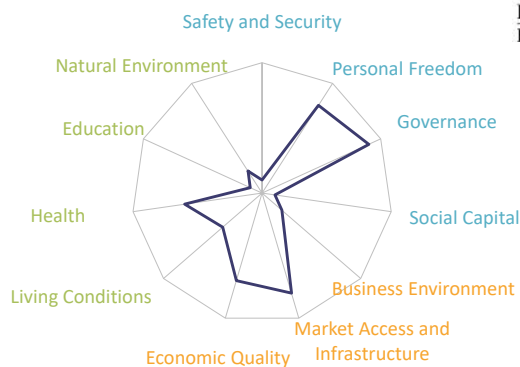
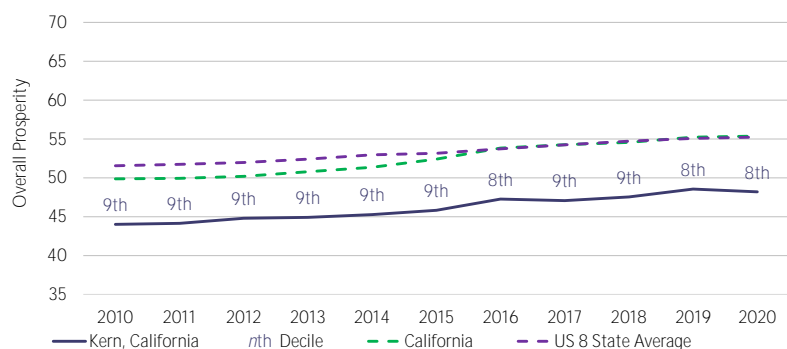


# Kern, California: Overall Prosperity 48.2 (8th decile\*)














## Prosperity over time



## Breakdown of performance

	2010	Score 10-year trend	2020	Decile (1 to 10) 2020	10-year decile change	Rank - California (1 to 58) 2020
<b>Overall Prosperity</b>	44.0		48.2	8	▲ 1	55
<b>Inclusive Societies</b>	46.7		45.5	9	▬ -	58
<div>                      Safety and Security                 </div>	38.7		37.8	10	▬ -	58
<div>                      Personal Freedom                 </div>	58.3		53.9	5	▼ 1	51
<div>                      Governance                 </div>	48.9		61.7	2	▲ 4	1
<div>                      Social Capital                 </div>	41.0		28.6	10	▼ 1	58
<b>Open Economies</b>	39.7		49.5	5	▲ 4	23
<div>                      Business Environment                 </div>	34.4		38.9	9	▲ 1	34
<div>                      Market Access and Infrastructure                 </div>	46.3		48.1	3	▲ 1	15
<div>                      Economic Quality                 </div>	38.3		61.4	4	▲ 5	25
<b>Empowered People</b>	45.6		49.6	8	▼ 1	57
<div>                      Living Conditions                 </div>	52.8		56.8	7	▼ 2	47
<div>                      Health                 </div>	51.8		56.8	5	▬ -	50
<div>                      Education                 </div>	33.8		37.7	10	▬ -	53
<div>                      Natural Environment                 </div>	44.2		47.2	9	▬ -	56

