

Beacon Hill Institute

Eighth Annual Metro Area Competitiveness Report




	Subindexes, Eighth Annual Ranking (Alphabetical Listing)																	
	Overall		Govt & Fiscal Policy		Security		Infrstrc		Human Resources		Tech		Biz Incub.		Openness		Enviro. Policy	
	Index	Rank	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
Atlanta	4.05	45	5.55	18	4.58	37	5.10	26	4.01	42	4.32	40	4.55	34	4.50	29	4.28	43
Austin	5.31	15	5.40	20	5.07	27	4.21	43	4.82	29	5.02	24	4.02	45	6.44	6	6.02	5
Baltimore	4.97	25	5.29	24	3.95	45	4.28	42	5.40	18	7.22	2	5.03	22	3.79	49	4.93	34
Birmingham	3.67	49	5.58	17	3.77	46	4.45	38	4.82	30	4.21	41	4.78	29	4.05	45	3.99	45
Boston	7.31	2	4.97	28	5.75	14	3.50	48	7.45	1	8.62	1	6.51	4	5.27	17	5.49	20
Buffalo	4.71	29	3.41	49	5.10	26	5.30	22	5.95	8	5.40	16	4.17	42	4.36	38	5.35	24
Charlotte	5.19	19	5.81	13	3.52	49	6.73	4	4.33	37	4.74	29	6.56	3	4.34	40	4.59	40
Chicago	4.45	39	4.44	35	5.31	21	4.48	36	4.80	32	4.84	26	3.96	47	5.41	15	4.96	32
Cincinnati	5.24	17	5.75	15	5.95	10	6.07	5	4.88	27	4.66	32	4.50	35	4.37	37	4.61	39
Cleveland	4.35	40	3.93	41	5.46	18	6.00	6	4.80	31	4.69	31	3.79	48	4.45	33	4.73	38
Columbus	4.65	32	4.70	33	4.82	34	5.89	7	5.02	25	4.92	25	3.55	50	4.51	28	5.46	21
Dallas	5.24	16	5.49	19	4.97	30	4.55	34	4.04	40	4.59	33	4.92	24	6.71	4	5.50	18
Denver	6.35	5	4.83	30	6.29	3	6.79	3	5.90	10	5.52	14	5.55	16	4.10	43	5.45	22
Detroit	3.72	48	4.11	38	5.47	17	5.01	28	3.93	44	5.09	22	3.05	51	4.97	22	4.17	44
Hartford	5.98	10	3.82	43	6.14	6	5.02	27	5.99	7	5.88	7	5.56	15	5.01	21	5.79	9
Houston	4.21	41	5.30	23	4.35	41	4.34	41	3.55	47	4.58	34	4.49	36	6.99	2	3.83	46
Indianapolis	4.61	33	6.09	9	4.24	42	5.52	15	5.04	23	4.52	35	4.19	41	4.59	27	4.54	41
Jacksonville	4.60	34	6.60	2	3.58	48	4.72	31	4.66	35	3.75	48	5.68	11	4.07	44	5.62	12
Kansas City	5.32	14	5.06	26	5.16	25	5.78	10	5.71	14	4.76	28	4.95	23	4.14	42	5.50	19
Las Vegas	5.13	22	6.03	10	4.51	38	7.09	2	3.54	48	3.21	51	5.73	10	5.14	19	5.17	29
Los Angeles	4.20	43	4.03	39	5.31	19	3.75	46	4.01	43	5.55	13	4.47	37	6.68	5	3.58	47
Louisville	4.55	36	4.70	32	5.25	22	5.43	17	4.70	34	3.98	44	5.04	21	4.62	24	4.78	37
Memphis	3.72	47	5.78	14	2.51	50	5.81	8	3.39	49	4.15	42	4.85	26	4.14	41	5.18	28
Miami	4.58	35	5.94	11	3.68	47	4.36	39	3.71	46	3.61	50	4.88	25	6.36	7	6.08	3
