

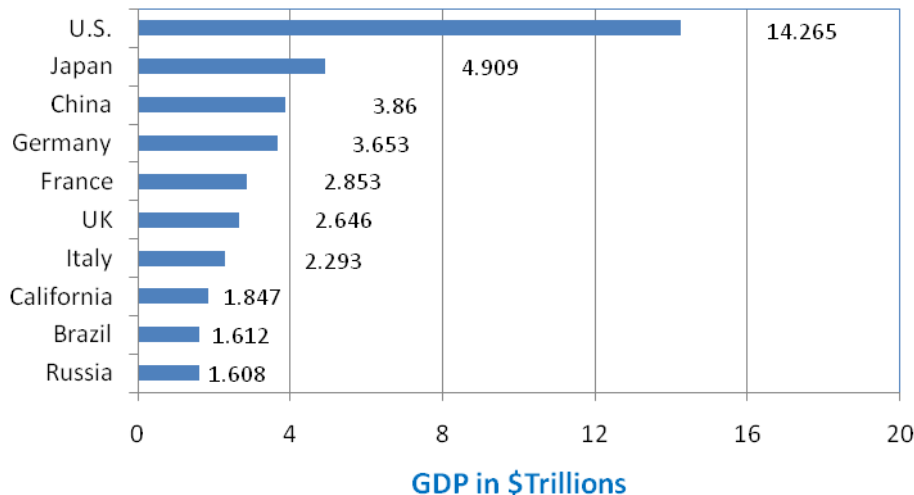
2008 California Economy Rankings

California was the world's eighth-largest economy again in 2008. According to U.S. Department of Commerce estimates, California's GDP (gross domestic product) was slightly more than \$1.8 trillion. GDP is the value of all goods and services produced in California. It is equivalent to the gross domestic product estimates prepared for the nation and other countries.

China is the fastest growing of the world's large economies. According to World Bank estimates, China is now the world's third-largest economy having passed Germany in 2008. France passed the United Kingdom in 2008 to become the fifth-largest world economy.

In terms of size, the California economy currently ranks just behind Italy and ahead of Brazil and Russia. The next five largest economies are Spain (\$1.6 trillion), Canada (\$1.6 trillion), India (\$1.2 trillion), Mexico (\$1.1 trillion) and Australia (\$1.0 trillion).

Top World Economies in 2008



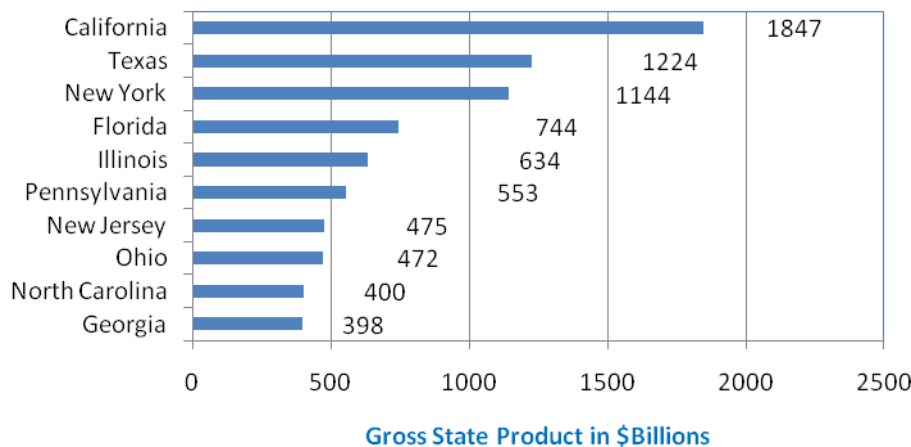
The world GDP data can be found on the World Bank website at <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/GDP.pdf>. The chart above uses the World Bank Atlas method that uses a three-year average of exchange rates to compare country GDP estimates.

