

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- #1 State for Doing Business (for the fourth consecutive year)
Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2017," Q3 2017
- #1 State for Business Climate (for the fifth consecutive year)
Source: Site Selection, "Site Selection's 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings," November 2017
- #1 State for Economy
Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2017," July 11, 2017
- #1 State for Number of Facility Locations and Expansion Projects in 2017 (January-August)
Source: Site Selection, "Site Selection's 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings," November 2017
- #1 State Economic Development Organization
Source: Development Counsellors International, "A View from Corporate America: Winning Strategies in Economic Development," September 18, 2017
- #1 State for Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness
Source: PwC, "2017 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Ranking," August 2017
- #1 Location for Highest-Performing U.S. Feature Films
Source: FilmL.A., "2016 Feature Film Study," May 1, 2017
- #2 State for Business
Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2017," July 11, 2017
- #2 State for Business Incentives Programs
Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2017," Q3 2017
- #2 State for Shovel-Ready Sites Program
Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2017," Q3 2017
- #2 State for Number of Facility Locations and Expansion Projects in 2017 per Capita (January-August)
Source: Site Selection, "Site Selection's 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings," November 2017
- #3 State for Overall Cost of Doing Business
Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2017," Q3 2017
- #3 State for Most-Favorable Business Climate
Source: Development Counsellors International, "A View From Corporate America: Winning Strategies in Economic Development," September 18, 2017

- #3 State to Invest
Source: Site Selection, “2017 Best to Invest,” May 1, 2017
- #3 State for Competitiveness
Source: Site Selection, “Site Selection’s 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings,” November 2017
- #3 State for Business Climate as measured by Survey of Corporate Site Selectors
Source: Site Selection, “Site Selection’s 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings,” November 2017
- #3 State for Favorable Utility Rates
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #4 Location for Television Pilot Productions
Source: FilmL.A., “2017 Pilot Production Report,” August 2, 2017
- #4 State for Aerospace Industry
Source: PwC, “2017 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Ranking,” August 2017
- #4 State for Access to Capital & Project Funding
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #5 State for Number of Capital Investment Projects
Source: Site Selection, “2016 Governor’s Cups,” March 1, 2017
- #7 State for Economy
Source: PwC, “2017 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Ranking,” August 2017
- #8 State for Economic Activity
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst State Economy,” June 6, 2017
- #8 State for Most Improved Economic Development Policies
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #8 State for Private Equity Investment
Source: American Investment Council, “Top 20 States for Private Equity Investment in 2016,” June 1, 2017
- #9 State for Capital Investment Projects per Capita
Source: Site Selection, “2016 Governor’s Cups,” March 1, 2017
- #9 State for Access to Capital
Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2017,” July 11, 2017

- #9 State for Most Green Companies
Source: Expert Market, “US States with the Most Green Companies,” June 5, 2017
- #10 State for Business Costs
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst States to Start a Business,” July 5, 2017
- #10 State for Aerospace Cost
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Ranking,” August 2017

INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- #2 State for Growth Entrepreneurship
Source: Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, “2017 Kauffman Index of Growth Entrepreneurship,” October 2017
- #8 State to Start a Business
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst States to Start a Business,” July 5, 2017
- #8 State for Startup Activity
Source: Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, “2017 Kauffman Index of Startup Activity,” May 2017
- #9 State for Entrepreneurship
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017

WORKFORCE

- #1 State for Leading Workforce Development Programs
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #2 State for Competitive Labor Environment
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #3 State for Workforce
Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2017,” July 11, 2017
- #5 State for Highest Availability of Human Capital
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst States to Start a Business,” July 5, 2017
- #10 State for Job Growth
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017

- #10 State for Ease of Hiring a New Employee for a Small Business
Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE

- #3 State for Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Installations in 2016
Source: Wood Mackenzie, Limited/SEIA, “U.S. Solar Market Insight, Executive Summary, 2016 Year in Review,” March 9, 2017
- #4 State for Infrastructure
Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2017,” July 11, 2017
- #7 State for Bridge Quality
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017
- #8 State for Cumulative Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Installations
Source: Wood Mackenzie, Limited/SEIA, “U.S. Solar Market Insight, Executive Summary, 2016 Year in Review,” March 9, 2017
- #9 State for Road Quality
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017

GOVERNMENT & REGULATION

- #1 State for Cooperative & Responsive State Government
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #1 State for Government Credit
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017
- #2 State for Speed of Permitting
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #3 State for Corporate Tax Environment
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #3 State for Favorable Regulatory Environment
Source: Area Development, “Top States for Doing Business 2017,” Q3 2017
- #3 State for Mature Firm Tax Index
Source: Site Selection, “Site Selection’s 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings,” November 2017

- #5 State for Friendliness of Licensing Requirements for Small Business
Source: Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017
- #6 State for Friendliness of Tax Code and Tax Regulations for Small Businesses
Source: Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017
- #6 State for New Firm Tax Index
Source: Site Selection, “Site Selection’s 2017 Top State Business Climate Rankings,” November 2017
- #6 State for Government Digitalization
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017
- #7 State for Friendliness of Zoning Regulations for Small Business
Source: Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017
- #8 State for Overall Regulatory Friendliness for Small Business
Source: Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017
- #10 State for Friendliness of Environmental Rules for a Small Business
Source: Thumbtack, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017

EDUCATION

- #9 State for Education Equality by Race
Source: U.S. News & World Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017
- #10 State for Preschool Enrollment
Source: U.S. News World & Report, “2017 Best States,” February 28, 2017

QUALITY OF LIFE & PEOPLE

- #1 State for Average Number of Military Enlistees per 1,000 Civilian Adults, 2010-2015
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Patriotic States,” June 27, 2017
- #4 State for Military Engagement
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Patriotic States,” June 27, 2017
- #5 State for Popular Destination to Home Buyers
Source: LendingTree, “LendingTree State Migration Study,” October 30, 2017
- #6 State for Numeric Growth of Population from 2016 to 2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates, December 20, 2017

- #7 State for Social Well-Being
Source: Gallup-Healthways, “2016 State Well-Being Rankings,” January 2017
- #9 Most Patriotic State in America
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Patriotic States,” June 27, 2017
- #10 State for Teen Drivers
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best State for Teen Drivers,” June 14, 2017

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