Milwaukee	5.21	18	4.98	27	4.41	40	5.13	25	5.94	9	5.19	20	5.07	20	4.44	34	5.52	17
Minneapolis	6.17	7	5.07	25	5.67	15	5.74	11	7.34	2	5.83	9	3.98	46	4.62	25	5.60	14
Nashville	4.99	24	6.38	6	4.45	39	5.53	14	4.13	39	4.05	43	5.62	13	4.48	30	5.31	25
New Orleans	2.89	50	4.53	34	1.38	51	4.35	40	3.36	50	3.85	45	4.62	31	5.91	11	5.07	31
New York	4.18	44	3.54	48	6.10	7	2.47	51	5.04	24	5.08	23	3.73	49	6.13	10	5.21	26
Oklahoma City	4.50	37	4.83	31	4.99	29	5.22	24	4.33	38	3.81	46	5.66	12	3.62	51	5.92	8
Orlando	4.95	26	6.65	1	4.06	44	5.42	18	4.34	36	3.81	47	5.26	18	4.75	23	5.55	16
Philadelphia	4.21	42	4.17	37	4.79	35	4.56	33	5.38	19	5.22	19	4.57	32	4.35	39	4.38	42
Phoenix	4.67	30	6.51	3	4.77	36	5.26	23	5.34	20	4.37	37	4.33	38	5.10	20	3.23	49
Pittsburgh	3.97	46	3.10	51	6.21	4	5.50	16	5.67	15	5.26	18	5.08	19	3.72	50	2.08	50
Portland	6.27	6	5.59	16	5.83	12	5.79	9	5.48	16	5.41	15	4.20	40	5.69	14	6.17	1
Providence	5.56	13	3.70	46	6.29	2	4.55	35	5.81	11	6.66	4	4.76	30	4.46	32	5.61	13
Raleigh	6.03	9	5.86	12	6.21	5	5.68	12	4.84	28	4.78	27	6.06	5	4.37	36	5.57	15
Richmond	6.04	8	6.11	8	5.31	20	5.41	20	5.40	17	4.36	38	7.73	2	3.86	47	5.21	27
Riverside	2.59	51	3.74	45	5.65	16	3.20	49	3.18	51	5.37	17	4.13	43	5.72	13	1.10	51
Rochester	5.18	20	3.79	44	6.06	8	4.92	30	5.71	13	5.70	11	4.02	44	4.43	35	5.95	6
Sacramento	4.81	28	3.84	42	6.01	9	4.48	37	4.76	33	5.80	10	4.27	39	5.34	16	4.89	35
Salt Lake City	7.06	3	6.24	7	5.03	28	7.22	1	6.70	3	5.13	21	8.47	1	4.62	26	3.37	48
San Antonio	5.00	23	5.40	20	4.07	43	4.63	32	3.80	45	4.33	39	5.87	7	6.20	9	5.69	10
San Diego	5.17	21	3.36	50	5.84	11	4.07	44	5.17	22	5.94	6	5.36	17	5.75	12	5.07	30
San Francisco	5.68	12	3.65	47	4.82	33	4.01	45	5.79	12	6.04	5	5.59	14	6.28	8	6.03	4
San Jose	6.40	4	4.03	39	6.43	1	3.74	47	4.92	26	6.85	3	5.83	8	6.86	3	5.93	7
Seattle	7.54	1	5.33	22	5.75	13	5.55	13	6.08	6	5.65	12	6.05	6	7.81	1	6.10	2
St. Louis	4.50	38	4.23	36	5.18	24	5.41	19	5.25	21	4.72	30	4.84	27	3.92	46	4.82	36
Tampa	4.67	31	6.46	4	4.83	32	4.93	29	4.03	41	3.72	49	4.78	28	4.47	31	5.69	11
Virginia Beach	5.79	11	6.39	5	4.90	31	5.38	21	6.40	4	4.42	36	5.79	9	3.85	48	5.44	23
Washington, DC	4.90	27	4.87	29	5.21	23	2.64	50	6.36	5	5.84	8	4.56	33	5.25	18	4.94	33

