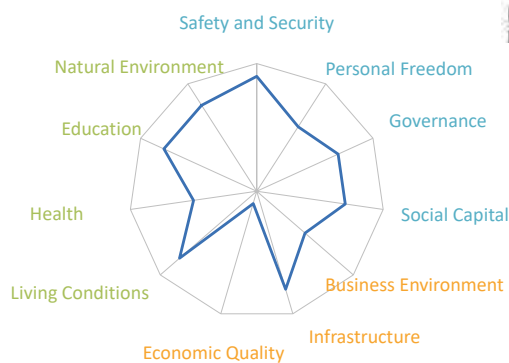
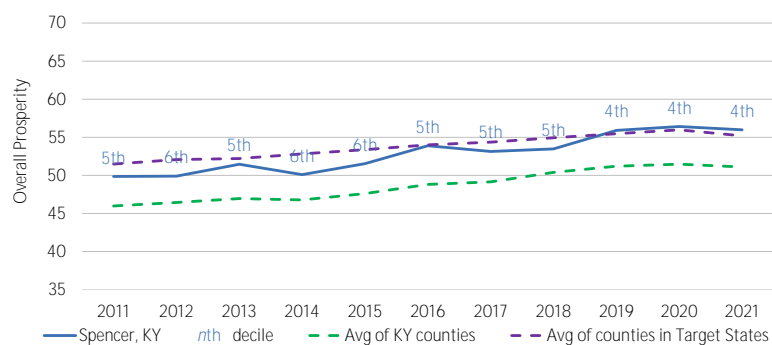


# Spencer, KY: Overall Prosperity 56.0 (4th decile\*)














## Prosperity over time



## Breakdown of performance

	2011	Score 10-year trend	2021	Deciles - US Counties (1 to 10) 2021	10-year decile change	Ranks - KY (1 to 120) 2021
<b>Overall Prosperity</b>	49.9		56.0	4	▲ 1	4
<b>Inclusive Societies</b>	53.3		62.1	4	▲ 1	15
<div></div> Safety and Security	79.6		87.5	2	— -	25
<div></div> Personal Freedom	49.4		54.4	5	— -	2
<div></div> Governance	36.4		55.6	4	▲ 4	1
<div></div> Social Capital	47.9		50.8	4	▲ 1	15
<b>Open Economies</b>	40.1		45.9	8	▲ 1	44
<div></div> Business Environment	37.9		43.9	6	▲ 3	14
<div></div> Infrastructure	53.1		54.7	3	— -	20
<div></div> Economic Quality	29.4		39.1	10	— -	93
<b>Empowered People</b>	56.1		59.9	4	— -	4
<div></div> Living Conditions	73.3		72.1	3	▼ 2	5
<div></div> Health	49.2		52.7	6	— -	7
<div></div> Education	47.1		57.5	3	▲ 3	10
<div></div> Natural Environment	54.8		57.5	3	— -	8

