

	Source	Date / Period	Denomination	CONN	TX	TN	UT	U. S.
COST OF LIVING - KEY ITEMS								
Average State Income Taxes Paid Per Household	U.S. Census: Annual Survey of State Tax Collections	FY 2024	Calculated Per Household	\$9,066	\$0	\$1,041	\$6,055	\$4,997
Average Sales Tax Paid Per Household		FY 2024	Calculated Per Household	\$6,286	\$6,463	\$6,147	\$4,782	\$5,226
Median Property Taxes Per Home Owner	Energy Info Admin	Nov 2023 / 2022	Per Home Owner	\$8,300	\$5,066	\$1,789	\$2,650	NA
Average Electricity Costs Per Household		LTM as of Dec 25	Per Household	\$2,687	\$2,279	\$2,018	\$1,285	\$2,007
Total				\$26,340	\$13,808	\$10,995	\$14,772	
DEMOGRAPHICS								
Population	U.S. Census	7/1/25	(000)	3,688	31,710	7,315	3,539	341,785
Population Race - % White Only	U.S. Census	2020	(% of total)	65%	47%	69%	73%	62%
Populatn change (Net Migration - Domestic)	U.S. Census	4/1/2020 - 7/1/2025	(000)	-28	813	293	55	NA
Populatn chg (Net Migratn - Foreign, inc P Rico)	U.S. Census	4/1/2020 - 7/1/2025	(000)	110	1018	116	85	8,329
Number of Households	U.S. Census	2025 (estimated)	(000)	1,460	11,593	2,954	1,196	130,551
No. of Individuals Covered by Fedl Tax Returns	IRS	2022	(000)	3,203	26,776	6,113	3,103	293,617
AGI: Average Federal AGI (Per Indiv Covered)	IRS	2022	Per Individual	\$67,845	\$46,762	\$43,766	\$45,515	\$50,346
ECONOMY								
Gross Domestic Product	U.S. BEA	2024	Current \$ Billions	\$366	\$2,709	\$550	\$301	\$29,185
Real GDP Growth	U.S. BEA	2019-2024	CAGR in 2019 Dollars	0.8%	4.2%	3.5%	4.0%	2.40%
Change in Civilian Labor Force	U.S. BLS	Dec 2024 - Dec 2025	(000); % Chng over Period	-33; -1.8%	193; 1.2%	92; 2.6%	12; 0.7%	1,207; 0.7%
TAXATION								
Top state income tax rate	Tax Foundation	2026	Tax Rate	6.99%	0.00%	0.00%	4.50%	NA
Combined state sales & avg local sales tax rate	Tax Foundation	As of Jan 2026	Tax Rate	6.35%	8.20%	9.61%	7.42%	NA
Property Taxes on Owner-Occupied Home Value [Highest rank = worst]	Tax Foundation	2024	Tax Rate (Rank)	1.54% (#3)	1.4% (#7)	0.52% (#41)	0.48% (#48)	NA
Median: Home Value (Property Tax)	Yahoo Finance	Jan-26	(\$000)	\$482 (\$7.4)	\$344 (\$4.8)	\$412 (\$2.14)	\$662 (\$3.2)	NA
State Gas Tax (Excise tax at the pump)	Tax Foundation	7/1/25	Cents per Gallon	25.0¢	20.0¢	27.4¢	39.15¢	NA
BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS								
Corporate Tax Rate - CT inclg 10% surcharge	Tax Foundation	Jan-26	Tax Rate	8.25%	0.00%	6.50%	4.50%	NA
Electricity Rates: Residentl (R) / Commercl (C)	U.S. EIA	LTM as of Jan-2026	Cents per Kilowatt Hour	28.3 (R) 23.16 (C)	15.69 (R) 8.64 (C)	13.1 (R) 12.97 (C)	12.88 (R) 9.64 (C)	17.45 (R) 13.64 (C)
Interstate Highway Congestion: Number of Top 100 Bottlenecks	Amer. Transpo Research Inst	2025	No. of Top 100 in State	4	12	7	NA	90 in 20 states
STATE FINANCES - Aggregate (\$B) / Per Capita								
Bonded Debt	ACFR	FY 2025	\$B / \$ Per Capita	\$28.5B / \$7,728	\$65.6B / \$1,739	\$1.68B / \$229	\$1.33B / \$376	NA
