



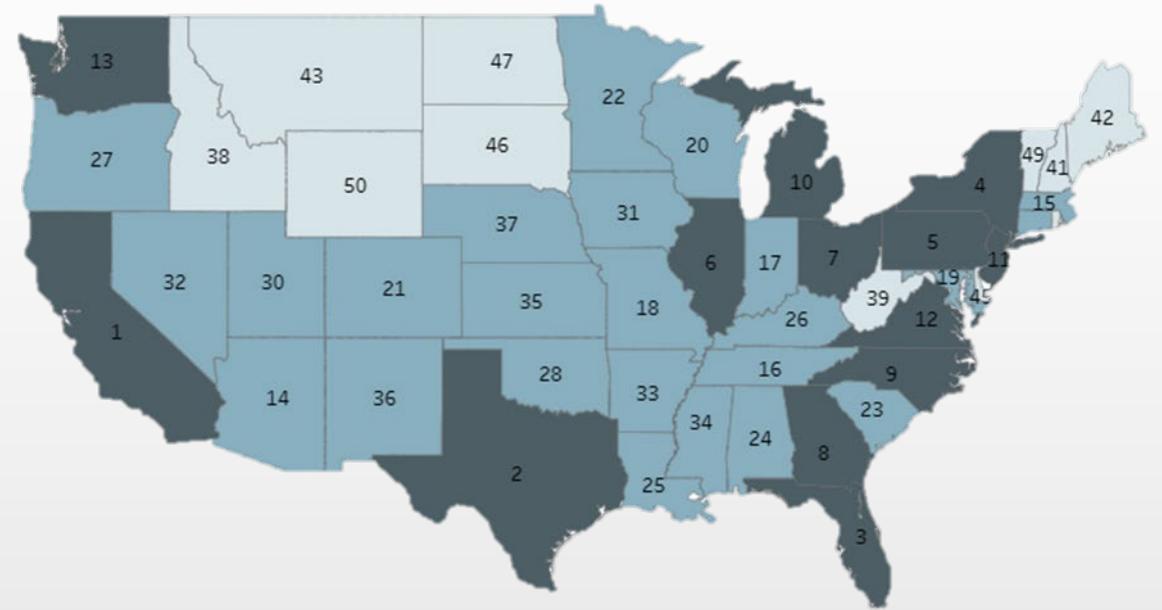
BRIEFING REPORT

How Washington Compares 2022

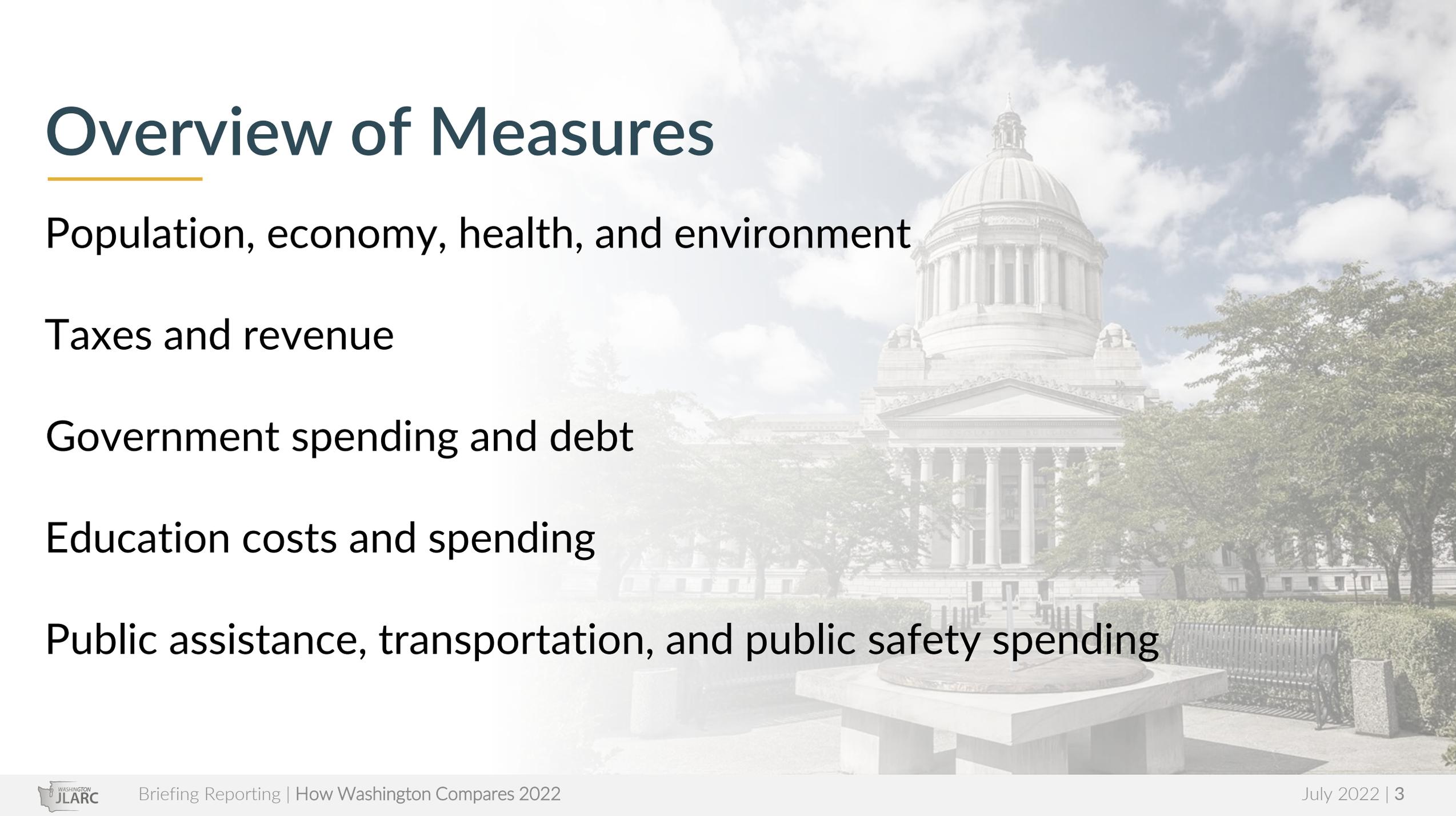
Background

Compilation of measures from national datasets—shows how WA compares to others.

Intent is to make these public data sources more accessible and interactive.



Overview of Measures



