

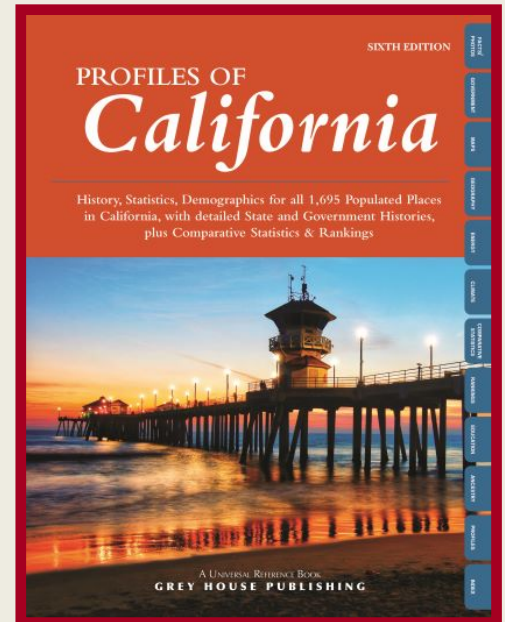
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Profiles of California

“Based on data from the US Census of 2010 and the American Community Survey, demographic data includes all geographic areas for which the US Census provides individual statistics. It is the ‘most comprehensive portrait ... published.’ The User Guide starts with a data explanation of the sources used, the rankings, and the information presented in each section of the material. It has seven sections: About California, Profiles, Comparative Statistics, Community Rankings, Education, Ancestry and Ethnicity, and Climate. Most of the material is alphabetical by place; other parts of the material are lists by rank. **This is one of the best sources for those considering relocating to California.**

The first section of this reference work, About California, is an overview that can be found in many reference works. Education compares public school district rankings and the state test results. This section is by rank while the listing includes the school district with the place name. The Climate section has a descriptive overview and relief map; however, most of the material is organized by the weather station with its location and the data it collected. *Profiles* has descriptive information on the usual demographic data; and, it includes air quality, ancestry, health care, health insurance, religion, and transportation. The communities within each county vary in what information is provided. The counties are in alphabetical order; the communities within each county are in alphabetical order; and an alphabetical place index is here. The Profiles comprise a third of the content. Comparative Statistics compares specific characteristics, such as health insurance, from the 100 largest cities in easily read tables. The cities are in alphabetical order.

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This is followed by the Community Rankings section that compares data for incorporated places having a population of 10,000 or more. For areas with larger populations, users will look at both; but, smaller places are included in the Community Rankings only. In this section, the arrangement is by rank while the listing is by place name with the county. For example, population with health insurance, population with private health insurance, population with public health insurance, population with no health insurance, and population under 18 years old with no health insurance are new data in this edition. In the Comparative Statistics, these health insurance data are column headings. In the Community Rankings, they are separate lists by rank. In Ancestry and Ethnicity, Place Profiles includes demographic information for the state, counties, and cities. Ancestry Group Rankings lists the place of ancestry in alphabetical order with the top ten places in California whose population is from that place. Each place has three separate lists, sorted differently. Hispanic Origin Rankings and Racial Group Rankings are presented similarly. The Ancestry and Ethnicity section is another third of the content.

Highly recommended for high school libraries in California and for public and academic libraries throughout the nation. High school students may need assistance using the Ancestry Group Rankings section of the data; but, they should easily negotiate searches in all the material listed by place or rank.”

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