CALIFORNIA CENTER

The California Center leverages the Milken Institute's location and capabilities to identify best practices, test new approaches, and advance solutions to the state's regional policy, technology, and business challenges. With the Center for Regional Economics, it organizes the annual California Summit in Sacramento, a premier gathering of business leaders and policymakers.

AREAS OF FOCUS

What We Do
The California Center is a lens through which to assess and promote research and programs on California, as well as a forum for convening stakeholders and change-makers.

How We Operate
Our actionable ideas and innovative policy proposals support industry expansion, infrastructure development, and job creation.

Where We Work
California is a valuable incubator for innovative solutions to global challenges in diverse issue areas such as agriculture, finance, health care, migration, and trade. By investing time and resources in California, the Center can strengthen the state's leadership position and distill lessons applicable beyond state borders.

Future of Work Forum Series
Through a partnership with the California Community Colleges as well as industry and sector leaders, this forum series on workforce development aims to identify the core competencies required for jobs of today and the future while supporting a robust and diversified state workforce.

Regional Development Accelerator
Achieving the California dream requires collaboration among policy, industry, and philanthropic leaders to expand access to capital in local communities, enhance economic development, and address global problems such as climate change.
BY THE NUMBERS

3 TRILLION

If it were a country, California would be one of the largest economies in the world, at just over $3 trillion in size.

49

Of the Fortune 500 companies in 2018, nearly 50 are headquartered in the Golden State.

40 MILLION

California’s population is the largest of any US state, expected to surpass 40 million in 2019.

ANNUAL EVENT

CALIFORNIA POLICY SUMMIT 2021

Each year, the Center for Regional Economics convenes key stakeholders in Sacramento to propose solutions to the state’s regional challenges. It is a premier forum for strengthening California’s global leadership position and distilling lessons applicable beyond state borders.

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OUR STORY

The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank. We catalyze practical, scalable solutions to global challenges by connecting human, financial, and educational resources to those who need them.

We leverage the expertise and insight gained through research and the convening of top experts, innovators, and influencers from different backgrounds and competing viewpoints to construct programs and policy initiatives. Our goal is to help people build meaningful lives, in which they can experience health and well-being, pursue effective education and gainful employment, and access the resources required to create ever-expanding opportunities for themselves and their broader communities.