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Introducing the indexes

How does one metropolitan area create more economic activity, and hence more income for its citizens, than other regions? What special characteristics or attributes lead to generating this higher income? BHI's Metro Area Competitiveness Report attempts to identify the qualities that allow some areas to excel in income generation and the qualities that prohibit other areas from attaining the same level of competitiveness. This question quickly leads on to others: How are these qualities measured? What standards should be used to determine whether a state is competitive or not? Indeed, why is it even interesting to measure competitiveness? How does economic

competitiveness differ from interstate competition for workers, firms and capital?

The Metro Area Competitiveness Report uses these questions as a starting point. The indexes are designed to measure the *long-term* competitiveness of an area, and use a similar approach to the one taken in BHI's earlier studies of state and metropolitan area competitiveness that began in 2001.

In this year's report, Seattle rises to the first rank followed by Boston, Salt Lake City, San Jose, Denver, Portland (OR), Minneapolis, Richmond, Raleigh and Hartford (See page 67). This year's rankings find Memphis, Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, and Riverside (California) in the bottom five.

What is Competitiveness?

We consider a metropolitan area to be competitive *if it has in place the policies and conditions that ensure and sustain a high level of per capita income and continued growth*. To achieve this, a region should be able both to attract and incubate new businesses and to provide an environment that is conducive to the growth of existing firms.

Competitiveness may be thought of as a catch-all term that covers what Michael Porter calls "the microeconomic foundations of prosperity." The states of the United States all face the same macroeconomic conditions set at the top – national fiscal, monetary and trade policy; where they differ from one another is in their microeconomic policies such as tax and regulatory regimes, their provision and emphasis on education, and their attractiveness to business. These policies matter. As Porter puts it, "wealth is actually created at the microeconomic level ... - in the ability of firms to create valuable goods and services using productive methods." ¹

It follows that the *outcome* of competitiveness is greater affluence, measured by higher levels of real Gross State Product (GSP) or personal income per capita.

Quantifying Competitiveness

To be useful as a concept, it is essential to have an operational measure of competitiveness, a measure that aggregates the key microeconomic variables into a single index. In its influential annual *Global Competitiveness Report*, the World Economic Forum does this for the countries of the world, but what's lacking is a more focused examination of metropolitan areas in the U.S. There are some more specialized rankings of the metro areas, but none meet the criteria for measuring competitiveness as defined above or have an equivalent breadth of coverage.

In thinking about how to create an index of competitiveness, we begin with the simple economic relation:

$$Y = f(K, L, \text{technology}).$$

This says that output (Y) depends on the amount of capital (K), labor (L) and technology that is harnessed by the economy.² Not surprisingly, more inputs lead to more output. But what raises input levels? And why do some metro areas mix the ingredients – sound fiscal policies, educated workforce, openness to trade – more successfully than others?

To answer these questions we need to focus on the quality of the business environment. Using his celebrated “diamond,” Porter finds it helpful to group the influences into four components: the quality of available inputs, the sophistication of local demand, the nature of local suppliers and the extent to which they form clusters, and the rules and institutions that govern the market.² These are still very broad categories and so, following the Porter-inspired *Global Competitiveness Report*, we actually classify



our indicators into eight groups. The breakdown is as follows:

Government and fiscal policies. Businesses are more likely to be attracted to areas with moderate tax rates and clear evidence of financial discipline (as evidenced, for instance, by high state and municipal bond ratings, and budgetary balance). This subindex is designed to pick up these effects.

Security A state will be more attractive to business if public officials are trusted, and if crime is low. The security subindex addresses these dimensions of competitiveness, with particular emphasis on the importance of public safety.

Infrastructure. How easy is commuting? Do most households have access to high-speed broadband? Is housing affordable? How expensive is energy? These are the elements of competitiveness that are included in the infrastructure subindex for each state.

Human resources. A high level of labor force participation, and skilled labor that is readily available and not too expensive, combined with a widespread commitment to education, training and health care, make a state attractive for business. These factors are captured in the human resources subindex.

Technology. Since the arrival of the industrial revolution, the development and application

of technology has been central to economic development. The technology subindex measures this by taking into account research funding, the number of patents issued, the proportion of scientists and engineers in the labor force, and the importance of high tech companies.

Business Incubation. A good idea is not enough; businesses also need to be able to mobilize financing for investment, both internally and from the financial system. A higher rate of business births is a particularly clear sign of a competitive environment, and is an important component of the business incubation subindex. It must also be friendly to entrepreneurs.³

Openness. Open economies tend to be more competitive and hence more productive. The openness subindex measures how connected the firms and people in a state are with the rest of the world. It is based on the level of exports, as well as the percent of the population born abroad.

Environmental Policy. States that are faced with environmental problems, or that have a heavy-handed policy of environmental regulation, are likely to be less attractive to businesses as well as to their workers and managers; we measure this effect with the environmental policy subindex, which among other things reflects the levels of air pollution and of toxic releases.

