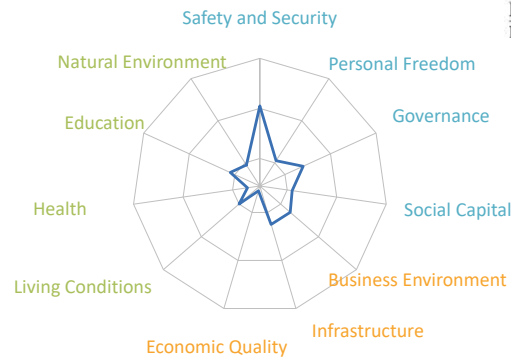
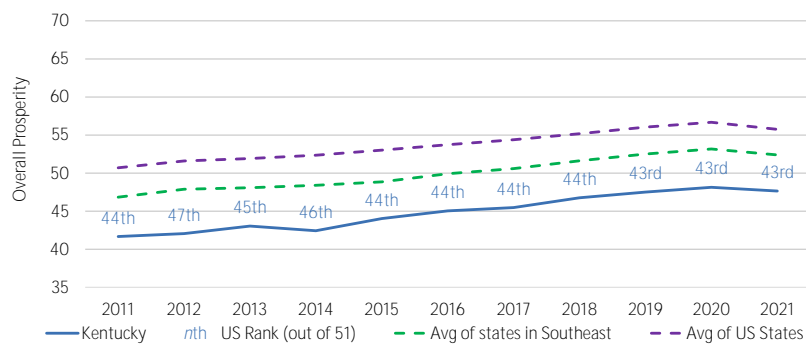


Kentucky: Overall Prosperity 47.7 (43rd)














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	41.7		47.7	43	▲ 1	10
Inclusive Societies	45.4		51.3	39	▲ 3	7
<div></div> Safety and Security	60.6		62.8	20	▲ 2	3
<div></div> Personal Freedom	43.5		47.7	40	▼ 4	10
<div></div> Governance	36.4		55.6	33	▲ 14	8
<div></div> Social Capital	41.3		39.1	39	▲ 1	10
Open Economies	38.7		43.2	46	▼ 2	12
<div></div> Business Environment	45.6		47.5	36	▼ 1	9
<div></div> Infrastructure	47.9		47.1	36	▼ 1	10
<div></div> Economic Quality	22.8		35.2	50	▲ 1	15
Empowered People	40.8		48.4	44	▲ 1	10
<div></div> Living Conditions	51.1		62.2	41	▲ 1	10
<div></div> Health	37.7		40.8	47	▲ 1	11
<div></div> Education	40.3		46.4	39	▼ 4	9
<div></div> Natural Environment	34.2		44.4	42	▲ 6	12