Population, economy, health, and environment

Taxes and revenue

Government spending and debt

Education costs and spending

Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending

Data is available in interactive dashboards

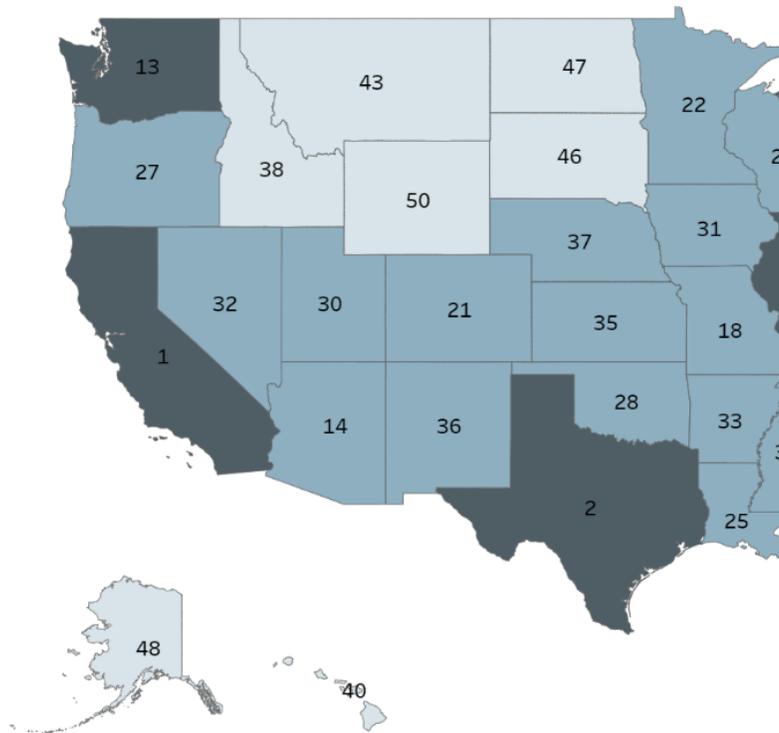
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1. Population

