

NEXT TEN

BUDGET QUIZ

Try these questions to learn more about the California state budget. You might be surprised by some of the answers!

1. State Employees: The 50 states in the U.S. have an average of 143 state employees for every 10,000 people. How many state employees per 10,000 people does California have?

- 107
- 143
- 180

2. University Tuition: The average tuition paid by students attending California's public colleges and universities is:

- Higher than the national average
- Equal to the national average
- Lower than the national average

3. State Spending

A. The biggest spending area of California's state budget is:

- K-12 education
- Criminal justice
- Health care and social services
- Higher education
- State agencies and the legislature

B. How much money does the state spend on each K-12 student?

- Above the national average
- Equal to the national average
- Below the national average

C. Does the state spend more on each K-12 student or on each inmate in state prison?

- K-12 education
- Inmate in state prison

4. Tax Revenues

A. The biggest source of income for the state is:

- Income taxes
- Sales taxes
- Taxes on corporations
- Motor vehicle taxes and fees

B. Does California have higher taxes than other states?

- Yes
- No
- Yes and No

5. Population

A. How many people live in California?

- Fewer than 10 million
- 10 to 20 million
- 20 to 30 million
- 30 to 40 million
- 40 to 50 million

B. By how much does the state's population grow each year?

- Between 200,000 - 400,000 a year
- Between 400,000 - 800,000 a year
- More than 800,000 a year

C. What is the fastest growing segment of our population?

- Adults over age 55
- Young adults age 18 to 24
- Children age 5 to 18

6. Budget Crisis: How did the state get into the ongoing budget crisis that started in 2000 and has yet to be resolved?

- State revenues increased rapidly, then plummeted during the recession
- Spending increased
- Some taxes were cut
- All of the above

7. Medi-Cal

A. Are average Medi-Cal costs per patient in California higher or lower than most other states? Medi-Cal is the program that provides low cost health care for poor and disabled residents.

- Higher
- Lower

B. How much does it cost the state per year to provide medical care to the average child in the Medi-Cal program?

- \$1,000
- \$3,000
- \$5,000