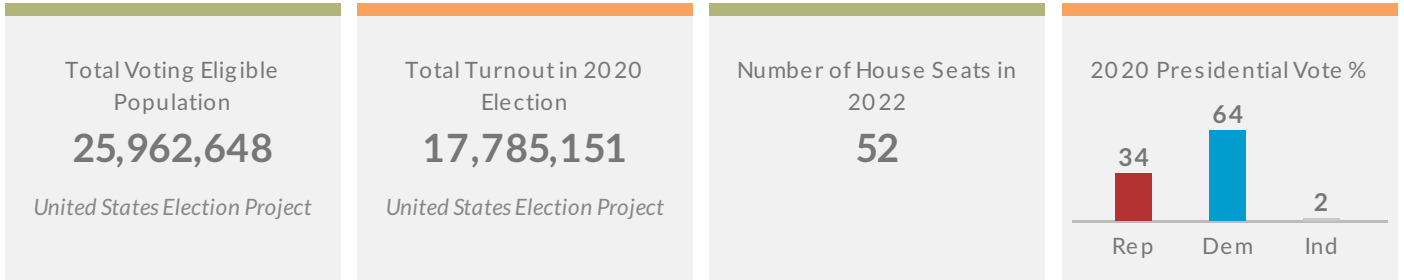
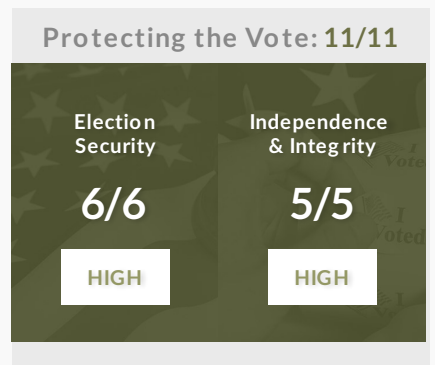
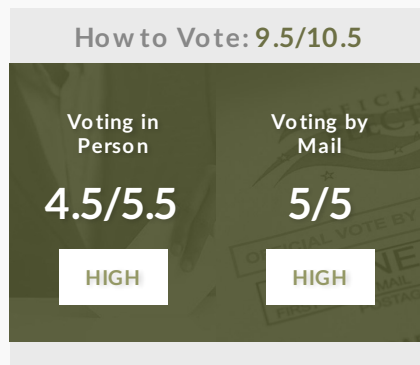
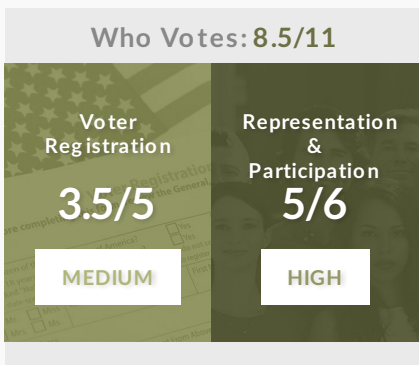
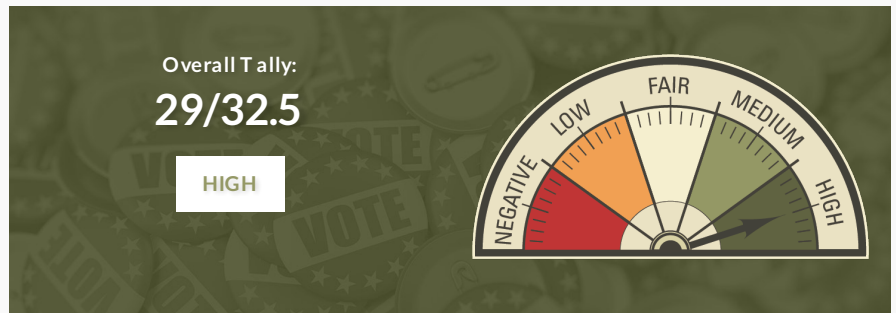


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Quick Facts About California



California's Democracy Tally






California's Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

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Who Votes

Voter Registration	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Automatic Voter Registration		1/1
Online Voter Registration		1/1
Registration Deadlines		1/1
Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)		0/1
Negative Law: Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives	NEGATIVE LAW	-0.5/-1
Voter Preregistration		1/1
Voter Registration Total	3.5/5	




Representation & Participation	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
National Popular Vote Compact States		1/1
Native American Voting Protections		1/1
Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems		1/1
Voter Registration Rates		0.5/1
Voter Turnout Percentage		0.5/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People		1/1
Representation & Participation Total	5/6	

How to Vote

Voting in Person	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Curbside Voting for Voters with Disabilities		0.5/0.5
Election Day Holidays and Paid Time Off to Vote		0.5/1
Adequate Early Voting Period		1/1
Negative Law: Voting Wait Time and Line Length		0/-1
Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures		0.5/1
Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places)		1/1
Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting		1/1
Voting in Person Total	4.5/5.5	

Voting by Mail	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Availability of No-Excuse Absentee Voting		1/1
All-Mail Voting States		1/1
Negative Law: Added Requirements to Return Absentee Ballots		0/-0.5
Negative Law: Third Party Ballot Collection Policies		0/-0.5
Ballot Drop Box Policies & Availability		0.5/0.5
Mail Ballot Receipt Deadlines		0.5/0.5
Prepaid Ballot Postage		0.5/0.5
Online Absentee Ballot Application Availability		1/1
Permanent Absentee Voter List Availability		0.5/0.5
Voting by Mail Total	5/5	

Protecting the Vote

Election Security	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Ballot & Signature Cure Availability (Opportunity for Voter to Correct Errors)		1/1
Ballot Tracking for Mail Voting		1/1
Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification		1/1
Security of Voting Machines (Hand Marked Paper Ballots)		1/1
Post-Election Audits Required		1/1
Risk-Limiting Audits		1/1
Election Security Total	6/6	

Independence & Integrity	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Negative Law: Election Officials Face Threats of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines		0/-1.0
Negative Law: State Legislature Interference in Elections		0/-1
Efficient Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing		1/1
Guns in Polling Places		0.5/0.5
State Level Voting Rights Acts		1/1
"Voter Intent" Laws to Standardize Ballot Interpretation		0.5/0.5
Independence of State Congressional Redistricting		1/1
Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies		1/1
Negative Law: Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices		0/-1
Independence & Integrity Total	5/5	