broadband	FCC	percentage	0.5	88.0		97.2	36	42	Fatal unintentional injuries	CDC	number / 100,000 population	1.0	14.8		19.5	18	31
Rural access to broadband	FCC	percentage	1.0	55.9		75.0	21	32	Traffic deaths	CDC	number / 100,000 population	1.0	20.1		20.3	45	48
Households with a smartphone	Census	percentage	1.0	74.6		86.1	26	23									

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	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021
Pre-Primary Education (32nd)			5%	54.8		46.3	14	32		Primary Education (32nd)			20%	49.7		53.4	36	32	
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	50.5		43.8	14	37		Math grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	2.0	236.0		237.0	38	37	
State pre-K quality	NIEER	Index score, 0-10	1.0	6.2		7.0	26	23		Science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	2.0	149.0		155.0	34	22	
										Reading grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	2.0	216.0		216.0	39	40	
										Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	96.8		95.9	4	13	
Secondary Education (43rd)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021
			25%	40.8		46.2	39	43		Tertiary Education (41st)			25%	33.2		35.7	36	41	
Math grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.5	280.0		276.0	33	38		College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	37.5		36.5	39	44	
Science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	143.2		151.2	43	34		College graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	56.7		58.8	21	23	
Reading grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.5	257.0		259.0	42	37		University quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.16		0.18	37	33	
High school graduation rate	Dept Ed	percentage	1.0	74.0		81.1	40	42		Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	0.5	14.0		21.2	47	49	
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	96.2		95.5	29	45											
Adult Skills (38th)	Source	Unit	Unit	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021										
			25%	22.8		44.1	40	38											
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	84.1		88.3	40	37											
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	24.5		29.6	39	36											

Source Code	Source Name
AAR	Association of American Railroads
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ANES	American National Election Studies
ATRF	American Tort Reform Association
BBN	BroadbandNow
BEA	United States Bureau of Economic Analysis
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
Ballotpedia	Ballotpedia
CAWP	Center for American Women and Politics
CDC	CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CJRP	Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNCS	Corporation for National and Community Service, Volunteering & Civil Life in America
CPI	US Center for Public Integrity
CPS	Current Population Survey, Civic Engagement Supplement
Cato	Cato - Freedom in the 50 States
Census	United States Census Bureau
Census	US Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Census	US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns
Cullier	Dave Cullier
DOL	United States Department of Labor
DUH Nat Svry	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, The National Survey on Drug Use and Health
Dept Ed	United States Department of Education
EIA	United States Energy Information Administration
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FI	Fraser Institute
FR	Federal Reserve
FTC	Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Sentinel Network
GTD	Global Terrorism Database
GVA	Gun Violence Archive
Gallup	Gallup
Google	Google Trends
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
Kauffman	Kauffman Foundation
MAP	Movement Advancement Project
MIT	MIT Election and Data Science Lab coding of state policies
Mukherjee	Mukherjee et al.
NAACP	NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
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
NLIHC	National Low Income Housing Coalition
NSCH	National Survey of Children's Health
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NVCA	National Venture Capital Association
POL	Polaris Project
PRRI	Public Religion Research Institute
Pros Now	Prosperity Now Scorecard
QS Rank	QS World University Rankings
QuantGov	QuantGov
SPLC	Southern Poverty Law Center
State OR	State of Oregon
Talk Pov	Talk Poverty
Tax Found	Tax Foundation
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture - Economic Research Service
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