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States have long been incubators of policy innovation, even in times when the Tenth Amendment has become an afterthought of the federal government. The "Laboratories of Democracy" concept is never more necessary or apparent than in times of national crisis. Governors, even those overseeing historically disadvantaged states or cooperating with unwilling legislatures, have numerous tools at hand, including the power to propose positive economic policies, veto poor ones and exercise the power of the podium. Governors' efforts to effectuate those policies have proven to improve the economic health of a state, the fiscal health of its government and the freedom of its citizens to pursue prosperity for themselves and the community at-large.

The *2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors* assigns multiple rankings, subdivided into multiple metric categories, to each of our nation's governors. All of these overarching categorical rankings are then combined to compute an overall ranking of 1 to 50 for each governor. In all cases, a rank of 1 is most preferable and 50 is least preferable. These rankings are the result of sophisticated analyses of each governor's policies and the context in which each governor operates. Of course, there are many factors that may affect state policy and performance, including state legislatures, municipal officials, and federal policy changes, however, our rankings strive to isolate the actions and policy prescriptions of solely the governor. Throughout the process of ranking each metric with respect to the governor, several calculation methods are employed to control for outside influences. In most cases, state metrics are indexed to national averages to account for trends in U.S. performance, policies are recorded as those proposed by the governors themselves, and changes in performance and policy are only measured over the governors' individual terms. Numerous hard data sources have been compiled and done so with insight into the governor's term and the unique circumstances related to those years, the government they inherit and the legislatures with which they partner.

As noted, each governor is ranked based upon his or her time in office. For our lieutenant governors who have been promoted to governor, whether it be through a presidential appointment to a cabinet position that has left a seat vacant (RI), or an election in which the lieutenant governor won the governor's seat (UT), the final term as lieutenant governor is included in our measurement period for rankings. This allows for a more holistic view of a governor's effect on the state through a larger sample size, granting us more confidence in the precision of the rankings.

STAR RANKINGS

Consistent with the 2020 edition of this report, governors are ranked 1 (best performer) through 50 (worst performer) and are ranked on a one-to-five-star scale, with five stars being the highest rank, based on the governors' policies and their economic performance records. Each star-grade is divided into groups of 10 such that ranks 1 through 10 are five-star governors and 41 through 50 are one-star governors.

BEST PERFORMANCE AND HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT

The *2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors* ranks each governor on their current economic performance and their fiscal and executive policies over their term in office. Governors who were inaugurated into high performing states and continue positive policies may not be able to improve as much as others but receive credit for their positive performance. We

believe that to those whom much is given, much is expected. Governors who are inaugurated into poor performing states and improve or try to improve their policies receive high policy rankings. Those who continue those policies receive low ranks for both policies and performance. Newer governors who do not have the long track records to measure are ranked only on the data that is relevant to their policies since taking office. In the case of a new governor who served together with the prior governor, we look at the track record over their most recent term of influence as lieutenant governor.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI'S)

Governors are ranked on three Key Performance Indicators: Economic Performance, Fiscal Policy and Executive Policy, based on current performance and change over their terms. Each of these KPI's is then combined with equal weight to calculate an overall rank for each governor.

EXECUTIVE POLICIES are those policy decisions a governor makes each year that will have a long-term impact on a state's economic performance. There are numerous government policies that could be included in this category; however, this report uses a sample of those that are meaningful and measurable. A governor's Executive Policy rank is based on the balance of government and personal control and dependency. School choice availability is an example of government versus parental control of a child's education, and an indicator of future economic performance related to long-term educational attainment for children in any state. Executive Policy is empirically measured by the following but may also reflect a governor's policy priorities:

UNION CONTROL:[1] Labor union control over state employment is measured through total employees within each state that are represented by unions as well as each state's right-to-work status. Change in union membership in a state over a governor's term, change in state government employment relative to state population and right-to-work policy are combined to create union control grades for each governor that are then ranked accordingly.

EDUCATION FREEDOM:[2] This is a measure of the availability of school choice options for parents, including the availability of in-person schooling in the fall of 2021 free from state mandates. Several measures, such as in-person learning options, charter school option and voucher availability, were combined to generate a rank for education freedom. For our purposes, we use the term "freedom" with respect to the perspective of parents, not from the perspective of local school administrators, teachers' unions, etc.

WELFARE DEPENDENCY:[3] Welfare spending for each state is calculated as combined Medicaid spending and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) spending. Transfer payments intended for minors are not included within these aggregations seeing as those funding levels have little to no impact on state employment. Excluded spending categories include Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding, several line items within social security funding for the disabled and administrative funding for those efforts. Governors are ranked based upon funding levels throughout each of their terms with favorable rankings assigned to those with the least spending as a share of Gross State Product (GSP).

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1. https://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.t05.htm
2. https://www.edchoice.org/engage/where-the-governors-stand-on-school-choice-2020/
3. data.medicaid.gov

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE measures the economic performance of the state under each governor's leadership and is based on empirical data. These metrics are objective in nature, meaning there is little to no debate as to which performance results rank more favorably than others. Economic Performance ranks consist of the following variables:

INTERSTATE MIGRATION: In short, this measure is a calculation of net in-migration with several adjustments. Net in-migration is computed for each state as total in-migration minus total out-migration, with both series provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.[4] We then adjust the data for each state's population level by calculating net in-migration divided by the square root of the product of state population and the U.S. population minus the state population. This process normalizes our migration statistics, adjusting for drastic swings in net in-migration that would otherwise accompany states with less massive populations. We then measure the change in our correctly normalized variable over each governor's term. The final results are assigned to each governor, excluding Montana due to a lack of data, and ranked from 1 to 50. Governor Gianforte (MT) does not receive a ranking within this category.

EDUCATION QUALITY:[5] Change in 4th grade reading NAEP scores, as published by the U.S. Department of Education, is measured from the immediate data point before each term to 2019 scores (the most recent available). While we recognize the importance of results in other grade levels or subjects, literacy performance at the 4th grade level acts as a foundation for all other areas of study, extending into the entirety of each students' education – long after the current governors have left office. The change in these metrics is then measured over each governor's term. The improvement or decline metrics are then ranked from 1 to 50.

GROSS STATE PRODUCT GROWTH: Average compound quarterly Gross State Product (GSP) growth rates are measured in each state from the first quarter prior to each governor's term to present. GSP in current dollars is provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).[6] Each governor's term-specific compound quarterly growth rates are then indexed to the national GDP growth rates over consistent time periods, to control for instances of national recessions or widespread growth. This allows us to isolate the governors' impacts to their states and rank their measurable deviations from the U.S. trend.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: This metric is measured, like all others within the Economic Performance KPI, solely throughout each governor's total time in office. State unemployment rate data is distributed on a monthly basis by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).[7] State unemployment rates are indexed by U.S. unemployment rate which displays an unemployment rate for each state that is above or below the national average. All monthly values for each governor's term are arithmetically averaged to compute our ranking metric. The average state unemployment rates relative to U.S. unemployment rates are then ranked accordingly. Several adjustments are made to states to adjust for unequal impacts of major events including, but not limited to, industry-specific shocks, pandemic-derived shifts and federal policy changes.

4. https://www.census.gov/topics/population/migration/data/tables/acs.html
5. U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2019 Reading Assessment.https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/profiles/stateprofile?chort=1&sub=RED&sj=AL&sfj=NP&st=MN&year=2019R3
6. https://apps.bea.gov/itable/iTable.cfm?ReqID=70&step=1
7. https://www.bls.gov/web/laus/laumstrk.htm

FISCAL POLICY ranks the fiscal policy decisions a governor makes each year that have a direct impact on economic performance, and are based on underlying empirical outcomes, but also the policies that are intrinsic to that governor, even if the governor has not yet achieved success. Fiscal Policy is empirically measured by the following but may also reflect a governor's policy priorities.

DEBT: This metric is inclusive of all types of state debt. We combine standard reported debt levels from the Census Bureau's State and Local Finances report[8] and each state's total pension unfunded liability. This metric is ranked based upon change in total debt and change in relative pension funded ratio.

CORPORATE INCOME TAX: This metric is calculated in the same manner as our individual income tax rankings. A composite ranking is created based upon current corporate tax rates, proposed corporate tax rates, and changes to corporate tax rates throughout each governor's time in office. The composite score is ranked accordingly.

PERSONAL INCOME TAX: A ranking of the top state personal income tax rates that are currently in effect are combined with a ranking of proposed rates (including staying at zero), rate changes over a governor's term and the magnitude of the change. A composite ranking is then sorted from lowest to highest, granting the governors with the lowest personal income tax rates as well as those who have slashed rates the most favorable scores. For cases in which a governor has opposed rate cuts, through a failed veto or has openly expressed disapproval of lowering tax rates, the governor does not receive a credit for impeding the progress of the pro-growth policies.

SPENDING PER CAPITA: Changes in state spending per capita, provided by the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO),[9] are averaged over a governor's term. Proposed spending described in each governor's budget proposal for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 are included within each governor's measurement period. Spending, both past and proposed, is a measurement of total spending. We do not simply aggregate spending from general funds. All funds, including federal funding via grants and subsidies, are included within total spending. The total spending measures are then adjusted for population size and ranked ordinally, with 1 being the least spending per capita and 50 being the most.

FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: Average Unemployment Insurance benefit is calculated as a share of median family income. Maximum benefits are calculated and annualized in each state for a family of two unemployed adults and two dependents. Over a six-month period, two annualized maximum benefit levels are calculated on a weekly basis, one with enhanced federal benefits and one with standard state maximum benefits. Those two benefit levels are then combined with respect to the governor's acceptance of the federal enhanced benefits. The weighted average benefits are then calculated as a share of each state's median family income to adjust for differences in purchasing power between states. States with the lowest benefit level relative to median family income are ranked most favorably.

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8. *https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/gov-finances.html*
9. *https://www.nasbo.org/reports-data/state-expenditure-report*

GOVERNOR SCORECARD
RANKING
1–50

GOVERNORS SCORECARD

Overall Rank	Executive Policy Rank	Economic Performance Rank	Fiscal Policy Rank	State	Governor	Rating
1	2	3	3	SD	**Kristi Noem** — South Dakota	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
2	1	2	7	UT	**Spencer Cox** — Utah	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
3	10	5	1	FL	**Ron DeSantis** — Florida	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
4	7	4	11	CO	**Jared Polis** — Colorado	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
5	16	1	7	ID	**Brad Little** — Idaho	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
6	3	17	5	TN	**Bill Lee** — Tennessee	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
7	13	11	6	NH	**Chris Sununu** — New Hampshire	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
8	9	20	4	AZ	**Doug Ducey** — Arizona	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
9	13	14	9	GA	**Brian Kemp** — Georgia	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
10	5	27	10	TX	**Greg Abbott** — Texas	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **4 STAR GOVERNORS**

OVERALL RANK	EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	FISCAL POLICY RANK	State	Governor
11	24	8	12	NE	**Pete Ricketts** Nebraska ★★★★☆
12	15	27	2	MO	**Mike Parson** Missouri ★★★★☆
13	8	25	14	IA	**Kim Reynolds** Iowa ★★★★☆
14	6	19	26	ND	**Doug Burgum** North Dakota ★★★★☆
15	19	15	19	SC	**Henry McMaster** South Carolina ★★★★☆
16	3	32	18	OK	**Kevin Stitt** Oklahoma ★★★★☆
17	10	29	17	WY	**Mark Gordon** Wyoming ★★★★☆
18	20	22	16	NV	**Steve Sisolak** Nevada ★★★★☆
19	23	23	13	IN	**Eric Holcomb** Indiana ★★★★☆
20	22	7	32	MT	**Greg Gianforte** Montana ★★★★☆

GOVERNORS SCORECARD

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **3 STAR GOVERNORS**

Overall Rank	Executive Policy Rank	Economic Performance Rank	Fiscal Policy Rank	State	Governor	State	Rating
21	32	9	21	WA	**Jay Inslee**	Washington	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
22	28	16	20	NC	**Roy Cooper**	North Carolina	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
23	12	38	15	AR	**Asa Hutchinson**	Arkansas	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
24	29	11	27	VA	**Ralph Northam**	Virginia	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
25	25	10	35	KY	**Andy Beshear**	Kentucky	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
26	26	21	25	MS	**Tate Reeves**	Mississippi	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
27	17	31	28	KS	**Laura Kelly**	Kansas	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
28	21	32	24	AL	**Kay Ivey**	Alabama	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
29	38	6	37	ME	**Janet Mills**	Maine	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
30	31	24	33	WI	**Tony Evers**	Wisconsin	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **2 STAR GOVERNORS**

31 OVERALL RANK — **37** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **13** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **40** FISCAL POLICY RANK
MN
Tim Walz
Minnesota
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

32 OVERALL RANK — **34** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **35** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **22** FISCAL POLICY RANK
OH
Mike DeWine
Ohio
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

33 OVERALL RANK — **18** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **47** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **30** FISCAL POLICY RANK
WV
Jim Justice
West Virginia
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

34 OVERALL RANK — **30** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **30** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **39** FISCAL POLICY RANK
VT
Phil Scott
Vermont
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

35 OVERALL RANK — **35** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **39** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **29** FISCAL POLICY RANK
MD
Larry Hogan
Maryland
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

36 OVERALL RANK — **33** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **50** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **23** FISCAL POLICY RANK
LA
John Bel Edwards
Louisiana
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

37 OVERALL RANK — **26** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **49** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **34** FISCAL POLICY RANK
AK
Mike Dunleavy
Alaska
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

38 OVERALL RANK — **41** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **34** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **36** FISCAL POLICY RANK
DE
John Carney
Delaware
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

39 OVERALL RANK — **44** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **25** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **42** FISCAL POLICY RANK
MA
Charlie Baker
Massachusetts
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

40 OVERALL RANK — **46** EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — **17** ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — **50** FISCAL POLICY RANK
OR
Kate Brown
Oregon
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

GOVERNORS SCORECARD

★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ **1 STAR GOVERNORS**

	OVERALL RANK	EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	FISCAL POLICY RANK	State	Governor
	41	39	44	31	**MI**	**Gretchen Whitmer** — Michigan — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	42	42	36	44	**CT**	**Ned Lamont** — Connecticut — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	43	40	42	43	**PA**	**Tom Wolf** — Pennsylvania — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	44	45	37	45	**HI**	**David Ige** — Hawaii — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	45	43	40	45	**NJ**	**Phil Murphy** — New Jersey — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	46	47	45	38	**NY**	**Andrew Cuomo** — New York — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	47	36	48	47	**IL**	**J.B. Pritzker** — Illinois — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	48	48	43	41	**CA**	**Gavin Newsom** — California — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	49	50	41	49	**RI**	**Daniel McKee** — Rhode Island — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
	50	49	46	48	**NM**	**Michelle Lujan Grisham** — New Mexico — ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
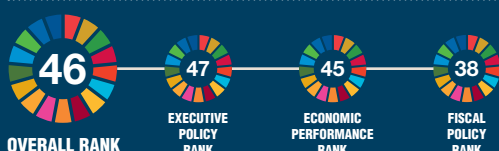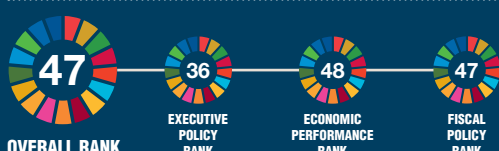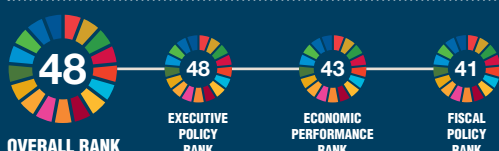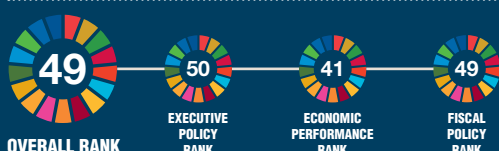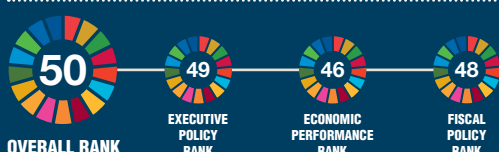
GOVERNOR SCORECARD RANKING BY STATES

Kay Ivey
Alabama
Inauguration: Apr 2017
Next Election: 2022

★★★☆☆

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Robert J. Bentley	2011-2017
■	Bob Riley	2003-2011
■	Don Siegelman	1999-2003
■	Fob James	1995-1999

SENATE

■ Democrat 8   ■ Republican 27   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 26   ■ Republican 76   ■ Other 3

ABOUT GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

Kay Ivey (R) is the 54th governor of Alabama, serving since 2017. She graduated from Auburn University with a degree in secondary education. After teaching high school, Ivey worked as a bank officer.

She entered politics in 1979, working for Alabama Gov. Forrest James as an executive assistant for social services and assistant director of the Alabama Development Office. She also worked as a clerk for the Alabama House of Representatives and as a director of government affairs and communications for the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

Ivey was elected state treasurer in 2002 and re-elected in 2006. She was elected lieutenant governor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In 2017, Ivey became governor upon Gov. Robert Bentley's (R) resignation. She was elected to a full term in 2018.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).
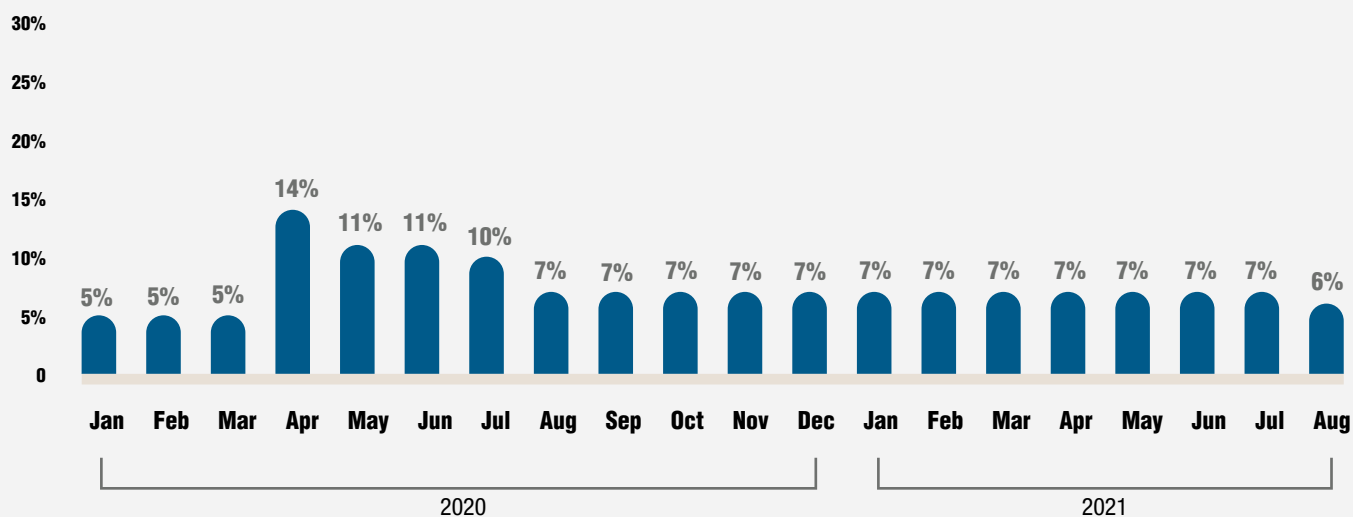
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%
13%
12%
11%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	21
UNION CONTROL	22
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	19

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	32
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	17
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GSP GROWTH	25
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PERSONAL INCOME TAX	29
SPENDING PER CAPITA	10
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MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

2020												2021							
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
3%	3%	3%	13%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
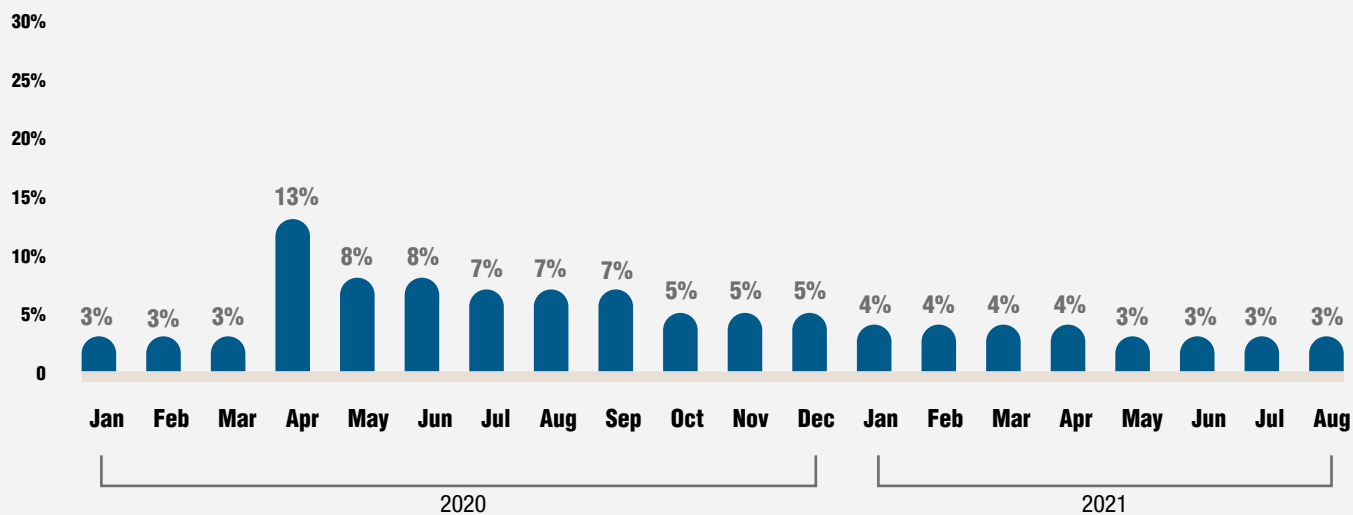
AK

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Mike Dunleavy
Alaska

Inauguration: Dec 2018
Next Election: 2022

★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	**Bill Walker**	**2014-2018**
■	**Sean Parnell**	**2009-2014**
■	**Sarah Palin**	**2006-2009**
■	**Frank Murkowski**	**2002-2006**

SENATE

Democrat 7   Republican 130   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 15   Republican 21   Other 4

ABOUT GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Mike Dunleavy (R) is the 12th governor of Alaska, serving since 2018. He graduated from Misericordia University with a degree in history and received a master's degree in education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dunleavy began his career in education as a teacher. He then became a principal and superintendent in northern Alaska.

Before becoming governor, Dunleavy owned an educational consulting firm and worked on several educational projects statewide. He served on the Mat-Su Borough School Board, including two years as board president. Dunleavy was a member of the Alaska State Senate from 2013 to 2018.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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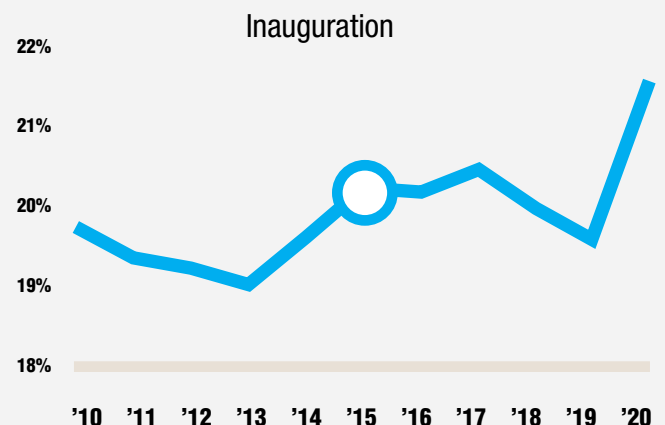
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A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

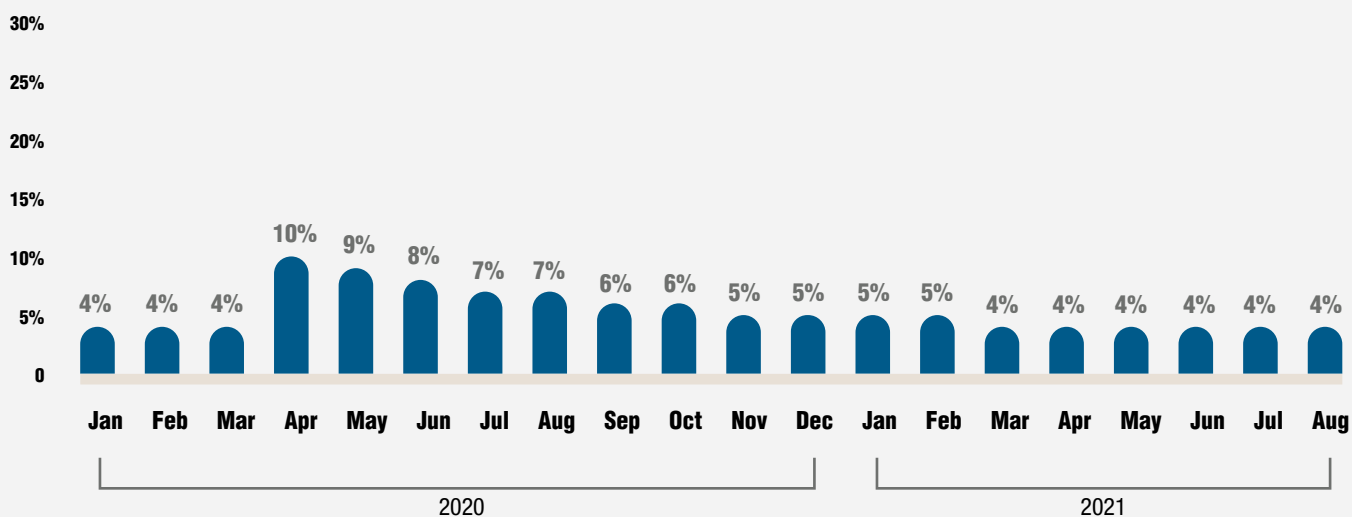Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

30%

25%

20%

15%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 26

	UNION CONTROL	27
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	38

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 49

	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	40
	EDUCATION QUALITY	47
	GSP GROWTH	48
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	49

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 34

	DEBT	42
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	45
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	12
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	50
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	2

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	12%
May	12%
Jun	11%
Jul	11%
Aug	7%
Sep	7%
Oct	7%
Nov	7%
Dec	7%
Jan (2021)	7%
Feb	7%
Mar	7%
Apr	7%
May	7%
Jun	7%
Jul	7%
Aug	7%
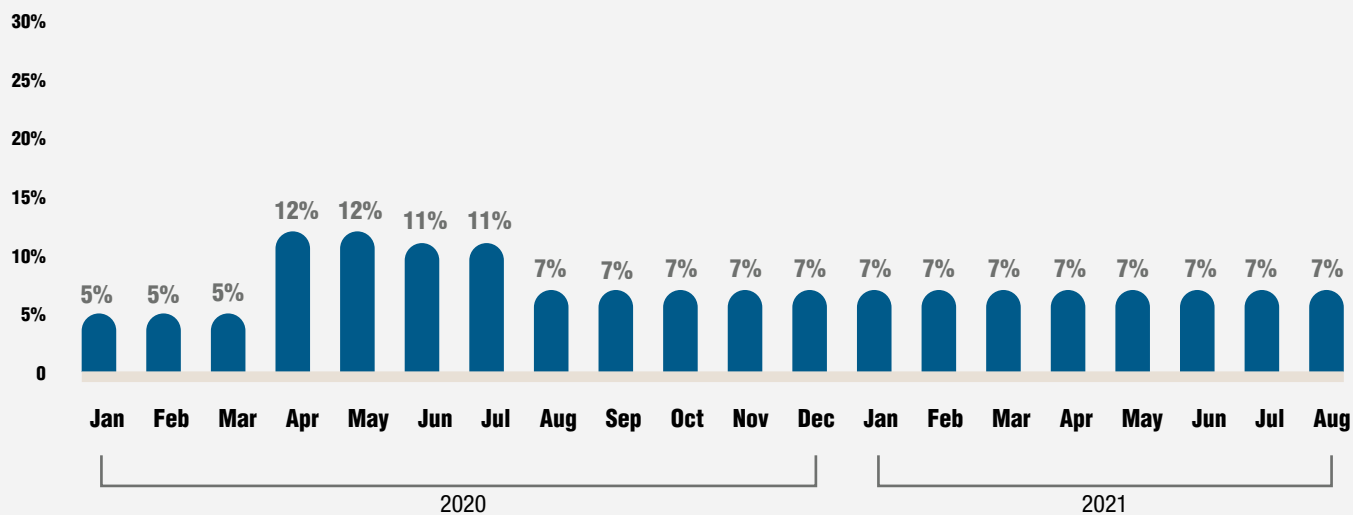
AZ

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Doug Ducey
Arizona

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	**Jan Brewer**	**2009-2015**
■	**Janet Napolitano**	**2003-2009**
■	**Jane Dee Hull**	**1997-2003**
■	**Fife Symington**	**1991-1997**

SENATE

■ Democrat 13 ■ Republican 16 ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 29 ■ Republican 31 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY

Doug Ducey (R) is the 23rd governor of Arizona, serving since 2015. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in finance.