A complete list of the components of the competitiveness indexes is given in Table A1 at the end of this section of the report. We have used the most recent data available, sometimes data that is more than two or three years behind due to time lags in collection.

This year's report uses Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) defined by the United States Census Bureau. In the past reports we have used a combination of MSA and Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSA),

Technical Note 1:

Creating the Indexes

Given the raw data series for each state, several steps were needed in order to construct the competitiveness index.

1. First, each variable was normalized to give it a mean of 5, a standard deviation of 1, and a range from 0 (worst) to 10 (best).
2. Then the eight sub-indexes were formed as the simple averages of the normalized component variables.
3. Next, the sub-indexes themselves were normalized, again giving a mean of 5 and standard deviation of 1 to each. These are presented inside the front and back covers.

Finally, the overall index of state competitiveness is the simple average of the eight sub-indexes, again normalizing it so it has a mean of 5 and standard deviation of 1. In practice the competitiveness indicator index ranged from a low of 2.57 to a high of 7.14.



but this year only MSA were used. This change was made to create a concrete definition of a metro area set forth by the United States Census. Raleigh, NC is a new metro area. We keep 51 areas in our listing to facilitate rough but useful year-to-year comparisons.

The eight categories are coherent, but there is inevitably some degree of arbitrariness in the way in which individual data series are assigned to the subindexes. For instance, the amount of air travel could be included in the infrastructure subindex or the measure of openness; and electricity prices could be included in the infrastructure subindex or the environmental subindex. In practice, the assignment of the data series is much less important than the fact that they are included at all.

A competitiveness index is simply a summary measure based on a large number of variables. The difficult, and controversial, part is choosing a weighting scheme. Our approach is the simplest and most transparent: within each subindex, each variable carries equal weight. Then each sub-index is given the same weight when constructing the overall index. This has been referred to as a “democratic” weighting structure, but it is of course arbitrary (although reasonable).



What next?

Since 2001 when we began compiling these rankings, we have set out to invite the policymakers, citizens and the media to pore over the detailed results contained here. We have also visited state houses from Massachusetts to Rhode Island and Arizona to Wisconsin. Legislatures and

planning agencies have sought ways to improve their ranking. Since then, we’ve received significant press attention and fielded dozens of questions about our methodology. Some have compared our ranking to other studies that stress economic freedom or low-tax criteria. We do agree that economic freedom and sound tax policy are important.

However, we believe that other factors are also important to competitiveness, even if they are not easy to place on a scale of economic freedom or fit into the ideals of low tax regimes; these include such variables as the time that is required to travel to work, the availability of venture capital, the number of patents generated, and the importance to the economy of high-tech firms. For each metropolitan area

we set out the main competitive strengths and weaknesses to give individuals a sense of where their own metropolitan area has been and which direction it could be taking. The central goal of this report is to engage everyone in thinking about how best to

improve long term economic growth, while expanding and maintaining high levels of personal income. At the state level, even if it is essential to think global, we still have to act local.

(Endnotes)

¹ Michael Porter, “The Current Competitiveness Index: Measuring the Microeconomic Foundations of Prosperity,” in World Economic Forum, *The Global Competitiveness Report 2000*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2000.

² _____, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations*, Free Press, New York, 1990.

³ This release uses a metro version of the Kauffman Entrepreneurial Index generated specifically for this report.

Table A1 Components of Subindexes for Eighth Annual Metro Areas Index	
Subindex	Competitiveness Indicators Index (“objective”)
Government & Fiscal Policy	State and Local Taxes per capita /Income per capita(-) Workers’ Compensation Premium Rates (-) Bond Rating (composite of S&P’s and Moody’s, scale 1-25) (+) State Bond Rating (+) Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed (-)
Security	Crime Index percentage change (-) Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants (-) Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants (-) Murders per 100,000 inhabitants (-)
Infrastructure	High Speed Lines per 1000 (+) Travel Time to Work (-) Median Monthly Housing costs (-) Air Passengers per capita (+) Electricity Prices (-)
Human Resources	% of Population without Health Insurance (-) % of Population aged 25 and over that Graduated from High School (+) Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted (-) % of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000 (+) % of Adults in the Labor Force (+) Infant Mortality Rate in deaths per 1,000 live births (-) Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants (+)
Technology	Academic R&D per \$1,000 GSP (+) NIH Support to Institutions per capita (+) New Patents Issued per 100,000 inhabitants (+) Science and Engineering Graduate students per 100,000 inhabitants (+) Scientists and Engineers as % of Labor Force (+)
Business Incubation	Deposits in Commercial Banks and Savings Institutions, per capita (+) Venture Capital Investments per capita (+) Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants (+) Entrepreneurial Activity Index (+) Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index (+) % of Labor Force that is Represented by Unions (-) New Publicly Traded Companies (+)
Openness	Exports per capita, \$ (+) % of Population Born Abroad (+)
Environmental Policy	Toxic Release pounds/1000 sq. miles (-) Air Quality Index (-) High Ozone Days, average (-)



