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CALIFORNIA (CA)

Population: 39,557,045 (USA Rank: 1)

Per Capita Income: \$37,124 (USA Rank: 12)

U.S.Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)

California: <https://www.ca.gov>

Governor's office: Tel: 916-445-2841

Secretary of State: 916-653-6814

Dept. of Community Services & Development: 916-576-7109

Tourism: Visit California: 916-444-4429

Major Cities: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento, Long Beach, Oakland, Bakersfield, Anaheim.

Multicultural Council of America

non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org>

Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org

WE are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **California** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a [member](#), join one of our committees, **be a [volunteer or mentor](#), [donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities](#)**. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations and governments.

Please [advertise](#) your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

Tourism Promotion has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world’s largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

California Tourism has suffered immensely due to COVID-19. Direct Travel-related spending in California totaled \$65.1 billion in 2020, a 55% decrease from 2019. Tourism employment decreased 26.8% to 860.9 thousand, while state & local taxes decreased by 50.2% to \$6.1 billion in 2020.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within California and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for CA, for employment and our economic growth. Let’s work together to help each other.

Population by Race: Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & [Pew Research](#)

	California					U. S.A.	Change 2010-21	% increase
1	White	59.5%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	5.8%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	39.3%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	14.7%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	5.1%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.4%				-	-	-
8	Californians Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	44.6%				-	-	-

How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in California?

Family Budget Calculator, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org/resources/budget) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

California Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_California
- **History & Culture:** <https://www.britannica.com/place/California-state/History>
- **Demographics:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_California
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free: 1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Health:** <https://www.chhs.ca.gov>
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafclinics.org>
info@nafclinics.org

- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:**
<http://www.innocenceproject.org> - Email: info@innocenceproject.org
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov- info@lsc.gov)
or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org

California Crisis Hotlines: 911 (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY #**)

California Youth Crisis Line: 1-800-843-5200 (call or text) Email: info@calyouth.org

Teen Help Line: 800-852-8336 | TEXT TEEN to 839863 (6 PM - 9 PM PST)

Help for Students in Crisis – Calif. Dept. of Education: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/mh/studentcrisishelp.asp>

California **Mental Health** Hotline: 866-903-3787

Domestic Abuse & Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/>

Child Abuse: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective> (*look for Tel # in your county*)

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (*National Child Abuse Hotline*) www.childhelp.org

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233 (*National Domestic Violence Hotline*)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-**Text:** 1-800-522-4700-**Chat:** www.ncpgambling.org/chat

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) **Soon to be 9-8-8**

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673) **Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-

448-4663) **Youth America Hotline (YAH!):** 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

Samaritans: 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386 *a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for LGBTQ youth.*

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Please help us by adding, correcting & improving this website to serve our communities

California History & General Information

With a population of more than 39 million, the largest economy of any state (\$3.2 trillion gross state product (GSP), producing half of all the U. S. agricultural products, including 90% of all the wine, and with 35 Representatives out of 435 in the U. S. House, California is the economic and political powerhouse of America.

If California was a country, it would be far richer than most of the countries around the world, ranking 5th globally, Divided into Northern & Southern California, it has islands, mountains, valleys and deserts, all with varying climates, natural wonders including world's tallest trees (Redwoods) and the most massive tree with a trunk slightly greater than 102 feet in circumference. The 'General Sherman' in Sequoia National Park is the largest living tree (by volume) in the world. It is estimated to be somewhere between 1,800 to 2,700 years old. Southern California has about 10,000 earthquakes each year, although only 15 to 20 of them have a magnitude greater than 4.0.

The state is also home to hundreds of Multinational Corporation, banks, insurance companies, manufacturers and world-famous cultural institutions and national parks including: Hollywood, Disneyland, Yosemite National Park, Alcatraz, Angel Island and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Besides all the glory, political & economic strength, California has a very dark past with state sponsored killings of thousands of Native Americans by Governor Peter Hardenman Burnett, the state's first governor, even rewarding Gold Rush Settlers to killing Native men, women & children, enslaving them and taking over their properties. California finally apologized for the genocide in 2019.

Hundreds of peaceful Indian Tribes inhabited California for centuries before welcoming the European explorers (1542–1769), the Spanish(1769–1821), the Mexicans(1821–1848), and the United States (September 9, 1850–present). Nearly 80 per cent of all the Natives were killed or died of diseases & malnutrition within 20 years of U. S. take-over. Despite all that, California now has the United States largest Native American population and is home to 109 Federally Recognized Tribes.

Unfortunately Natives were not the only one who were discriminated. The Chinese immigrants, up to 20,000 of them were forced to provide back-breaking labor during both frigid winters and blazing summers for the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, with meager wages and inhumane living conditions. Hundreds died from explosions, landslides, accidents and disease. The **Chinese Exclusion Act** was a United States federal law signed by President Chester A. Arthur on May 6, 1882, prohibiting all immigration of Chinese laborers. Building on the 1875 Page Act, which banned Chinese women from immigrating to the United States, thus forcing Chinese workers to not have any family members.

The anti-Asian sentiment further exacerbated in California as early as 1913, when the state passed the California "Alien Land Law", targeting Japanese, Chinese, Indians, Filipinos, Koreans and all other Asian immigrant farmers in California who, some in California's massive agricultural industry, perceived as a threat. Seven years later the state barred anyone with Asian ancestry from buying farmland. Most were not even allowed to own a business or a house and were forced to remain 'transient'.

After Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States declared war, then-President Franklin D Roosevelt's signed an order on February 19, 1942 for the arrest and internment of about 120,000 Japanese Americans to be

held at 10 internment camps in California & other states, depriving the Japanese of their homes, businesses and civil liberties. A congressional commission in 1983 apologized and paid \$20,000 in reparation to each victim.

African-Americans had had difficulty in California during the First Government trying to bar them from California and have ever since continued to have un-easy relationship. Governor Gavin Newsom has recently set-up a 9-member task force to discuss the proposal for providing reparations to Black Americans. California has experienced several race-relation tragedies in the past.

Nevertheless, California has done a remarkable job of changing its history and implementing a number of laws and regulations to improve race relations. With the minorities becoming the new majority, according to the last census, the society has much greater assimilation, integration and tolerance. California is now the most Multicultural & Multilingual State in the Union.

Tourism is a major industry in California, supporting 1.18 million jobs statewide and direct travel-related spending in California of \$144.9 billion in 2019. California is the most visited state in the United States. The state's vast area is home to various vibrant cities, amusement parks, beaches and natural wonders that are popular among travelers from America and the rest of the world. Both Los Angeles and San Francisco are considered Gateway Cities, and are home to some of the most popular and recognizable tourist spots in the country. These include the Golden Gate Bridge, Disneyland, and Hollywood. Additionally, some of the national parks located in California are also significant tourist destinations. For example, Yosemite National Park in Northern California is well known for its tall mountains, valleys, and beautiful waterfalls.

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