Calendar year 2021

Select state to view 5-year trend

California	39,237,836
Texas	29,527,941
Florida	21,781,128
New York	19,835,913
Pennsylvania	12,964,056
Illinois	12,671,469
Ohio	11,780,017
Georgia	10,799,566
North Carolina	10,551,162
Michigan	10,050,811
New Jersey	9,267,130
Virginia	8,642,274
Washington	7,738,692
Arizona	7,276,316
Massachusetts	6,984,723
Tennessee	6,975,218
Indiana	6,805,985
Missouri	6,168,187
Maryland	6,165,129
Wisconsin	5,895,908
Colorado	5,812,069
Minnesota	5,707,390
South Carolina	5,190,705
Alabama	5,039,877
Louisiana	4,624,047
Kentucky	4,509,394
Oregon	4,246,155
Oklahoma	3,986,639
Connecticut	3,605,597
Utah	3,337,975
Iowa	3,193,079
Nevada	3,143,991



How Washington Compares

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This briefing report used national data to show how Washington compares to other states.

Population, economy, health, and environment

	RANK	MEASURE	TREND	1-YEAR TREND
Population	13	7,738,692	↑	
Percent change in population (10-year change)	7	13.3%	↓	
Personal income per capita	6	\$67,126	↑	
GDP per capita by state	3	\$78,540	↓	
Annual unemployment rate	11	8.4%	↑	
Percent of population living in poverty	42	9.8%	↓	
Percent of population under 65 with health insurance	14	92.3%	N/A	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	46	4.1	↓	
Percent of adults 25+ with at least a high school education	17	91.7%	N/A	
Percent of adults aged 18+ who have obesity (2019)	44	28.0%	↓	
CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion per capita (2018)	42	10.89	N/A	

Government spending and debt

	RANK	MEASURE	TREND	1-YEAR TREND
Federal grants per capita	28	\$2,696	↑	
Federal expenditures per capita	39	\$11,309	↑	
State expenditures per capita	26	\$7,058	↑	
Average annual percentage change in per capita state expenditures (10-year change)	10	2.7%	↑	
General fund expenditures per capita	13	\$3,115	↑	
State and local debt outstanding per capita	9	\$12,418	↑	
State government FTEs per 100 persons	20	1.74	↑	
Bond ratings (December 2020)	17	AA+	No change	

Key
 Measure increased from last year ↑
 Measure decreased from last year ↓

Education costs and spending

	RANK	MEASURE	TREND	1-YEAR TREND
State and local per pupil funding, pre-K through K-12	14	\$16,295	↑	
State per pupil funding, pre-K through K-12	5	\$11,928	↑	
Average annual in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions	23	\$10,900	↑	
Percent change in in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions (5-year change)	10	5.0%	↑	
Higher education appropriations per FTE student	20	\$8,610	↑	

Taxes and Revenue

	RANK	MEASURE	TREND	1-YEAR TREND
State revenue per capita	17	\$8,639	↓	
Local revenue per capita	5	\$7,821	↓	
State & local revenue as a percent of personal income	23	22.4%	↓	
State taxes per capita	12	\$3,676	↑	
Local taxes per capita	16	\$2,364	↑	
State and local taxes per capita	14	\$6,041	↑	
State and local taxes as a percent of personal income	25	9.6%	↑	

Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending

	RANK	MEASURE	TREND	1-YEAR TREND
Medicaid expenditures per capita	15	\$2,416	↑	
Percentage of total state expenditures for public assistance	45	20.4%	↓	
State and local road expenditures per capita	25	\$614	↑	
State public safety expenditures per capita	22	\$236	No change	

Data sets are the most current national data available, and range from 2015 to 2022.

The complete report is on the JLARC web site: www.leg.wa.gov/jlarc
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