<div></div> <div>Safety and Security</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>60.6</div> <div>62.8</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>20</div> <div>▲ 2</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>3</div>	<div></div> <div>Personal Freedom</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>43.5</div> <div>47.7</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>40</div> <div>▼ 4</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>10</div>
Mass Killings and Injuries15%	86.776.5	29▼ 2	4	Agency30%	64.757.8	38▼ 7	9
Violent Crime50%	57.861.5	14▲ 6	2	Freedom of Association and Speech15%	40.040.0	16▲ 2	8
Property Crime35%	53.558.8	21▼ 1	3	Absence of Legal Discrimination25%	27.647.6	24▲ 8	5
				Social Tolerance30%	37.241.4	50▼ 5	14
<div></div> <div>Governance</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>36.4</div> <div>55.6</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>33</div> <div>▲ 14</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>8</div>	<div></div> <div>Social Capital</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>41.3</div> <div>39.1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>39</div> <div>▲ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>10</div>
Political Accountability30%	36.351.9	43▼ 2	11	Personal and Family Relationships25%	45.563.3	36▲ 4	5
Rule of Law35%	26.564.0	21▲ 26	7	Social Networks25%	54.339.1	32▼ 3	3
Government Integrity35%	46.450.4	35▲ 10	8	Institutional Trust20%	47.231.8	42▼ 10	12
				Civic and Social Participation30%	23.023.6	48▲ 2	14
<div></div> <div>Business Environment</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>45.6</div> <div>47.5</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>36</div> <div>▼ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>9</div>	<div></div> <div>Infrastructure</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>47.9</div> <div>47.1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>36</div> <div>▼ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>10</div>
Financing Ecosystems40%	40.741.1	34▼ 3	9	Communications40%	44.439.7	42▼ 6	11
Domestic Market Contestability30%	48.647.2	33▼ 2	7	Resources25%	50.752.0	38▲ 2	10
Burden of Regulation10%	14.618.4	49▲ 1	15	Transport35%	49.852.1	19▲ 1	10
Labor Market Flexibility10%	70.967.6	17▲ 1	9				
Price Distortions10%	61.582.9	12▲ 11	6				
<div></div> <div>Economic Quality</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>22.8</div> <div>35.2</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>50</div> <div>▲ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>15</div>				
Fiscal Sustainability25%	11.515.3	49▼ 2	15				
Productivity and Competitiveness25%	27.339.6	36▲ 2	11				
Dynamism20%	35.742.3	43▼ 2	13				
Labor Force Engagement30%	19.743.3	22▲ 19	5				
<div></div> <div>Living Conditions</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>51.1</div> <div>62.2</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>41</div> <div>▲ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>10</div>	<div></div> <div>Health</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>37.7</div> <div>40.8</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>47</div> <div>▲ 1</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>11</div>
Material Resources25%	40.344.1	46▼ 2	11	Behavioral Risk Factors15%	34.938.0	51▼ 1	15
Nutrition15%	47.852.9	43▼ 3	10	Preventative Interventions15%	39.752.6	30▲ 9	8
Water Services15%	64.375.1	26▲ 8	10	Care Systems15%	36.957.1	33▲ 6	4
Shelter15%	86.983.4	6▼ 4	3	Mental Health15%	43.135.7	48▼ 1	14
Connectedness15%	28.381.5	28▲ 16	8	Physical Health20%	32.126.7	47▲ 1	11
Protection from Harm15%	46.248.2	36▲ 9	10	Longevity20%	40.339.9	44-	9
<div></div> <div>Education</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>40.3</div> <div>46.4</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>39</div> <div>▼ 4</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>9</div>	<div></div> <div>Natural Environment</div>	<div>2011</div> <div>Overall Prosperity</div> <div>10-yr trend</div> <div>2021</div> <div>34.2</div> <div>44.4</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>US States Rank</div> <div>10-yr rank change</div> <div>42</div> <div>▲ 6</div>	<div>2021</div> <div>Southeast Rank</div> <div>12</div>
Pre-Primary Education5%	50.239.7	38▼ 15	14	Emissions25%	37.855.2	40▲ 5	11
Primary Education20%	66.456.9	26▼ 17	5	Exposure to Air Pollution25%	37.757.5	38▲ 7	8
Secondary Education25%	58.857.8	27▼ 4	4	Forest, Land and Soil20%	26.728.0	44▲ 2	15
Tertiary Education25%	29.539.6	34▲ 8	8	Freshwater20%	47.550.7	25▲ 7	6
Adult Skills25%	9.934.6	44▲ 6	11	Preservation Efforts10%	5.05.0	45-	14

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Mass Killings and Injuries (29th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank	
				86.7		76.5	27	29
Mass shooting deaths	GVA	deaths /1,000,000 population	15%	0.9		1.1	33	26
Mass shooting injuries	GVA	injuries /1,000,000 population	1.0	2.0		5.3	26	36
Terrorism deaths	GTD	deaths /1,000,000 population	1.0	0.0000		0.0893	1	36
Terrorism injuries	GTD	injuries /1,000,000 population	0.5	0.0000		0.1342	1	35
Terrorism events	GTD	events /1,000,000 population	0.5	0.00		0.18	1	32
Violent Crime (14th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank	
				57.8		61.5	20	14
Murder	FBI	deaths /100,000 population	50%	4.2		4.9	24	31
Rape	FBI	Incidents /100,000 population	1.0	49.6		35.1	34	12
Aggravated assaults	FBI	assaults /100,000 population	1.0	129.1		128.4	5	6
Robbery	FBI	Incidents /100,000 population	0.5	83.3		48.3	20	16
Property Crime (21st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank	
				53.5		58.8	20	21
Burglary	FBI	Incidents /100,000 population	1.5	683.6		344.9	31	29
Motor vehicle theft	FBI	Incidents /100,000 population	1.0	139.5		227.7	10	30
Larceny theft	FBI	Incidents /100,000 population	0.5	1,668.7		1,320.7	10	17
Identity theft	FTC	victims /100,000 population	0.5	42.6		127.0	9	4