The World Bank also publishes estimates based on comparing purchasing power across countries. This method, explained in the above World Bank website, ranks California as the 10th largest economy. India, Russia and Brazil move ahead of California while Italy falls just behind the state in these rankings.

Largest State Economies

California has the largest GDP among states, which is to be expected since the state is more than 50% larger in terms of population than Texas, the next largest state. California's GDP in 2007 was \$1,847 billion followed by Texas with \$1,224 billion and New York with \$1,143 billion. The next largest state GDPs were in Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, North Carolina and Georgia. Virginia (\$397 billion) and Michigan (\$383 billion) are the next largest state economies.

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The state GDP data can be found on the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) website at <http://www.bea.gov/regional/index.htm#gsp>.

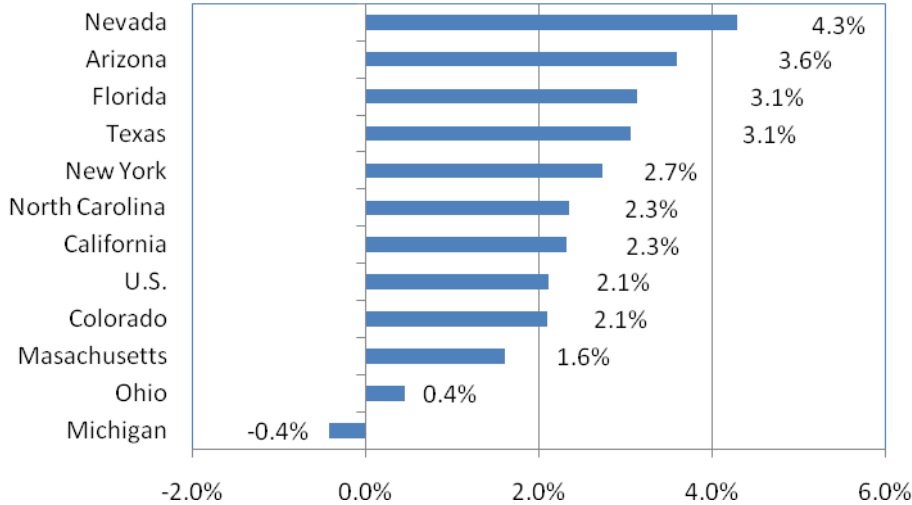
How Does California Rank on GDP Growth Rates?

Nevada led all states with a 4.3% annual increase in real (inflation adjusted) GDP between 2000 and 2008 compared to the U.S. annual growth rate of 2.1%. California posted GDP growth of slightly above the national average with real GDP increasing by 2.3% annually between 2000 and 2008. Nevada was followed by North Dakota (3.9% annual growth) and Arizona (3.6% per year)..

Texas (3.1% per year) grew slightly faster than California.

Colorado had GDP growth of 2.1% per year while Massachusetts had GDP growth of 1.6% per year. Ohio (0.4% per year) and Michigan with negative GDP growth showed the impact of the post-2000 years on some Midwest states. Ohio and Michigan had the lowest GDP growth rates among all states.

Average Annual GDP Growth 2000-2008



Regional Rankings in California

In 2008 the five-county Los Angeles Basin had a GDP (CCSCE estimate based on personal income data) of \$838 billion, which placed the region between 16th ranked Netherlands and Turkey. The Bay Area with a GDP of \$487 billion ranked between Switzerland (21st in the world) and Sweden. San Diego ranked between Egypt (50th) and Hungary while the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento region ranked between Peru (54th), Kuwait and Libya.

Rank in World		2008 GDP \$Billions
16	Netherlands	860
	LA Basin	838
17	Turkey	794
21	Switzerland	488
	Bay Area	487
22	Sweden	480
50	Egypt	162
	San Diego	161
51	Hungary	155
54	Peru	127
	San Joaquin Valley	127
55	Kuwait	112
	Sacramento	102
56	Libya	100