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 Safety and Security		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 79.6 87.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 2 - -	KY Rank 2021 25	 Personal Freedom	2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 49.4 54.4	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 5 - -	KY Rank 2021 2	
Mass Killings and Injuries	15%	100.0 100.0	1 - -	1	Agency	30%	64.7 61.8	4 - -	1
Violent Crime	50%	70.5 87.8	2 3 -	21	Freedom of Association and Speech	15%	40.0 40.0	3 2 -	1
Property Crime	35%	83.7 81.7	2 1 -	32	Absence of Legal Discrimination	25%	27.6 47.6	4 1 -	1
					Social Tolerance	30%	57.1 59.9	8 2 -	2
 Governance		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 36.4 55.6	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 4 4 -	KY Rank 2021 1	 Social Capital	2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 47.9 50.8	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 4 1 -	KY Rank 2021 15	
Political Accountability	30%	36.3 51.9	9 - -	1	Personal and Family Relationships	25%	54.5 64.3	6 1 -	3
Rule of Law	35%	26.5 64.0	2 6 -	1	Social Networks	25%	48.8 50.2	4 - -	7
Government Integrity	35%	46.4 50.4	5 3 -	1	Institutional Trust	20%	65.2 65.2	2 - -	5
					Civic and Social Participation	30%	30.1 30.6	9 1 -	90
 Business Environment		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 37.9 43.9	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 6 3 -	KY Rank 2021 14	 Infrastructure	2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 53.1 54.7	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 3 - -	KY Rank 2021 20	
Financing Ecosystems	40%	21.5 32.2	6 1 -	14	Communications	40%	53.6 53.6	3 - -	37
Domestic Market Contestability	30%	48.6 47.2	8 - -	1	Resources	25%	50.8 57.3	5 1 -	46
Burden of Regulation	10%	14.6 18.4	10 - -	1	Transport	35%	54.2 54.1	4 - -	14
Labor Market Flexibility	10%	70.9 67.6	5 - -	1					
Price Distortions	10%	61.5 82.9	2 4 -	1					
 Economic Quality		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 29.4 39.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 10 - -	KY Rank 2021 93					
Fiscal Sustainability	25%	29.0 29.1	10 - -	99					
Productivity and Competitiveness	25%	7.3 16.1	10 - -	119					
Dynamism	20%	36.3 42.8	9 - -	108					
Labor Force Engagement	30%	43.5 64.1	2 3 -	14					
 Living Conditions		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 73.3 72.1	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 3 2 -	KY Rank 2021 5	 Health	2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 49.2 52.7	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 6 - -	KY Rank 2021 7	
Material Resources	25%	77.9 68.3	4 3 -	4	Behavioral Risk Factors	15%	36.4 48.5	8 2 -	22
Nutrition	15%	51.4 61.4	6 2 -	9	Preventative Interventions	15%	42.6 59.8	2 4 -	1
Water Services	15%	89.3 89.6	2 - -	14	Care Systems	15%	46.3 61.4	4 - -	26
Shelter	15%	71.5 72.0	2 1 -	60	Mental Health	15%	60.2 48.2	8 1 -	2
Connectedness	15%	85.7 92.8	1 - -	5	Physical Health	20%	48.3 36.7	8 2 -	12
Protection from Harm	15%	60.9 51.3	8 3 -	64	Longevity	20%	58.4 63.3	5 1 -	3
 Education		2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 47.1 57.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 3 3 -	KY Rank 2021 10	 Natural Environment	2011 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2021 54.8 57.5	2021 US Counties Decile 10-yr decile chng 2021 3 - -	KY Rank 2021 8	
Pre-Primary Education	5%	56.9 37.1	8 4 -	104	Emissions	25%	53.3 58.2	2 2 -	18
Primary Education	20%	62.2 71.3	2 1 -	21	Exposure to Air Pollution	25%	71.2 69.4	4 - -	22
Secondary Education	25%	58.4 78.6	1 4 -	4	Forest, Land and Soil	20%	34.1 43.4	7 1 -	67
Tertiary Education	25%	28.4 34.3	8 2 -	35	Freshwater	20%	81.9 81.9	2 - -	2
Adult Skills	25%	40.6 52.4	5 1 -	18	Preservation Efforts	10%	5.0 5.0	6 - -	1


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	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021		Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021
Mass Killings and Injuries (1st)			15%	100.0		100.0	1	1	Violent Crime (2nd)			50%	70.5		87.8	5	2
Mass shooting deaths	GVA	deaths /1,000,000 population	1.5	0.0		0.0	1	1	Murder	NACID	deaths /100,000 population	1.5	5.7		0.0	9	1
Mass shooting injuries	GVA	injuries /1,000,000 population	1.0	0.0		0.0	1	1	Rape	NACID	incidents /100,000 population	1.0	11.4		15.5	4	4
Terrorism deaths	GTD	deaths /1,000,000 population	1.0	0.0000		0.0000	1	1	Aggravated assaults	NACID	assaults /100,000 population	1.0	11.4		20.7	1	1
Terrorism injuries	GTD	injuries /1,000,000 population	0.5	0.0000		0.0000	1	1	Robbery	NACID	incidents /100,000 population	0.5	11.4		0.0	5	1
Terrorism events	GTD	events /1,000,000 population	0.5	0.0		0.0	1	1									

	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US Counties Decile		Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US Counties Decile		
Agency (4th)			30%	64.7	2011 2021	4 4	Freedom of Association and Speech (3rd)		15%	40.0	2011 2021	5 3	
Fatal police shootings of unarmed civilians	WaPo	deaths /100,000 population	1.0	0.0	2011 2021	1 1	Statewide free speech in public places	Cato	coding, 0-3	1.0	0.0	2011 2021	2 2
Statewide death row population	NAACP	number /100,000 population	1.0	0.80	2011 2021	4 6	Statewide right-to-work	NCSL	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0	2011 2021	7 1
Statewide adult incarceration	BJS	number /100,000 adult population	1.0	950.0	2011 2021	5 8	Statewide press suppression	USPFT	number /100,000 state population	0.5	0.000	2011 2021	1 1
Statewide youth incarceration	CIRP	prisoners /100,000 youth population	0.5	93.4	2011 2021	5 6	Statewide invasive cell phone surveillance	ACLU	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0	2011 2021	1 1
Statewide trafficking	POL	reports /100,000 population	1.0	2.7	2011 2021	2 2							
Absence of Legal Discrimination (4th)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US Counties Decile		Social Tolerance (8th)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US Counties Decile	
Statewide religious freedom restoration act enacted	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	0.0	2011 2021	4 1	Hate group concentration	SPLC	number /100,000 population	1.0	0.0	2011 2021	1 1
Statewide employment anti-discrimination law	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	1.0	2011 2021	1 1	Ethnic slur google traffic	Google	index, 0-100	1.0	37.2	2011 2021	9 9
Statewide government discrimination based on sex prohibited	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	0.0	2011 2021	4 4	Statewide same sex marriage support	PRRI	percentage	0.5	40.0	2011 2021	10 10
Statewide affirmative action in public services banned	Cato	coding, 0-2	0.5	0.0	2011 2021	2 3	Statewide LGBT non-discrimination law support	PRRI	percentage	0.5	63.0	2011 2021	9 8
Statewide LGBT relationships & parenthood recognition	MAP	coding, 0-9	0.5	2.0	2011 2021	3 3							
Statewide LGBT non-discrimination laws	MAP	coding, 0-11	0.5	2.5	2011 2021	4 5							