Personal and Family Relationships (36th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			25%	45.5		63.3	40	36
Divorce	CDC	instances /1,000 population	1.0	4.6		3.4	45	39
Children in unmarried households	Census	percentage	1.0	30.4		31.4	33	34
Teen births	CDC	instances /1,000 female 15-19 population	1.0	49.7		24.6	45	42
Parent's attendance of children's activities	NSCH	percentage	0.5	88.7		95.1	48	34
Shared meals with household members	CPS	percentage	0.5	92.6		88.7	3	29
Frequently hear from family and friends	CPS	percentage	1.0	77.5		85.1	43	31
Close friends	CPS	average	1.0	6.2		6.2	29	29
Social Networks (32nd)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			25%	54.3		39.1	29	32
Favors between neighbors	CPS	percentage	1.0	35.3		31.9	28	21
Frequently talk with neighbors	CPS	percentage	1.0	68.1		54.8	22	31
Trust in people in neighborhood	CPS	percentage	1.5	61.1		54.4	26	40
Supportive neighborhood for a child	NSCH	percentage	1.0	57.3		59.0	27	15
Trust in people	ANES	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.531		0.531	25	26
Institutional Trust (42nd)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			20%	47.2		31.8	32	42
Confidence in corporations	CPS	percentage	1.0	63.3		63.7	27	37
Confidence in the media	CPS	percentage	1.0	60.0		46.2	35	44
Trust in federal government	ANES	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.359		0.359	28	30
Civic and Social Participation (48th)	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US States Rank 2011	2021
			30%	23.0		23.6	50	48
Volunteer rate	Census	instances /1,000 population	1.0	0.30		0.28	43	45
Volunteering intensity	CNCS	hours, per capita	0.5	30.0		20.7	41	51
Volunteering intensity (microdata)	Census	hours, per capita	0.5	28.8		62.3	45	29
Active in neighborhood	Census	percentage	1.0	20.0		17.5	46	50
Helping the community	CNCS	instances /1,000	0.5	2.41		1.90	26	39
Helping the community (microdata)	Census	percentage	0.5	7.1		7.6	47	51
(Non-religious) membership organizations	Census	number /1,000	1.0	0.31		0.29	42	47
Religious membership organizations	USRC	number /1,000	0.5	1.8		1.8	11	11
Religious organization participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	15.3		21.3	40	19
Sport or recreation organization participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	6.2		9.7	51	34
School, neighborhood or community association participation	CPS	percentage	0.5	11.1		12.3	50	39

