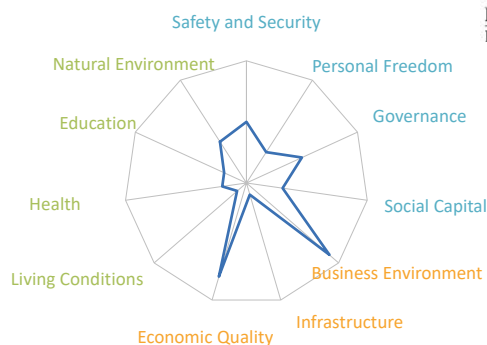
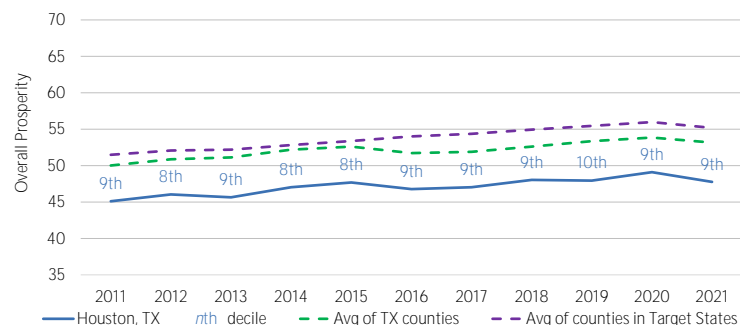


Houston, TX: Overall Prosperity 47.8 (9th decile*)



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	45.1		47.8	9	-	230
Inclusive Societies	50.6		50.9	8	▼ 2	139
Safety and Security	64.0		62.5	6	-	130
Personal Freedom	42.4		45.1	8	▼ 1	105
Governance	57.1		51.4	6	▼ 2	1
Social Capital	39.1		44.7	8	▲ 1	165
Open Economies	41.0		46.0	8	▲ 1	225
Business Environment	47.4		53.3	2	▲ 2	25
Infrastructure	27.7		23.3	10	-	254
Economic Quality	47.8		61.3	3	▲ 2	157
Empowered People	43.7		46.4	10	▼ 1	224
Living Conditions	42.2		49.2	10	-	227
Health	44.2		43.6	9	▼ 1	227
Education	36.1		41.2	9	-	205
Natural Environment	52.3		51.7	7	▼ 2	162






