

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- #1 State for Doing Business (for the fifth consecutive year)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #1 State for Business Climate (for the sixth consecutive year)
 Source: Site Selection, "Site Selection's 2018 Top State Business Climate Rankings,"
 November 2018
- #1 Production Center in the United States for Top Grossing Feature Films Released at the U.S. Box Office in 2017
 Source: Film L.A., "2017 Feature Film Study," August 2018
- #2 State for Economy
 Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018
- #2 State for Business Incentive Programs (tie)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #2 State for Textile Mills
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings
 Report," July 23, 2018
- #3 State to Start a Business
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Best & Worst States to Start a Business," July 2, 2018
- #3 State for Overall Cost of Doing Business (tie)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #3 Most Competitive State
 Source: Site Selection, "2018 Prosperity Cup," May 2018
- #4 State for Total Corporate Facility Investment Projects
 Source: Site Selection, "2017 Project Rankings," March 2018
- #5 State for Access to Capital & Project Funding (tie)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018



- #5 State for Economic Activity
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Best & Worst State Economy," June 4, 2018
- #5 State for Total Corporate Facility Investment Projects per Capita Source: Site Selection, "2017 Project Rankings," March 2018
- #6 State for Doing Business
 Source: Forbes, "Best States for Business," November 28, 2018
- #6 State for Food Processing Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report," July 23, 2018
- #7 State for Business
 Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018
- #7 State for Business Environment
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Best & Worst States to Start a Business," July 2, 2018
- #7 State for Aerospace
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report," July 23, 2018
- #7 State for the Most Companies Receiving Private Equity Investment
 Source: American Investment Council, "Top 20 States for Private Equity Investment in 2016,"
 June 2018
- #8 State for Access to Capital Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018
- #8 Location for Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in North America Source: The Financial Times, "The fDi Report 2018: Global Greenfield Investment Trends," September 2018
- #8 State for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report," July 23, 2018



- #9 State for Entrepreneurship Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #10 State for Economic Growth
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018

JOBS & WORKFORCE

- #1 State for Leading Workforce Development Programs
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #2 State for Competitive Labor Environment (tie)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #3 State for Workforce Training
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings
 Report," July 23, 2018
- #8 State for Workforce
 Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018
- #9 State for Cybersecurity Jobs
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report," July 23, 2018

INFRASTRUCTURE

- #1 State for Road Quality
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #2 State for Shovel Ready Site Programs
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #2 State for Favorable Utility Rates
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #3 State for Infrastructure
 Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018



- #6 State for Bridge Quality
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #9 State for Cumulative Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Installations
 Source: Wood Mackenzie, Limited/SEIA, "U.S. Solar Market Insight, Executive Summary, 2017
 Year in Review," March 15, 2018
- #9 State for Installed Solar Power Capacity
 Source: Business Facilities, "Business Facilities' 14th Annual Rankings: State Rankings Report," July 23, 2018
- #10 State for Transportation
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018

GOVERNMENT & REGULATION

- #1 State for Cooperative & Responsive State Government
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #1 State for Government Credit Rating Score
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #1 State for Long-Term Fiscal Responsibility
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #2 State for Most Improved Economic Development Policies
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #3 State for Overall Cost of Doing Business (tie)
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018
- #4 State for Corporate Tax Environment
 Source: Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2018," Q3 2018

QUALITY OF LIFE & PEOPLE

One of the Top 50 Best Places to Travel in 2019 (in the world)
 Source: Travel + Leisure, "The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2019," December 12, 2018



- #1 State for Average Number of Military Enlistees per 1,000 Civilian Adults, 2011-2016
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Most Patriotic States," June 26, 2018
- #4 State for Military Engagement
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Most Patriotic States," June 26, 2018
- #7 State for Drinking Water Quality
 Source: U.S. News & World Report, "2018 Best States," February 27, 2018
- #9 State for Cost of Living Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2018," July 10, 2018
- #10 Most Patriotic State in America
 Source: WalletHub, "2018's Most Patriotic States," June 26, 2018

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