• #1 State for Doing Business (for the third consecutive year).
• #1 State for Business Climate (for the fourth consecutive year).
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016
• #1 State for Business Climate as measured by the Number of Facility Locations and Expansion Projects in 2016 (January – August).
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016
• #1 State for Cooperative and Responsive State Government.
• #1 State for Regulatory Friendliness.
• #1 State for Licensing Requirements.
• #1 State for Health & Safety Regulations.
• #2 State for Favorable Regulatory Environment.
• #2 State for Speed of Permitting.
• #2 State for Ease of Starting a Small Business.
• #2 State in the South Atlantic Region based on the Number of Corporate Investment Projects in 2015.
  Source: Site Selection, March 2016
• #2 State in the South Atlantic Region based on the Number of Corporate Investment Projects Per Capita in 2015.
  Source: Site Selection, March 2016
• #3 State for Business Incentive Programs.
• #3 State for Business Climate as measured by Survey of Corporate Site Selectors.
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016
• #3 State for Economic Growth Potential.
• #3 State for Environmental Rules.
• #3 State for Zoning Regulations.
• #4 State for Small Business Friendliness.
• #4 State for Business Climate.

• #4 State for Most Improved Economic Development Policies.

• #4 State for Access to Capital & Project Funding.

• #4 State for Business Climate as measured by Facility Locations and Expansion Projects per Capita in 2016 (January – August).
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016

• #5 State for Cost of Doing Business.

• #5 U.S. State Destination for Foreign Investment by Jobs Created in 2015.

• #5 State for Business as measured by Regulatory Environment.

• #6 U.S. State Destination for Foreign Investment by Jobs per Million Inhabitants.

• #6 State for Inc. 5000 Headquarters (Fast-Growing Companies).
  Source: Inc., 2016 Inc. 5000

• #6 State for Business as measured by Access to Capital.
  Source: CNBC, July 12, 2016

• #6 State for FDI Projects.

• #6 State for Credit Quality.

• #7 State for Business Climate as measured by Competitiveness.
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016

• #7 State for Business.

• #7 State based on the Number of Corporate Investment Projects.
  Source: Site Selection, March 2016

• #8 State for Business.
  Source: CNBC, July 12, 2016

• #8 State for Business.
  Source: Chief Executive, "2016 Best & Worst States for Business," May 9, 2016

• #8 State with the Most FORTUNE 500 Headquarters (tied with Michigan).

• #9 State for Business as measured by the Economy.
  Source: CNBC, July 12, 2016

• #10 State for Business as measured by Growth Prospects.

• One of the “Best of the World” Destinations to Visit in 2017.
  Source: National Geographic Traveler, December 2016/January 2017

• #7 State for a Quality Living Environment.
  Source: Chief Executive, "The 10 Best States for a Quality Living Environment," May 9, 2016

• #10 Best State to Retire Rich.
  Source: GoBankingRates, “Best and Worst States to Retire Rich,” June 20, 2016
**JOB GROWTH**

- **#7 State for Job Creation by Number of Jobs Added from April 2011 – April 2016.**
  Source: Site Selection Group, “Highest Job Creating States and Industries Over the Last Five Years,” June 23, 2016
- **#8 State for Job Growth.**
- **#8 State for Call Center Job Creation.**
  Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 20 States for New Call Center Projects in Last 5 Years,” May 23, 2016
- **#9 State for STEM Jobs.**

**WORKFORCE**

- **#1 State for Leading Workforce Development Programs.**
- **#1 State for Employment, Labor & Hiring.**
- **#2 State for Competitive Labor Costs.**
- **#2 State for Workforce Training Leaders.**
- **#7 State for Workforce.**
  Source: CNBC, July 12, 2016
- **#9 State with the Highest Quality Workforce.**
  Source: Chief Executive, “The 10 Best States for Workforce Quality,” May 11, 2016
- **#9 State for Ease of Hiring a New Employee.**

**INDUSTRY**

- **#3 Worldwide Location for Film Production.**
- **#3 State for Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness.**
- **#6 State for Manufacturing.**
  Source: Site Selection Group, “Best States for Manufacturing,” October 24, 2016
- **#8 State for New Call Center Projects.**
  Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 20 States for New Call Center Projects in Last 5 Years,” May 23, 2016
- **#9 State for Automotive Manufacturing Strength.**
TECHNOLOGY

- #8 State for Venture Capital Funding (2015).
- #9 State for Tech Occupation Job Openings (4Q 2015) as Percentage of Total Number of Tech Occupation Jobs.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- #4 State for Infrastructure.
  Source: CNBC, July 12, 2016
- #4 State for Infrastructure for U.S. Distribution.
  Source: Site Selection Group, “City and State Infrastructure Rankings for US Distribution,” September 26, 2016
- #5 State for Lowest Industrial Electricity Rates.
- #6 State for Infrastructure.
- #7 State for Infrastructure Upgrades.
- #8 State for Solar Electric Capacity Installed During 2015.
PEOPLE

- #2 State for Growth in Number of Women-Owned Firms, 2007-2016.  
- #5 State for Number of Women-Owned Firms in 2016.  
- #7 State for Growth in Combined Economic Clout of Women-Owned Firms in 2016.  
- #8 Most Populous State, 2016.  

TAXES

- #1 State for Tax Code and Tax Regulations.  
- #3 State for Mature Firm Tax Index.  
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016
- #6 State for Corporate Tax Environment.  
- #6 State for New Firm Tax Index.  
  Source: Site Selection, November 3, 2016
- #7 Tax-Friendly State for Retirees.  
- #10 State for Corporate Tax Rate.  