BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- #1 State for Doing Business (for the fourth consecutive year)

- #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

- #2 State for Shovel-Ready Sites Program

- #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

- #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  

• #3 State for Business Climate as measured by Survey of Corporate Site Selectors  

• #3 State for Favorable Utility Rates  

• #4 Location for Television Pilot Productions  

• #4 State for Aerospace Industry  
  Source: PwC, “2017 Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness Ranking,” August 2017

• #4 State for Access to Capital & Project Funding  

• #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  

• #8 State for Most Improved Economic Development Policies  

• #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  

#10 State for Business Costs  

#10 State for Aerospace Cost  

**INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

#2 State for Growth Entrepreneurship  

#8 State to Start a Business  

#8 State for Startup Activity  
Source: Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, “2017 Kauffman Index of Startup Activity,” May 2017

#9 State for Entrepreneurship  

**WORKFORCE**

#1 State for Leading Workforce Development Programs  

#2 State for Competitive Labor Environment  

#3 State for Workforce  
Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2017,” July 11, 2017

#5 State for Highest Availability of Human Capital  

#10 State for Job Growth  
• #10 State for Ease of Hiring a New Employee for a Small Business
  Thumback, “United States Small Business Friendliness Survey,” October 24, 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE

• #3 State for Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Installations in 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

• #8 State for Cumulative Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Installations
  Year in Review,” March 9, 2017

• #9 State for Road Quality

GOVERNMENT & REGULATION

• #1 State for Cooperative & Responsive State Government

• #1 State for Government Credit

• #2 State for Speed of Permitting

• #3 State for Corporate Tax Environment

• #3 State for Favorable Regulatory Environment

• #3 State for Mature Firm Tax Index
• #5 State for Friendliness of Licensing Requirements for Small Business  

• #6 State for Friendliness of Tax Code and Tax Regulations for Small Businesses  

• #6 State for New Firm Tax Index  

• #6 State for Government Digitalization  

• #7 State for Friendliness of Zoning Regulations for Small Business  

• #8 State for Overall Regulatory Friendliness for Small Business  

• #10 State for Friendliness of Environmental Rules for a Small Business  

**EDUCATION**

• #9 State for Education Equality by Race  

• #10 State for Preschool Enrollment  

**QUALITY OF LIFE & PEOPLE**

• #1 State for Average Number of Military Enlistees per 1,000 Civilian Adults, 2010-2015  

• #4 State for Military Engagement  

• #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**

- **#9 Most Patriotic State in America**

- **#10 State for Teen Drivers**

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