Genl Fund Spending	NASBO	FY 2026 (Enacted)	\$B / \$ Per Capita	\$24B / \$6,508	\$95.9B / \$3,024	\$25.8B / \$3,500	\$11.8B / \$3,280	\$1,165B / \$3,400
Unfunded Pensions & OPEBs	ACFR	FY 2025	\$B / \$ Per Capita	\$50.9 / \$13,499	\$109.6 / \$3,457	\$1.1 / \$148	\$0.9 / \$250	NA
Medicaid-CHIP Enrollment	Kaiser (KFF)	Dec-25	K; % of population	905; 24.5%	4,084; 12.9%	1,403; 19.2%	326; 9.2%	75,726; 22.2%
State Medicaid Spending; U.S. = 50 state total dollars (% of combined 50-state gen'l fund)	Kaiser (KFF)	Fed FY 2024	\$B (% of SF Gen Fund)	\$4.4B (41%)	\$20.0B (39%)	\$4.5B (34%)	\$1.4B (27%)	\$325B (35%)
Rainy Day Fund	NASBO	FY 2026 (Enacted)	\$B / % of Genl Fund	\$4.57B (19%)	\$28.5B (29.7%)	\$2.2B (8.4%)	\$1.5B (11.2%)	(Median: 15.1%)
Long Term Fiscal Surplus/(Shortfall) Total; Per Capita; Rank [50=worst]	Truth in Accounting	FY 2025	\$B; \$ Per Capita; Rank	(\$61.8); (\$44,500); #49	(\$10.8); (\$1,100); #27	\$25.3; \$10,900; #5	\$16.5; \$14,400; #4	NA
STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION								
State Employee Pension Fund: Funded Ratio; Unfunded Liability (UAAL)	BC Retirement Center	2024	%; \$Billions	65%; \$36.90M	77%; \$92.60M	82%; \$2.27M	96%; \$2.85M	NA
State Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Comp	U.S. Census	Month of Mar 2024 annualized	K; \$Billions; \$K	59K; \$5.81B; \$98K	322K; \$25.8B; \$80K	78K; \$5.8B; \$73K	71K; \$5.79B; \$82K	4.6M; \$370.7B; \$81K
Local Gov: FTE Headcount; Payroll; Average Comp	U.S. Census			128K; \$10.1B; \$79K	1,282K; \$80.1B; \$62K	269K; \$15.5B; \$58K	104K; \$6.97B; \$67K	12.6M; \$916B; \$73K
Averg Salary - Public & Private Workers	U.S. Census	2024	Per Individual	\$56,190	\$41,614	\$40,729	\$41,806	\$45,256
EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS								
8th Grade Math - NAEP Score; (Rank)	NAEP Test	2024	Score / Rank	277 (#17)	269 (#34)	276 (#19)	282 (#4)	272
8th Grade Reading - NAEP Score; (Rank)	NAEP Test	2024	Score / Rank	263 (#5)	252 (#44)	259 (#20)	261 (#8)	257
Total public school enrollment	Ntl. Center Ed Stats	Fall, 2023	Actual Enrollment	512,652	5,532,518	1,004,625	689,883	49,516,361
Per Pupil Spending: Pre-K - 12	U.S. Census	2023	50 States & DC	\$25,081	\$12,304	\$12,197	\$10,333	\$16,526
Special Ed Population: Age 5 to 21 (% of Total School Population)	IDEA ClicData	2023	Headcount (000)	84 (16%)	735 (13.5%)	125 (15%)	87 (14%)	7301 (15%)
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Violent Crime - Number of Incidences (offenses)	FBI	LTM 2026; Calendar 2025	(000) for U.S.	3,575; 3,979	105,229; 108,528	34,921; 35,883	7,088; 7,639	939; 1,001
Urban Shootings	FBI	LTM through 3/31/26	No. of Shootings: Fatal & Non-Fatal ⁽³⁾	399	28,859	14,011	618	193,435
State Shootings	FBI		No. of Shootings: Fatal	36	976	330	37	7,749
Urban Shootings per 100K	Calculated		Rate per 100,000	11.08	99.17	48.15	18.73	NA
Drug OD Deaths: Total; Rate per 100K; Rank [lowest=worst]	Stateline / CDC	2024	Total; Rate; Rank	1,254; 35; #19	5,688; 19; #45	3,476; 48; #3	722; 21; #44	101K; 168;