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 Safety and Security		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 38.7 37.8	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 10 - -	California Rank 2020 58	 Personal Freedom		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 58.3 53.9	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 5 1 ▼	California Rank 2020 51
Terror-related Crime	15%	84.3 82.1	10 - -	47	Agency	30%	58.5 43.9	10 5 ▼	55
Violent Crime	50%	35.2 32.3	10 - -	52	Freedom of Association and Speech	15%	33.1 32.8	9 - -	1
Property Crime	35%	24.2 26.6	10 - -	57	Absence of Legal Discrimination	25%	60.5 61.1	1 - -	1
					Social Tolerance	30%	68.9 68.6	1 1 ▲	16
 Governance		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 48.9 61.7	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 2 4 ▲	California Rank 2020 1	 Social Capital		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 41.0 28.6	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 10 1 ▼	California Rank 2020 58
Political Accountability	30%	56.3 63.8	3 2 ▼	1	Personal and Family Relationships	25%	45.6 48.9	10 1 ▼	53
Rule of Law	35%	42.5 58.5	1 6 ▲	1	Social Networks	25%	46.2 14.8	10 4 ▼	58
Government Integrity	35%	49.1 63.1	3 4 ▲	1	Institutional Trust	20%	61.1 39.9	9 5 ▼	57
					Civic and Social Participation	30%	19.4 15.8	10 - -	57
 Business Environment		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 34.4 38.9	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 9 1 ▲	California Rank 2020 34	 Market Access and Infrastructure		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 46.3 48.1	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 3 1 ▲	California Rank 2020 15
Financing Ecosystems	40%	56.5 67.0	1 - -	34	Communications	40%	58.7 58.7	3 - -	21
Domestic Market Contestability	30%	2.1 0.6	10 - -	1	Resources	25%	44.1 51.1	6 3 ▲	16
Burden of Regulation	10%	38.1 41.9	7 1 ▲	1	Transport	35%	47.2 47.2	4 - -	9
Labor Market Flexibility	10%	42.9 24.1	9 - -	1					
Price Distortions	10%	30.3 53.1	10 - -	1					
 Economic Quality		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 38.3 61.4	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 4 5 ▲	California Rank 2020 25					
Fiscal Sustainability	25%	25.5 63.2	2 8 ▲	7					
Productivity and Competitiveness	25%	59.0 76.1	3 1 ▼	21					
Dynamism	20%	49.5 63.9	1 4 ▲	24					
Labor Force Engagement	30%	24.2 46.0	10 1 ▼	44					
 Living Conditions		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 52.8 56.8	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 7 2 ▼	California Rank 2020 47	 Health		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 51.8 56.8	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 5 - -	California Rank 2020 50
Material Resources	25%	49.3 48.9	8 1 ▼	54	Behavioral Risk Factors	15%	53.2 52.1	8 1 ▼	46
Nutrition	15%	56.3 70.0	4 1 ▼	37	Preventative Interventions	15%	41.1 53.5	3 2 ▲	15
Water Services	15%	41.7 43.6	8 1 ▲	40	Care Systems	15%	36.0 48.0	6 1 ▲	53
Shelter	15%	28.4 28.8	10 - -	35	Mental Health	15%	64.5 63.8	5 1 ▲	44
Connectedness	15%	72.2 82.9	2 - -	31	Physical Health	20%	59.0 60.5	4 - -	46
Protection from Harm	15%	71.2 71.8	3 1 ▼	38	Longevity	20%	53.7 60.7	6 1 ▲	53
 Education		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 33.8 37.7	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 10 - -	California Rank 2020 53	 Natural Environment		2010 Overall Prosperity 10-yr trend 2020 44.2 47.2	2020 Decile 10-yr dec. change 9 - -	California Rank 2020 56
Pre-Primary Education	5%	35.9 32.6	9 1 ▼	52	Emissions	25%	66.0 70.5	2 1 ▲	28
Primary Education	20%	26.1 30.1	10 - -	49	Exposure to Air Pollution	25%	1.6 6.9	10 - -	55
Secondary Education	25%	35.5 45.3	10 - -	48	Forest, Land and Soil	20%	45.1 44.6	7 2 ▼	57
Tertiary Education	25%	48.0 46.6	3 - -	46	Freshwater	20%	56.5 59.4	9 - -	33
Adult Skills	25%	23.6 28.4	9 - -	51	Preservation Efforts	10%	70.3 70.3	1 - -	1

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Agency (10th)			30%	58.5		43.9	5	10	Freedom of Association and Speech (9th)			15%	33.1		32.8	9	9
Fatal police shootings of unarmed civilians	WaPo	deaths /100,000 population	1.0	0.0		0.1	1	10	Statewide free speech in public places	Cato	coding, 0-3	1.0	1.0		1.0	1	1
Statewide death row population	NAACP	number /100,000 population	1.0	1.8		1.9	9	10	Statewide right-to-work	NCSL	coding, 0-1	0.5	0.0		0.0	8	8
Statewide adult incarceration	BIS	number /100,000 adult population	1.0	750.0		670.0	2	2	Statewide press suppression	USPFT	number /100,000 state population	0.5	0.0		0.0	5	6
Statewide youth incarceration	CJRP	prisoners /100,000 youth population	0.5	139.2		62.8	9	7	Statewide invasive cell phone surveillance	ACLU	coding, 0-1	0.5	1.0		1.0	6	6
Statewide trafficking	POL	reports /100,000 population	1.0	8.3		8.3	8	8									
Absence of Legal Discrimination (1st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2010	Value 10-yr trend	2020	Decile 2010	2020	Social Tolerance (1st)	Source	Unit	Weight	2010	Value 10-yr trend	2020	Decile 2010	2020
Statewide religious freedom restoration act enacted	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	0.0		0.0	5	5	Hate group concentration	SPLC	number /100,000 population	1.0	1.2		1.7	2	1
Statewide employment anti-discrimination law	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	1.0		1.0	1	1	Ethnic slur google traffic	Google	index, 0-100	1.0	29.8		29.8	5	5
Statewide government discrimination based on sex prohibited	Cato	coding, 0-1	1.0	0.5		0.5	2	2	Statewide same sex marriage support	PBRi	percentage	0.5	61.0		66.0	1	2
Statewide affirmative action in public services banned	Cato	coding, 0-2	0.5	2.0		2.0	1	1	Statewide LGBT non-discrimination law support	PBRi	percentage	0.5	75.0		73.0	1	1
Statewide LGBT relationships & parenthood recognition	MAP	coding, 0-9	0.5	8.0		6.3	1	1									
Statewide LGBT non-discrimination laws	MAP	coding, 0-11	0.5	4.1		7.0	3	3									