Ducey was a sales and marketing executive at Procter & Gamble from 1986 to 1993. He was the chief executive officer of Cold Stone Creamery, an ice cream chain based in Scottsdale, Arizona, from 1996 to 2007. From 2008 to 2012, Ducey was chairman of the board at iMemories, a digital conversion company.

In 2010, Ducey was elected state treasurer. During his tenure, he was the western region vice president for the National Association of State Treasurers and was president of the Western State Treasurers Association.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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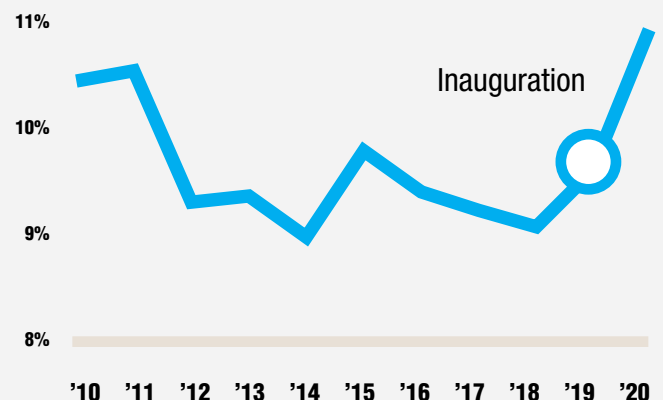
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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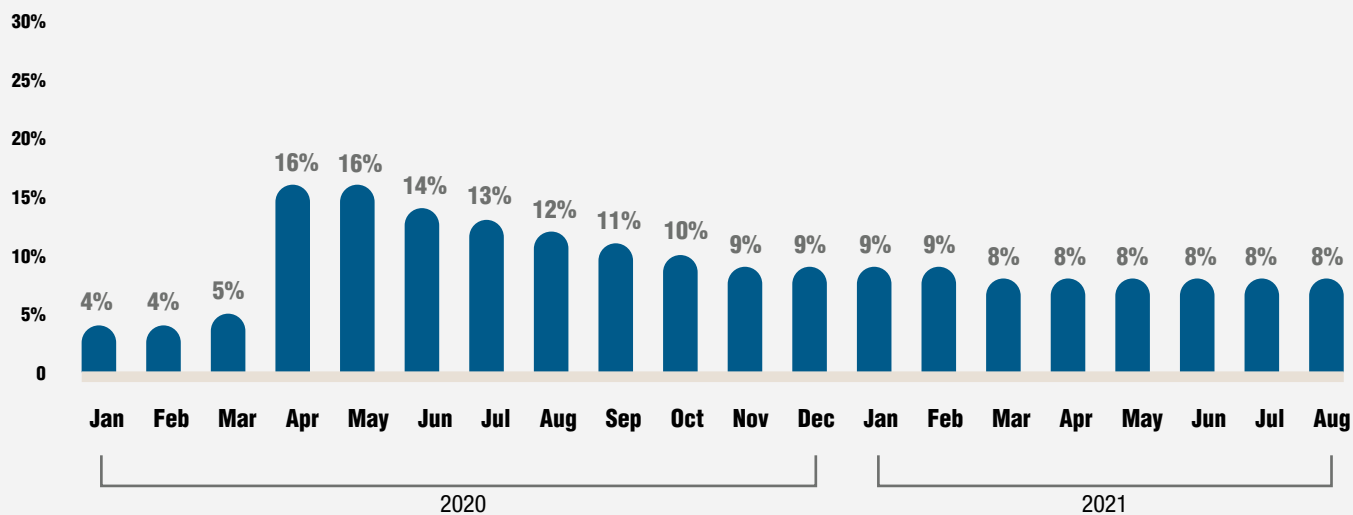

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%
12%
10%
8%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	9
UNION CONTROL	3
EDUCATION FREEDOM	7
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	29

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	20
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	2
EDUCATION QUALITY	32
GSP GROWTH	8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	45

FISCAL POLICY RANK	4
DEBT	31
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	6
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	1
SPENDING PER CAPITA	14
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	3

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	5%	5%	5%	14%	11%	11%	10%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%

2020   2021

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Legislative Majority
Republican
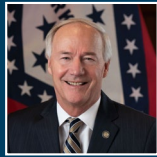
Governor
Republican

Asa Hutchinson
Arkansas

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Mike Beebe	2007-2015
Mike Huckabee	1996-2007
Jim Guy Tucker	1992-1996
Bill Clinton	1983-1992

SENATE

Democrat 7   Republican 27   Other 1

HOUSE

Democrat 22   Republican 78   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON

Asa Hutchinson (R) is the 46th governor of Arkansas, serving since 2015. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and the University of Arkansas law school.

Hutchinson's career in public service began in 1982 when President Ronald Reagan (R) appointed him as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas. From 1990 to 1995, he was chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas. In 1996, he was elected to the first of three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was one of 13 House managers during the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton (D). President George W. Bush (R) appointed him as director of the Drug Enforcement Administration and then as an undersecretary in the Department of Homeland Security.

12

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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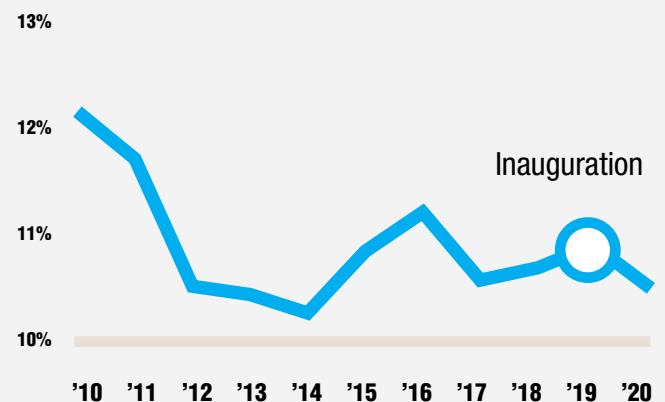
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

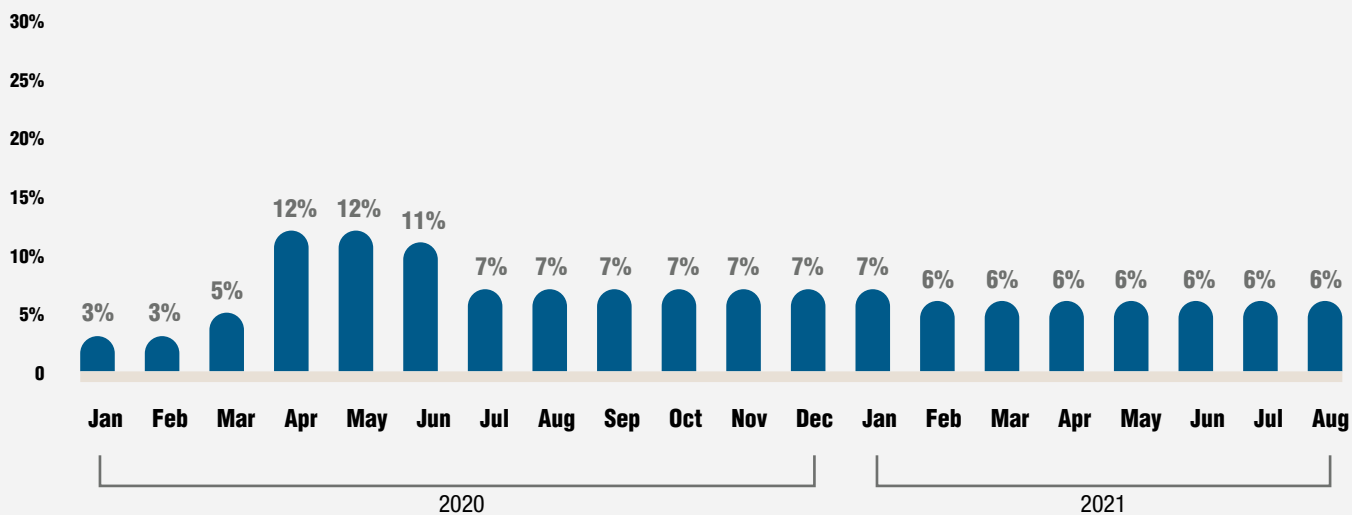Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

22%
21%
20%
19%
18%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 12

	UNION CONTROL	16
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	1
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	37

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 38

	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	19
	EDUCATION QUALITY	46
	GSP GROWTH	41
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	26

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 15

	DEBT	8
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	5
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	6
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	38
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	37

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	4%	4%	4%	10%	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Year	2020												2021							

CA

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Democrat

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Gavin Newsom

California

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

SENATE

■ Democrat 31   ■ Republican 9   ■ Other 0

HOUSE
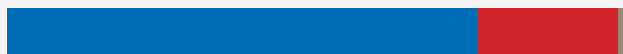
■ Democrat 60   ■ Republican 19   ■ Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

Gavin Newsom (D) is the 40th governor of California, serving since 2019. Newsom is a graduate of Santa Clara University, where he attended on a partial baseball scholarship and received a degree in political science.

Prior to entering politics, Newsom founded and ran PlumpJack Associates, a wine shop that grew into a network of businesses.

In 1996, Mayor Willie Brown appointed Newsom to the San Francisco Parking and Traffic Commission and then to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1997. In 2003, he was elected mayor of San Francisco. Newsom was elected lieutenant governor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

43
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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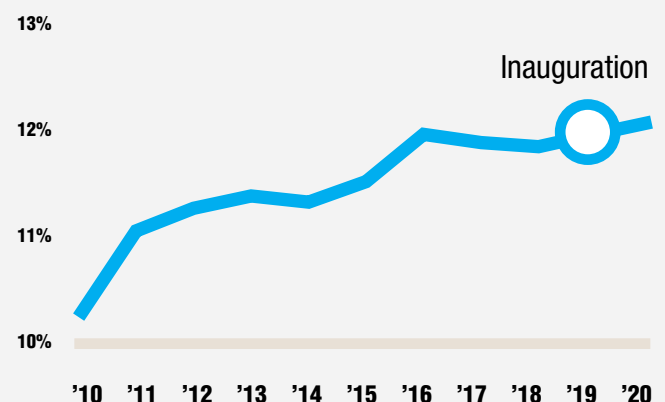
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

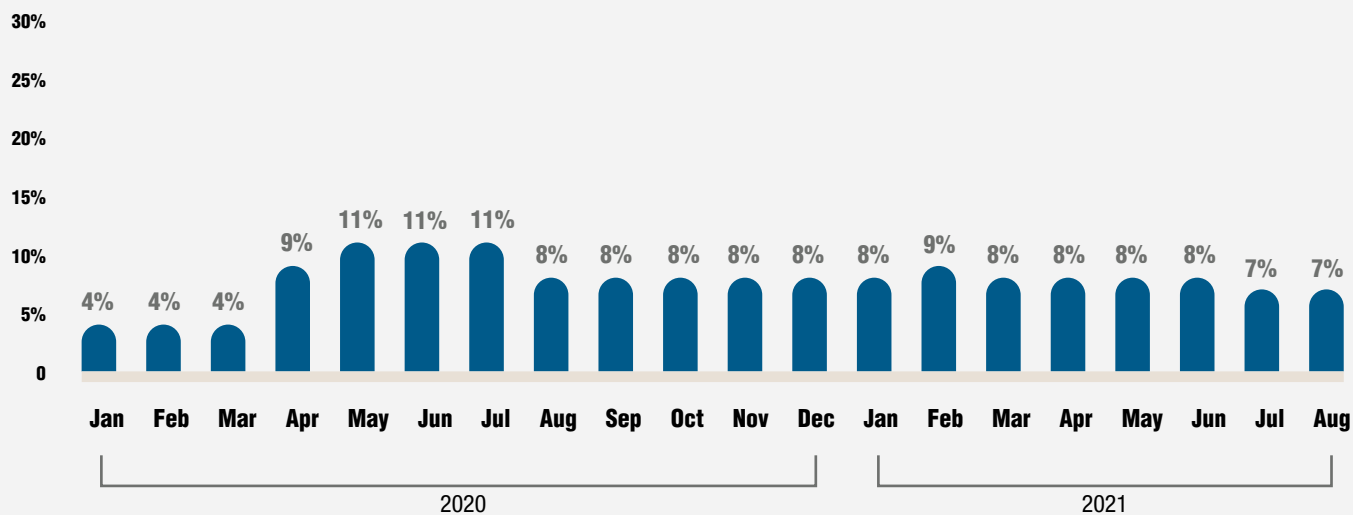Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

11%
10%
9%
8%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	48
UNION CONTROL	43
EDUCATION FREEDOM	46
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	38

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	43
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	49
EDUCATION QUALITY	32
GSP GROWTH	12
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	48

FISCAL POLICY RANK	41
DEBT	28
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	43
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	48
SPENDING PER CAPITA	40
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	17

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	5%
Apr	16%
May	16%
Jun	14%
Jul	13%
Aug	12%
Sep	11%
Oct	10%
Nov	9%
Dec	9%
Jan (2021)	9%
Feb	9%
Mar	8%
Apr	8%
May	8%
Jun	8%
Jul	8%
Aug	8%

Jared Polis

Colorado

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

▪	John Hickenlooper	2011-2019
▪	Bill Ritter	2007-2011
▪	Bill Owens	1999-2007
▪	Roy Romer	1987-1999

SENATE

▪ Democrat 20   ▪ Republican 15   ▪ Other 0

HOUSE

▪ Democrat 41   ▪ Republican 24   ▪ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR JARED POLIS

Jared Polis (D) is the 43rd governor of Colorado, serving since 2019. He is a graduate of Princeton University, where he received an undergraduate degree in politics.

Before entering public service, Polis began his career in entrepreneurship. He started multiple businesses, including internet company American Information Systems and online flower company ProFlowers.

Polis' political career began when he was elected as an at-large member of the Colorado State Board of Education in 2000. He was also involved in founding public charter schools and served as superintendent of the New America School. In 2008, Polis was elected to represent Colorado's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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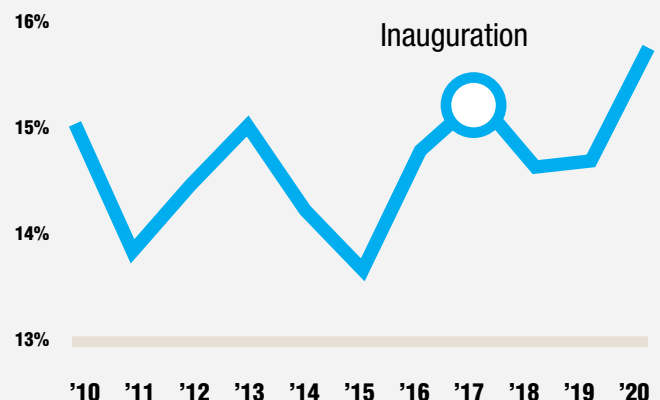
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

13%
12%
11%
10%

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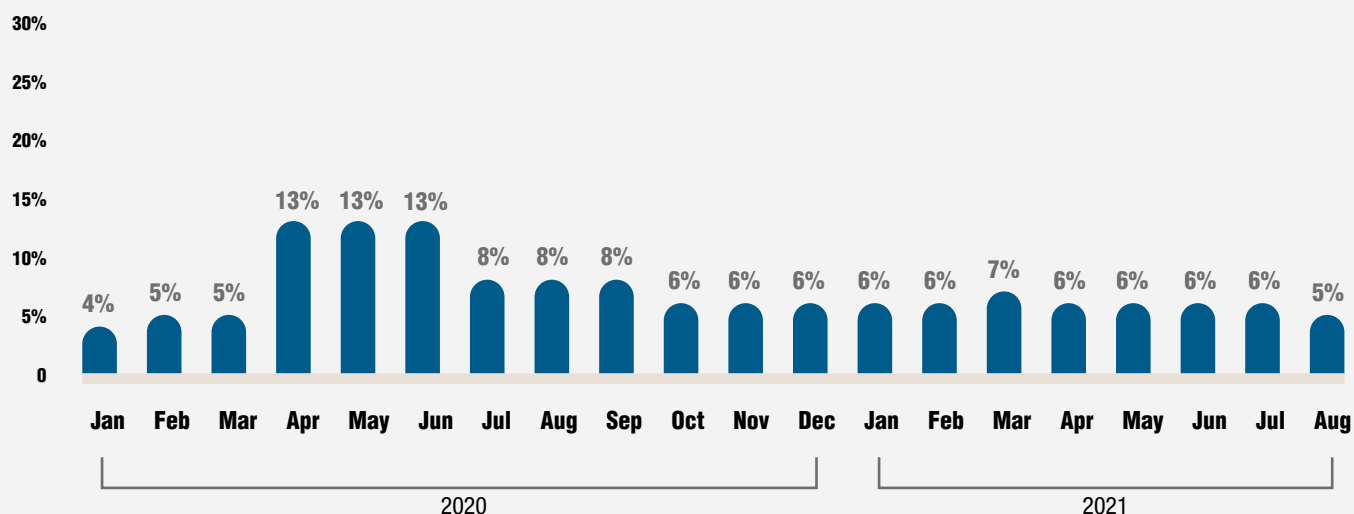| EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	7
UNION CONTROL	33
EDUCATION FREEDOM	5
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	15

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	4
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	12
EDUCATION QUALITY	1
GSP GROWTH	5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	22

FISCAL POLICY RANK	11
DEBT	19
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	1
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	3
SPENDING PER CAPITA	22
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	35

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	3%	3%	5%	12%	12%	11%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%

2020   2021

Ned Lamont

Connecticut

Governor

Democrat

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	**Dan Malloy**	**2011-2019**
■	**Jodi Rell**	**2004-2011**
■	**John G. Rowland**	**1995-2004**
■	Lowell Weicker	1991-1995

SENATE
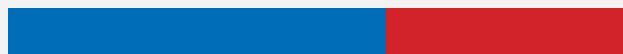
■ **Democrat 23**   ■ **Republican 13**   ■ **Other 0**

HOUSE
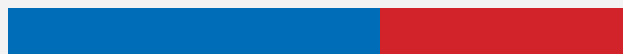
■ **Democrat 97**   ■ **Republican 54**   ■ **Other 0**

ABOUT GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

Ned Lamont (D) is the 89th governor of
Connecticut, serving since 2019. He received a
Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Harvard College
and a Master of Business Administration from the
Yale School of Management.

Lamont first won elected office in 1987 and served
on the Greenwich Board of Selectmen. As a private
citizen, he founded Lamont Digital Systems,
a telecommunications company. Among the
company's divisions was Campus Televideo, which
provided cable television services to hundreds
of university campuses. Lamont is an adjunct
professor of political science and philosophy at
Central Connecticut State University.

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**EXECUTIVE POLICY
RANK**

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education
and welfare policy stances and
decisions regarding three key
areas (equal-weighted average).

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**ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE
RANK**

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic
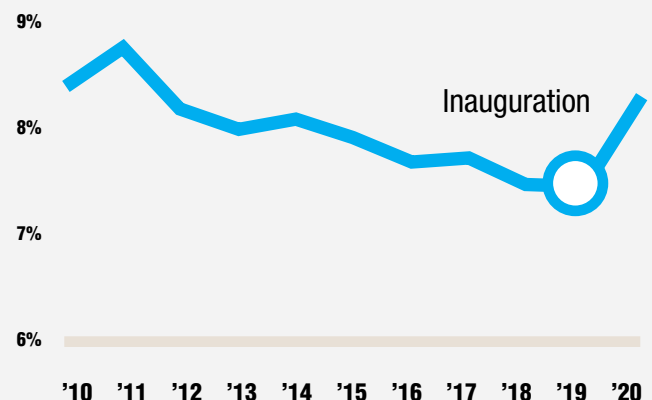outcomes based on four key areas
(equal-weighted average).

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**FISCAL POLICY
RANK**

Fiscal Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of policy stances
and decisions regarding five key
areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

13%

12%

11%

10%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	42
UNION CONTROL	47
EDUCATION FREEDOM	35
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	35

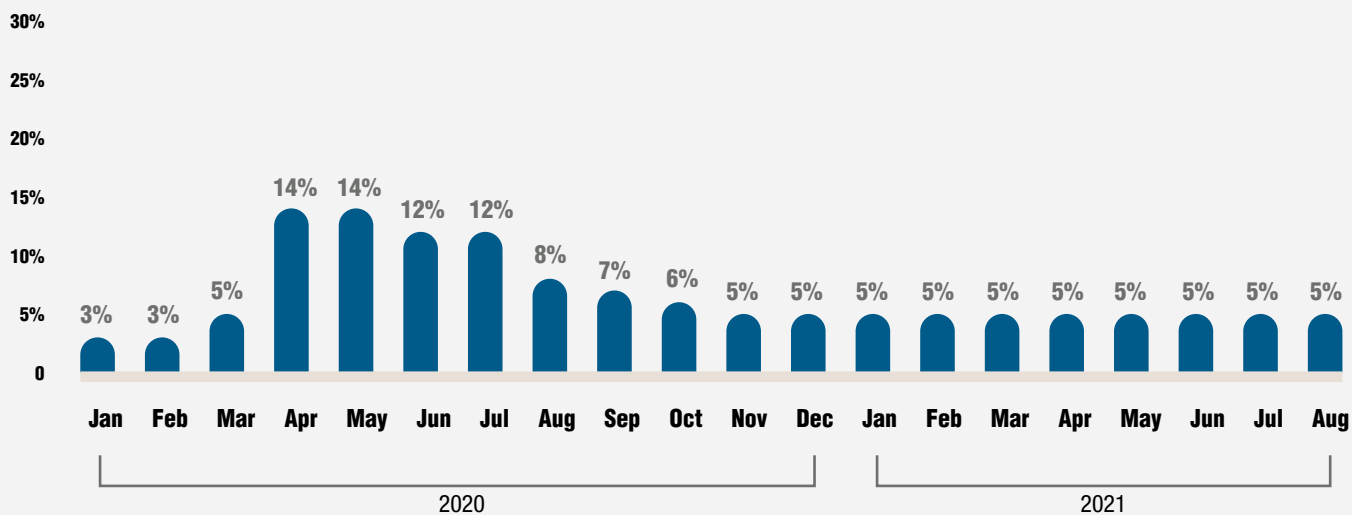| ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	36
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	44
EDUCATION QUALITY	12
GSP GROWTH	31
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	37

FISCAL POLICY RANK	44
DEBT	49
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	36
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	38
SPENDING PER CAPITA	43
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	33

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	2020	Month	2021
Jan	4%	Jan	8%
Feb	4%	Feb	9%
Mar	4%	Mar	8%
Apr	9%	Apr	8%
May	11%	May	8%
Jun	11%	Jun	8%
Jul	11%	Jul	7%
Aug	8%	Aug	7%
Sep	8%		
Oct	8%		
Nov	8%		
Dec	8%		

DE

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

John Carney
Delaware

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2024

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■ Jack Markell	**2009-2017**
■ Ruth Ann Minner	**2001-2009**
■ Thomas R. Carper	**1993-2001**
■ Dale E. Wolf	**1992-1993**

SENATE

■ Democrat 14   ■ Republican 7   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 26   ■ Republican 15   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR JOHN CARNEY

John C. Carney Jr. (D) is the 74th governor of Delaware, serving since 2017. He received an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware.

Carney began his career in politics by working as a staffer for then-Senator Joe Biden (D). From 1989 to 1994, he was the chief administrative officer of New Castle County. Carney also served as secretary of finance and deputy chief of staff for Gov. Tom Carper (D).