	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US States Rank 20112021		Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US States Rank 20112021
Fiscal Sustainability (49th)			25%	11.515.3	4749	Productivity and Competitiveness (36th)			25%	27.339.6	3836
Government credit rating	Ballotpedia	rating	0.5	5.03.0	4647	Manufactured export value	Census	\$ /capita	1.0	3,706.85,610.1	114
State reserves capacity	Pew	days	1.0	3.512.6	4048	Non-manufactured export value	Census	\$ /capita	0.5	123.398.1	4446
Revenue to expenditure ratio	Pew	ratio	1.0	0.920.95	3747	Labor productivity	BLS	\$ /hour	2.0	47.552.4	4543
State budget balance	Pew	\$	1.0	-494.0-318.5	644						
State pension funding	FR	percent	1.0	41.032.6	4446						
Dynamism (43rd)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US States Rank 20112021	Labor Force Engagement (22nd)	Source	Unit	Weight	Value 10-yr trend	US States Rank 20112021
Startup concentration	Kauffman	number /1,000 businesses	0.5	87.476.3	3817	Unemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	10.26.6	3621
Startup early job creation	Kauffman	number /capita	1.0	4.04.1	3536	Youth unemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	20.614.3	1425
Startup early survival rate	Kauffman	percent	0.5	77.079.8	1218	Employee engagement	Gallup	percent	0.5	32.037.0	131
Opportunity-driven startups	Kauffman	percent	1.0	74.584.8	4234	Underemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	5.02.8	222
Rate of new entrepreneurs	Kauffman	percent	1.5	301.0256.0	2434	Labor force participation	BLS	percent	1.0	72.871.7	4849
Patent applications	USPTO	number /1,000,000 population	1.0	137.5190.3	4143						

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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 (46th)									Nutrition (43rd)								
Low income	Census	percentage	1.0	28.9		25.6	48	46	Food security	USDA	percentage	1.0	86.6		86.3	28	44
Poverty	Census	percentage	1.0	18.6		16.3	49	48	Borderline food security	USDA	percentage	1.0	95.0		95.2	27	34
Deep poverty	Census	percentage	1.0	8.0		7.0	49	46	Fruit consumption	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	54.1		54.2	45	45
Liquid asset poverty	Pros Now	percentage	1.0	39.0		38.7	33	32	Vegetable consumption	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	74.8		80.3	35	21
High risk loans	Talk Pov	percentage	1.0	8.9		11.4	40	49									
Water Services (26th)									Shelter (6th)								
Clean and safe water	Gallup	percentage	0.5	93.3		94.6	43	36	Homelessness	HUD	number / 10,000 population	0.5	13.9		9.1	26	20
Public drinking water violations	EPA	percentage	1.0	83.9		94.0	34	29	Unsheltered homeless rate	HUD	percentage	0.5	11.7		19.1	15	25
Complete kitchen and plumbing facilities	HUD	percentage	1.0	99.10		99.02	30	27	Households with overcrowding	HUD	percentage	1.0	1.5		1.9	17	17
									Availability of affordable housing	NLIHC	units / 100 extremely low income tenants	1.0	57.0		54.0	3	6
Connectedness (28th)									Protection from Harm (36th)								
Urban access to broadband	FCC	percentage	0.5	83.0		99.2	40	11	Fatal unintentional injuries	CDC	number / 100,000 population	1.0	18.0		18.9	39	26
Rural access to broadband	FCC	percentage	1.0	27.3		84.9	39	14	Traffic deaths	CDC	number / 100,000 population	1.0	19.5		17.1	42	41
Households with a smartphone	Census	percentage	1.0	70.7		82.9	47	44									

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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 (38th)			5%	50.2		39.7	23	38		Primary Education (26th)			20%	66.4		56.9	9	26	
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	42.1		37.8	36	46		Math grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	2.0	239.0		239.0	29	27	
State pre-K quality	NIEER	Index score, 0-10	1.0	9.0		8.0	5	10		Science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	2.0	161.0		160.0	6	8	
										Reading grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	2.0	226.0		221.0	7	19	
										Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	96.0		92.3	16	48	
Secondary Education (27th)	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
Math grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.5	279.0		278.0	34	36		College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	37.4		46.2	40	9	
Science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	156.4		157.2	16	18		College graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	46.6		52.3	38	36	
Reading grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.5	267.0		263.0	14	22		University quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.09		0.09	41	41	
High school graduation rate	Dept Ed	percentage	1.0	86.1		90.6	4	4		Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	0.5	34.8		34.9	18	23	
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	96.1		95.8	32	41											
Adult Skills (44th)	Source	Unit	Unit	2011	<div><div>Value</div><div>10-yr trend</div></div>	2021	US States Rank	2011	2021										
			25%	9.9		34.6	50	44											
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	81.9		87.2	47	43											
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	20.5		25.1	48	47											

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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