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Financing Ecosystems (1st)			40%	56.5		67.0	1	1	Domestic Market Contestability (10th)			30%	2.1		0.6	10	10
Venture capital invested	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	107.1		560.3	1	1	Statewide low-income licensed occupations	Inst Just	number	1.5	76.0		76.0	10	10
Number of venture capital deals	NVCA	number /1,000,000	1.0	13.1		23.7	1	1	Statewide occupational licensing training cost	Inst Just	\$	1.0	486.0		486.0	10	10
Assets under management	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	877.5		1,636.2	1	1	Statewide occupational licensing training time	Inst Just	days	1.0	827.0		827.0	10	10
Venture capital fundraising	NVCA	\$ /capita	1.0	38.4		237.9	1	1	Statewide age requirements for license	Inst Just	years	1.0	15.0		15.0	10	10
Bank branch access	FDIC	number /square mile	1.5	0.0		0.0	7	6	Statewide regulation density index	Cato	Overall Prosperity	1.0	0.0		0.0	7	10
New Foreign Direct Investment	BEA	\$ /capita	1.0	62,613.0		62,613.0	1	1									
Burden of Regulation (7th)			10%	38.1		41.9	8	7	Labor Market Flexibility (9th)			10%	42.9		24.1	9	9
Statewide Federal Regulation and State Enterprise Index	QuantGov	Overall Prosperity	1.0	1.0		0.9	2	1	Statewide collective bargaining agreement coverage	FI	percent	1.0	18.6		16.8	9	9
Statewide state regulation	QuantGov	percent	1.0	1.9		1.9	10	10	Statewide employee health insurance cost	HJK	\$	0.5	4,490.0		5,340.0	8	4
									Workers Compensation Premium Rate	State OR	\$ per \$100	0.5	2.7		1.7	8	9
									Statewide minimum wage	DOL	\$	1.0	8.0		12.0	10	8
Price Distortions (10th)			10%	30.3		53.1	10	10									
Statewide subsidies to the private sector	BEA	percent	1.0	0.3		0.2	10	10									
Statewide Corporate Tax Score	Tax Found	Overall Prosperity	1.0	4.4		4.9	9	6									

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Communications (3rd)			40%	58.7		58.7	3	3	Resources (6th)			25%	44.1		51.1	9	6
Mean download speed	BBN	Mbps	1.5	83.4		83.4	3	3	Customers affected by electricity outages	Mukherjee	number /10,000 population	0.5	0.1		0.0	10	5
Ultra-fast internet access	BBN	percent	1.0	15.5		15.5	4	4	Statewide net electricity generation	EIA	kWh /capita	1.0	0.0		0.0	10	10
Fast internet access	BBN	percent	1.0	95.1		95.1	4	4	Water usage	USGS	Mgal /capita	1.0	1.1		0.8	3	3
Internet providers (Business)	FCC	number	0.5	23.0		23.0	2	2	Electricity outage duration	EIA	minutes	1.0	95.0		99.9	4	4
									Electricity outage frequency	EIA	per year	1.0	0.9		0.9	2	2

	Source	Unit	Weight	2010	Value 10-yr trend	2020	Decile 2010	2020
Transport (4th)			35%	47.2		47.2	4	4
Statewide number of airports	BTS	number /square mile	0.5	0.0		0.0	8	8
Road condition	BTS	percent	1.5	3.0		3.0	2	2
Statewide railroad length	AAR	miles /square mile	1.0	0.0		0.0	8	8
Bus transit route mileage	BTS	miles /square mile	0.5	0.2		0.2	2	2
Public road density	BTS	miles /square mile	1.0	0.4		0.4	6	6
Bridge condition	BTS	percent	0.5	5.6		5.6	6	6
Distance to airport	BTS	km	1.0	31.4		31.4	2	2








































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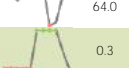