Carney was lieutenant governor of Delaware from 2001 to 2009. After his tenure, he served as president and chief operating officer of Transformative Technologies to bring offshore wind turbine construction to Delaware. From 2011 to 2017, he served three terms as the U.S. Representative for Delaware.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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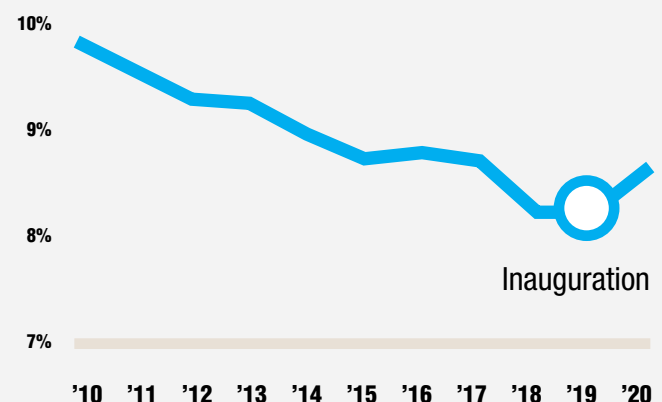
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

16%
15%
14%
13%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 41

UNION CONTROL	14
EDUCATION FREEDOM	49
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	31

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 34

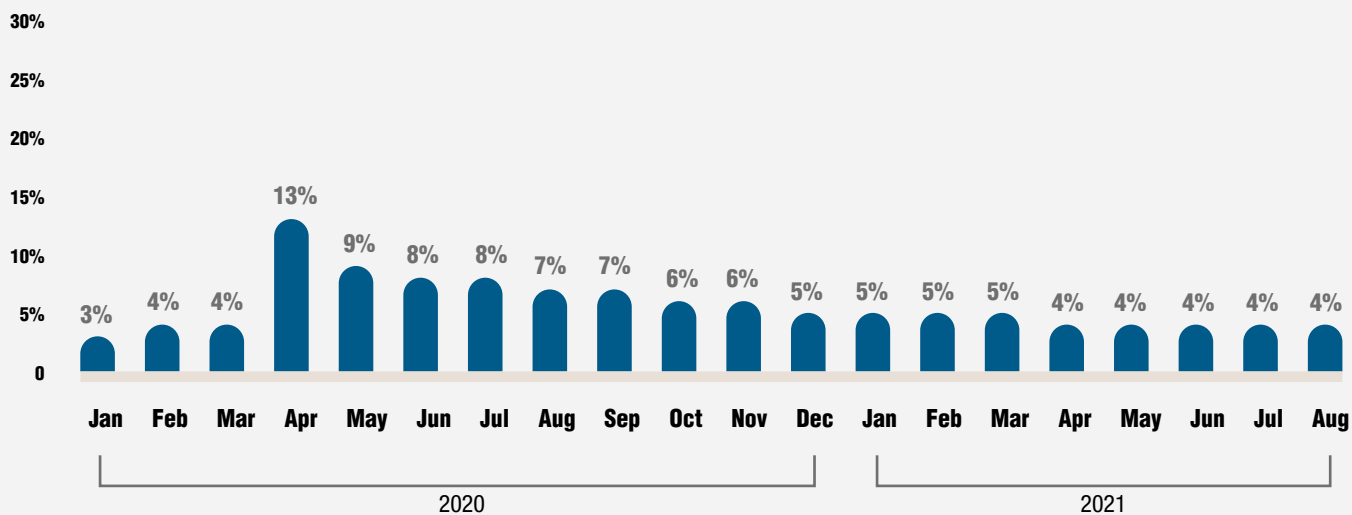|		
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	14
EDUCATION QUALITY	44
GSP GROWTH	30
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	32

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 36

DEBT	15
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	42
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	37
SPENDING PER CAPITA	49
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	19

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	13%
May	13%
Jun	13%
Jul	8%
Aug	8%
Sep	8%
Oct	6%
Nov	6%
Dec	6%
Jan (2021)	6%
Feb	6%
Mar	7%
Apr	6%
May	6%
Jun	6%
Jul	6%
Aug	5%

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Ron DeSantis
Florida

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■ **Rick Scott**	**2011-2019**
■ **Charlie Crist**	**2007-2011**
■ **Jeb Bush**	**1999-2007**
■ **Buddy MacKay**	**1998-1999**

SENATE

■ Democrat 16   ■ Republican 24   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 42   ■ Republican 78   ■ Other 0
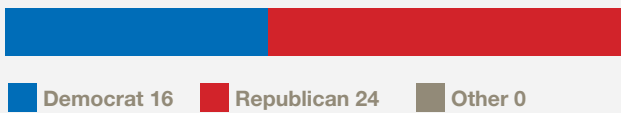
ABOUT GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

Ron DeSantis (R) is the 46th governor of Florida, serving since 2019. He is a graduate of Yale University, where he attended on a baseball scholarship, and Harvard Law School.

DeSantis served in the U.S. Navy as a judge advocate general from 2004 to 2010, stationed in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

After his active military service, DeSantis was a federal prosecutor. Before becoming governor, DeSantis represented Florida's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2013 to 2018. DeSantis serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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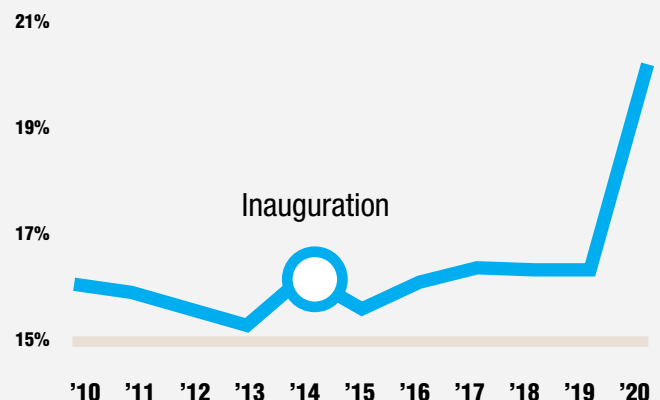
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

9%

8%

7%

6%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	10
UNION CONTROL	25
EDUCATION FREEDOM	1
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	13

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	5
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	1
EDUCATION QUALITY	8
GSP GROWTH	10
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	25

FISCAL POLICY RANK	1
DEBT	4
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	8
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	6
SPENDING PER CAPITA	2
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	5

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	5%
Apr	14%
May	14%
Jun	12%
Jul	12%
Aug	8%
Sep	7%
Oct	6%
Nov	5%
Dec	5%
Jan	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

2020   2021

Brian Kemp

Georgia

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Nathan Deal	2011-2019
Sonny Perdue	2003-2011
Roy Barnes	1999-2003
Zell Miller	1991-1999

SENATE

Democrat 22 Republican 34 Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 76 Republican 103 Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP

Brian Kemp (R) is the 83rd governor of Georgia, serving since 2019. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in architecture. Before entering politics, Kemp founded Kemp Development and Construction Company, and later invested in banking, farming, timber and manufacturing companies. He also sat on the boards of Suncrest Stone and St. Mary's Hospital in Athens.

Kemp was first elected as a state senator in 2002 and served for four years. In 2010, he was appointed as secretary of state by Gov. Sonny Perdue (R) following the resignation of Karen Handel (R). He won a full term that same year and was re-elected in 2014.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

14

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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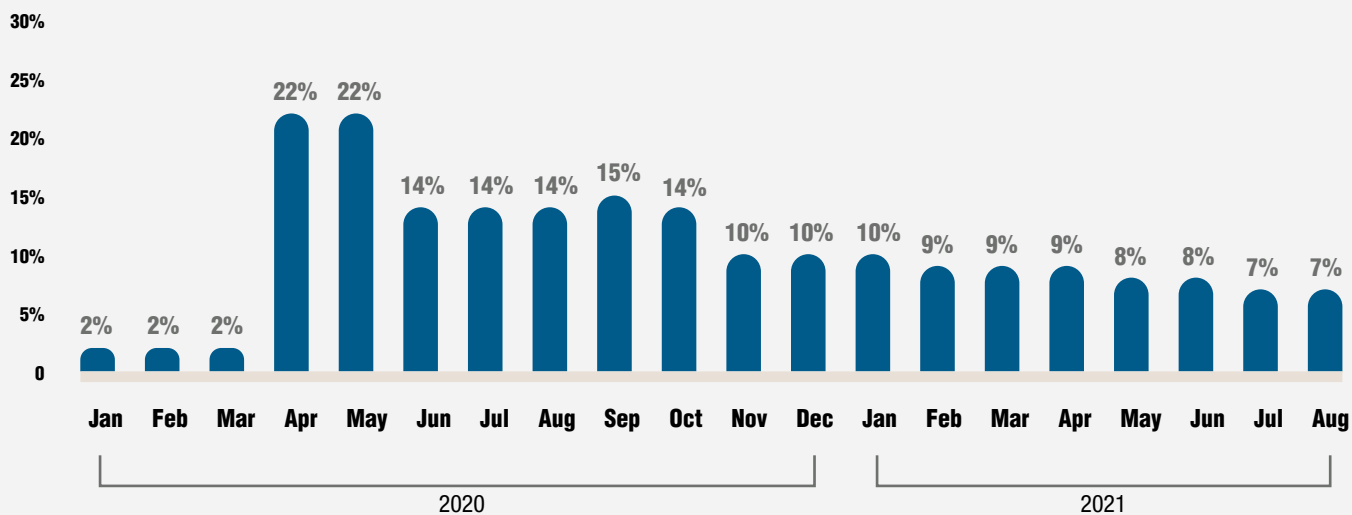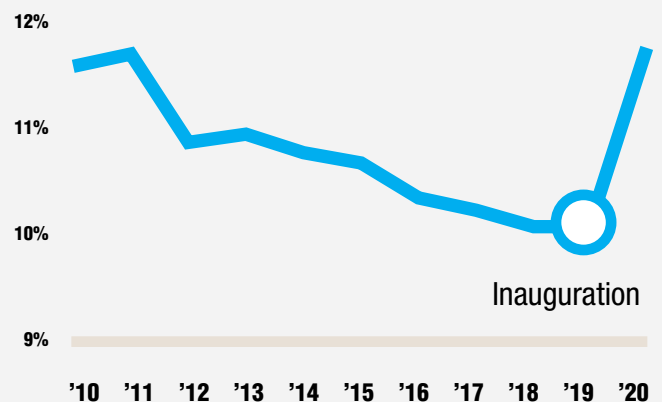
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

10%

9%

8%

7%

Inauguration

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	13
UNION CONTROL	14
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	8

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	14
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	11
EDUCATION QUALITY	34
GSP GROWTH	14
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	23

FISCAL POLICY RANK	9
DEBT	18
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	12
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	23
SPENDING PER CAPITA	5
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	11

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	13%
May	9%
Jun	8%
Jul	8%
Aug	7%
Sep	7%
Oct	6%
Nov	6%
Dec	5%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	4%
May	4%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

HI

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

David Ige
Hawaii

Inauguration: Dec 2014
Next Election: 2022

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44
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Neil Abercrombie	2010-2014
Linda Lingle	2002-2010
Ben Cayetano	1994-2002
John Waihe'e	1986-1994

SENATE

Democrat 24   Republican 1   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 47   Republican 4   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR DAVID IGE

David Ige (D) is the eighth governor of Hawaii, serving since 2014. He attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a Master of Business Administration.

As a private citizen, Ige worked as an engineer for GTE Hawaiian Tel for 18 years. He then served as a project manager with Robert A. Ige and Associates, Inc., Vice President of engineering at NetEnterprise and senior principal engineer at Pihana Pacific.

Ige was appointed to the Hawaii House of Representatives in 1985 by Gov. George Ariyoshi (D). In 1994, he was elected to the Hawaii State Senate.

45
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

37
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

45
FISCAL POLICY RANK

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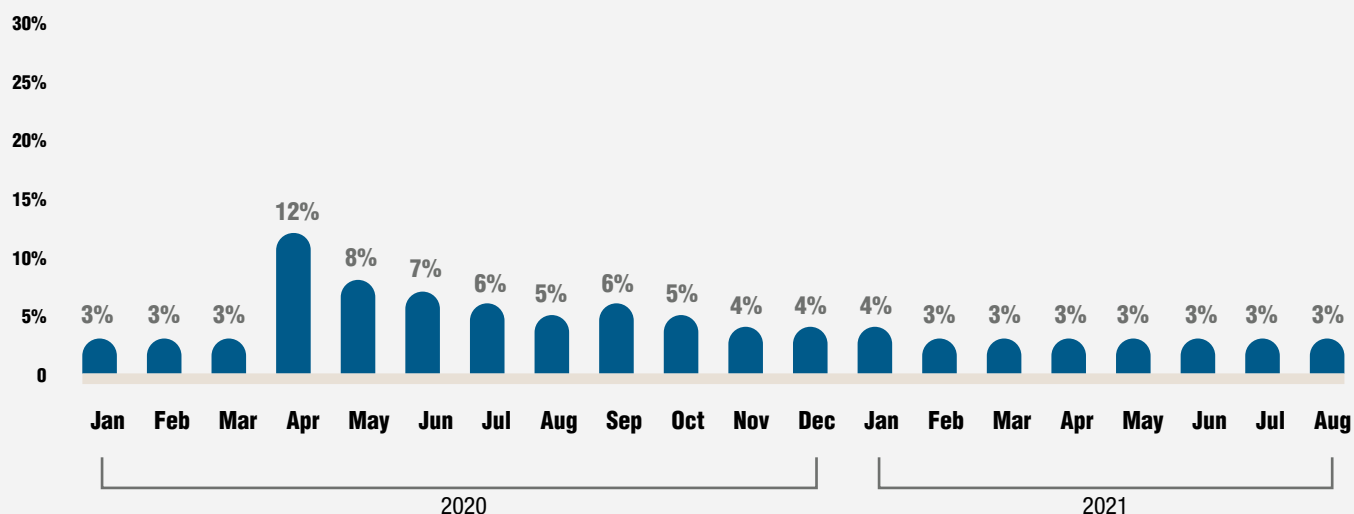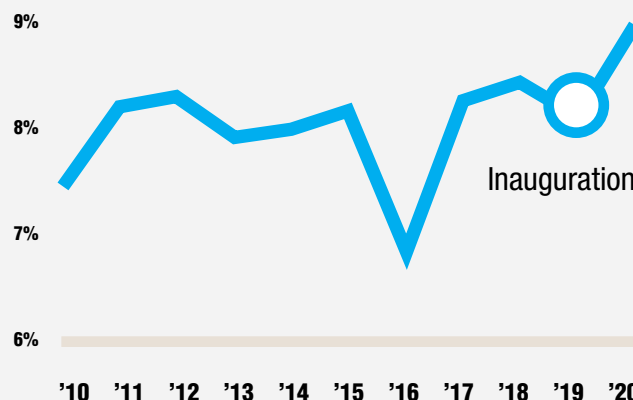

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

21%
19%
17%
15%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	45
UNION CONTROL	37
EDUCATION FREEDOM	46
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	31

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	37
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	41
EDUCATION QUALITY	30
GSP GROWTH	42
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	15

FISCAL POLICY RANK	45
DEBT	48
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	28
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	47
SPENDING PER CAPITA	47
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	27

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	2%
Feb	2%
Mar	2%
Apr	22%
May	22%
Jun	14%
Jul	14%
Aug	14%
Sep	15%
Oct	14%
Nov	10%
Dec	10%
Jan (2021)	10%
Feb	9%
Mar	9%
Apr	9%
May	8%
Jun	8%
Jul	7%
Aug	7%

ID

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Republican

Brad Little

Idaho

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

★★★★★

5

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Butch Otter	2007-2019
Jim Risch	2006-2007
Dirk Kempthorne	1999-2006
Phil Batt	1995-1999

SENATE

Democrat 7   Republican 28   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 12   Republican 58   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR BRAD LITTLE

Brad Little (R) is the 33rd governor of Idaho, serving since 2019. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness.

Little managed his family's ranching company, Little Land and Livestock, for nearly 30 years. He was a member of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry for 20 years and served as its chairman.

Little also served in various leadership roles in ranching, education and banking organizations.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne (R) appointed Little to fill a state Senate vacancy in 2001. He served in the Senate until Gov. Butch Otter (R) appointed him as lieutenant governor in 2009, a position he held until 2019.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

1

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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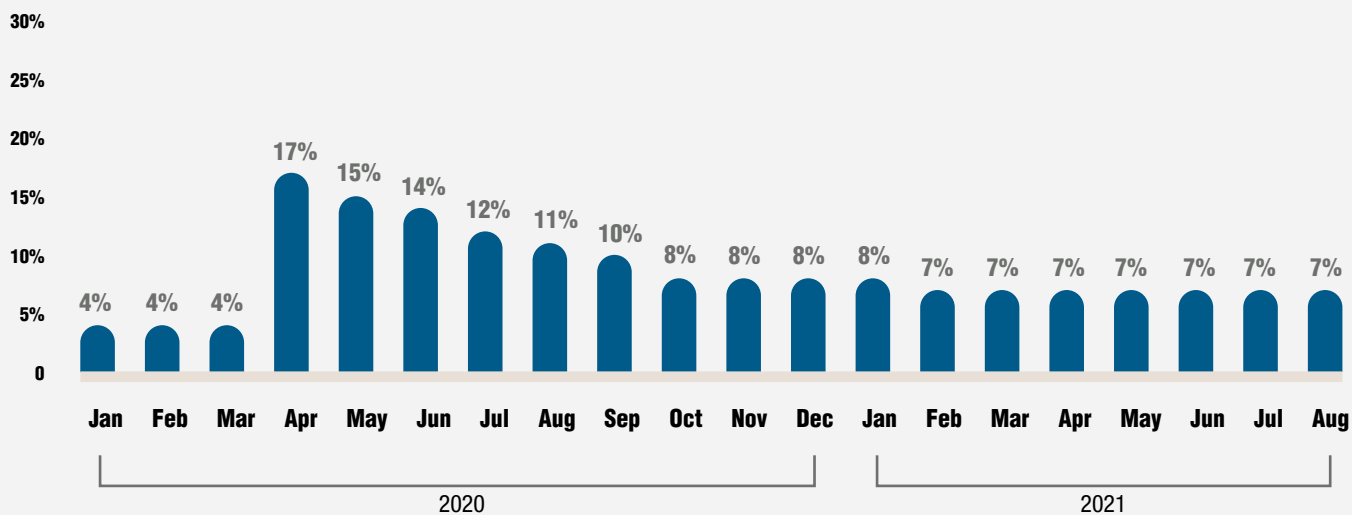
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	**16**
UNION CONTROL	12
EDUCATION FREEDOM	29
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	14

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	**1**
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	6
EDUCATION QUALITY	6
GSP GROWTH	2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7

FISCAL POLICY RANK	**7**
DEBT	3
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	6
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	18
SPENDING PER CAPITA	9
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	24

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	3%	3%	3%	12%	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

2020 — 2021

IL

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

★★★★★

J.B. Pritzker
Illinois

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

47
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Bruce Rauner	2015-2019
Pat Quinn	2009-2015
Rod Blagojevich	2003-2009
George Ryan	1999-2003

SENATE

Democrat 41   Republican 18   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 73   Republican 45   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER

J.B. Pritzker (D) is the 43rd governor of Illinois, serving since 2019. He graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. Pritzker went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University School of Law.

Before becoming governor, Pritzker founded 1871, a nonprofit to help small business entrepreneurs. He also served as chairman of ChicagoNEXT, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's council on innovation and technology. Pritzker launched venture capital funds and local development instantiates. In 2008, Pritzker received the Entrepreneurial Champion Award from the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

36
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

48
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

47
FISCAL POLICY RANK

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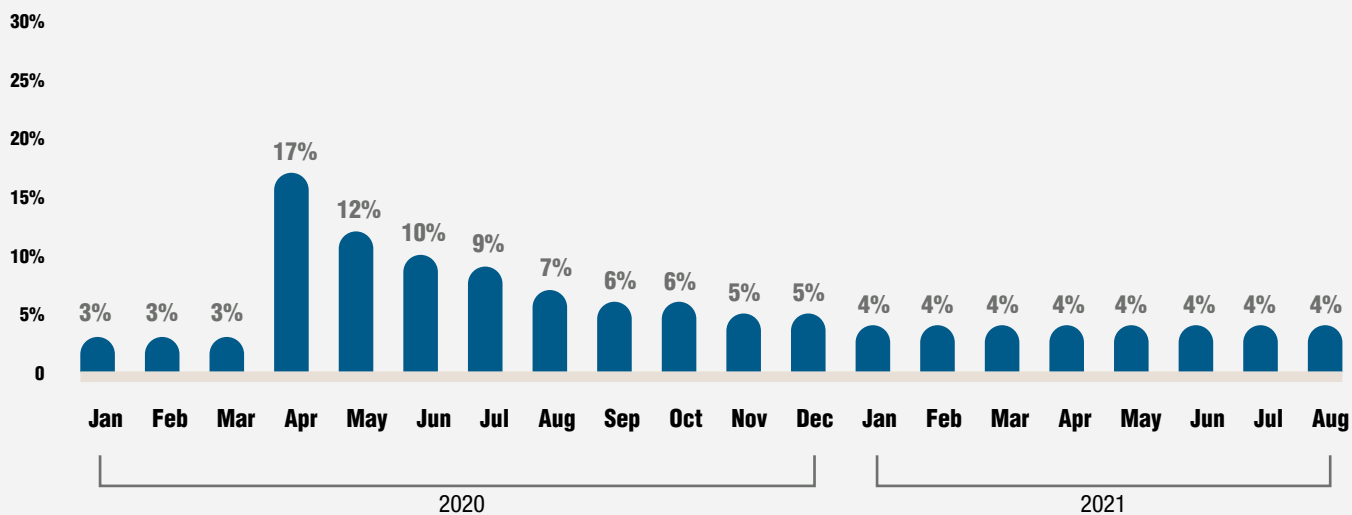
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

9%

8%

7%

6%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	36
UNION CONTROL	42
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	21

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	48
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	47
EDUCATION QUALITY	32
GSP GROWTH	40
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	42

FISCAL POLICY RANK	47
DEBT	44
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	48
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	50
SPENDING PER CAPITA	23
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	43

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	4%	4%	4%	17%	15%	14%	12%	11%	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%

2020   2021

IN

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Eric Holcomb
Indiana

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2024

★★★★☆

19
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Mike Pence	2013-2017
Mitch Daniels	2005-2013
Joe Kernan	2003-2005
Frank O'Bannon	1997-2003

SENATE

Democrat 11   Republican 39   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 29   Republican 71   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB

Eric Holcomb (R) is the 51st governor of Indiana, serving since 2017. He is a graduate of Hanover College. Holcomb served in the United States Navy for six years as an intelligence officer, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida and in Lisbon, Portugal.

His political career began as an aide to Indiana Congressman John Hostettler (R). He later became an advisor to both Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) and Sen. Dan Coats (R). He was chairman of the Indiana Republican Party during the 2012 presidential cycle.

Then-Gov. Mike Pence (R) appointed Holcomb as lieutenant governor in 2016 following the resignation of Sue Ellspermann (R). Holcomb ran for governor in 2016 after Pence withdrew to become the running mate to Donald Trump (R).

23
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

23
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

13
FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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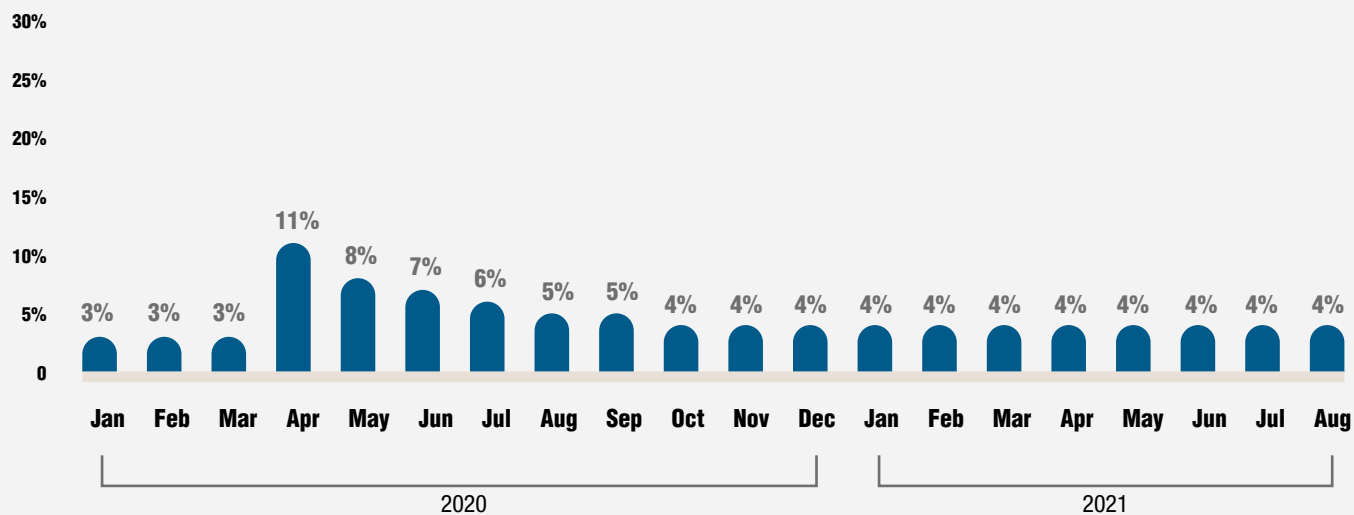

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

11%

10%

9%

8%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 23

	UNION CONTROL	8
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	27

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 23

	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	20
	EDUCATION QUALITY	27
	GSP GROWTH	24
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	20

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 13

	DEBT	24
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	1
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	19
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	11
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	14

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	17%
May	12%
Jun	10%
Jul	9%
Aug	7%
Sep	6%
Oct	6%
Nov	5%
Dec	5%
Jan (2021)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	4%
May	4%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

IA

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Kim Reynolds

Iowa

Inauguration: May 2017
Next Election: 2022

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13

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■ **Terry Branstad**	**2011-2017**
■ **Chet Culver**	**2007-2011**
■ **Tom Vilsack**	**1999-2007**
■ **Terry Branstad**	**1983-1999**

SENATE

■ Democrat 18   ■ Republican 32   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 41   ■ Republican 58   ■ Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR KIM REYNOLDS

Kim Reynolds (R) is the 43rd governor of Iowa, serving since 2019, and is the first woman to hold the office. She took classes at Northwest Missouri State University, Southeastern Community College and Southwestern Community College. Reynolds received a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Iowa State University.

Reynolds worked as a pharmacist assistant and as a motor vehicle clerk in Clarke County. She was elected Clarke County Treasurer in 1994 for a four-year term and was re-elected three times. In 2000, Reynolds became president of the Iowa State Treasurers Association.

She ascended to state office in 2009 after being sworn into the Iowa Senate. After two years, she was sworn in as lieutenant governor under Gov. Terry Branstad (R) and served for eight years.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

25

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

14

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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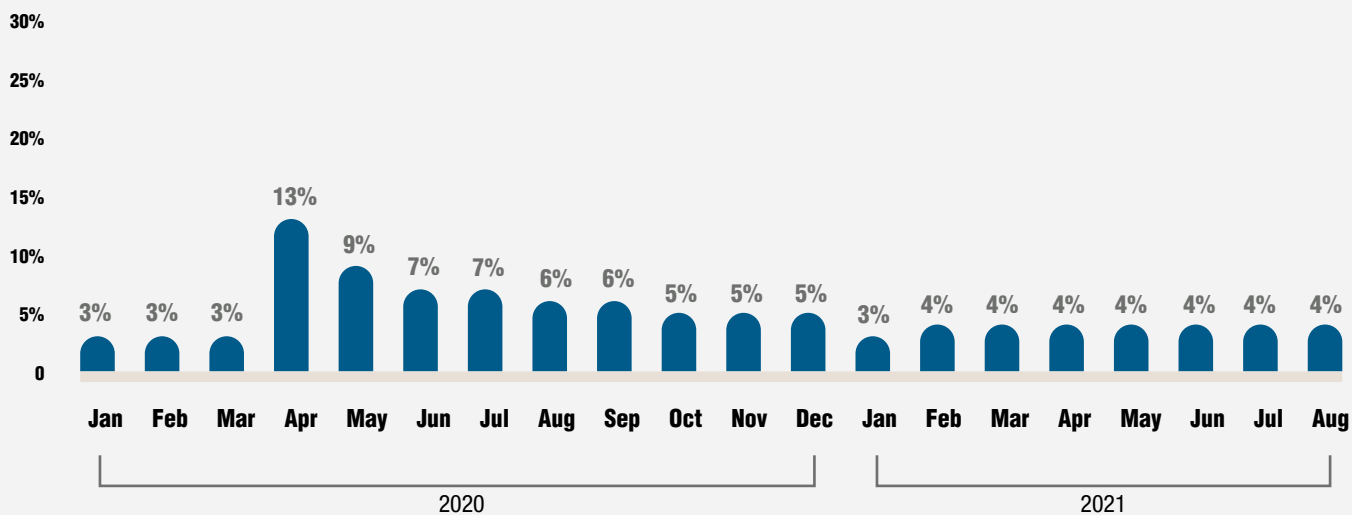
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%

13%

12%

11%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 8

	UNION CONTROL	8
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	1
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	18

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 25

	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	31
	EDUCATION QUALITY	23
	GSP GROWTH	32
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 14

	DEBT	11
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	3
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	14
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	30
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	29

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	11%
May	8%
Jun	7%
Jul	6%
Aug	5%
Sep	5%
Oct	4%
Nov	4%
Dec	4%
Jan (2021)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	4%
May	4%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

KS

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Democrat

Laura Kelly

Kansas

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

★★★☆☆

27

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Jeff Colyer	2018-2019
Sam Brownback	2011-2018
Mark Parkinson	2009-2011
Kathleen Sebelius	2003-2009

SENATE

Democrat 11   Republican 29   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 39   Republican 86   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

Laura Kelly (D) is the 48th governor of Kansas, serving since 2019. She graduated from Bradley University and obtained a master's degree from Indiana University at Bloomington.