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

 Safety and Security		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>64.062.5</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>6- -</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>130</div>	 Personal Freedom	<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>42.445.1</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>8- 1</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>105</div>	
Mass Killings and Injuries	15%	<div>100.0100.0</div>	<div>1- -</div>	<div>1</div>	Agency	30%	<div>54.356.7</div>	<div>6- 1</div>	<div>1</div>
Violent Crime	50%	<div>71.567.4</div>	<div>5- -</div>	<div>109</div>	Freedom of Association and Speech	15%	<div>39.036.6</div>	<div>5- 1</div>	<div>1</div>
Property Crime	35%	<div>38.039.5</div>	<div>8- 1</div>	<div>178</div>	Absence of Legal Discrimination	25%	<div>13.013.7</div>	<div>7- -</div>	<div>1</div>
					Social Tolerance	30%	<div>56.663.9</div>	<div>6- 1</div>	<div>107</div>
 Governance		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>57.151.4</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>6- 2</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>1</div>	 Social Capital	<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>39.144.7</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>8- 1</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>165</div>	
Political Accountability	30%	<div>52.255.4</div>	<div>7- 3</div>	<div>1</div>	Personal and Family Relationships	25%	<div>43.659.8</div>	<div>7- 1</div>	<div>178</div>
Rule of Law	35%	<div>65.052.0</div>	<div>5- 1</div>	<div>1</div>	Social Networks	25%	<div>21.728.1</div>	<div>7- 2</div>	<div>45</div>
Government Integrity	35%	<div>53.347.4</div>	<div>6- 2</div>	<div>1</div>	Institutional Trust	20%	<div>62.162.1</div>	<div>4- -</div>	<div>39</div>
					Civic and Social Participation	30%	<div>34.434.3</div>	<div>6- 1</div>	<div>89</div>
 Business Environment		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>47.453.3</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>2- 2</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>25</div>	 Infrastructure	<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>27.723.3</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>10- -</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>254</div>	
Financing Ecosystems	40%	<div>35.050.7</div>	<div>2- 3</div>	<div>25</div>	Communications	40%	<div>3.03.0</div>	<div>10- -</div>	<div>220</div>
Domestic Market Contestability	30%	<div>49.851.6</div>	<div>4- 2</div>	<div>1</div>	Resources	25%	<div>41.625.1</div>	<div>10- 1</div>	<div>237</div>
Burden of Regulation	10%	<div>43.537.1</div>	<div>4- -</div>	<div>1</div>	Transport	35%	<div>46.145.0</div>	<div>8- -</div>	<div>236</div>
Labor Market Flexibility	10%	<div>74.474.2</div>	<div>2- -</div>	<div>1</div>					
Price Distortions	10%	<div>66.364.6</div>	<div>6- 4</div>	<div>1</div>					
 Economic Quality		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>47.861.3</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>3- 2</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>157</div>					
Fiscal Sustainability	25%	<div>40.262.0</div>	<div>4- 3</div>	<div>152</div>					
Productivity and Competitiveness	25%	<div>59.380.1</div>	<div>2- 1</div>	<div>128</div>					
Dynamism	20%	<div>61.058.6</div>	<div>4- 1</div>	<div>135</div>					
Labor Force Engagement	30%	<div>35.746.8</div>	<div>7- 1</div>	<div>135</div>					
 Living Conditions		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>42.249.2</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>10- -</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>227</div>	 Health	<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>44.243.6</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>9- 1</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>227</div>	
Material Resources	25%	<div>45.344.9</div>	<div>9- -</div>	<div>224</div>	Behavioral Risk Factors	15%	<div>61.054.8</div>	<div>5- 1</div>	<div>203</div>
Nutrition	15%	<div>26.140.4</div>	<div>10- -</div>	<div>244</div>	Preventative Interventions	15%	<div>31.636.8</div>	<div>8- -</div>	<div>46</div>
Water Services	15%	<div>37.734.3</div>	<div>10- -</div>	<div>226</div>	Care Systems	15%	<div>11.033.5</div>	<div>10- -</div>	<div>163</div>
Shelter	15%	<div>41.857.1</div>	<div>7- 2</div>	<div>81</div>	Mental Health	15%	<div>67.157.6</div>	<div>6- 1</div>	<div>219</div>
Connectedness	15%	<div>46.556.4</div>	<div>9- 1</div>	<div>206</div>	Physical Health	20%	<div>43.929.4</div>	<div>9- 1</div>	<div>228</div>
Protection from Harm	15%	<div>53.865.0</div>	<div>5- 3</div>	<div>46</div>	Longevity	20%	<div>49.251.5</div>	<div>8- -</div>	<div>192</div>
 Education		<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>36.141.2</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>9- -</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>205</div>	 Natural Environment	<div>2011Overall Prosperity10-yr trend2021</div> <div>52.351.7</div>	<div>2021US Counties Decile10-yr decile chng</div> <div>7- 2</div>	<div>TX Rank2021</div> <div>162</div>	
Pre-Primary Education	5%	<div>40.627.4</div>	<div>9- 1</div>	<div>181</div>	Emissions	25%	<div>44.741.5</div>	<div>8- 1</div>	<div>152</div>
Primary Education	20%	<div>42.134.1</div>	<div>10- 1</div>	<div>234</div>	Exposure to Air Pollution	25%	<div>57.553.5</div>	<div>8- 1</div>	<div>197</div>
Secondary Education	25%	<div>37.359.9</div>	<div>7- 3</div>	<div>177</div>	Forest, Land and Soil	20%	<div>48.353.3</div>	<div>3- -</div>	<div>31</div>
Tertiary Education	25%	<div>34.136.0</div>	<div>7- -</div>	<div>145</div>	Freshwater	20%	<div>83.284.0</div>	<div>1- -</div>	<div>49</div>
Adult Skills	25%	<div>31.036.1</div>	<div>8- -</div>	<div>148</div>	Preservation Efforts	10%	<div>4.74.7</div>	<div>7- -</div>	<div>1</div>