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Behavioral Risk Factors (8th)			15%	53.2		52.1	7	8	Preventative Interventions (3rd)			15%	41.1		53.5	5	3
Obesity	CDC	percentage	1.0	29.4		32.2	7	6	Adult dentist visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	63.9		66.7	3	3
Smoking	CHR	percentage	1.5	16.0		15.3	4	5	Adult doctor visits	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	62.0		65.0	8	6
Alcohol use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	5.8		5.8	5	5	Colorectal cancer screening	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	66.9		70.0	4	2
Illicit drug use disorder	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	3.2		3.2	10	10	Statewide child medical visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	87.2		80.8	5	6
Pain reliever misuse	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	0.5	4.9		4.9	9	9	Statewide HPV immunizations	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	49.1		52.6	1	3
									Pap smear test	BRFSS	percentage	0.5	82.3		81.4	5	2
									Statewide child immunization	NCIRD	percentage	1.0	49.9		68.6	1	2
									Statewide child dentist visits	NSCH	percentage	0.5	76.2		81.9	10	6
Care Systems (6th)			15%	36.0		48.0	7	6	Mental Health (5th)			15%	64.5		63.8	6	5
Statewide child mental health access	NSCH	percentage	1.0	63.6		63.6	10	10	Suicide	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	1.0	10.6		12.2	2	2
Adults with no health care coverage	CHR	percentage	0.5	21.9		8.6	5	3	Drug overdose deaths	CDC	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	15.6		26.2	10	10
Avoided medical care due to cost	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	15.2		11.5	4	2	Serious mental illness	DUH Nat Srvy	percentage	1.0	4.3		3.8	4	4
Hospital rating	HCA	percentage	0.5	65.5		71.0	8	7	Statewide disability weighted prevalence from mental illness	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	1.0	2,082.1		2,072.8	2	2
Preventable hospitalizations for medicare enrollees	CHR	discharges / 100,000	1.0	4,824.0		4,914.0	7	6	Self-reported mental health not good	CHR	percentage	1.0	12.6		13.3	9	8
Physical Health (4th)			20%	59.0		60.5	4	4	Longevity (6th)			20%	53.7		60.7	7	6
High blood pressure	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	28.2		28.3	2	3	Under 5 death rate	CDC	deaths / 100,000 under 5 population	1.0	175.1		125.5	9	4
Diabetes	CDC	percentage	1.0	8.6		9.5	6	6	5-14 death rate	CDC	deaths / 100,000 5-14 population	0.5	20.3		16.5	10	10
Heart attack	BRFSS	percentage	1.0	3.5		2.7	2	2	15-64 death rate	CDC	deaths / 100,000 15-64 population	2.0	323.9		341.6	6	6
Statewide disability weighted prevalence of infectious diseases	IMHE	years / 100,000 population	0.5	336.4		347.3	3	3	Maternal mortality	IMHE	deaths / 100,000 population	0.5	0.3		0.3	4	4
Self-reported poor physical health	CHR	percentage	1.0	13.6		13.3	9	9	Mortality risk 65-85	IMHE	percentage	1.0	58.8		54.0	8	7

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Pre-Primary Education (9th)			5%	35.9		32.6	8	9	Primary Education (10th)			20%	26.1		30.1	10	10
Pre-primary enrollment	Census	percentage	2.0	37.0		32.8	8	9	Math grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	2.3		2.3	10	10
Statewide state pre-K quality	NIEER	Overall Prosperity, 0-10	1.0	4.0		4.3	6	7	Statewide science grade 4 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-300	1.5	136.3		140.5	10	10
									English, language and arts grade 4 level	SEDA	grade level	2.0	2.1		2.5	10	10
									Primary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	95.7		95.4	6	7
Secondary Education (10th)			25%	35.5		45.3	10	10	Tertiary Education (3rd)			25%	48.0		46.6	3	3
Math grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	6.4		6.4	10	10	College enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	28.1		32.3	5	4
Statewide science grade 8 score	NAEP	scale score, 0-500	1.0	136.6		142.8	10	10	Statewide college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	64.3		64.0	1	2
English, language and arts grade 8 level	SEDA	grade level	1.5	6.1		6.7	10	9	Statewide university quality for enrolled students	QS Rank	Legatum Institute score	1.0	0.3		0.3	2	2
High school graduation rate	CHR	percentage	1.0	82.0		85.8	7	8	Community college graduation rate	NCES	percentage	1.0	40.5		32.2	2	7
Secondary enrollment	Census	percentage	1.0	96.3		98.1	6	4									
Adult Skills (9th)			25%	23.6		28.4	9	9									
Adult population with at least a high school diploma	Census	percentage	1.0	71.1		73.8	9	10									
Adult population with bachelor's degree or higher	Census	percentage	1.0	14.7		16.1	7	7									

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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 - Diabetes Atlas
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC	Center for Disease Control (WONDER)
CDC	CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
Census	United States Census Bureau
Census	United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Census	US Census Bureau
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 Svry	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
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
Pew	Pew Research Center
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