# Banks at a Glance: **California**

Economic and Banking Highlights

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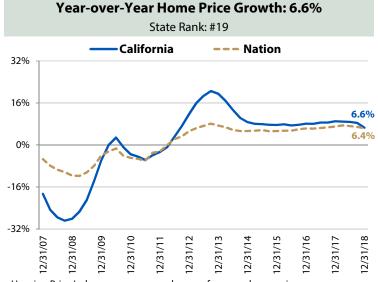


Data as of 12/31/2018

- California's economic expansion continued to cool amid historically low unemployment. Job growth fell below the national
  average in the fourth quarter for the first time since early 2012, led by slowdowns in the transportation/utilities and
  construction sectors. As housing affordability in the state's coastal metro areas approached prerecession lows, statewide
  population grew by its slowest pace in more than 20 years and home-price growth slowed to nearly the national average. Singlefamily permit activity ticked down in the fourth quarter, following a third-quarter downturn in multifamily permits.
- Growth in commercial lending and commercial real estate (CRE) mortgages sustained average loan growth at the fastest pace in the nation in the fourth quarter of 2018. Average CRE concentration was more than twice the national average, but stabilized in 2018. Despite the state's cooling housing market, 1-4 family mortgage growth accelerated in the second half of the year. Bank profitability was among the strongest in the nation due to wider margins and lower tax expenses than in 2017. Margins reflected, in part, lower balance sheet liquidity as banks favored higher-yielding loans over more liquid investments. Provisions rose despite the second-best average nonperforming asset ratio in the nation. However, capital accretion trailed risk-weighted asset growth in the fourth quarter because of seasonal dividend payouts, leading to slightly lower risk-based capital ratios.



Establishment Survey, nonfarm payrolls, quarterly average, seasonally adjusted Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Housing Price Index, year-over-year change of average home prices Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency

**Unemployment: 4.1%** State Rank: #14 California --- Nation 16% 12% 8% 4.19 4% 3.9% 0% 2/31/18 2/31/08 2/31/09 2/31/12 2/31/13 2/31/15 2/31/07 2/31/10 2/31/11 2/31/14 2/31/16 2/31/17 Household Employment Survey, end of period, seasonally adjusted

### State Rank: #41 California --- Nation 8 6 4 2.6 2 1.6 0 /0/ 2/31/08 2/31/09 2/31/10 1/13 12/31/15 2/31/16 2/31/18 12/31/12 2/31/14 12/31/17 2/31/1 2/31 2/31

Single Family Permits / 1,000 Residents: 1.6

Trailing twelve month single family permits / average twelve month population in thousands, by state. Source: Census Bureau

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### Key Economic Metrics (ranking #1 = highest in the nation)

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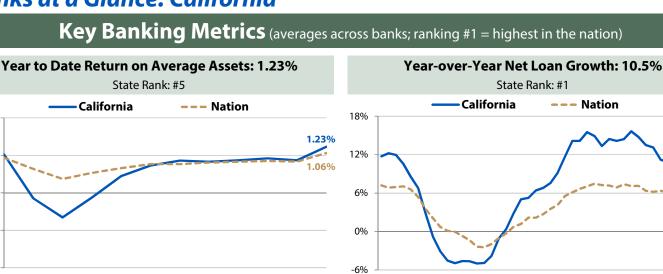
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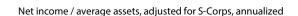
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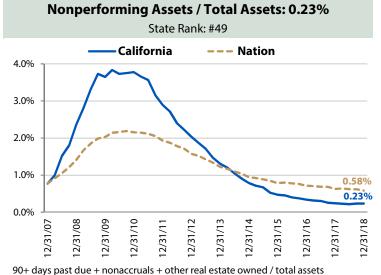
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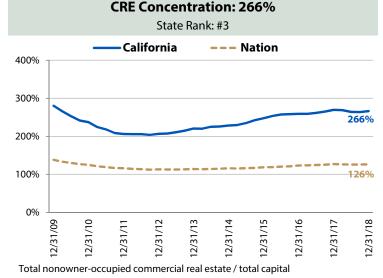
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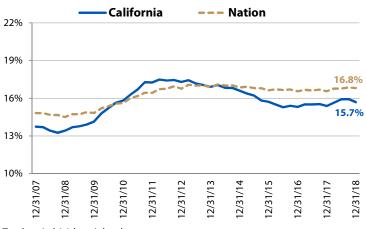
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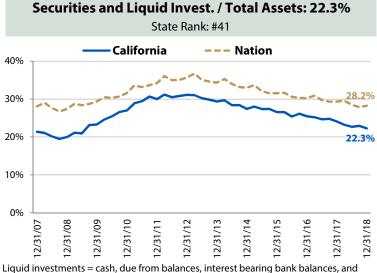




State Rank: #36



Total capital / risk-weighted assets



Fed funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell

Source: Call Report data for commercial banks based upon headquarters location. Averages are calculated on a "trimmed" basis by removing the highest 10% and lowest 10% of ratio values prior to averaging to prevent distortion from outliers. All charts display quarterly data, except for return on average assets which displays the same quarter in each year. Growth rates are not adjusted for mergers. Graphics and data exclude "De Novo" banks (banks less than five years old). As of the latest period, the count of banks included in these statistics were 138 for the state and 4,677 for the nation.

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