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	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
Political Accountability (9th)			30%	36.3		51.9	9	9	Rule of Law (2nd)				35%	26.5		64.0	8	2	
Statewide Elections Performance Index	MIT	Index score, 0-1	1.5	0.62		0.71	8	4	Statewide Justice Index	NCAI	Index rank 1-51	1.5	50.0		25.0	9	3		
Statewide gender balance in legislatures	CAWP	percentage	0.5	18.8		26.8	9	6	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	5	9											
Statewide term limits	NCSL	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0		0.0	4	4											
Government Integrity (5th)	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	13.0		13.0	10	10											
Statewide illegal corruption perceptions	ICS	expert survey, 3-15	1.0	9.5		11.0	9	10											
Statewide Corruption Reflection Index	ICS	Index score, 0-1	0.5	0.2584		0.0797	3	1											
Statewide State Integrity Investigation	CPI	Index rank, 1-50	1.0	19.0		9.0	3	1											
Statewide public record request compliance	Culliver	percentage	1.0	38.2		38.2	7	7											
Statewide Online Spending Transparency Index	USPIRG	Index score, 0-100	0.5	83.0		85.0	6	2											

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Financing Ecosystems (6th)			40%	21.5		32.2	7	6		Domestic Market Contestability (8th)			30%	48.6		47.2	8	8	
Venture capital invested	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	5.1		80.3	7	3		Statewide low-income licensed occupations	Inst Just	number	1.5	37.0		37.0	2	2	
Number of venture capital deals	NVCA	number /1,000,000	1.0	1.4		7.1	8	4		Statewide occupational licensing training cost	Inst Just	\$	1.0	240.0		240.0	5	5	
Assets under management	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	13.3		8.9	7	7		Statewide occupational licensing training time	Inst Just	days	1.0	466.0		466.0	8	8	
Venture capital fundraising	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	0.0		0.0	6	6		Statewide age requirements for license	Inst Just	years	1.0	13.0		13.0	8	8	
New foreign direct investment	BEA	\$ /capita	1.0	89.4		88.9	7	8		Statewide regulation density index	Cato	index score	1.0	0.000		-0.006	4	5	
Bank branch access	FDIC	number /square mile	1.5	0.016		0.016	5	5											

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Fiscal Sustainability (10th)								Productivity and Competitiveness (10th)							
Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile	2021	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile	2021
Statewide government credit rating	Ballotpedia	rating	0.5	5.0	3.0	9	10	Export value (goods)	BIEM	\$ /capita	1.0	385.2	765.1	10	10
Statewide state reserves capacity	0	days	1.0	3.5	12.6	9	10	Export value (services)	BIEM	\$ /capita	0.5	183.3	187.4	10	10
Government revenue to expenditure ratio	Census	ratio	1.0	0.96	0.96	8	8	Labor productivity	BLS	\$ per hour	1.5	47.5	52.4	10	9
Statewide state budget balance	0	\$ /capita	1.0	-493.9	-319.2	1	8								
Statewide state pension funding	FR	percent	1.0	41.0	32.6	10	10								
Debt-to-GDP ratio	Census	percent	1.0	1.04	1.04	4	4								
Dynamism (9th)								Labor Force Engagement (2nd)							
Startup concentration	Kauffman	number /1,000 businesses	0.5	87.4	76.3	8	6	Unemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	9.9	5.8	7	5
Startup early job creation	Kauffman	number /1,000 population	1.0	4.04	4.06	8	8	Youth unemployment	Census	percent	1.0	18.4	16.7	7	8
Startup early survival rate	Kauffman	percent	0.5	77.0	79.8	6	3	Employee Engagement	Gallup	percent	0.5	32.0	37.0	3	1
Opportunity-driven startups	Kauffman	percent	1.0	50.1	59.8	10	10	Statewide underemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	5.0	2.8	3	1
Rate of new entrepreneurs	Kauffman	number /100,000 population	1.5	233.7	254.3	9	9	Labor force participation	Census	percent	1.5	70.9	67.9	1	2
Patent applications	USPTO	number /1,000	1.0	114.5	155.0	4	4								