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	Source	Unit	Weight	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Countries Decile	2011	2021
Property Crime (8th)			35%	38.0		39.5	7	8	
Burglary	NACID	incidents /100,000 population	1.5	551.4		574.7	6	8	
Motor vehicle theft	NACID	incidents /100,000 population	0.5	124.9		95.8	7	6	
Larceny theft	NACID	incidents /100,000 population	1.0	1,331.2		1,127.7	6	6	
Identity theft	FTC	reports /100,000 population	0.5	495.4		495.4	8	7	

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				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		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		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	Culliver	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											

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


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Fiscal Sustainability (4th)												Productivity and Competitiveness (2nd)											
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						
		25%	40.2		62.0	7	4				25%	59.3		80.1	3	2							
Statewide government credit rating	Ballotpedia	rating	0.5	7.0		8.0	5	1	Export value (goods)	BIEM	\$ /capita	1.0	2,824.8		4,272.2	6	5						
Statewide state reserves capacity	0	days	1.0	85.3		72.6	1	2	Export value (services)	BIEM	\$ /capita	0.5	738.7		1,335.5	6	3						
Government revenue to expenditure ratio	Census	ratio	1.0	0.81		1.02	10	5	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	14.96		14.57	8	8															
Dynamism (4th)												Labor Force Engagement (7th)											
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						
Startup concentration	Kauffman	number /1,000 businesses	0.5	109.7		90.9	4	1	Unemployment	BLS	percent	1.0	7.7		5.3	5	4						
Startup early job creation	Kauffman	number /1,000 population	1.0	5.21		5.61	3	4	Youth unemployment	Census	percent	1.0	22.0		4.3	8	2						
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		Labor force participation	Census	percent	1.5	54.4		44.1	9	10						
Patent applications	USPTO	number /1,000	1.0	0.0		0.0	7	7															

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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
Behavioral Risk Factors (5th)			15%	61.0		54.8	4	5	Preventative Interventions (8th)			15%	31.6		36.8	8	8
Obesity	CDC	percentage	1.0	31.8		28.4	9	3	Adult dentist visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	55.8		59.2	9	8
Smoking	CHR	percentage	1.5	17.5		23.6	4	9	Adult doctor visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	69.2		72.7	3	6
Alcohol use disorder	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	6.3		5.0	4	5	Colorectal cancer screening	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	56.6		59.5	9	9
Illicit drug use disorder	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	2.21		2.50	3	4	Statewide child medical visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	85.6		64.8	6	5
Pain reliever misuse	DUH Nat Sny	percentage	0.5	4.0		4.0	4	4	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%	11.0		33.5	10	10	Mental Health (6th)			15%	67.1		57.6	5	6
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	27.7		25.3	8	9	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	4.41		4.15	5	2
Hospital rating	HCA	percentage	0.5	60.0		67.0	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	10,261.0		4,843.0	7	6	Self-reported mental health not good	CHR	percentage	1.0	10.7		16.7	6	9
Physical Health (9th)			20%	43.9		29.4	8	9	Longevity (8th)			20%	49.2		51.5	8	8
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	10.0		12.9	8	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	418.2		409.5	8	8
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	0.53		0.57	9	9
Self-reported poor physical health	CHR	percentage	1.0	11.7		16.5	7	9	Mortality risk 65-85	IMHE	percentage	1.0	58.1		55.9	7	8

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Pre-Primary Education (9th)												Primary Education (10th)											
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						
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	48.1	32.0	4	9		Math grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	2.97	1.73	9	10							
Statewide state pre-K-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	2.75	2.12	9	10							
									Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	97.0	97.0	4	4							
Secondary Education (7th)												Tertiary Education (7th)											
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						
Math grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	7.19	8.63	8	3		College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	17.6	18.7	8	8							
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	6.58	7.20	10	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	71.0	94.9	8	3		Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	39.1	39.1	5	5							
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	91.4	93.3	9	9																
Adult Skills (8th)																							
Source	Unit	Unit	2011	Value 10-yr trend	2021	US Counties Decile	2011	2021															
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	78.5	81.2	8	8																
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	13.4	15.2	8	8																

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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