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**2011: Juvenile Justice in California.** California Department of Justice. Oct. 2012. 130 p.

<http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/pdfs/cjsc/publications/misc/jj11/preface.pdf>

“New figures released by the Department of Justice’s Criminal Justice Statistics Center show 149,563 Californians under age 18 were arrested in 2011, the lowest number since statewide figures were first issued in 1957 (144,978).... Looking at the most recent trend, reports from law enforcement agencies in all 58 counties show California’s youth arrests fell by 21% from 2010 to 2011. Juvenile arrests fell 17% last year, including drops in violent and property offenses (each down 16%), misdemeanor and status offenses (down 21%), and murder (down 26%). Around 25% of the youth crime decline from 2010 to 2011 is attributable to a legislative change that reduced simple possession of marijuana from a crime to an infraction, which reduced youthful misdemeanor marijuana arrests by 9,000 last year. The remainder, however, appears to reflect a real decrease.”

## CULTURE & DEMOGRAPHY

***The Research Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2011.*** By Kathleen Short. U.S. Census Bureau. P60-244. Nov. 2012. 32 p.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2012pubs/p60-244.pdf>

“Last year the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), released the first report describing research on the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM)... This report presents updated estimates of the prevalence of poverty in the United States, overall and for selected demographic groups, using the official measure and the SPM.” Using three-year averages over 2009, 2010 and 2011, California was shown to have the highest percentage of people in poverty.

## ECONOMY

***The 2013-2014 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook.*** Legislative Analyst's Office. Nov. 2012. 60 p.

<http://lao.ca.gov/reports/2012/bud/fiscal-outlook/fiscal-outlook-2012.pdf>

“California faces a \$1.9 billion deficit through June 2014, significantly smaller than in recent years after voters passed two tax initiatives last week.... The Analyst forecasts the possibility of surpluses starting at \$1 billion in 2014-2015, growing to more than \$7 billion in 2017-2018....” (*Sacramento Bee*, Nov. 14, 2012).

## EDUCATION

***Tipping the Scale Towards Equity: Making Weighted Student Formula Work for California's Highest-Need Students.*** By Heather Barondess, et al. The Education Trust-West. Oct. 2012. 10 p.

<http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/ETW%20Tipping%20the%20Scale%20Towards%20Equity%20Report.pdf>

This report identifies significant gaps in funding between high-poverty and low-poverty schools. These gaps include significant teacher salary gaps, gaps in aligning funding with student needs, and dollars received by the school versus dollars reported spent on students. “The report identifies promising work in other states and California school districts to more equitably distribute education funding to schools; empower school communities to make decisions on spending; and increase financial transparency. The report calls on state policymakers to use the lessons learned from these models and build on Governor Jerry Brown's 2012 proposal to adopt a weighted student formula (WSF) that would have distributed education funding based on student need.”

## EMPLOYMENT

***Underemployment in Urban and Rural America, 2005-2012.*** By Justin R. Young. Carsey Institute. Fall 2012. 6 p.

[http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/sites/carseyinstitute.unh.edu/files/publications/IB-Young-Underemployment-web\\_0.pdf](http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/sites/carseyinstitute.unh.edu/files/publications/IB-Young-Underemployment-web_0.pdf)

“14 percent of the labor force was either underemployed or unemployed in 2012.... Workers younger than 30 especially are feeling the pinch of both unemployment and underemployment, as are non-whites.... [A]s the recession (and other economic forces) keeps older workers in the economy, openings for full-time jobs for younger workers might remain limited in the short-term.... Policies that encourage the creation of

positions that are full-time can lessen incidences of involuntary part-time work, but so can those that target mid-level job growth, where jobs offer higher wages and are more likely to need full-time workers.”