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Behavioral Risk Factors (8th)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value			US Counties Decile		Preventative Interventions (2nd)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value			US Counties Decile	
				2011	10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021					2011	10-yr trend	2021	2011	2021
			15%	36.4		48.5	10	8				15%	42.6		59.8	6	2
Obesity	CDC	percentage	1.0	30.6		35.1	8	7	Adult dentist visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	64.6		70.1	3	2
Smoking	CHR	percentage	1.5	32.1		20.6	10	6	Adult doctor visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	70.3		74.2	3	5
Alcohol use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	6.1		5.3	4	6	Colorectal cancer screening	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	67.7		70.7	4	3
Illicit drug use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	2.70		3.29	8	9	Statewide child medical visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	88.1		77.1	3	1
Pain reliever misuse	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	4.3		4.3	8	8	Statewide HPV immunizations	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	34.0		54.9	7	5
									Pap smear test	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	82.2		87.5	5	1
									Statewide child immunization	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	51.8		71.0	7	3
									Statewide child dentist visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	80.6		79.6	5	5
Care Systems (4th)			15%	46.3		61.4	4	4	Mental Health (8th)			15%	60.2		48.2	7	8
Statewide child mental health access	NSCH	percentage	1.0	31.4		38.6	2	4	Suicide	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	1.0	13.5		16.9	7	5
Adults with no health care coverage	CHR	percentage	0.5	22.8		6.2	6	2	Drug overdose deaths	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	18.4		25.1	8	9
Avoided medical care due to cost	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	16.8		12.1	5	3	Serious mental illness	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	1.0	4.40		4.72	5	7
Hospital rating	HCA	percentage	0.5	74.8		74.8	5	6	Statewide disability weighted prevalence from mental illness	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	1.0	2,298.6		2,205.5	8	8
Preventable hospitalizations for medicare enrollees	CHR	discharges / 100,000	1.0	6,542.3		4,928.0	3	6	Self-reported mental health not good	CHR	percentage	1.0	10.3		15.3	5	7
Physical Health (8th)			20%	48.3		36.7	6	8	Longevity (5th)			20%	58.4		63.3	6	5
High blood pressure	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	32.7		33.5	6	7	Under 5 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 under 5 population	1.0	163.5		126.0	7	5
Diabetes	CDC	percentage	1.0	10.2		12.8	8	9	5-14 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 5-14 population	0.5	16.5		17.3	8	9
Heart attack	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	4.50		4.90	5	9	15-64 mortality	CDC	deaths / 100,000 15-64 population	2.0	289.2		287.1	5	4
Statewide disability weighted prevalence of infectious diseases	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	0.5	412.9		430.6	7	7	Maternal mortality	IMHE	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	0.33		0.30	5	4
Self-reported poor physical health	CHR	percentage	1.0	11.1		13.2	6	5	Mortality risk 65-85	IMHE	percentage	1.0	58.4		55.2	8	7

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Pre-Primary Education (8th)			5%	56.9		37.1	4	8			Primary Education (2nd)		20%	62.2		71.3	3	2	
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	41.2		25.2	6	10			Math grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	3.27		4.93	8	2
Statewide state pre-K quality	NIEER	Index score, 0-10	1.0	9.0		8.0	1	1			Statewide science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	160.7		160.2	1	1
											English, language and arts grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	3.90		5.09	5	1
											Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	100.0		92.7	1	9
Secondary Education (1st)			25%	58.4		78.6	5	1			Tertiary Education (8th)		25%	28.4		34.3	10	8	
Math grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	6.71		8.91	9	2			College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	20.8		31.4	7	4
Statewide science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.0	156.4		157.2	2	4			Statewide college graduation rate	NICES	percentage	1.0	46.6		52.3	8	6
English, language and arts grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	7.05		9.25	9	1			Statewide university quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.085		0.085	9	9
High school graduation rate	CHR	percentage	1.0	90.9		96.0	2	2			Community college graduation rate	NICES	percentage	1.0	35.3		35.3	7	7
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	100.0		97.3	1	5											
Adult Skills (5th)			25%	40.6		52.4	6	5											
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	83.7		90.4	6	4											
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	16.6		20.3	6	5											

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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
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
NIMP	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