Before entering politics, Kelly worked in healthcare, serving as a recreation therapist at the Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center and as director of recreation therapy and physical education at the National Jewish Hospital for Respiratory and Immune Diseases.

Kelly served as executive director of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association between 1988 and her election to the state Senate in 2004. She served four terms in the state Senate, including as assistant minority leader and as minority whip, before winning election as governor in 2018.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

31

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

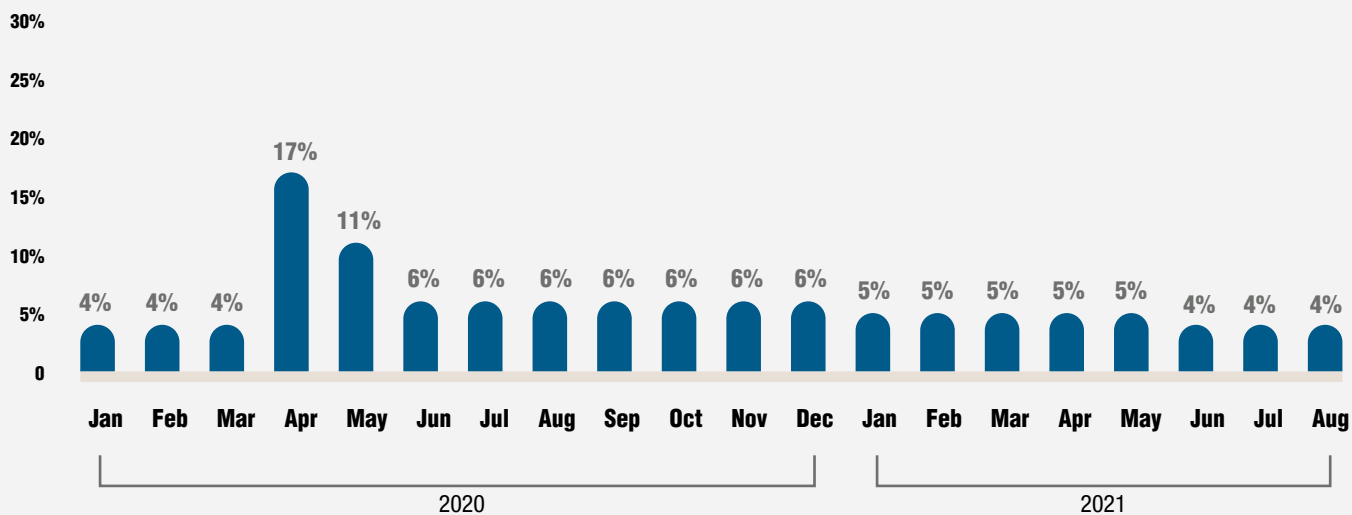Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

12%
11%
10%
9%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	17
UNION CONTROL	39
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	12

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	31
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	36
EDUCATION QUALITY	39
GSP GROWTH	17
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	11

FISCAL POLICY RANK	28
DEBT	13
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	34
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	32
SPENDING PER CAPITA	24
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	36

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	3%	3%	3%	13%	9%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

2020   2021

KY

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Democrat

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

Andy Beshear

Kentucky

Inauguration: Dec 2019
Next Election: 2023

25

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

🟥	Matt Bevin	2015-2019
🟦	Steve Beshear	2007-2015
🟥	Ernie Fletcher	2003-2007
🟦	Paul Patton	1995-2003

SENATE

Democrat 8   Republican 29   Other 1

HOUSE

Democrat 25   Republican 73   Other 2

ABOUT GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR

Andy Beshear (D) is the 63rd governor of Kentucky, serving since 2019. His father, Steve Beshear, served as Kentucky's 61st governor. Beshear received a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

After graduating from law school, Beshear worked at a law firm in Washington, D.C. He was a partner at Stites & Harbison, where he specialized in consumer and nonprofit law. Before becoming governor, Beshear served as attorney general of Kentucky from 2016-2019.

25

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

10

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

35

FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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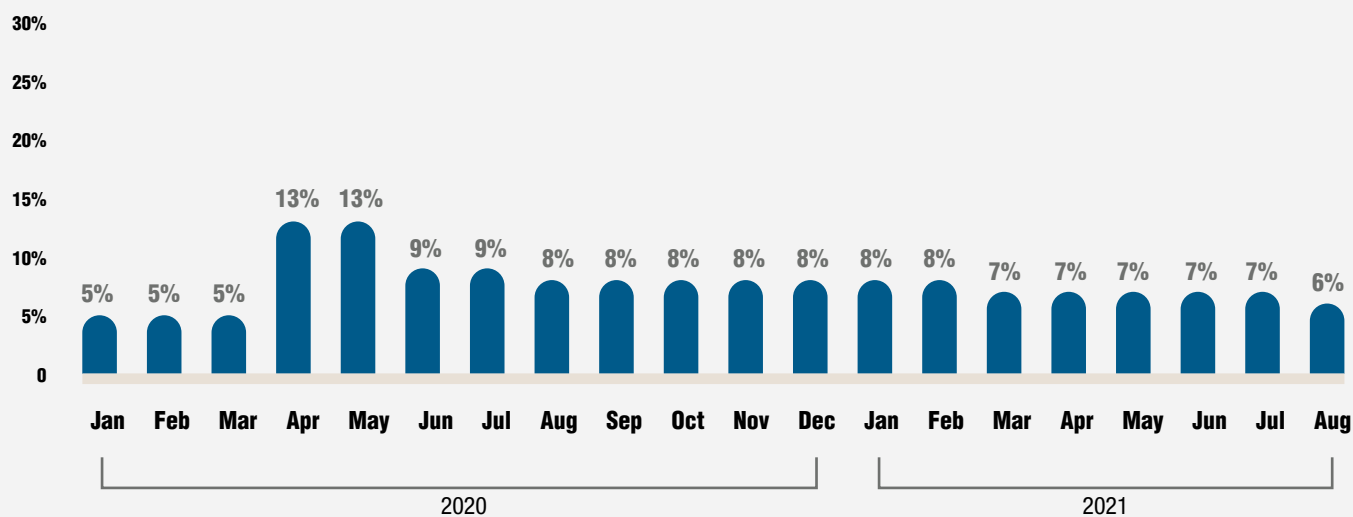
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

20%
18%
16%
14%
12%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	25
UNION CONTROL	1
EDUCATION FREEDOM	28
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	42

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	10
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	24
EDUCATION QUALITY	22
GSP GROWTH	11
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	19

FISCAL POLICY RANK	35
DEBT	47
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	9
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	17
SPENDING PER CAPITA	39
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	48

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	4%	4%	4%	17%	11%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%

2020 — 2021

LA

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Democrat

John Bel Edwards

Louisiana

Inauguration: Jan 2016
Next Election: 2023

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36

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Bobby Jindal	2008-2016
■	Kathleen Blanco	2004-2008
■	Mike Foster	1992-2004
■	Edwin Edwards	1988-1992

SENATE

■ Democrat 12   ■ Republican 26   ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 32   ■ Republican 68   ■ Other 5

ABOUT GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS

John Bel Edwards (D) is the 56th governor of Louisiana, serving since 2016. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. Edwards also received a Juris Doctor from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He served in the U.S. Army for eight years with the 25th and 82nd Airborne Division, achieving the rank of Captain.

Before he was elected as governor, Edwards represented District 72 in the Louisiana House of Representatives for eight years between 2008 and 2015, serving as minority leader for the final four years. He worked as an attorney in private practice before seeking elected office.

33

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

50

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

23

FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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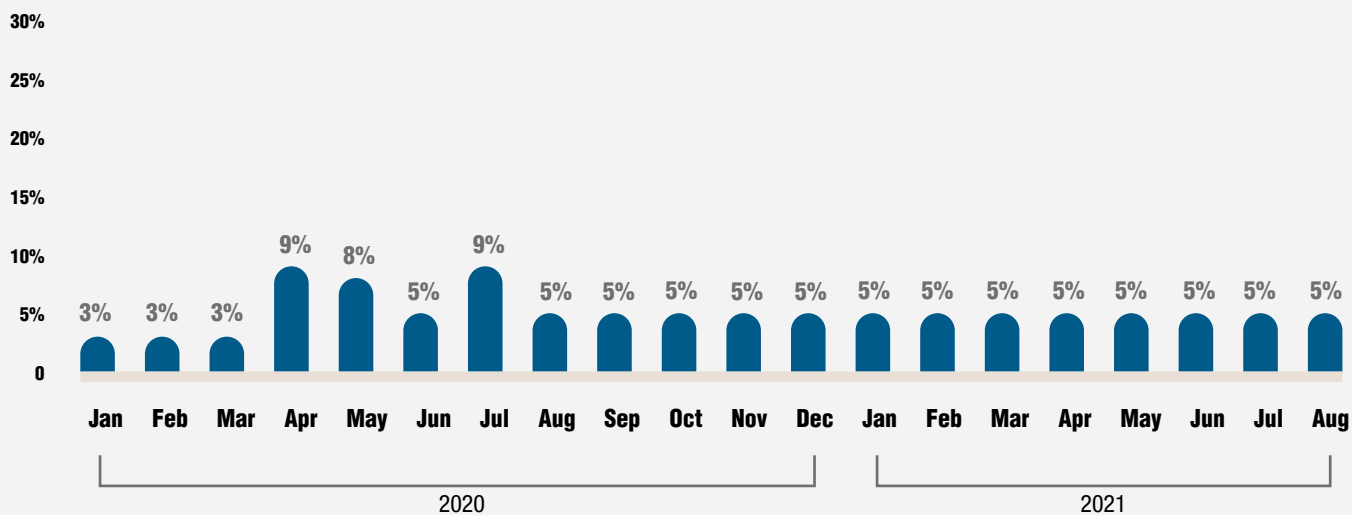
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

16%
15%
14%
13%
12%
11%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	33
UNION CONTROL	28
EDUCATION FREEDOM	35
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	25

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	50
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	45
EDUCATION QUALITY	49
GSP GROWTH	47
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	46

FISCAL POLICY RANK	23
DEBT	32
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	20
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	16
SPENDING PER CAPITA	27
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	13

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	5%	5%	5%	13%	13%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%

2020 | 2021

ME

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

Janet Mills
Maine

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

★★★☆☆

29
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Paul LePage	2011-2019
John Baldacci	2003-2011
Angus King	1995-2003
John R. McKernan	1987-1995

SENATE

■ Democrat 22   ■ Republican 13   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 80   ■ Republican 65   ■ Other 6

ABOUT GOVERNOR JANET MILLS

Janet T. Mills (D) is the 73rd governor of Maine, serving since 2019. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law.

Mills made history as Maine's first female criminal prosecutor and assistant attorney general from 1976 to 1980. She first successfully ran for office in 1980 to become District Attorney in three counties. She won re-election three times.

Between 2002 and 2009, Mills represented District 78 and District 89 in the Maine House of Representatives. Mills was elected by the Maine State Legislature to be attorney general from 2009 to 2011 and 2013 to 2019.

38
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

6
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
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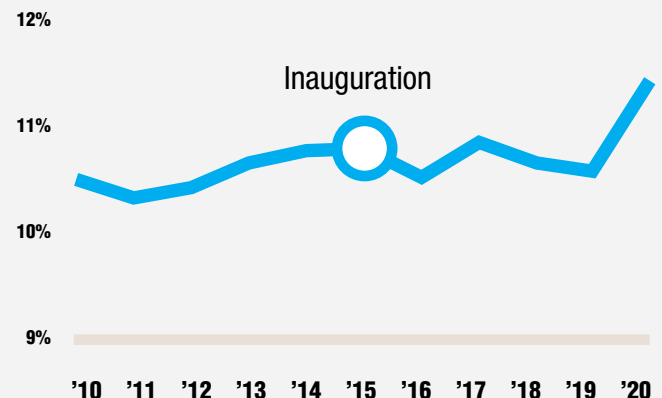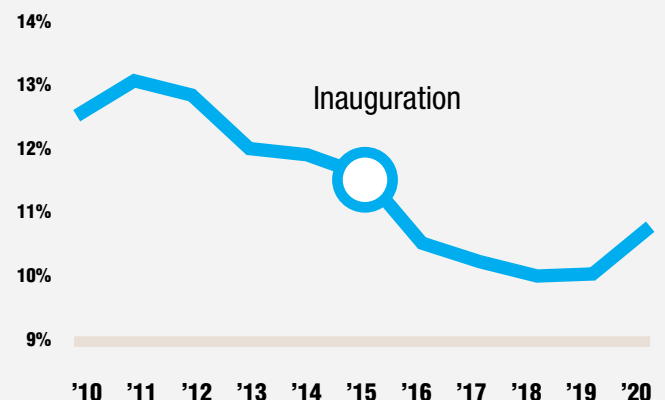
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK		38
UNION CONTROL		50
EDUCATION FREEDOM		29
WELFARE DEPENDENCY		42

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK		6
INTERSTATE MIGRATION		15
EDUCATION QUALITY		11
GSP GROWTH		16
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		10

FISCAL POLICY RANK		37
DEBT		12
CORPORATE INCOME TAX		44
PERSONAL INCOME TAX		40
SPENDING PER CAPITA		33
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		47

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	9%
May	8%
Jun	5%
Jul	9%
Aug	5%
Sep	5%
Oct	5%
Nov	5%
Dec	5%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

MD

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Republican

Larry Hogan
Maryland

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

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35
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Martin O'Malley	2007-2015
Bob Ehrlich	2003-2007
Parris Glendening	1995-2003
William Donald Schaefer	1987-1995

SENATE

Democrat 32　Republican 15　Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 98　Republican 42　Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Larry Hogan (R) is the 62nd governor of Maryland, serving since 2015. He received a bachelor's degree in government and political science from Florida State University. He is the second Republican governor to be re-elected in the state's history.

Hogan is the founder and president of the real estate brokerage firm The Hogan Companies. He spent 18 years in the private sector before entering politics. Between 2003 and 2007, Hogan served as Secretary of Appointments to former Gov. Bob Ehrlich (R). In 2011, he founded the nonprofit Change Maryland.

During his tenure as governor, Hogan chaired the National Governors Association from 2019 to 2020.

35
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

39
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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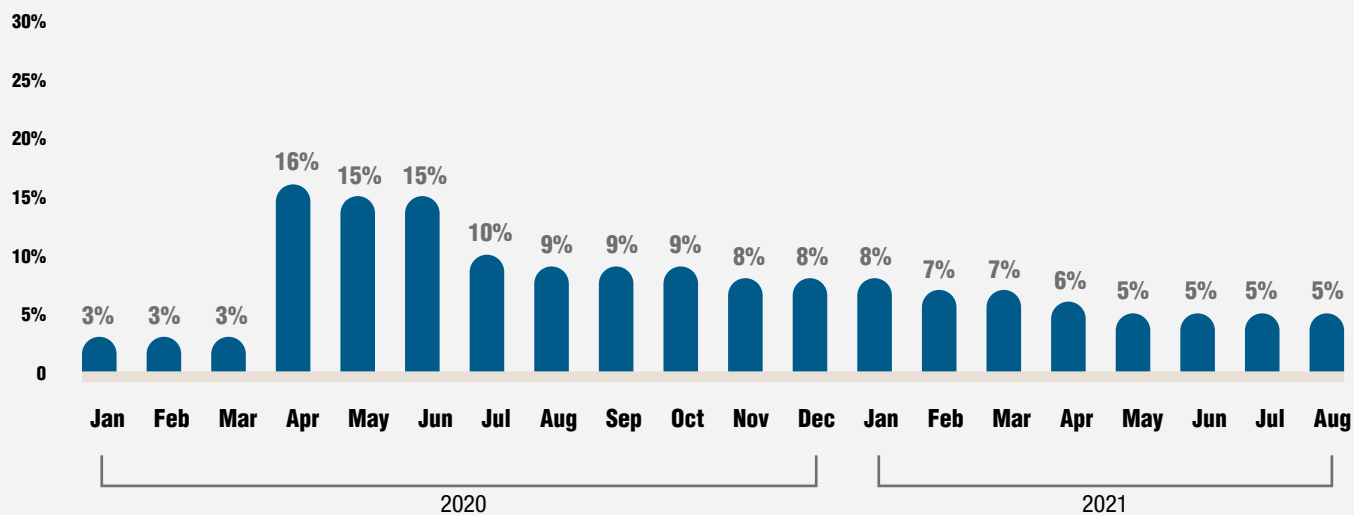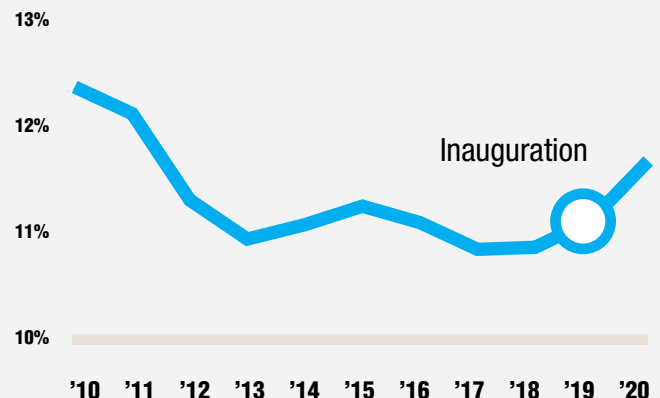
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

12%

11%

10%

9%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	35
UNION CONTROL	49
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	25

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	39
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	42
EDUCATION QUALITY	37
GSP GROWTH	23
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	30

FISCAL POLICY RANK	29
DEBT	20
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	40
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	33
SPENDING PER CAPITA	31
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
3%	4%	4%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%

2020   2021

MA

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Republican

Charlie Baker
Massachusetts

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

★★☆☆☆

39

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Deval Patrick	2007-2015
■	Mitt Romney	2003-2007
■	Jane Swift	2001-2003
■	Paul Cellucci	1997-2001

SENATE

■ Democrat 37   ■ Republican 3   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 129   ■ Republican 30   ■ Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR CHARLES BAKER

Charles D. Baker (R) is the 72nd governor of Massachusetts, serving since 2015. Baker graduated from Harvard University. He worked for the Massachusetts High Technology Council as a corporate communications director before obtaining a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

Baker began his career in the late 1980s when he joined the Pioneer Institute, a libertarian think tank. He was secretary of Health and Human Services under Gov. Bill Weld (R) and Secretary of Administration and Finance under Weld and Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci (R). Baker joined Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates as C.E.O. in 1998. He then became C.E.O. of the nonprofit Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. From 2004 to 2007, Baker served as a selectman of Swampscott, Massachusetts.

44

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

25

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

42

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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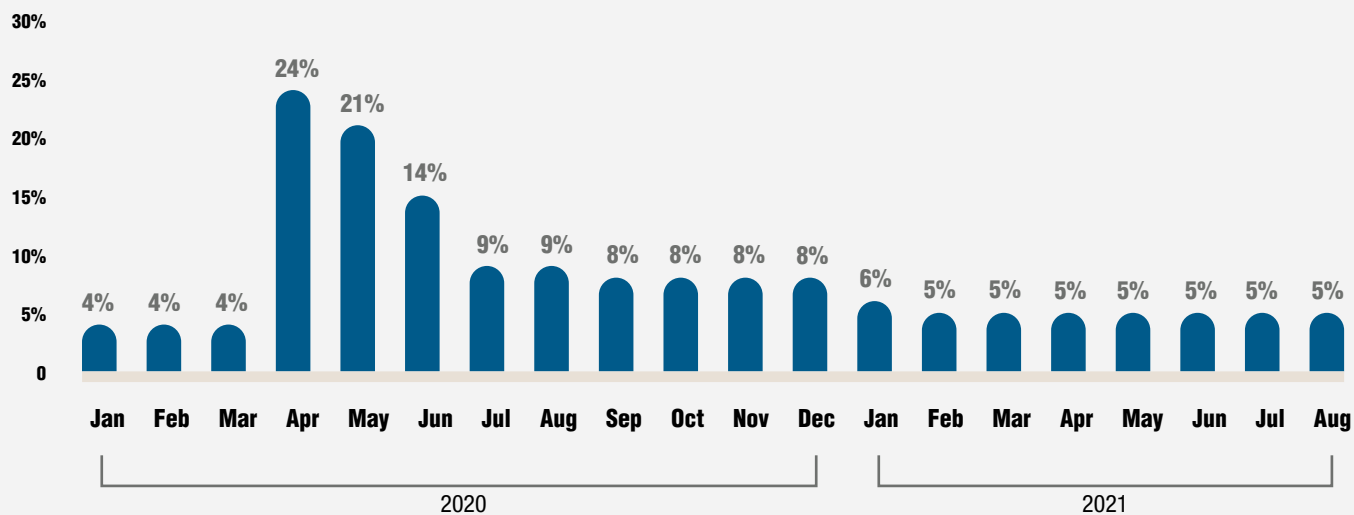
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%
13%
12%
11%
10%
9%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK		44
UNION CONTROL		30
EDUCATION FREEDOM		35
WELFARE DEPENDENCY		40

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK		25
INTERSTATE MIGRATION		43
EDUCATION QUALITY		3
GSP GROWTH		20
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		29

FISCAL POLICY RANK		42
DEBT		38
CORPORATE INCOME TAX		39
PERSONAL INCOME TAX		21
SPENDING PER CAPITA		37
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		50

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	3%	3%	3%	16%	15%	15%	10%	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	2020												2021							

MI

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Democrat

★★★★★

Gretchen Whitmer

Michigan

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

41

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	**Rick Snyder**	**2011-2019**
■	**Jennifer M. Granholm**	**2003-2011**
■	**John M. Engler**	**1991-2003**
■	**James Blanchard**	**1983-1991**

SENATE

■ Democrat 16   ■ Republican 20   ■ Other 2

HOUSE

■ Democrat 52   ■ Republican 58   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

Gretchen Whitmer (D) is the 49th governor of Michigan, serving since 2019. She received a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor from Michigan State University. She worked as an associate attorney for Dickinson Wright PLCC before being elected to the state legislature.

Whitmer began her public service career after winning the election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2000. She was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. In 2006, she won a special election to the Michigan State Senate. She was elected to a full term that same year and was re-elected in 2010. Whitmer did not run for re-election in 2014 due to term limits. After leaving the legislature, she worked as the Ingham County prosecutor in 2016.

39

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

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44

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

31

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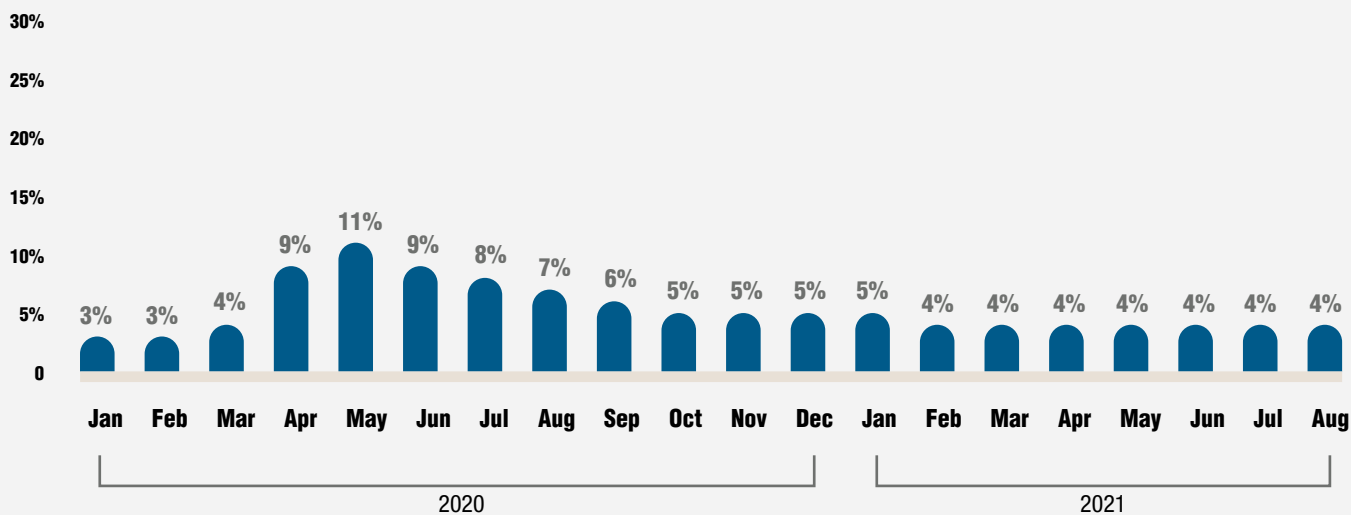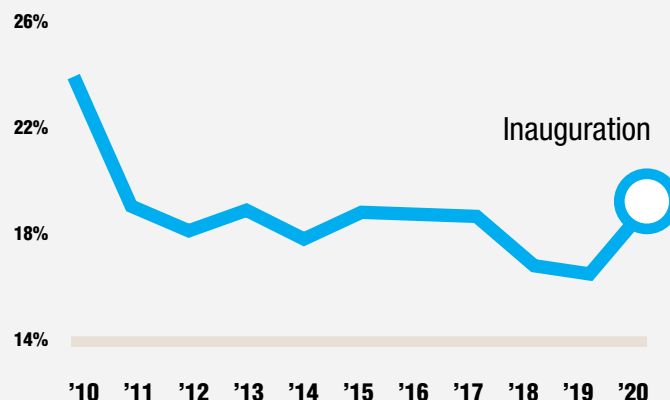
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

13%

12%

11%

10%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	39
UNION CONTROL	35
EDUCATION FREEDOM	29
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	44

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	44
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	38
EDUCATION QUALITY	19
GSP GROWTH	46
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	39

FISCAL POLICY RANK	31
DEBT	34
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	25
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	27
SPENDING PER CAPITA	19
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	21

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	24%
May	21%
Jun	14%
Jul	9%
Aug	9%
Sep	8%
Oct	8%
Nov	8%
Dec	8%
Jan (2021)	6%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

MN

Legislative Majority

Split

Governor

Democrat

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Tim Walz

Minnesota

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

31

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Mark Dayton	**2011-2019**
Tim Pawlenty	**2003-2011**
Jesse Ventura	1999-2003
Arne Carlson	**1991-1999**

SENATE

■ **Democrat 31** ■ **Republican 34** ■ **Other 2**

HOUSE

■ **Democrat 70** ■ **Republican 64** ■ **Other 0**

ABOUT GOVERNOR TIM WALZ

Tim Waltz (D) is the 41st governor of Minnesota, serving since 2019. Walz was recruited by Notre Dame to play football but later retired from football and transferred to Chadron State College.

Before his political career, Walz worked as a teacher. He taught at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and with WorldTeach in China. He also served for 24 years in the Army National Guard and is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. After retiring from military service, he returned to teaching and football coaching at Mankato West High School.

Walz's public service career began as a U.S. Representative for Minnesota's 1st Congressional District from 2007 to 2019.

