

California State Briefing

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Executive Summary

POPULATION 39.5M	UNEMPLOYMENT 5.5% vs 4.4% national	FEDERAL GRANTS \$207.5B \$5,248/capita
CREDIT RATING (S&P) AA	SNAP HR1 TIER High Risk 11.0% PER	CONTRIBUTIONS \$16.7B

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Affordability	Agriculture	Economy & Jobs	Education	Environment & Energy	Government Reform	Healthcare	Housing	Immigration
Infrastructure	Public Safety	Social Services						

SNAP / HR1 Compliance Risk

HR1 Tier	High Risk
Payment Error Rate (FY2024)	10.98%
State Cost Share (enacted)	\$1.3B (15%)
SNAP Participants	5.0M

Housing

Median Home Value	\$725,800 vs \$310,700 national
Median Gross Rent	\$1,992 vs \$1,238 national
Homeownership Rate	55.9% vs 67.8% national
Rent Burden	33.2% vs 29.7% national

Energy

Residential Price	null¢/kWh
Monthly Bill Estimate	\$null
Energy Mix	0% renewable 0% fossil 0% nuclear

Health

Life Expectancy	79.4 yrs (rank 3/51) vs 77.1 national
Uninsured Rate	7.5% (rank 22/51) vs 9.5% national
Overdose Death Rate	26.1 (rank 18/51) vs 30.8 national
Obesity Rate	28.3% (rank 6/51) vs 33.5% national
Infant Mortality	4.1 (rank 4/51) vs 5.6 national

Water

Community Water Systems	3077
Violation Rate	2% vs 3.6% national avg

Education

NAEP Math (4th Grade)	233
NAEP Reading (4th Grade)	211.7

Broadband

Broadband Adoption	94.2% vs 92% national
No Internet	3.7% vs 5.4% national
Computer Ownership	97.2% vs 95.9% national

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Grade	A
Bridge Condition	47.1% good 47.9% fair 4.9% poor (25,975 total)
Water Systems	18,796 total 367 with violations (2%)

Fiscal Health

Total Revenue	\$740.2B
Total Expenditure	\$703.8B
Total Debt	\$175.1B
Debt Per Capita	\$4,494
Tax Burden Per Capita	\$2,725
Credit Ratings	S&P: AA Moody's: Aa2 Fitch: AA

FEMA Disasters

Active Disasters	100
Declarations (10yr)	148
Public Assistance Funding	\$21.6B
Individual Assistance	\$111K

Top Federal Funding Agencies

Agency	Amount	DOGE Risk
Department of Health and Human Services	\$129.5B	medium
Department of Transportation	\$8.9B	low
Department of Agriculture	\$7.0B	medium
Department of Homeland Security	\$5.8B	low
Department of Education	\$5.7B	high

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions	\$16.7B
Total Expenditures	\$47.3B
Data Source	Public Records