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How to Read Indicator Index Pages

In this column you will find variables where the state is competitive.

The index value ranks from 0 to 10, with a mean of 5 and a standard deviation of 1. Each state's index is ordered to create the overall rank among the 50 states.

Each state's overall rank is based on its total index from 1 (highest) to 50 (lowest)

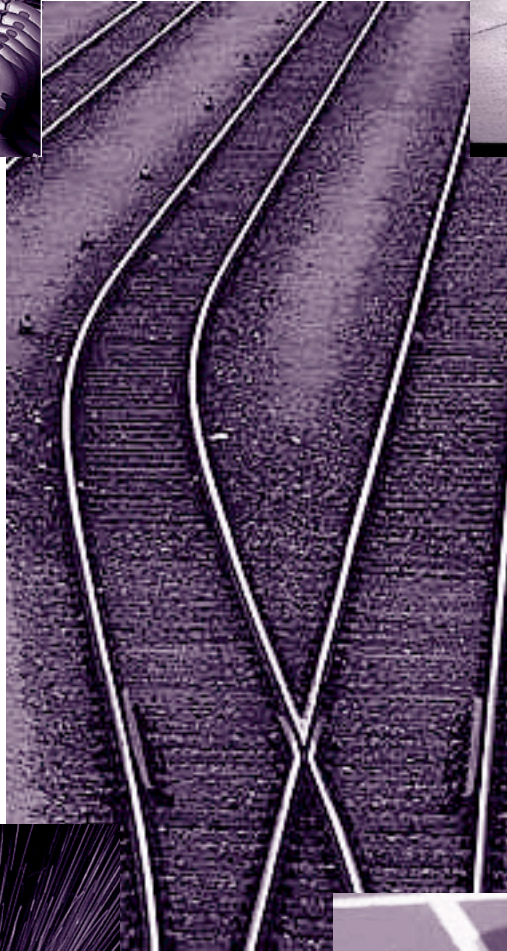
In this column you will find variables where the state is not competitive

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
Subindex/Variable	Index	Rank	Subindex/Variable	Index	Rank
Government and fiscal policy subindex	4.97	24	Government and fiscal policy subindex	4.97	24
Budget deficit, % of GSP	5.10	11	Bond rating: composite	3.13	49
Security subindex	5.65	11	Security subindex	5.65	11
The BGA Integrity Index	5.69	15			
Infrastructure subindex	3.63	47	Infrastructure subindex		
	6.99	1	Electricity prices per million BTU		
			Median Monthly Housing Costs		
			Travel time to work		
Human resources subindex	6.68	1	Human resources subindex		
	8.45	1	Technology subindex		
100 GSP	7.71	2			
per 1000 inhabitants	6.41	3			
Business incubation subindex	7.65	1	Business incubation subindex	7.65	1
Bank deposits per capita	5.38	5	Minimum wage	3.42	43
Venture capital per capita	10.00	1			
Openness subindex	6.29	7	Openness subindex	6.29	7
Exports per capita, dollars	5.95	7			
% of population born abroad	5.98	9			
Environmental policy subindex	3.92	43	Environmental policy subindex	3.92	43
			Carbon emission per 1000 sq miles	2.80	48

A subindex combines one or more variables that explain certain social or economic characteristics. For example, the institutions and security subindex is composed of other variables such as crime, percentage change in crime, and murders committed in the state.

Variables are the elements that make up each subindex. Variables that rank between 1 and 20 are considered advantages to a state, while variables that rank between 30 and 50 are considered disadvantages.