37

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

13

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

40

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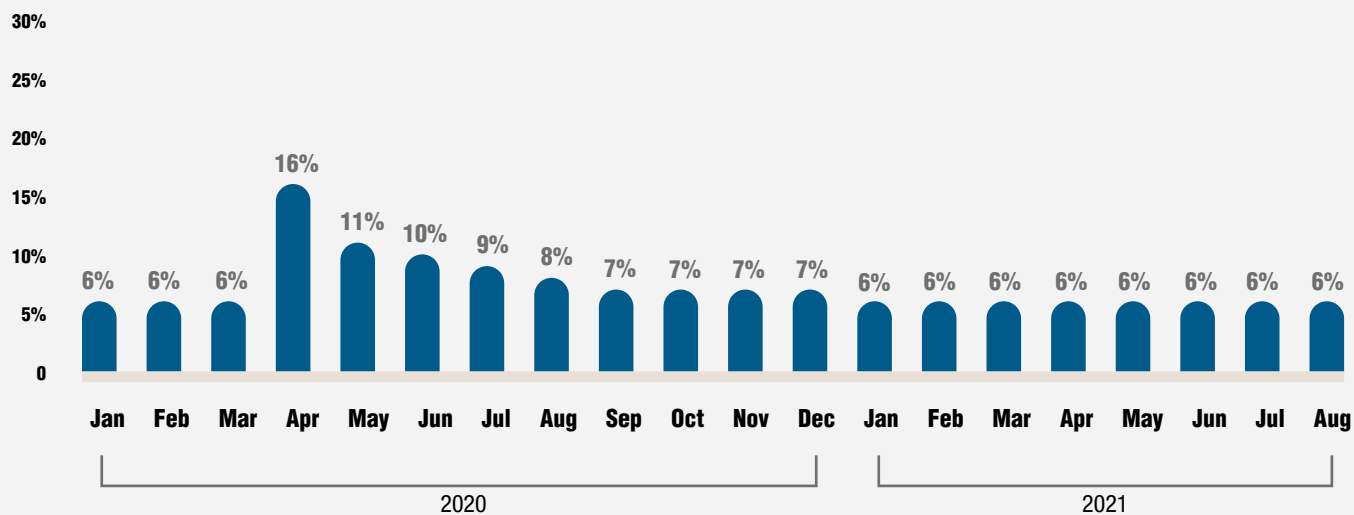

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

13%

12%

11%

10%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 37

UNION CONTROL	41	
EDUCATION FREEDOM	29	
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	33	

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 13

INTERSTATE MIGRATION	28	
EDUCATION QUALITY	8	
GSP GROWTH	26	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	16	

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 40

DEBT	14	
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	49	
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	43	
SPENDING PER CAPITA	36	
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	42	

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	4%
Apr	9%
May	11%
Jun	9%
Jul	8%
Aug	7%
Sep	6%
Oct	5%
Nov	5%
Dec	5%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	4%
May	4%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

MS

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Tate Reeves
Mississippi

Inauguration: Jan 2020
Next Election: 2023

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26
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	**Phil Bryant**	**2012-2020**
■	**Haley Barbour**	**2004-2012**
■	**Ronnie Musgrove**	**2000-2004**
■	**Kirk Fordice**	**1992-2000**

SENATE

■ Democrat 14   ■ Republican 36   ■ Other 2

HOUSE

■ Democrat 43   ■ Republican 76   ■ Other 3

ABOUT GOVERNOR TATE REEVES

Tate Reeves (R) is the 65th governor of Mississippi, serving since 2020. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Millsaps College. Following his graduation, Reeves became a chartered financial analyst and worked in finance until 2003.

Reeves first held public office from 2004 to 2012 as state treasurer. He was the first Republican elected to that office and the youngest in nearly a century. Reeves was the president of the National Association of State Treasurers from 2006 to 2007. He was elected lieutenant governor in 2011 and was re-elected in 2015.

26
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

21
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

25
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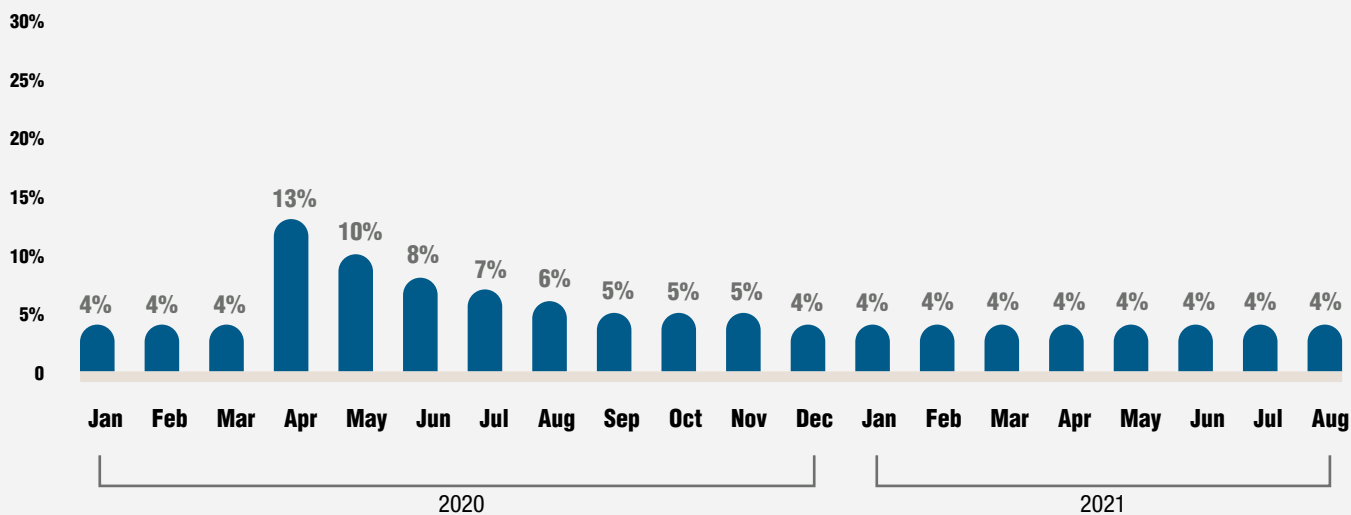

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

26%

22%

18%

14%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	26
UNION CONTROL	29
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	23

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	21
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	37
EDUCATION QUALITY	15
GSP GROWTH	1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	35

FISCAL POLICY RANK	25
DEBT	35
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	22
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	29
SPENDING PER CAPITA	29
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	6

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	6%	6%	6%	16%	11%	10%	9%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%

2020   2021

MO

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Republican

Governor photo

Mike Parson

Missouri

Inauguration: Jun 2018
Next Election: 2024

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12

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Eric Greitens	**2017-2018**
Jay Nixon	**2009-2017**
Matt Blunt	**2005-2009**
Bob Holden	**2001-2005**

SENATE

■ Democrat 10   ■ Republican 24   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 49   ■ Republican 113   ■ Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR MIKE PARSON

Mike Parson (R) is the 57th governor of Missouri, serving since 2018. He served in the United States Army for six years with the Military Police Corps. He took classes at the University of Maryland and the University of Hawaii.

After his military career, Parson was elected sheriff of Polk County in 1992 and served until 2005. He became the county's first criminal investigator in 1983. He also owned three gas stations throughout the area.

Parson served in the Missouri House of Representatives for six years. In 2011, he became a state senator. In 2017, he was lieutenant governor under former Gov. Eric Greitens (R).

15
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

27
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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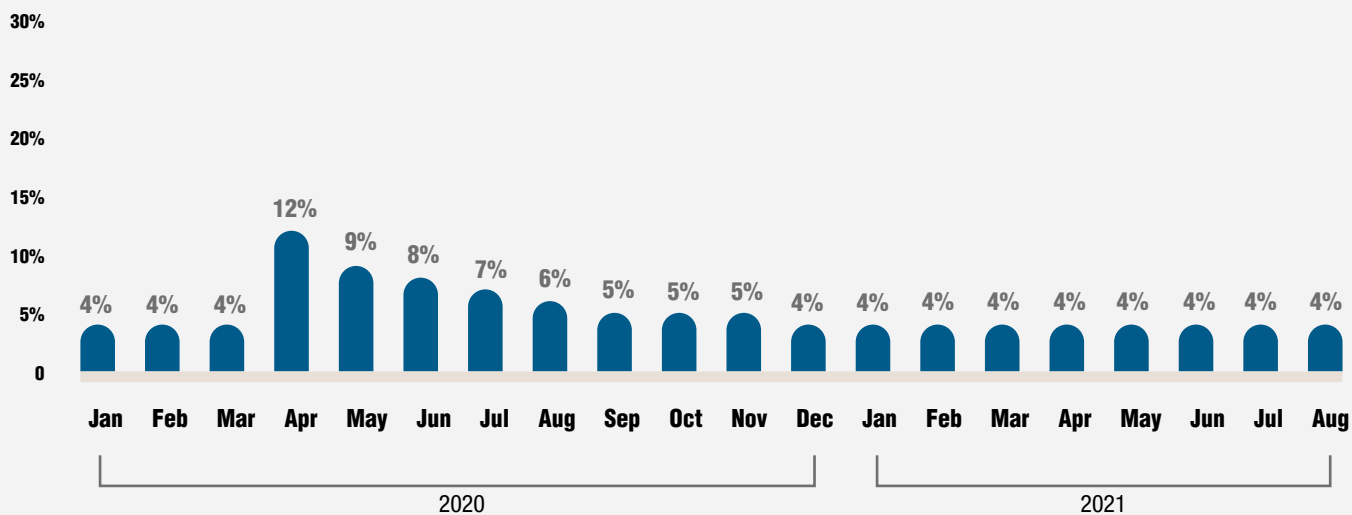

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

10%

9%

8%

7%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	15
UNION CONTROL	17
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	22

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	27
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	26
EDUCATION QUALITY	41
GSP GROWTH	13
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	17

FISCAL POLICY RANK	2
DEBT	9
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	4
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	4
SPENDING PER CAPITA	7
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	7

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
4%	4%	4%	13%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

2020 — 2021

Greg Gianforte

Montana

Inauguration: Jan 2021
Next Election: 2024

★★★☆☆

Governor

Republican

20

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Steve Bullock	2013-2021
■	Brian Schweitzer	2005-2013
■	Judy Martz	2001-2005
■	Marc Racicot	1993-2001

SENATE

■ Democrat 18 ■ Republican 31 ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 33 ■ Republican 67 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR GREG GIANFORTE

Greg Gianforte (R) is the 25th governor of Montana, serving since 2021. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology.

Before entering politics, Gianforte worked as an engineer and business owner. He and his wife, Susan, founded RightNow Technologies, a customer relationship management software company, in 1997. He also worked on job development in Montana through the Better Montana Jobs project and a scholarship program for low-income students and veterans to receive training and work in the state.

Gianforte first entered politics by running in the 2017 special election for Montana's at-large district in the U.S. House of Representatives, vacated by then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Gianforte held that seat until 2021.

22

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

7

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

32

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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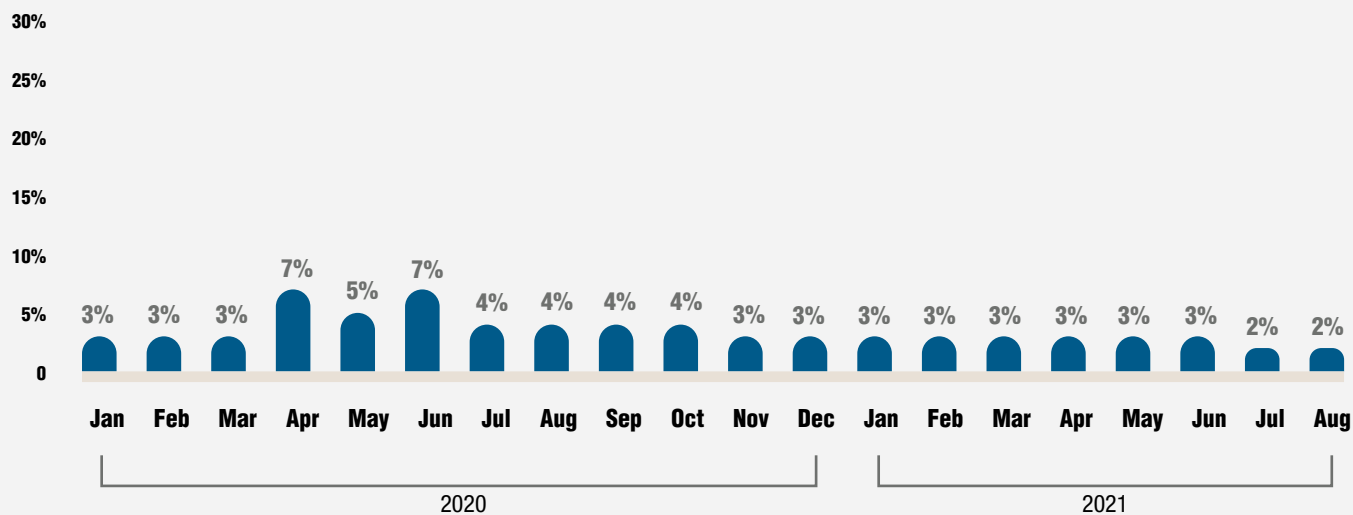
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration (2021)

17%
16%
15%
14%
13%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	22
UNION CONTROL	34
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	N/A

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	7
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	N/A
EDUCATION QUALITY	N/A
GSP GROWTH	7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	1

FISCAL POLICY RANK	32
DEBT	N/A
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	33
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	28
SPENDING PER CAPITA	21
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	39

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	4%	4%	4%	12%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

2020   2021

NE

Legislative Majority
Nonpartisan

Governor
Republican

Pete Ricketts
Nebraska
Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

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11
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

🟥 **Dave Heineman**	**2005-2015**
🟥 **Mike Johanns**	**1999-2005**
🟦 **Ben Nelson**	**1991-1999**
🟥 **Kay A. Orr**	**1987-1991**

UNICAMERAL

100% Other

🟦 Democrat 0   🟥 Republican 0   🟫 Other 49

ABOUT GOVERNOR PETE RICKETTS

Pete Ricketts (R) is Nebraska's 40th governor, serving since 2015. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and an M.B.A. in marketing and finance from the University of Chicago.

After graduating, Ricketts returned to his hometown of Omaha to work for his father's company, which later became known as Ameritrade. He held the following positions throughout his career: senior vice president of strategy and business development, senior vice president of marketing, and chief operating officer.

Before he was elected governor, Ricketts worked to support Nebraska entrepreneurs and startup companies. He is the founder of Drakon, L.L.C., an organization that supports local entrepreneurs. He was a board member at TD Ameritrade.

24
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

8
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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12
FISCAL POLICY RANK

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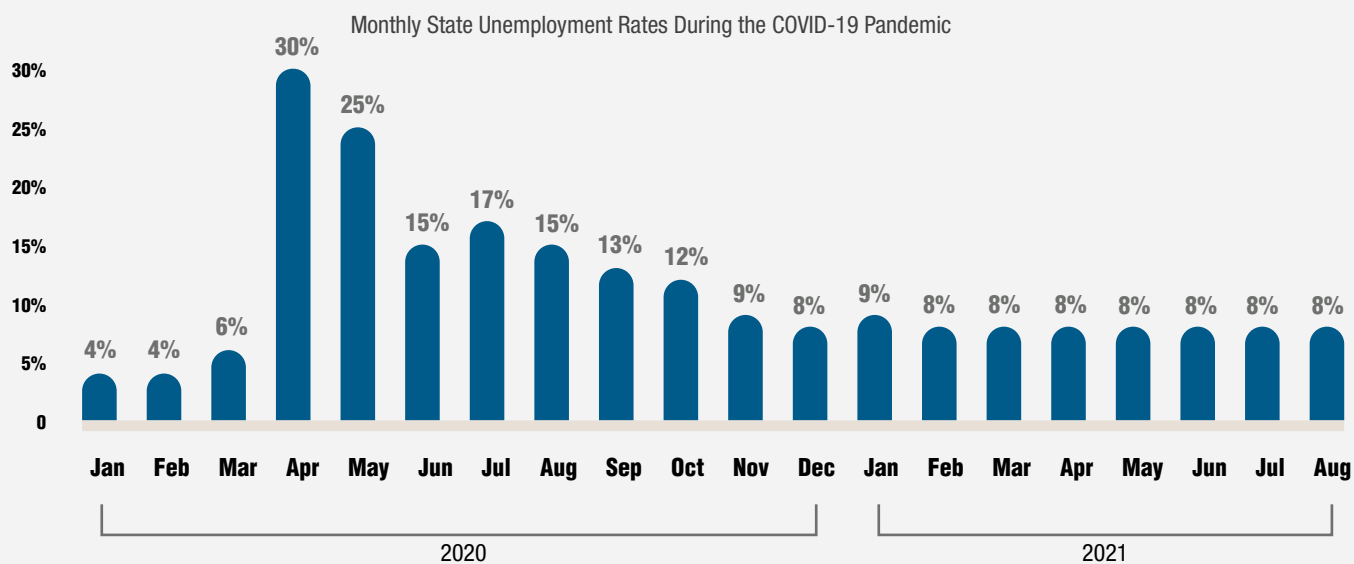

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

11%
10%
9%
8%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	24
UNION CONTROL	44
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	6

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	8
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	30
EDUCATION QUALITY	7
GSP GROWTH	28
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4

FISCAL POLICY RANK	12
DEBT	1
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	11
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	24
SPENDING PER CAPITA	17
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	15

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	3%	3%	3%	7%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%

2020   2021

NV

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

Steve Sisolak

Nevada

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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18
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Brian Sandoval	2011-2019
■	Jim Gibbons	2007-2011
■	Kenny Guinn	1999-2007
■	Bob Miller	1989-1999

SENATE

■ Democrat 12 ■ Republican 9 ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 26 ■ Republican 16 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK

Steve Sisolak (D) is the 30th governor of Nevada, serving since 2019. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and a master's degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Before his political career, Sisolak was an entrepreneur. He was a partner in American Distributing Company, a company that sells promotion items to businesses.

Sisolak was first elected in 1998 to the Nevada Board of Regents, where he served for 10 years. In 2009, he began his term on the Clark County Commission and was elected by his peers as chair in 2013.

20
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

22
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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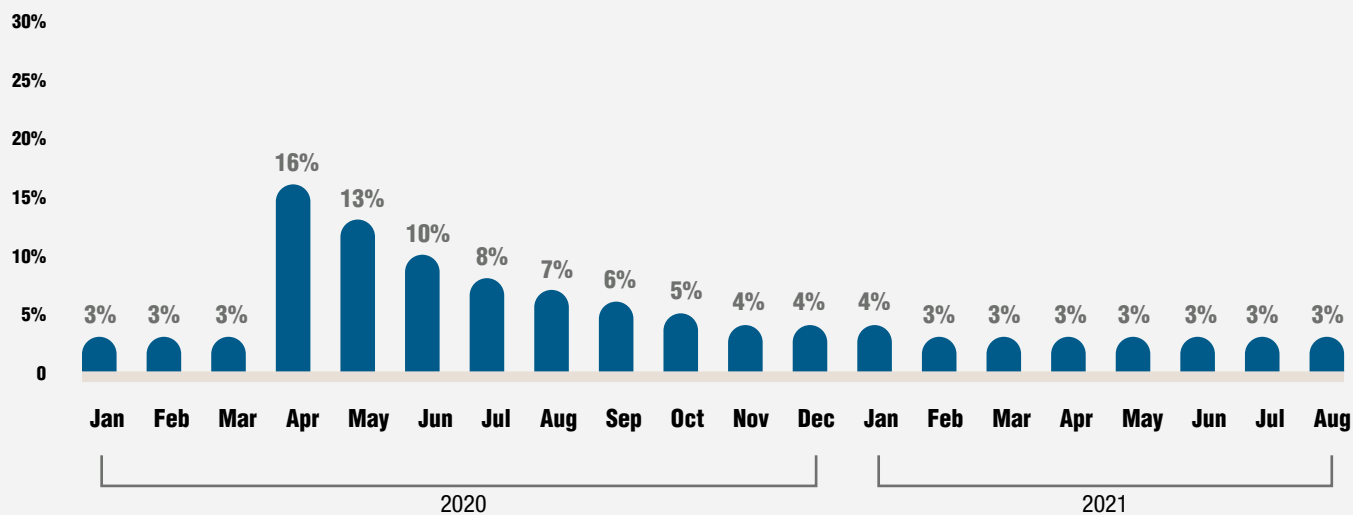

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	20
UNION CONTROL	4
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	5

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	22
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	5
EDUCATION QUALITY	27
GSP GROWTH	15
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	43

FISCAL POLICY RANK	16
DEBT	21
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	6
SPENDING PER CAPITA	6
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	38

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	4%	4%	6%	30%	25%	15%	17%	15%	13%	12%	9%	8%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%

2020   2021

NH

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Republican

Chris Sununu

New Hampshire

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2020

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7

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Maggie Hassan	2013-2017
John Lynch	2005-2013
Craig Benson	2003-2005
Jeanne Shaheen	1997-2003

SENATE

Democrat 10　　Republican 14　　Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 186　　Republican 208　　Other 6

ABOUT GOVERNOR CHRIS SUNUNU

Chris Sununu (R) is the 82nd governor of New Hampshire, serving since 2017. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before entering politics, Sununu worked for 10 years as an environmental engineer. From 2006 to 2010, he was owner and director of Sununu Enterprises, focusing on local, national, and international real estate development. He became C.E.O. of the Waterville Valley Ski Resort after leading a group of investors in a buyout.

From 2011 to 2017, Sununu was a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

11

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

6

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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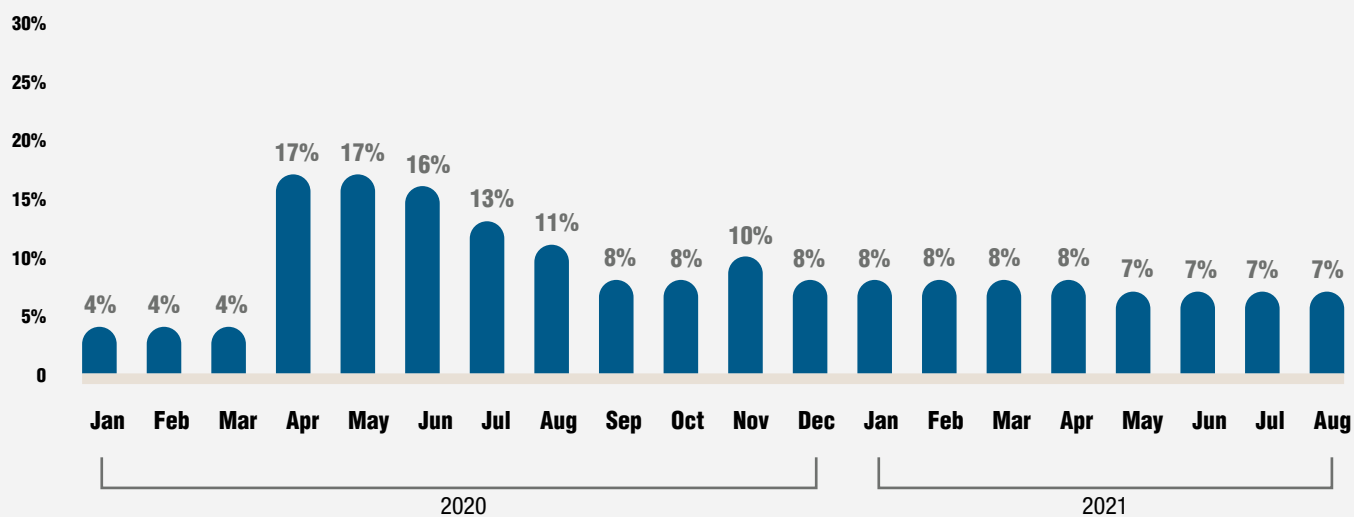
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

9%

8%

7%

6%

Inauguration

'10　'11　'12　'13　'14　'15　'16　'17　'18　'19　'20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	13
UNION CONTROL	19
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	19

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	11
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	18
EDUCATION QUALITY	18
GSP GROWTH	33
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8

FISCAL POLICY RANK	6
DEBT	30
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	20
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	2
SPENDING PER CAPITA	4
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	4

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	3%	3%	3%	16%	13%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

2020   2021

NJ

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Phil Murphy
New Jersey
Inauguration: Jan 2018
Next Election: 2021

45
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Chris Christie	**2010-2018**
Jon Corzine	**2006-2010**
Richard Codey	**2004-2006**
Jim McGreevey	**2002-2004**

SENATE

■ Democrat 25 ■ Republican 14 ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 52 ■ Republican 28 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

Phil Murphy (D) is the 56th governor of New Jersey, serving since 2018. He attended Harvard University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Murphy worked at Goldman Sachs for 23 years before retiring in 2006. He worked at international offices in Frankfurt, Germany, and Hong Kong, China. After retirement, Murphy served as finance chairman for the Democratic National Committee and United States Ambassador to Germany from 2009 to 2013 under President Barack Obama (D).

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

40
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

45
FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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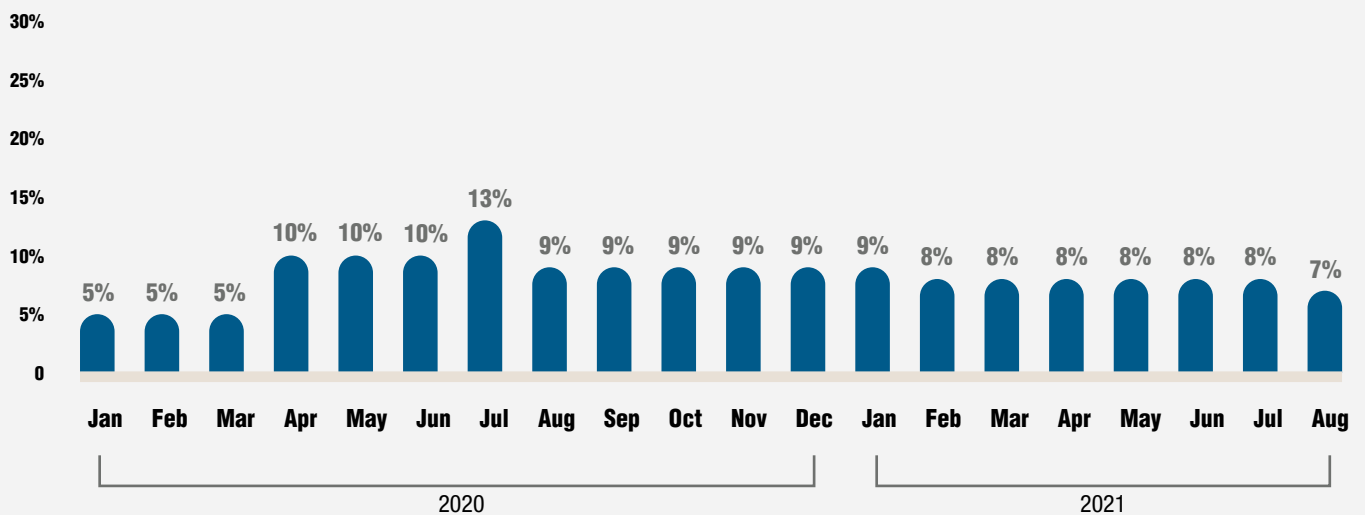
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

12%
11%
10%
9%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	43
UNION CONTROL	46
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	29

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	40
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	46
EDUCATION QUALITY	10
GSP GROWTH	38
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	40

FISCAL POLICY RANK	45
DEBT	46
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	50
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	49
SPENDING PER CAPITA	20
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	34

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	4%	4%	4%	17%	17%	16%	13%	11%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%

2020   2021

NM

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

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Michelle Lujan Grisham

New Mexico

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Susana Martinez	**2011-2019**
Bill Richardson	**2003-2011**
Gary Johnson	**1995-2003**
Bruce King	**1991-1995**

SENATE

Democrat 27   Republican 15   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 45   Republican 24   Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) is the 32nd governor of New Mexico, serving since 2019. She received a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from the University of New Mexico.