## ENERGY

***What Clean Energy Jobs? These Clean Energy Jobs! Third Quarter 2012 Clean Energy Jobs Roundup.*** Environmental Entrepreneurs. Nov. 7, 2012. 8 p.  
[http://www.e2.org/ext/doc/E2\\_CEJ\\_Q3Roundup\\_11\\_8\\_12.pdf](http://www.e2.org/ext/doc/E2_CEJ_Q3Roundup_11_8_12.pdf)

“The economy continued to add clean energy jobs in the third quarter, but at a lower overall rate than from past quarters. Inaction by Congress and uncertainty in Washington is contributing to a decline across the wind, solar, transportation and other clean energy sectors. From July-September 2012, E2 tracked 66 new and ongoing projects across the United States that will create new jobs in manufacturing, public transportation, power generation and energy efficiency.” Environmental Entrepreneurs identified 1,480 clean energy jobs announced in the state alone during this time period.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

***More Americans Worry about Financing Retirement: Adults in Their Late 30s Most Concerned.*** By Rich Morin, et al. Pew Research Center. Oct. 24, 2012. 12 p.  
[http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/files/2012/10/Retirement\\_10-24-12\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/files/2012/10/Retirement_10-24-12_FINAL.pdf)

“About four-in-ten adults (38%) say they are ‘not too’ or ‘not at all’ confident that they will have enough income and assets for their retirement, up from 25% in a Pew Research survey conducted in late February and March of 2009. An analysis of these surveys also shows that concerns about retirement financing are now more heavily concentrated among younger and middle-aged adults than among those closer to retirement age – a major shift in the pattern that had prevailed at the end of the recession.”

## HEALTH

***Covering Kids: Children’s Health Insurance in California.*** California Healthcare Foundation. Nov. 2012. 30 p.  
<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2012/11/childrens-health-coverage>

“Compared to the nation as a whole, California has a higher proportion of children covered by public programs and a lower percentage with employer-based coverage. Over the past three years, a decade of advances in California children’s public insurance enrollment have stalled. In 2011, slightly more than 1.1 million children in California were uninsured, while coverage in Healthy Families (California’s CHIP program) declined slightly as a result of state government funding reductions. *Covering Kids: Children’s Health Insurance in California* provides an overview of trends in children’s coverage and insurance programs in the state.”

## HUMAN SERVICES

***Overview of Children’s Dental Services in Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program.*** Legislative Analyst’s Office. Nov. 9, 2012. 10 p.  
[http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/Health/2012/Overview\\_Childrens\\_Dental\\_11\\_9\\_12.pdf](http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/Health/2012/Overview_Childrens_Dental_11_9_12.pdf)

This hearing report provides background information and legislative actions on dental services for children in Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program. “Medi-Cal uses two different models for delivering

dental services to children: fee-for-service [also known as Denti-Cal] and DMC [Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care]. Denti-Cal exists in all 58 counties in California, but only two counties, Sacramento and Los Angeles, have DMC.... The administration took several actions in calendar year 2012 that were intended to address concerns that have been raised about children's access to care in DMC."

## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

### Digital States Survey

<http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/survey/61/2012>

"The Digital States Survey, conducted biannually in even years, is a comprehensive study that examines best practices, policies and progress made by state governments in their use of digital technologies to better serve their citizens and streamline operations.... The survey evaluated states based on a set of criteria including: implementations that support state priorities and policies to improve operations or services, quantifiable hard and soft-dollar savings or benefits, progress over the last two years, innovative solutions or approaches, and effective collaboration." States have been evaluated since 2000. California currently ranks in the second tier, receiving a grade of A-

## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

***Role of Transportation Management Centers in Emergency Operations Guidebook.*** By Daniel Krechmer, et al. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Oct. 2012. 95 p.

<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12050/index.htm>

"The purpose of this guidebook is to increase communication, collaboration, and cooperation among Transportation Management Centers (TMC) and emergency response agencies so they can effectively respond to a variety of situations ranging from a localized traffic incident to major regional events such as hurricane evacuations.... The guidebook will increase a TMC's understanding of emergency operations and identify specific activities to enhance coordination and cooperation with emergency response agencies. The guidebook will also allow emergency response agencies to understand the mission, resources, and operational procedures of TMCs."

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