BHI Metro Index



Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta

Index **Overall Rank**
4.05 **45**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex			Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.20	19	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.66	32
State Bond Rating	6.30	1			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.47	13			
Security Subindex			Security Subindex		
	4.58	37	Crime Index Change (%)	3.87	48
			Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	4.55	36
Infrastructure Subindex			Infrastructure Subindex		
Air Passengers per capita	6.71	6	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.76	31
			Travel Time to Work	3.37	48
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.81	34
Human Resources Subindex			Human Resources Subindex		
	4.01	42	Unemployment Rate	4.44	38
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.61	50
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.07	43
			Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	3.84	49
Technology Subindex			Technology Subindex		
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.03	20	NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.35	39
			New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	4.17	42
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.03	42
Business Incubation Subindex			Business Incubation Subindex		
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.31	13	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	2.53	51
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.17	18			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.20	5			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.29	15			
Openness Subindex			Openness Subindex		
% of Population Born Abroad	4.97	19	Exports per capita	4.28	43
Environmental Policy Subindex			Environmental Policy Subindex		
	4.28	43	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.22	47
			Air Quality Index	4.15	47

Austin-Round Rock

Index **Overall Rank**
5.31 **15**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 5.40 20			Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 5.40 20		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency \$), %	5.95	6	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.57	30
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10			
Security Subindex 5.07 27			Security Subindex 5.07 27		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.97	8	Crime Index Change (%)	4.21	45
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.21	5	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.82	45
Infrastructure Subindex 4.21 43			Infrastructure Subindex 4.21 43		
			High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.04	40
			Air Passengers per capita	4.49	34
			Electricity Prices	4.79	30
Human Resources Subindex 4.82 29			Human Resources Subindex 4.82 29		
Unemployment Rate	6.08	6	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.98	42
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.77	11	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.36	38
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.27	20	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
Technology Subindex 5.02 24			Technology Subindex 5.02 24		
% of Comp and Eng Job	6.72	3	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.56	38
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.49	35
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	32
Business Incubation Subindex 4.02 45			Business Incubation Subindex 4.02 45		
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.15	6	Bank Deposits per capita	4.41	48
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.38	14	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	40
			Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.44	48
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.61	31
Openness Subindex 6.44 6			Openness Subindex 6.44 6		
Exports per capita	6.99	3			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.14	18			
Environmental Policy Subindex 6.02 5			Environmental Policy Subindex 6.02 5		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.68	4			
Air Quality Index	5.95	5			
High Ozone Days	5.41	13			

Baltimore-Towson

Index Overall Rank
4.97 25

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.29	24	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.29	24
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.33	8	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	3.88	47
State Bond Rating	6.30	1	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.64	31
Security SubIndex	3.95	45	Security SubIndex	3.95	45
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.86	33
			Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	3.63	46
			Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	3.26	49
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.28	42	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.28	42
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.99	12	Travel Time to Work	3.94	46
Air Passengers per capita	5.02	17	Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.47	39
			Electricity Prices	4.12	45
Human Resources SubIndex	5.40	18	Human Resources SubIndex	5.40	18
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.55	17	% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.01	30
Unemployment Rate	5.90	9	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.11	50
Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	6.97	5			
Technology SubIndex	7.22	2	Technology SubIndex	7.22	2
Academic R&D per \$1,000	9.96	1	New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	4.67	30
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	6.93	3			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.92	7			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.86	8			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.03	22	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.03	22
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.91	13	Bank Deposits per capita	4.62	38
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.87	10	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.40	36
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.63	15			
Openness SubIndex	3.79	49	Openness SubIndex	3.79	49
			Exports per capita	3.78	49
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.43	32
Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.93	34	Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.93	34
			Air Quality Index	4.87	30
			High Ozone Days	4.72	46