Grisham served as director of the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department under Govs. Bruce King (D), Gary Johnson (R), and Bill Richardson (D). In 2004, Richardson promoted her to Secretary of Health, a role she held until 2007. Grisham sat on the Bernalillo County Commission from 2010 to 2012.

Grisham served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2013 to 2019.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

46

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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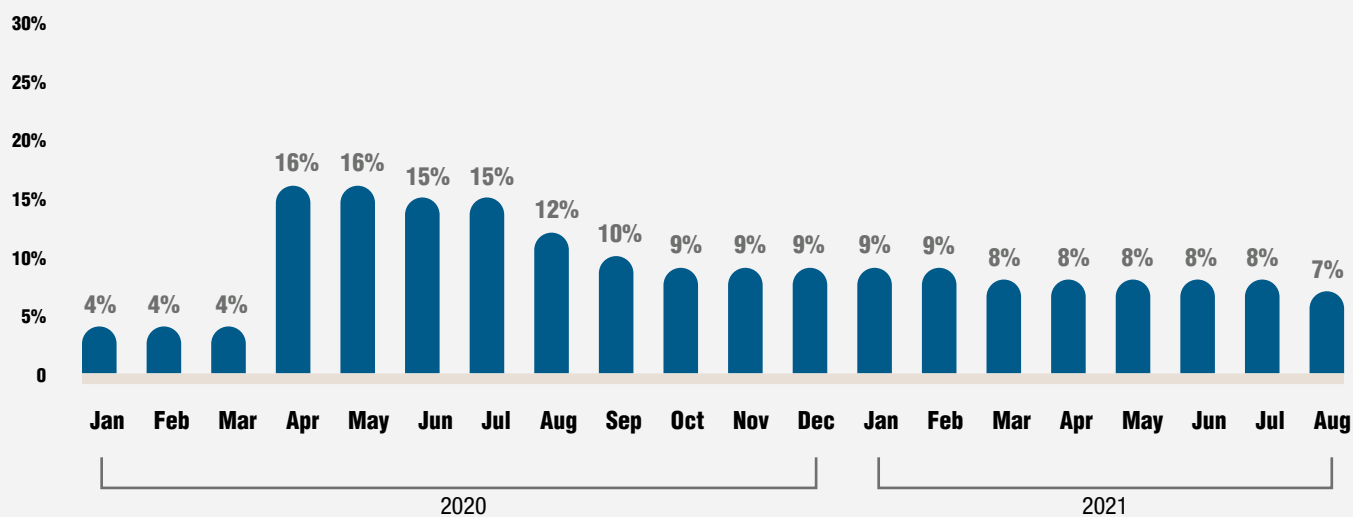

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

23%

21%

19%

17%

15%

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 49

	UNION CONTROL	39
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	49
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	49

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 46

	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	23
	EDUCATION QUALITY	41
	GSP GROWTH	37
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	50

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 48

	DEBT	40
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	24
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	42
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	42
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	49

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	10%
May	10%
Jun	10%
Jul	13%
Aug	9%
Sep	9%
Oct	9%
Nov	9%
Dec	9%
Jan (2021)	9%
Feb	8%
Mar	8%
Apr	8%
May	8%
Jun	8%
Jul	8%
Aug	7%

NY

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Democrat

Andrew Cuomo

New York

Inauguration: Jan 2011
Next Election: 2022

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46

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■ David Paterson	2008-2011
■ Eliot Spitzer	2007-2008
■ George Pataki	1995-2006
■ Mario Cuomo	1983-1995

SENATE
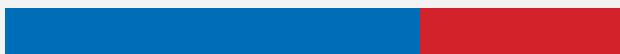
■ Democrat 43 ■ Republican 20 ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 106 ■ Republican 43 ■ Other 1

ABOUT GOVERNOR

Governor Andrew Cuomo resigned from office on August 23, 2021.

47

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

45

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

38

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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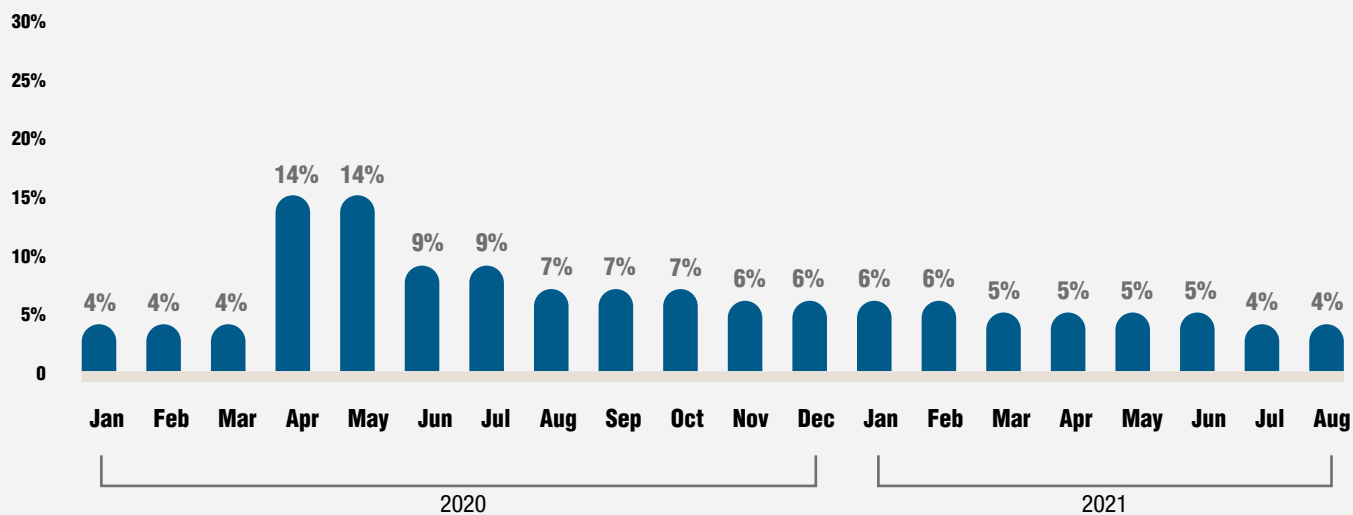

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

12%

Inauguration

11%

10%

9%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	47
UNION CONTROL	26
EDUCATION FREEDOM	35
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	47

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	45
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	48
EDUCATION QUALITY	37
GSP GROWTH	22
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	41

FISCAL POLICY RANK	38
DEBT	33
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	32
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	44
SPENDING PER CAPITA	34
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	25

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	16%
May	16%
Jun	15%
Jul	15%
Aug	12%
Sep	10%
Oct	9%
Nov	9%
Dec	9%
Jan (2021)	9%
Feb	9%
Mar	8%
Apr	8%
May	8%
Jun	8%
Jul	8%
Aug	7%

NC

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Democrat

★★★☆☆

Roy Cooper
North Carolina
Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2024

22
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Pat McCrory	2013-2017
Bev Perdue	2009-2013
Mike Easley	2001-2009
Jim Hunt	1993-2001

SENATE

Democrat 22   Republican 28   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 51   Republican 69   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

Roy Cooper (D) is the 75th governor of North Carolina, serving since 2017. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Cooper began working at his family's law practice, Fields & Cooper, as an attorney specializing in civil suits, personal injury cases, and insurance defense. He was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1986. He was later appointed to serve in the state senate and, in 1997, was elected majority leader.

Cooper then ran for attorney general in 2000 and served in that role until 2017.

28
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

16
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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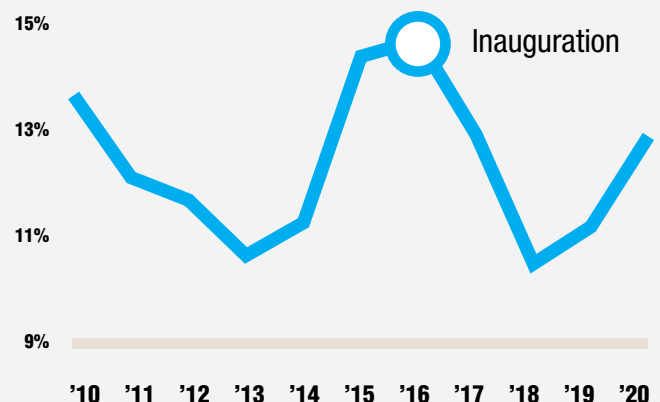
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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TOTAL STATE SPENDING

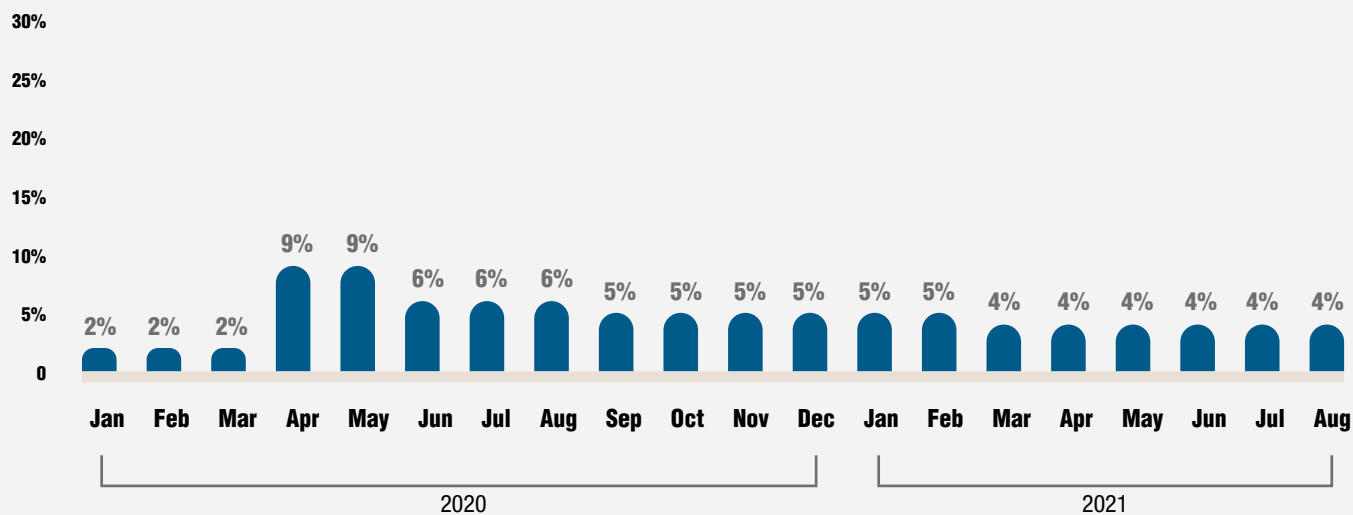Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

13%

11%

Inauguration

9%

7%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	28
UNION CONTROL	23
EDUCATION FREEDOM	29
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	16

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	16
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	7
EDUCATION QUALITY	25
GSP GROWTH	21
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	31

FISCAL POLICY RANK	20
DEBT	10
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	31
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	46
SPENDING PER CAPITA	3
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	23

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	4%	4%	4%	14%	14%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%

2020   2021

ND

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Doug Burgum
North Dakota

Inauguration: Dec 2016
Next Election: 2024

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Jack Dalrymple	2010-2016
John Hoeven	2000-2010
Ed Schafer	1992-2000
George A. Sinner	1985-1992

SENATE

Democrat 7 Republican 40 Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 14 Republican 80 Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM

Doug Burgum (R) is the 33rd governor of North Dakota, serving since 2016. He received an undergraduate degree from North Dakota State University and a Master of Business Administration from Stanford University.

Burgum worked as a consultant at McKinsey & Company from 1980 to 1983. He founded Great Plains Software in 1983, which was acquired by Microsoft in 2001. He then worked at Microsoft as a senior vice president from 2001 to 2007.

Burgum also served on several boards before being elected governor, including the Arthur Companies, Avalara, Atlassian, the Raikes School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Intelligent InSites.

6

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

19

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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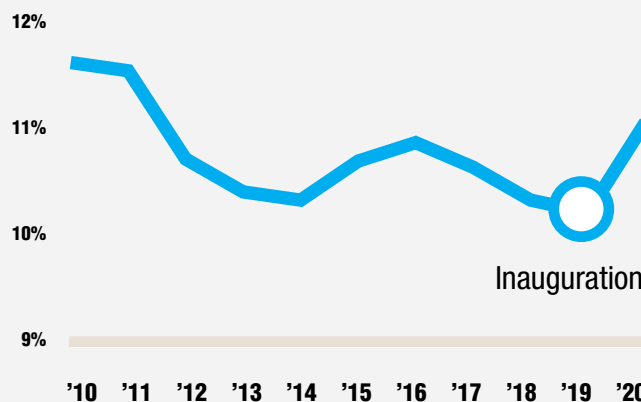
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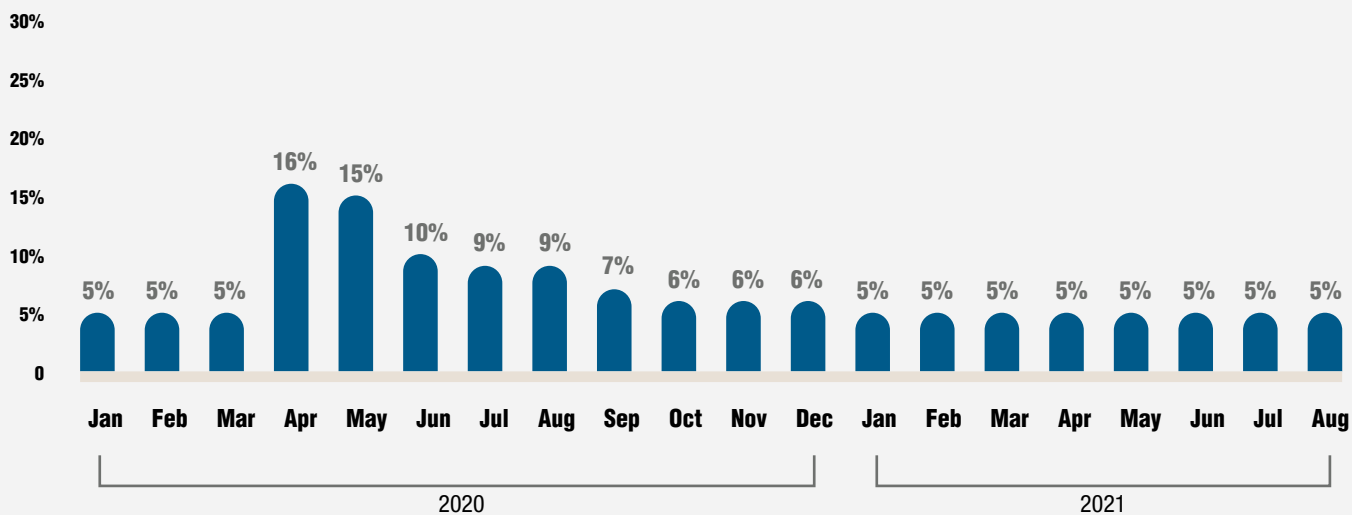

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

15%
13%
11%
9%

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	**6**
UNION CONTROL	5
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	9

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	**19**
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	33
EDUCATION QUALITY	24
GSP GROWTH	27
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	2

FISCAL POLICY RANK	**26**
DEBT	36
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	19
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	25
SPENDING PER CAPITA	41
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	22

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2%	2%	2%	9%	9%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

2020   2021
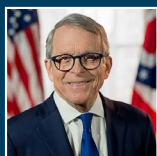
Mike DeWine

Ohio

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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32

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	John Kasich	2011-2019
■	Ted Strickland	2007-2011
■	Bob Taft	1999-2007
■	Nancy Hollister	1998-1999

SENATE

■ Democrat 8   ■ Republican 25   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 35   ■ Republican 64   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE

Mike DeWine (R) is the 70th governor of Ohio, serving since 2019. DeWine received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a J.D. from Ohio Northern University College of Law.

DeWine began his public service career in 1976 when he was elected prosecutor of Greene County. In 1980, he was elected to the Ohio State Senate and served one two-year term. Following that, he represented Ohio's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for eight years.

DeWine first held statewide office in 1991 when he became lieutenant governor for one term. He then served in the U.S. Senate from 1995 to 2007. DeWine served as Ohio Attorney General from 2011 to 2019.

34

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

35

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
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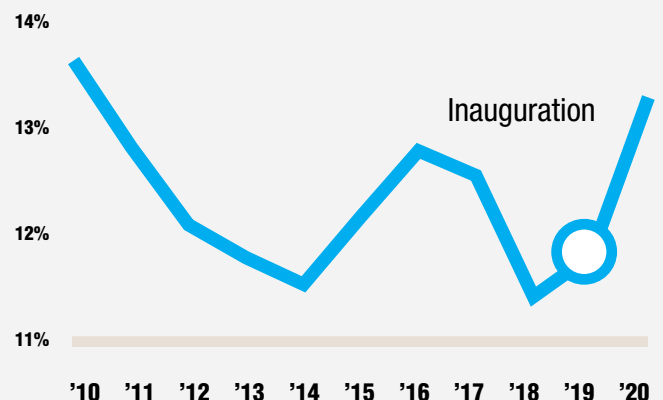
22

FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

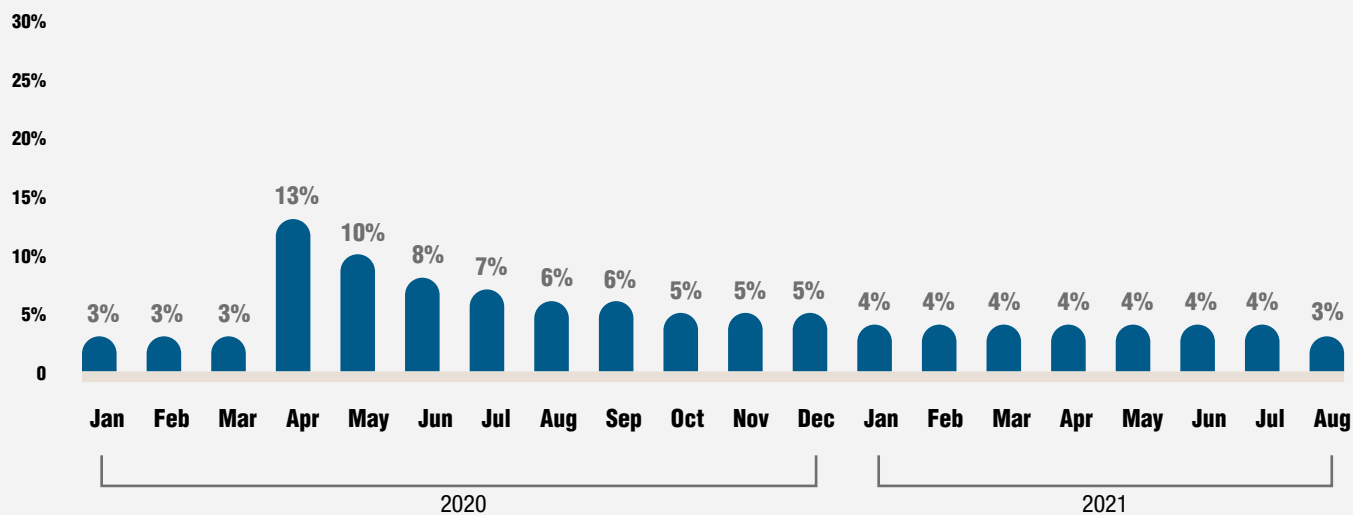Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	34
UNION CONTROL	32
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	41

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	35
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	34
EDUCATION QUALITY	17
GSP GROWTH	39
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	34

FISCAL POLICY RANK	22
DEBT	22
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	4
SPENDING PER CAPITA	25
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	41

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	2020												2021							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	5%	5%	5%	16%	15%	10%	9%	9%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

OK

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Republican

Kevin Stitt
Oklahoma
Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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16

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Mary Fallin	2011-2019
■	Brad Henry	2003-2011
■	Frank Keating	1995-2003
■	David Walters	1991-1995

SENATE

■ Democrat 9   ■ Republican 39   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 19   ■ Republican 82   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR KEVIN STITT

Kevin Stitt (R) is the 28th governor of Oklahoma, serving since 2019. He is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and the second Native American to be elected as governor in the United States. He received an undergraduate degree in accounting from Oklahoma State University. During his college career, he was a door-to-door salesperson for Southwestern Advantage.

Stitt began his business career in financial services. In 2000, he founded Gateway and was president and C.E.O. until 2014. In August 2018, he stepped down and remained chairman until shortly before his inauguration.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

32

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
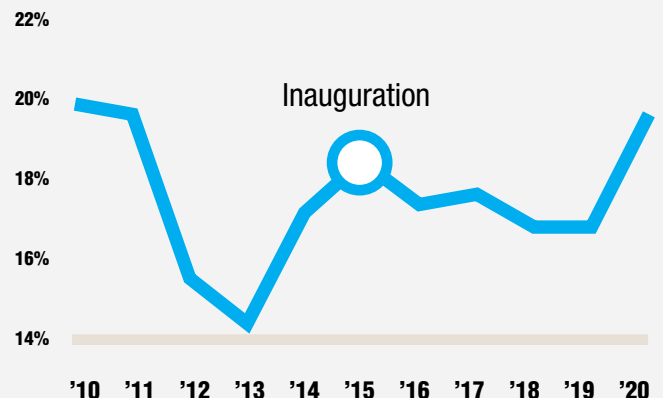A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%

13%

12%

11%

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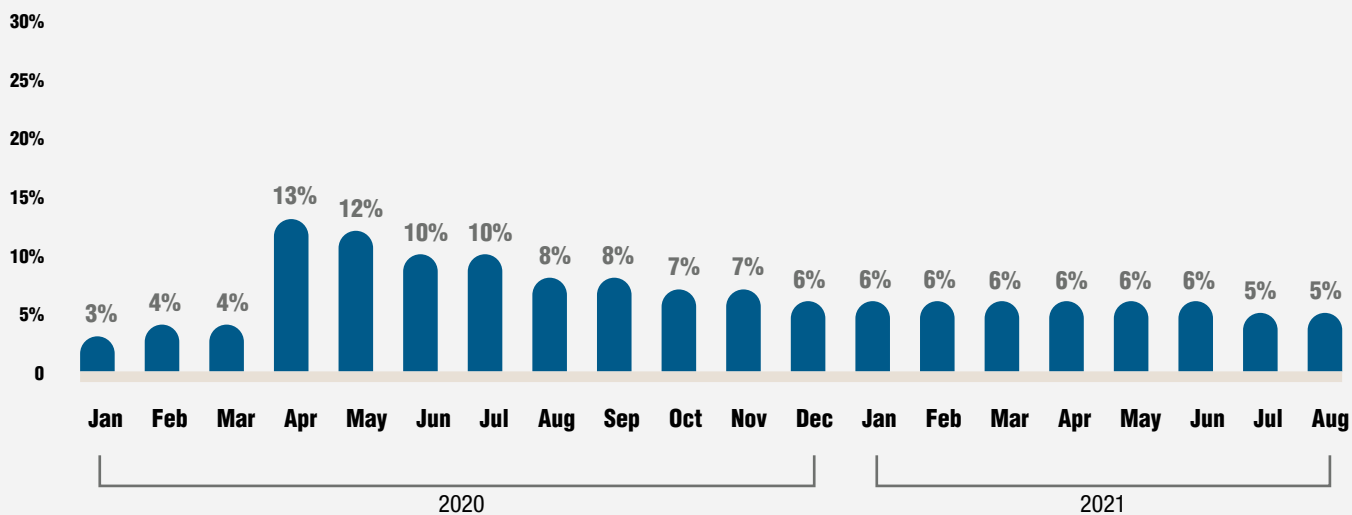| EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	**3**
UNION CONTROL	11
EDUCATION FREEDOM	7
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	10

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	**32**
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	16
EDUCATION QUALITY	36
GSP GROWTH	49
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	13

FISCAL POLICY RANK	**18**
DEBT	27
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	25
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	20
SPENDING PER CAPITA	18
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	30

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	3%	3%	3%	13%	10%	8%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%

2020   2021

OR

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Kate Brown
Oregon
Inauguration: Feb 2015
Next Election: 2022

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Governor

Democrat

40

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

John Kitzhaber	2011-2015
Ted Kulongoski	2003-2011
John Kitzhaber	1995-2003
Barbara Roberts	1991-1995

SENATE
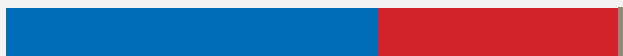
■ Democrat 18 ■ Republican 11 ■ Other 1

HOUSE
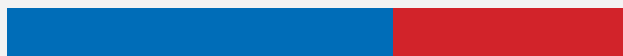
■ Democrat 37 ■ Republican 23 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

Kate Brown (D) is the 38th governor of Oregon, serving since 2015. She received a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Colorado and a law degree and certificate in environmental law from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.

After graduating, Brown practiced juvenile and family law while teaching at Portland State University. She was appointed to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1991. In 1996, she was elected to the Oregon Senate and became majority leader in 2003.

She became Oregon secretary of state in 2009, a position she held until becoming governor. She was the first openly LGBT person elected governor of a state and the second female governor of Oregon.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
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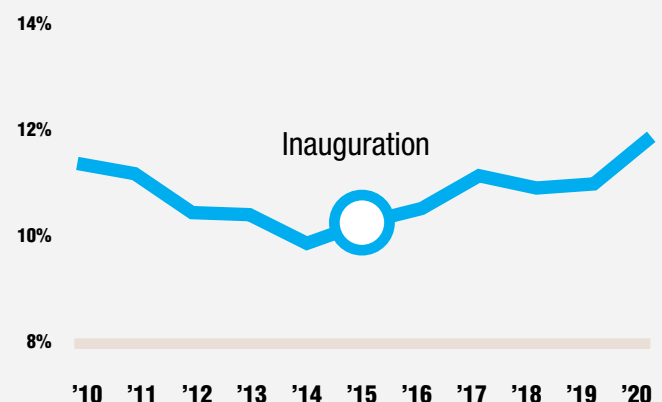
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

22%
20%
18%
16%
14%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	46
UNION CONTROL	44
EDUCATION FREEDOM	48
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	34

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	17
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	8
EDUCATION QUALITY	35
GSP GROWTH	9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	33

FISCAL POLICY RANK	50
DEBT	43
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	37
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	45
SPENDING PER CAPITA	48
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	45

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	13%
May	12%
Jun	10%
Jul	10%
Aug	8%
Sep	8%
Oct	7%
Nov	7%
Dec	6%
Jan (2021)	6%
Feb	6%
Mar	6%
Apr	6%
May	6%
Jun	6%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

PA

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor

Democrat

Tom Wolf

Pennsylvania

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

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43

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Tom Corbett	2011-2015
■	Ed Rendell	2003-2011
■	Mark Schweiker	2001-2003
■	Tom Ridge	1995-2001

SENATE

■ Democrat 21   ■ Republican 28   ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 90   ■ Republican 113   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR TOM WOLF

Tom Wolf (D) is the 47th governor of Pennsylvania, serving since 2015. He received an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, a master's degree from the University of London, and a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at Dartmouth, he joined the Peace Corps and served in India for two years.

Wolf had an ownership stake in his family's building product distribution business, the Wolf Organization. In 2007, Gov. Ed Rendell (D) appointed him to serve as Pennsylvania secretary of revenue, a position he held for just over a year. Following that, he remained executive of the Wolf Organization until his resignation in 2013 to run for governor.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

42

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

Fiscal Policy Rank
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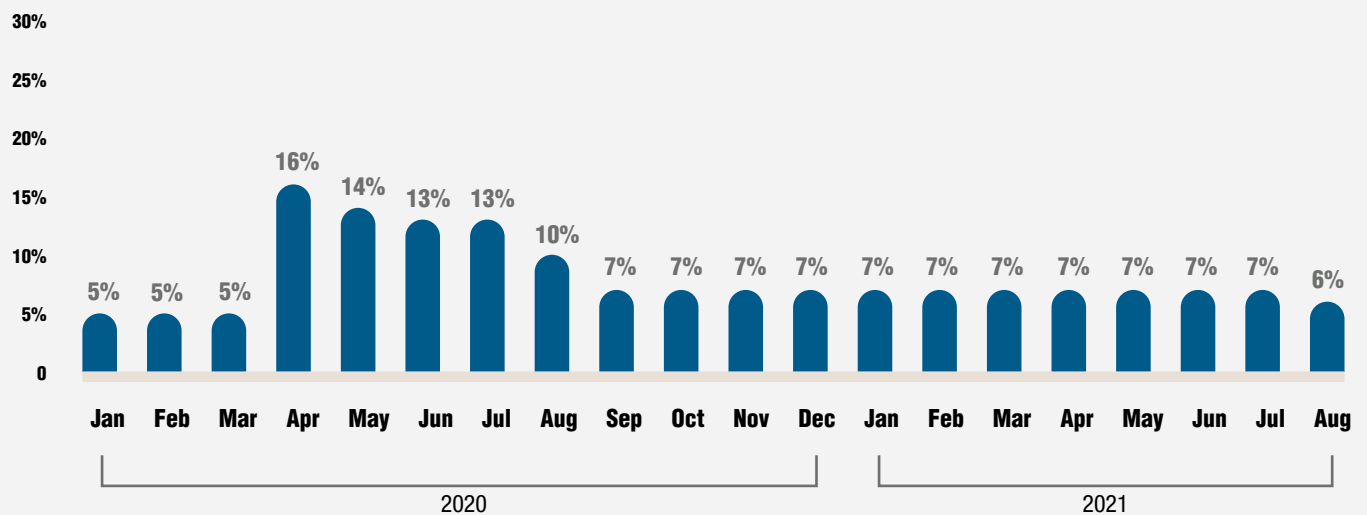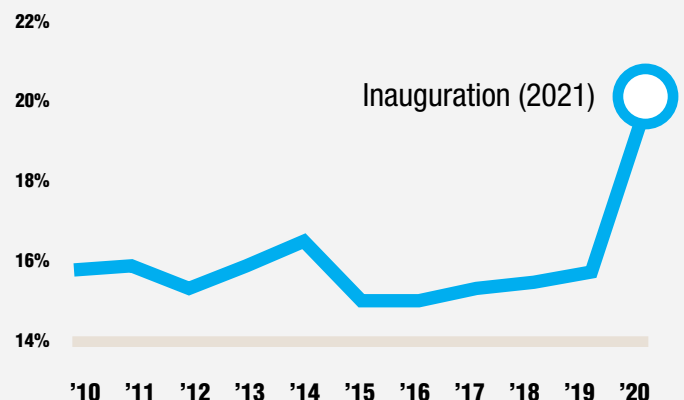
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%

12%

10%

8%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	40
UNION CONTROL	35
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	36

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	42
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	39
EDUCATION QUALITY	12
GSP GROWTH	43
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	44

FISCAL POLICY RANK	43
DEBT	45
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	46
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	36
SPENDING PER CAPITA	26
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	40

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	16%
May	14%
Jun	13%
Jul	13%
Aug	10%
Sep	7%
Oct	7%
Nov	7%
Dec	7%
Jan (2021)	7%
Feb	7%
Mar	7%
Apr	7%
May	7%
Jun	7%
Jul	7%
Aug	6%

RI

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Democrat

★★★★★

Daniel McKee

Rhode Island

Inauguration: Mar 2021
Next Election: 2022

49

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Gina Raimondo	2015-2021
Lincoln Chafee	2011-2015
Don Carcieri	2003-2011
Lincoln Almond	1995-2003

SENATE
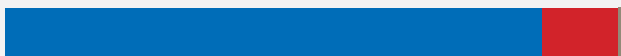
■ Democrat 32   ■ Republican 5   ■ Other 1

HOUSE
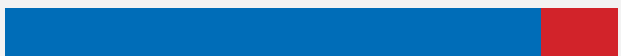
■ Democrat 66   ■ Republican 10   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR DANIEL MCKEE

Dan McKee (D) is the 76th governor of Rhode Island, serving since 2021. He received a bachelor's degree in political science and education from Assumption College and an M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School.

McKee was active with his family's small businesses. He was an officer of McKee Brothers, a heating, air conditioning, and home heating oil delivery business. McKee also owned a health company for over 30 years.

McKee entered public service when he first became mayor of Cumberland, Rhode Island, in 2001. He served for four years, then returned in 2007 for another eight years. He became lieutenant governor under Gov. Gina Raimondo (D) in 2015 and assumed office as governor when Raimondo became U.S. Secretary of Commerce in 2021.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

41

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

49

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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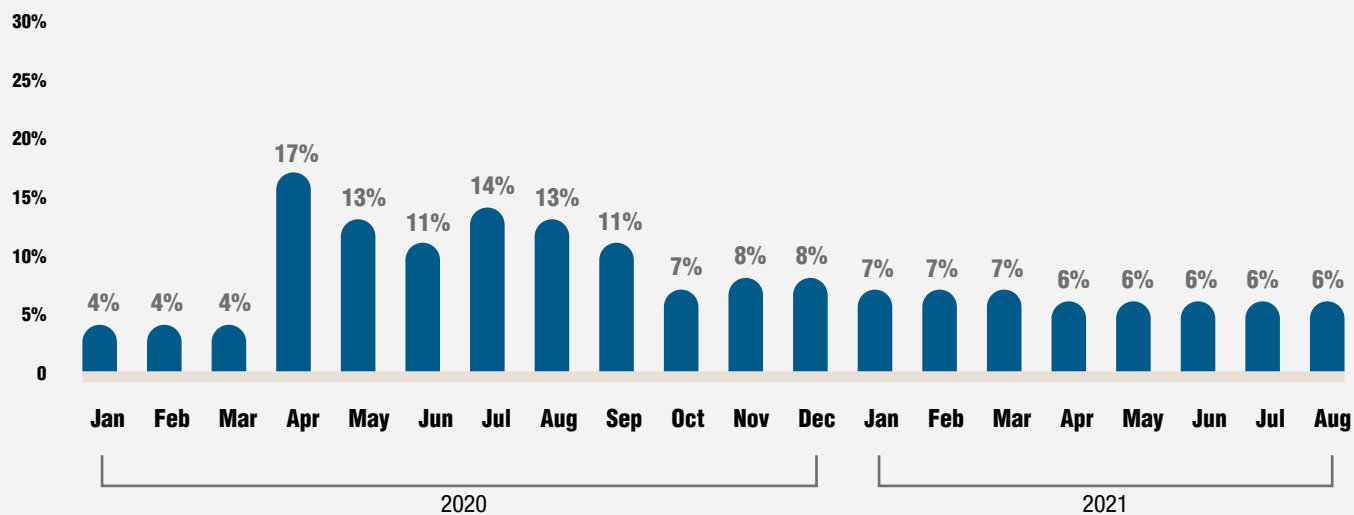

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration (2021)

22%
20%
18%
16%
14%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK		50
	UNION CONTROL	47
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	46

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK		41
	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	29
	EDUCATION QUALITY	26
	GSP GROWTH	44
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	38

FISCAL POLICY RANK		49
	DEBT	41
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	34
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	35
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	46
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	44

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	4%	4%	4%	17%	13%	11%	14%	13%	11%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%

2020   2021

SC

Legislative Majority
Republican
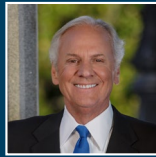
Governor
Republican

Henry McMaster
South Carolina

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2022

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15
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Nikki Haley	2011-2017
■	Mark Sanford	2003-2011
■	Jim Hodges	1999-2003
■	David Beasley	1995-1999

SENATE

■ Democrat 16   ■ Republican 30   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 43   ■ Republican 81   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER

Henry McMaster (R) is the 117th governor of South Carolina, serving since 2017. He received a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of South Carolina and a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He also served in the United States Army Reserves.

McMaster worked as a legislative assistant to Sen. Strom Thurmond (R) and as an attorney in private practice. He was appointed as a U.S. attorney in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan (R). He was first elected attorney general of South Carolina in 2002 and served two terms. He then worked on the South Carolina Ports Authority before being elected lieutenant governor of South Carolina in 2014.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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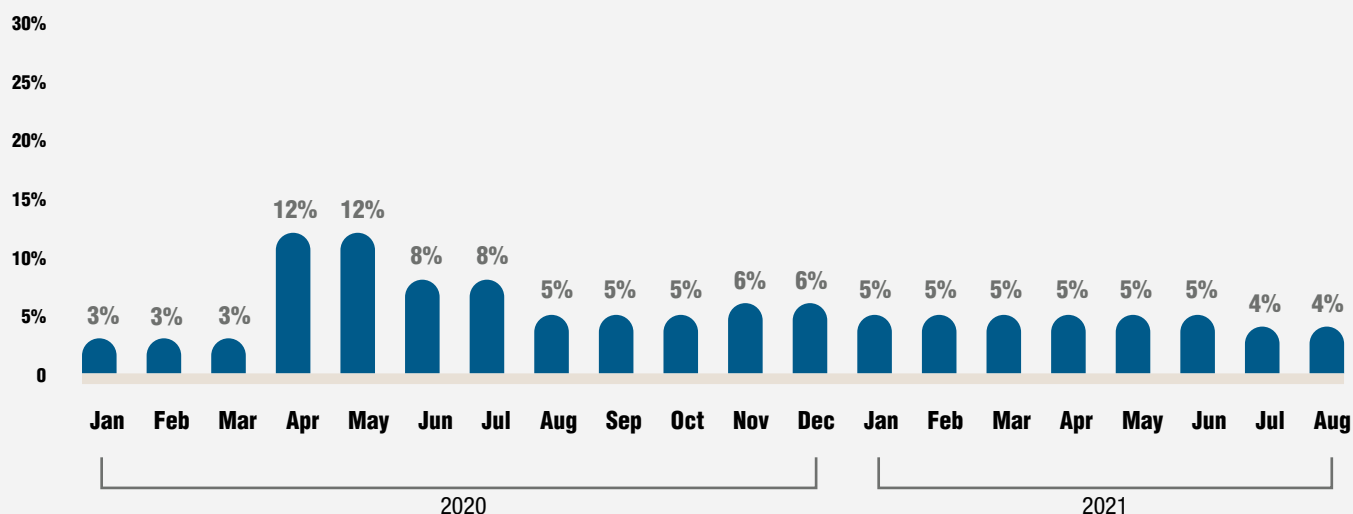

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

14%
13%
12%
11%
10%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 19

UNION CONTROL		30
EDUCATION FREEDOM		7
WELFARE DEPENDENCY		17

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 15

INTERSTATE MIGRATION		4
EDUCATION QUALITY		41
GSP GROWTH		19
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		18

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 19

DEBT		37
CORPORATE INCOME TAX		22
PERSONAL INCOME TAX		39
SPENDING PER CAPITA		8
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		12

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	12%
May	12%
Jun	8%
Jul	8%
Aug	5%
Sep	5%
Oct	5%
Nov	6%
Dec	6%
Jan	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

2020   2021

SD

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Kristi Noem
South Dakota

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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1

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Dennis Daugaard	2011-2019
■	Mike Rounds	2003-2011
■	Bill Janklow	1995-2003
■	Walter Miller	1993-1995

SENATE

■ Democrat 3   ■ Republican 32   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 8   ■ Republican 62   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM

Kristi Noem (R) is the 33rd governor of South Dakota, serving since 2019. She attended Northern State University and left school to run the family farm after her father died. Noem later took classes at Mount Mary College and South Dakota State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts.

In 2006, Noem was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives, where she served for four years. During her last year, she was assistant majority leader. In 2010, she was elected to represent South Dakota's at-large congressional district and held that position until she became governor.

2

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

3

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst):
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3

FISCAL POLICY RANK

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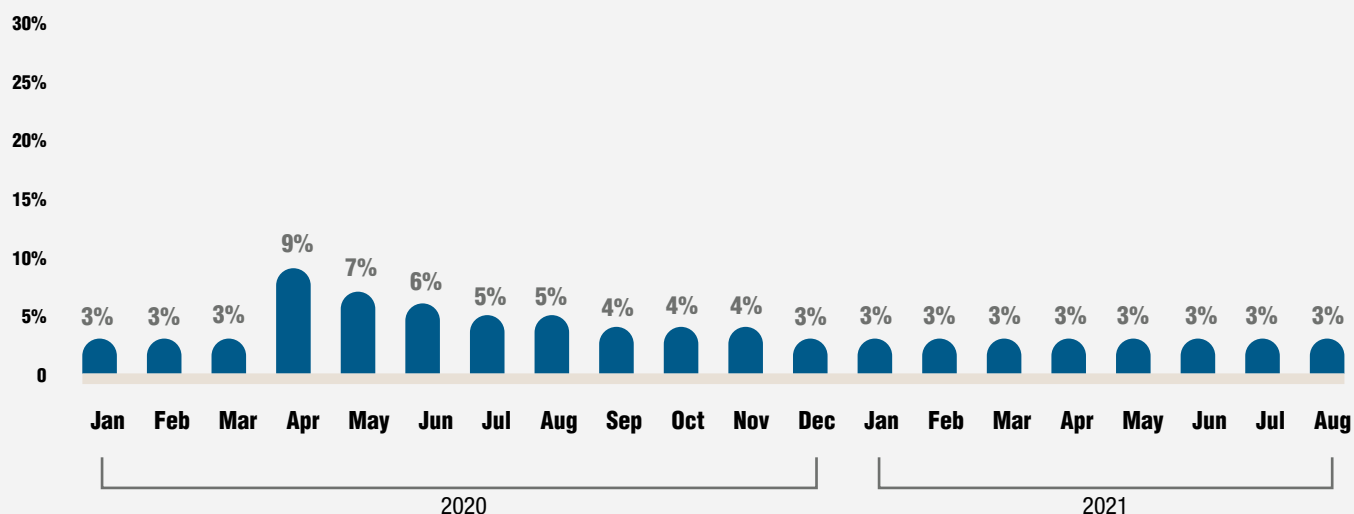A measure of policy stances and decisions regarding five key areas (equal-weighted average).

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

11%
10%
9%
8%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	2
UNION CONTROL	6
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	1

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	3
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	21
EDUCATION QUALITY	5
GSP GROWTH	4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5

FISCAL POLICY RANK	3
DEBT	6
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	6
SPENDING PER CAPITA	15
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	16

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	3%	3%	3%	9%	7%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

2020 | 2021

TN

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Bill Lee
Tennessee

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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6
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Bill Haslam	**2011-2019**
Phil Bredesen	**2003-2011**
Don Sundquist	**1995-2003**
Ned McWherter	**1987-1995**

SENATE

Democrat 6   Republican 27   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 26   Republican 73   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR BILL LEE

Bill Lee (R) is the 50th governor of Tennessee, serving since 2019. He received an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University.

After graduation, he began working at the Lee Company, a mechanical contracting and home services company founded by his grandfather. In 1992, Lee became president of the Lee Company, a position he held until 2016. Before his election as governor, Lee acted as a representative for the 7th Congressional District to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and as a member of the Board of Trustees at Belmont University.

Lee also served as president of Tennesseans for Economic Growth, chairman of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, and a board member of Men of Valor Prison Ministry, a re-entry organization for ex-offenders.

3
EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

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17
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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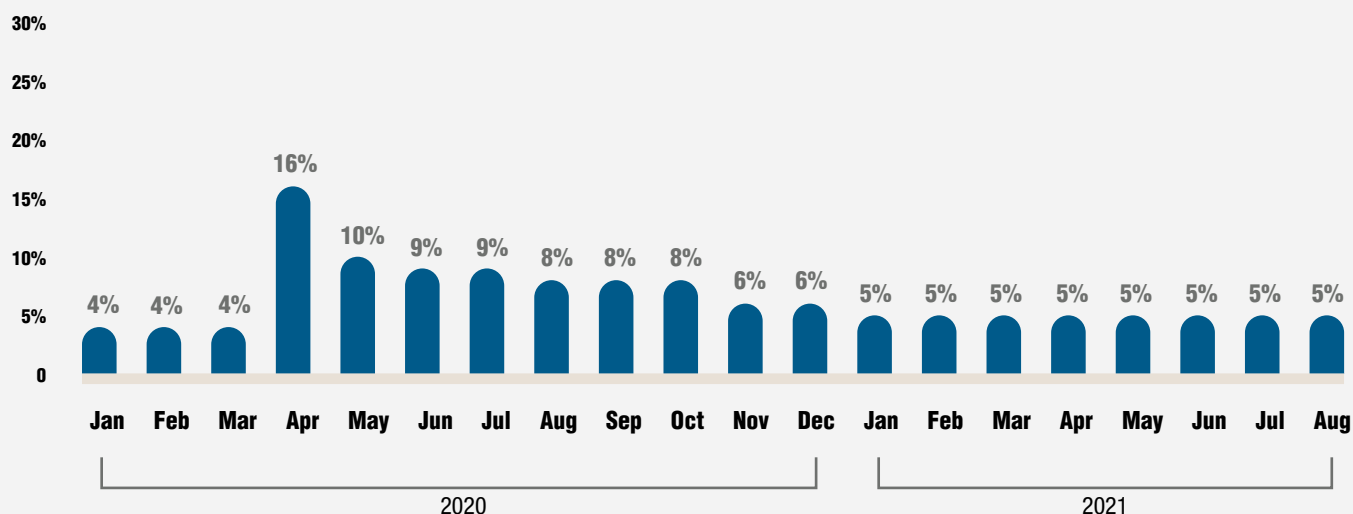

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 3

UNION CONTROL		7
EDUCATION FREEDOM		7
WELFARE DEPENDENCY		11

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 17

INTERSTATE MIGRATION		9
EDUCATION QUALITY		21
GSP GROWTH		29
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		27

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 5

DEBT		2
CORPORATE INCOME TAX		29
PERSONAL INCOME TAX		11
SPENDING PER CAPITA		12
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		9

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	16%
May	10%
Jun	9%
Jul	9%
Aug	8%
Sep	8%
Oct	8%
Nov	6%
Dec	6%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

TX

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Greg Abbott

Texas

Inauguration: Jan 2015
Next Election: 2022

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10

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Rick Perry	2000-2015
George W. Bush	1995-2000
Ann Richards	1991-1995
Bill Clements	1987-1991

SENATE

Democrat 13   Republican 18   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 66   Republican 83   Other 2

ABOUT GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Greg Abbott (R) is the 48th governor of Texas, serving since 2015. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University.

Following law school, Abbott went into private practice from 1984 to 1992. His judicial career began when he served as a state trial judge in Houston for three years. Then-Gov. George Bush (R) appointed Abbott to the Texas Supreme Court, where he was twice elected in 1996 and 1998. He resigned in 2001 to return to private practice.

In 2002, he was elected as attorney general of Texas, where he served until becoming governor. From 2019 to 2020, he chaired the Republican Governors Association.

5

EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

27

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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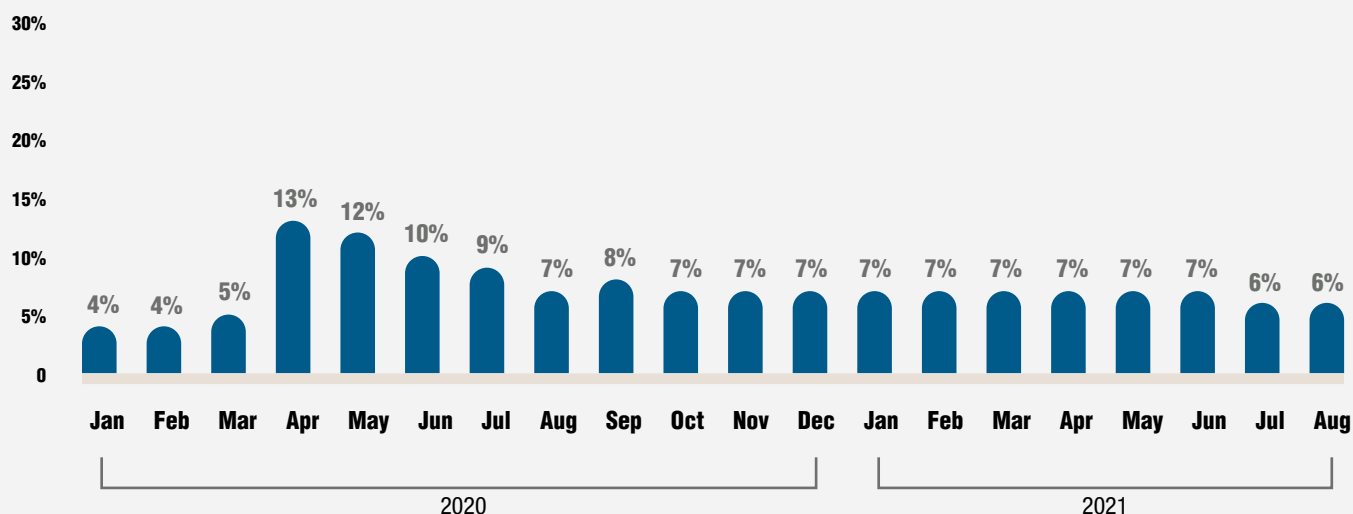

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	5
UNION CONTROL	8
EDUCATION FREEDOM	1
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	6

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	27
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	3
EDUCATION QUALITY	40
GSP GROWTH	35
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	21

FISCAL POLICY RANK	10
DEBT	23
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	12
SPENDING PER CAPITA	1
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	28

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	5%
Apr	13%
May	12%
Jun	10%
Jul	9%
Aug	7%
Sep	8%
Oct	7%
Nov	7%
Dec	7%
Jan	7%
Feb	7%
Mar	7%
Apr	7%
May	7%
Jun	7%
Jul	6%
Aug	6%

2020   2021

UT

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Spencer Cox

Utah

Inauguration: Jan 2021
Next Election: 2024

★★★★★

2

OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Gary Herbert	2009-2021
Jon Huntsman Jr.	2005-2009
Olene Walker	2003-2005
Mike Leavitt	1993-2003

SENATE

■ Democrat 6 ■ Republican 23 ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 17 ■ Republican 58 ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR SPENCER COX

Spencer Cox (R) is the 18th governor of Utah, serving since 2021. After graduating with an associate degree, he received a bachelor's degree from Utah State University. Cox later received his Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Cox clerked for Judge Ted Stewart of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. He also worked in private practice in Salt Lake City. Cox then served as the vice president and general counsel of CentraCom Interactive from 2003 to 2013.

Cox entered politics as councilor of Fairview, Utah, in 2004. He became mayor the following year. In 2008, he was elected Sanpete County Commissioner. Cox served in the Utah House of Representatives in 2013 before being appointed as lieutenant governor.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

2

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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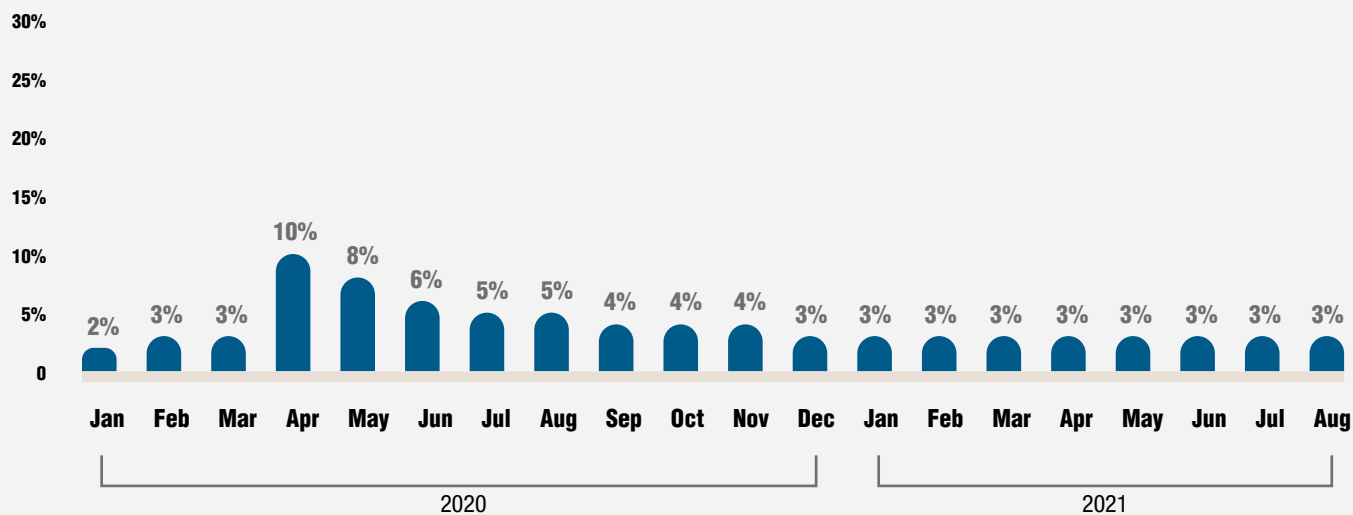

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration (2021)

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	1
UNION CONTROL	19
EDUCATION FREEDOM	7
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	2

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	2
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	13
EDUCATION QUALITY	4
GSP GROWTH	3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6

FISCAL POLICY RANK	7
DEBT	4
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	10
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	22
SPENDING PER CAPITA	13
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	26

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	2%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	10%
May	8%
Jun	6%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%
Sep	4%
Oct	4%
Nov	4%
Dec	3%
Jan (2021)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	3%
May	3%
Jun	3%
Jul	3%
Aug	3%

VT

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Republican

Phil Scott
Vermont

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Peter Shumlin	2011-2017
Jim Douglas	2003-2011
Howard Dean	1991-2003
Richard A. Snelling	1991-1991

SENATE

Democrat 21　　Republican 7　　Other 2

HOUSE

Democrat 92　　Republican 46　　Other 12

ABOUT GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT

Phil Scott (R) is the 82nd governor of Vermont, serving since 2017. He received a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the University of Vermont.

Before being elected governor, Scott was co-owner of DuBois Construction. In 2005, he founded a program called Wheels for Warmth, in which proceeds from donated tires are used to fund heating fuel assistance programs.

In 2000, Scott was elected to the Vermont Senate and was re-elected four times. Following this, he served as lieutenant governor from 2011 to 2017.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
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A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
(1=best, 50=worst):
A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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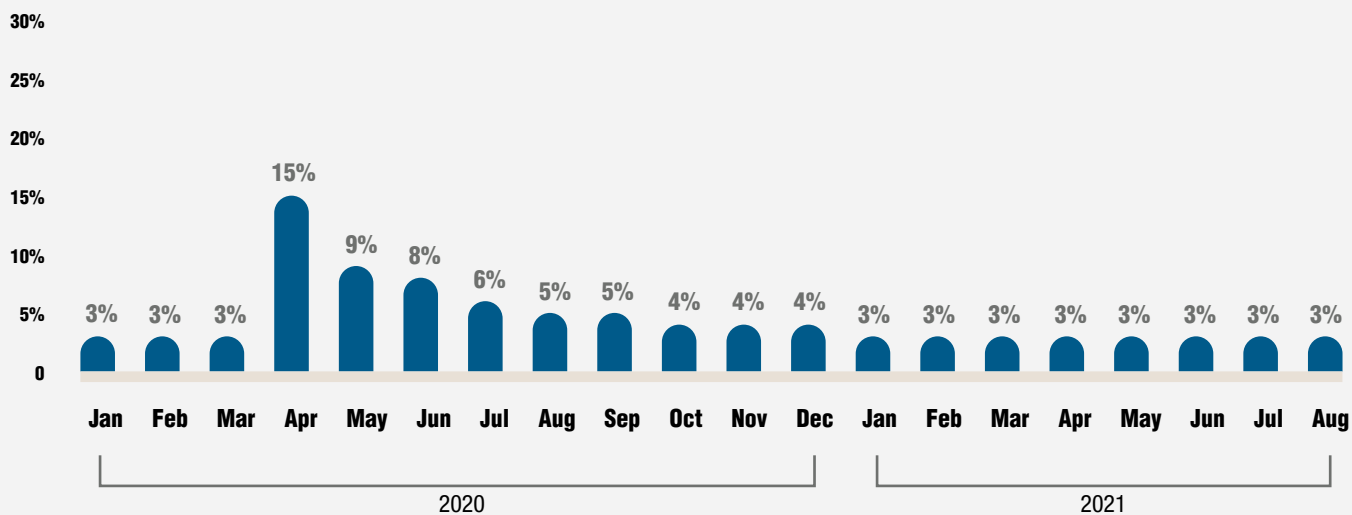
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

19%

18%

17%

16%

Inauguration

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	30
UNION CONTROL	24
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	48

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	30
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	25
EDUCATION QUALITY	29
GSP GROWTH	45
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3

FISCAL POLICY RANK	39
DEBT	39
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	41
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	31
SPENDING PER CAPITA	45
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	32

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan 2020	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	15%
May	9%
Jun	8%
Jul	6%
Aug	5%
Sep	5%
Oct	4%
Nov	4%
Dec	4%
Jan 2021	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	3%
May	3%
Jun	3%
Jul	3%
Aug	3%

VA

Legislative Majority
Democrat

Governor
Democrat

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Ralph Northam

Virginia

Inauguration: Jan 2018
Next Election: 2021

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Terry McAuliffe	**2014-2018**
Bob McDonnell	**2010-2014**
Tim Kaine	**2006-2010**
Mark Warner	**2002-2006**

SENATE

Democrat 21   Republican 19   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 55   Republican 45   Other 0
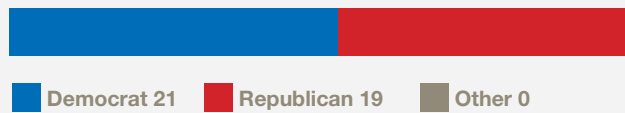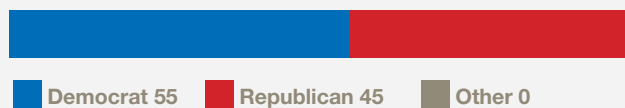
ABOUT GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM

Ralph Northam (D) is the 73rd governor of Virginia, serving since 2018. He received an undergraduate degree from the Virginia Military Institute and a medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School. Northam began his career with the United States Army as a medical officer.

Northam returned to Virginia after his military service. He practiced pediatric neurology in Norfolk before founding Children's Specialty Group, a pediatric private practice. During this time, Northam also taught neurology as an assistant professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Northam entered politics when he became a member of the Virginia State Senate from 2008 to 2014. He served as lieutenant governor from 2014 to 2018 under Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D).

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
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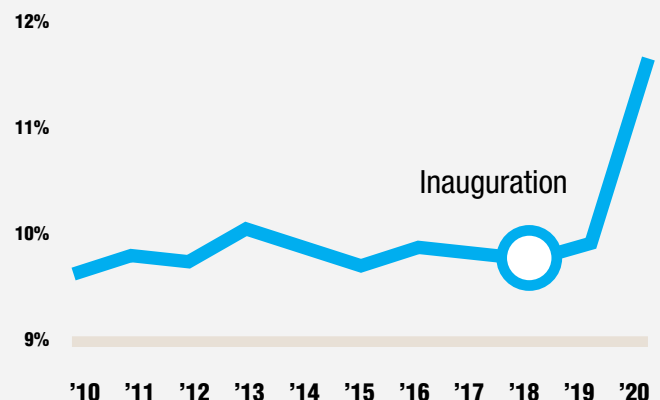A measure of the state's economic outcomes based on four key areas (equal-weighted average).

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FISCAL POLICY RANK

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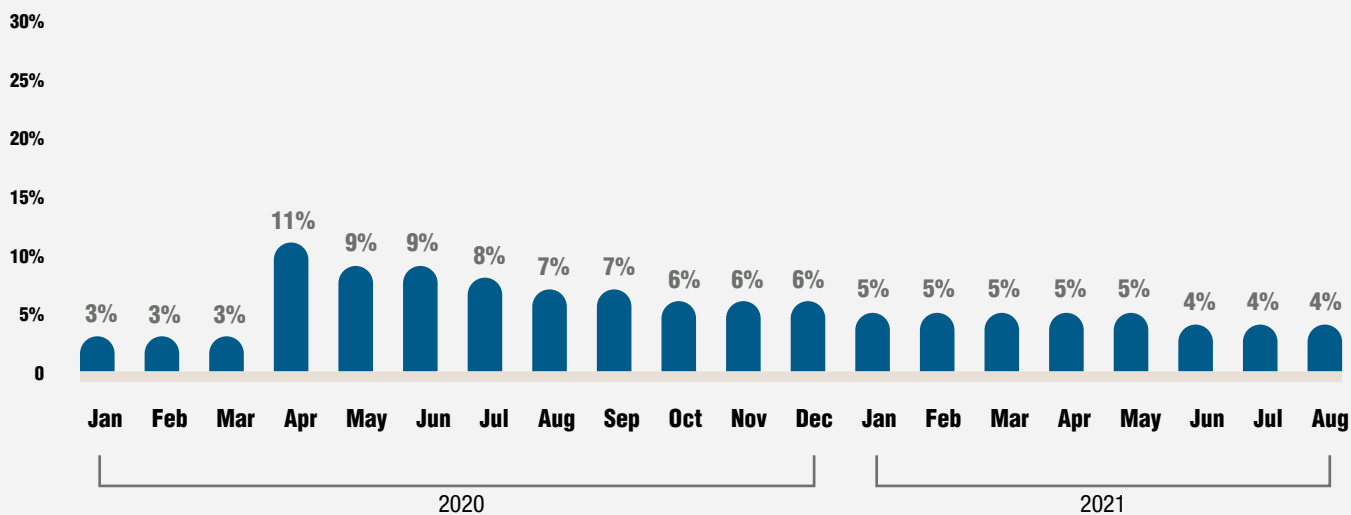
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

12%
11%
10%
9%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	29
UNION CONTROL	12
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	3

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	11
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	32
EDUCATION QUALITY	14
GSP GROWTH	18
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	12

FISCAL POLICY RANK	27
DEBT	25
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	25
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	33
SPENDING PER CAPITA	28
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	10

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	11%
May	9%
Jun	9%
Jul	8%
Aug	7%
Sep	7%
Oct	6%
Nov	6%
Dec	6%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

WA

Legislative Majority

Democrat

Governor

Democrat

★★★☆☆

Jay Inslee
Washington

Inauguration: Jan 2013
Next Election: 2020

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Christine Gregoire	2005-2013
■	Gary Locke	1997-2005
■	Mike Lowry	1993-1997
■	Booth Gardner	1985-1993

SENATE

■ Democrat 29   ■ Republican 20   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 57   ■ Republican 41   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

Jay Inslee (D) is the 23rd governor of Washington, serving since 2013. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Washington and a law degree from Willamette University.

Following law school, Inslee worked in Selah, Washington, as an attorney with Peters, Schmalz, Leadon & Fowler. He also worked as a municipal prosecutor from 1976 to 1984.

Inslee entered politics in 1982 following his election to the Washington House of Representatives. He was elected to represent Washington's 4th Congressional District in 1992 and lost his bid for re-election. In 1998, President Bill Clinton (D) appointed Inslee as a regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a position he held until 1998. Inslee then represented Washington's 1st Congressional District until 2012.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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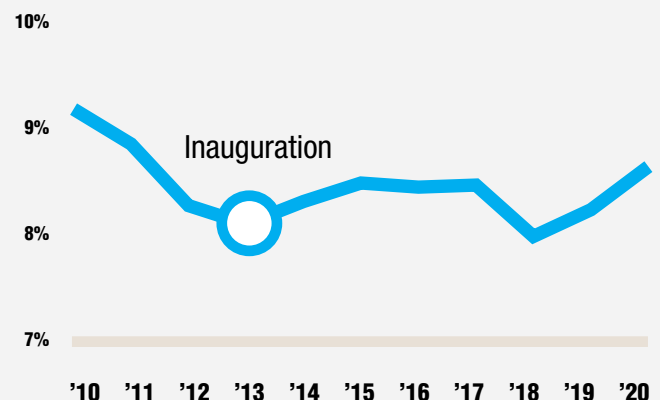
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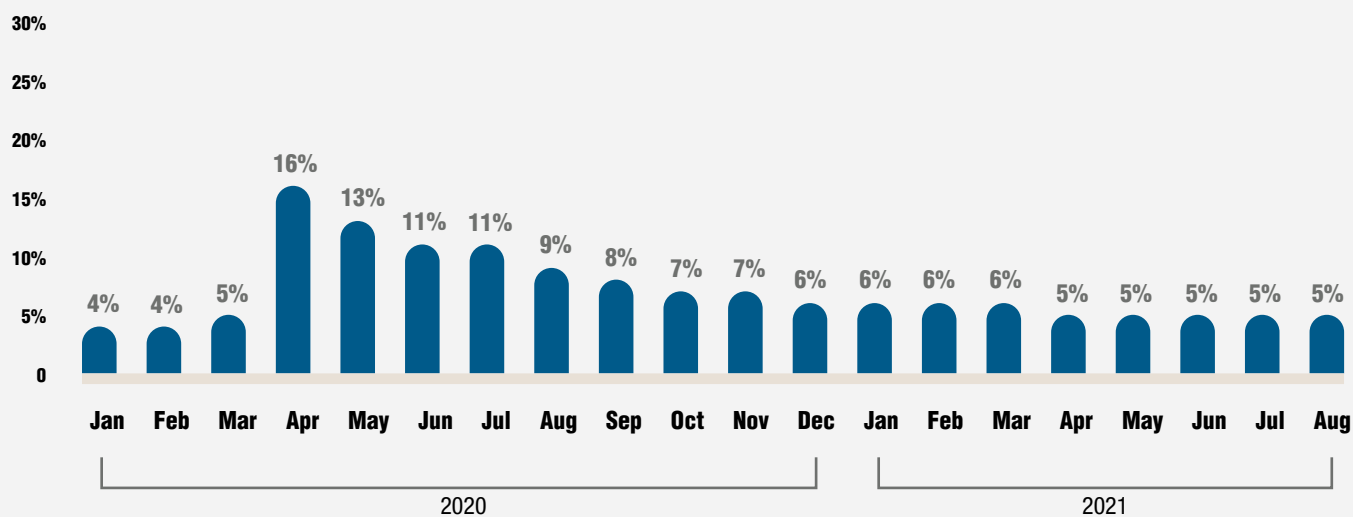

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

10%

9%

8%

7%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	32
UNION CONTROL	19
EDUCATION FREEDOM	39
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	23

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	9
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	10
EDUCATION QUALITY	19
GSP GROWTH	6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	36

FISCAL POLICY RANK	21
DEBT	17
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	15
SPENDING PER CAPITA	16
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	46

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	5%
Apr	16%
May	13%
Jun	11%
Jul	11%
Aug	9%
Sep	8%
Oct	7%
Nov	7%
Dec	6%
Jan (2021)	6%
Feb	6%
Mar	6%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

WV

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

Jim Justice
West Virginia

Inauguration: Jan 2017
Next Election: 2024

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33
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Earl Ray Tomblin	2010-2017
■	Joe Manchin	2005-2010
■	Bob Wise	2001-2005
■	Cecil H. Underwood	1997-2001

SENATE

■ Democrat 10   ■ Republican 23   ■ Other 1

HOUSE

■ Democrat 22   ■ Republican 78   ■ Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR JIM JUSTICE

Jim Justice (R) is the 36th governor of West Virginia, serving since 2017. He received an undergraduate degree and an M.B.A. from Marshall University.

Justice started Justice Family Farms in 1977 and expanded the business to cover 50,000 acres in West Virginia and neighboring states. Justice assumed control of Bluestone Industries, Inc. and Bluestone Coal Corp. following his father's death in 1993. He sold his interests in the Bluestone companies in 2009 and purchased a controlling interest again in early 2015. Justice serves as owner or chief executive officer of over 50 companies, including the Greenbrier Resort. He also owns 70 active mines in 5 states.

Justice was elected governor in 2016 as a Democrat and switched parties in 2017.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank (1=best, 50=worst): A measure of labor, education and welfare policy stances and decisions regarding three key areas (equal-weighted average).

47
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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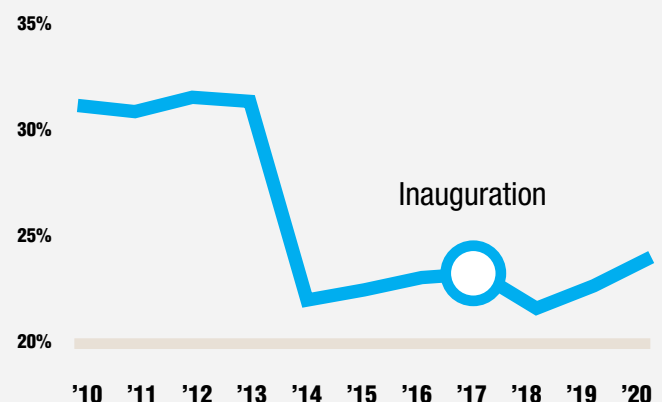
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TOTAL STATE SPENDING

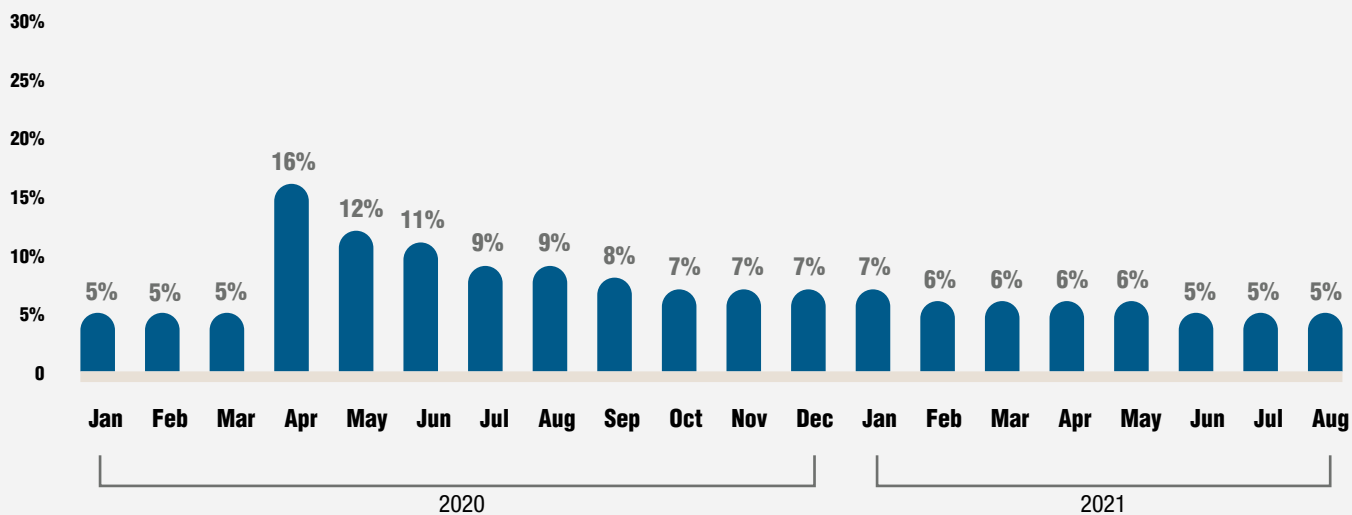Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

35%
30%
25%
20%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK		18
	UNION CONTROL	1
	EDUCATION FREEDOM	6
	WELFARE DEPENDENCY	45

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK		47
	INTERSTATE MIGRATION	35
	EDUCATION QUALITY	44
	GSP GROWTH	34
	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	47

FISCAL POLICY RANK		30
	DEBT	16
	CORPORATE INCOME TAX	29
	PERSONAL INCOME TAX	26
	SPENDING PER CAPITA	44
	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	31

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

	2020												2021							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Rate	5%	5%	5%	16%	12%	11%	9%	9%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%

WI

Legislative Majority

Republican

Governor
Democrat

Tony Evers
Wisconsin

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

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OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

Scott Walker	2011-2019
Jim Doyle	2003-2011
Scott McCallum	2001-2003
Tommy Thompson	1987-2001

SENATE

Democrat 12   Republican 21   Other 0

HOUSE

Democrat 38   Republican 61   Other 0

ABOUT GOVERNOR TONY EVERS

Tony Evers (D) is the 46th governor of Wisconsin, serving since 2019. He attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison for each of his three degrees. He received a bachelor's, master's, and a doctorate in educational administration.

Before entering elected office, Evers was a classroom teacher, principal, school district administrator, Cooperative Educational Service Agency administrator, and deputy state superintendent. Before becoming governor, he had served as Superintendent of Public Instruction since 2009.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
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24

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

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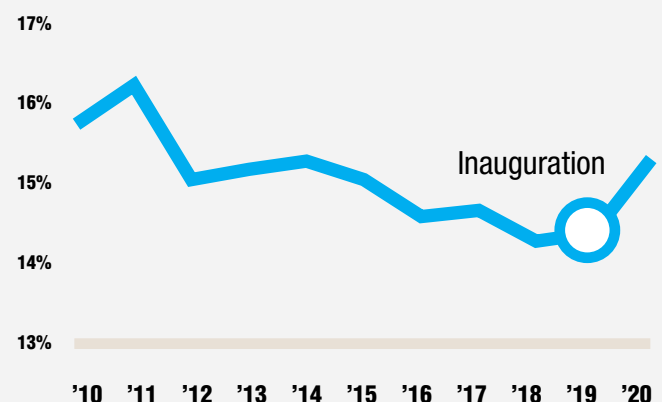
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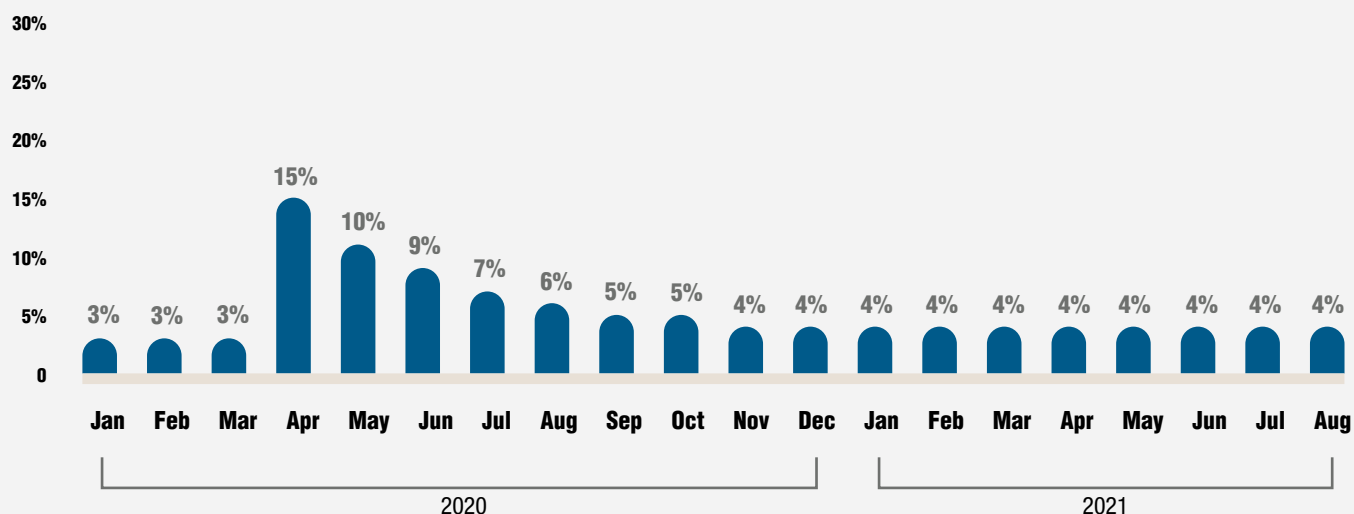
TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

17%
16%
15%
14%
13%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK	31
UNION CONTROL	17
EDUCATION FREEDOM	29
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	27

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK	24
INTERSTATE MIGRATION	27
EDUCATION QUALITY	16
GSP GROWTH	36
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	14

FISCAL POLICY RANK	33
DEBT	7
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	38
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	41
SPENDING PER CAPITA	35
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	18

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	3%
Feb	3%
Mar	3%
Apr	15%
May	10%
Jun	9%
Jul	7%
Aug	6%
Sep	5%
Oct	5%
Nov	4%
Dec	4%
Jan (2021)	4%
Feb	4%
Mar	4%
Apr	4%
May	4%
Jun	4%
Jul	4%
Aug	4%

WY

Legislative Majority
Republican

Governor
Republican

★★★★☆

Mark Gordon
Wyoming

Inauguration: Jan 2019
Next Election: 2022

17
OVERALL RANK

PREVIOUS GOVERNORS AND PARTY AFFILIATION

■	Matt Mead	2011-2019
■	Dave Freudenthal	2003-2011
■	Jim Geringer	1995-2003
■	Mike Sullivan	1987-1995

SENATE

■ Democrat 2   ■ Republican 28   ■ Other 0

HOUSE

■ Democrat 7   ■ Republican 51   ■ Other 2

ABOUT GOVERNOR MARK GORDON

Mark Gordon (R) is the 33rd governor of Wyoming, serving since 2019. He graduated from Middlebury College with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

Gordon ran several businesses in outdoor recreation and tourism. He also worked in the oil and gas industry. He unsuccessfully ran for Wyoming's at-large Congressional district in 2008. In 2012, former Gov. Matt Mead (R) appointed Gordon as state treasurer. He was elected to a full term in 2014.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK

Executive Policy Rank
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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK

Economic Performance Rank
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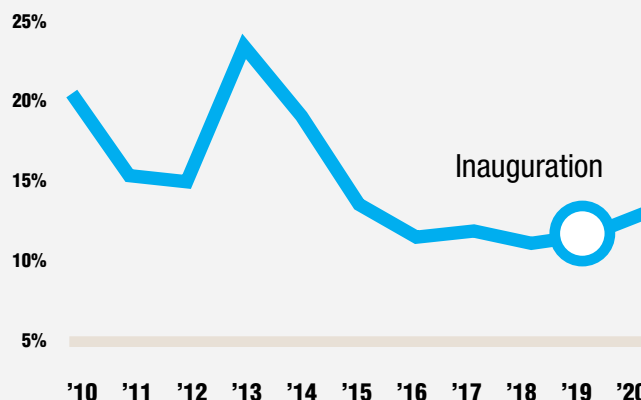
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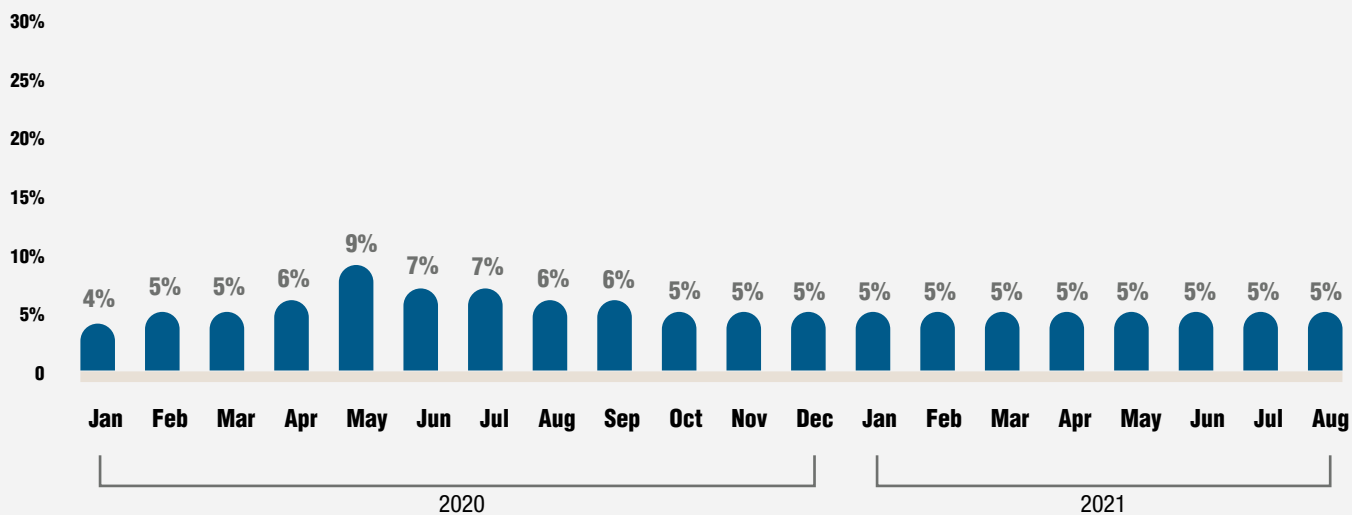---

TOTAL STATE SPENDING

Annual Spending as % of Gross State Product (GSP)

Inauguration

25%
20%
15%
10%
5%

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EXECUTIVE POLICY RANK — 10

UNION CONTROL	38	
EDUCATION FREEDOM	12	
WELFARE DEPENDENCY	3	

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RANK — 29

INTERSTATE MIGRATION	22	
EDUCATION QUALITY	1	
GSP GROWTH	50	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	28	

FISCAL POLICY RANK — 17

DEBT	26	
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	13	
PERSONAL INCOME TAX	6	
SPENDING PER CAPITA	32	
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	20	

MONTHLY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Monthly State Unemployment Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Month	Rate
Jan (2020)	4%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	6%
May	9%
Jun	7%
Jul	7%
Aug	6%
Sep	6%
Oct	5%
Nov	5%
Dec	5%
Jan (2021)	5%
Feb	5%
Mar	5%
Apr	5%
May	5%
Jun	5%
Jul	5%
Aug	5%

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