Birmingham-Hoover

Index **Overall Rank**
3.67 **49**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.58 17			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.58 17		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.78	14	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.00	47
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	7.40	1	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
			State Bond Rating	4.80	30
Security SubIndex 3.77 46			Security SubIndex 3.77 46		
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.25	44
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.72	35
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.96	44
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	3.49	48
Infrastructure SubIndex 4.45 38			Infrastructure SubIndex 4.45 38		
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.00	7	High-Speed Lines per 1000	3.15	49
Electricity Prices	5.77	14	Travel Time to Work	4.90	31
			Air Passengers per capita	4.04	47
Human Resources SubIndex 4.82 30			Human Resources SubIndex 4.82 30		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.46	19	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.43	39
Unemployment Rate	5.99	8	% of Adults in the Labor Force	3.57	48
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.34	4	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.87	44
Technology SubIndex 4.21 41			Technology SubIndex 4.21 41		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.15	13	NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.58	32
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	3.65	50
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.40	37
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.24	42
Business Incubation SubIndex 4.78 29			Business Incubation SubIndex 4.78 29		
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.48	3	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.20	51
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.72	13	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.83	47
Openness SubIndex 4.05 45			Openness SubIndex 4.05 45		
			Exports per capita	4.68	30
			% of Population Born Abroad	3.91	50
Environmental Policy SubIndex 3.99 45			Environmental Policy SubIndex 3.99 45		
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.33	44
			Air Quality Index	3.58	49
			High Ozone Days	5.12	30

Metro Area Index

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	4.97	28	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	4.97	28
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.69	4	State Bond Rating	4.80	30
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.52	18	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	2.77	51
Security Subindex	5.75	14	Security Subindex	5.75	14
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.75	15	Crime Index Change (%)	3.81	49
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.42	5			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.21	5			
Infrastructure Subindex	3.50	48	Infrastructure Subindex	3.50	48
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.49	3	Travel Time to Work	3.97	45
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.69	46
			Electricity Prices	2.94	47
Human Resources Subindex	7.45	1	Human Resources Subindex	7.45	1
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.85	1			
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.94	6			
Unemployment Rate	5.72	11			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	6.02	6			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.86	9			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.34	4			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	7.80	1			
Technology Subindex	8.62	1	Technology Subindex	8.62	1
Academic R&D per \$1,000	7.21	2			
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	9.74	1			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.62	9			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	8.95	1			
% of Comp and Eng Job	6.08	6			
Business Incubation Subindex	6.51	4	Business Incubation Subindex	6.51	4
Bank Deposits per capita	5.21	8	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.54	50
Venture Capital Investment per capita	8.08	1			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.82	5			
Openness Subindex	5.27	17	Openness Subindex	5.27	17
Exports per capita	5.06	14			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.33	15			
Environmental Policy Subindex	5.49	20	Environmental Policy Subindex	5.49	20
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.59	13			

Buffalo-Niagara Falls

Index **Overall Rank**
4.71 **29**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.41	49	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.41	49
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	3.11	49
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.60	46
			State Bond Rating	4.43	35
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.61	38
Security SubIndex	5.10	26	Security SubIndex	5.10	26
Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	5.59	19	Crime Index Change (%)	4.49	40
			Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	4.89	31
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.30	22	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.30	22
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.31	16	Air Passengers per capita	4.39	40
Travel Time to Work	6.73	2	Electricity Prices	2.91	48
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.26	4			
Human Resources SubIndex	5.95	8	Human Resources SubIndex	5.95	8
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.50	2	Unemployment Rate	4.63	35
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.39	17	% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.19	41
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.06	19			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.85	15			
Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	7.12	3			
Technology SubIndex	5.40	16	Technology SubIndex	5.40	16
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.53	8	% of Comp and Eng Job	4.31	40
New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	5.03	17			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	6.56	3			
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.17	42	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.17	42
Bank Deposits per capita	5.08	10	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.46	34
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.86	16	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	2.72	50
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.07	16			
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.81	1			
Openness SubIndex	4.36	38	Openness SubIndex	4.36	38
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.10	45
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.35	24	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.35	24
Air Quality Index	5.59	15	High Ozone Days	4.81	43

Metro Area Index

Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord

Index **Overall Rank**
5.19 **19**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.81	13	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.81	13
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.06	4			
State Bond Rating	6.26	8			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.32	15			
Security SubIndex	3.52	49	Security SubIndex	3.52	49
			Crime Index Change (%)	3.78	50
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.00	43
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.25	48
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.66	34
Infrastructure SubIndex	6.73	4	Infrastructure SubIndex	6.73	4
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.53	18	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.62	35
Air Passengers per capita	7.45	2			
Electricity Prices	5.72	16			
Human Resources SubIndex	4.33	37	Human Resources SubIndex	4.33	37
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.17	7	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.66	34
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.87	32
			Unemployment Rate	4.26	41
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.45	34
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.52	48
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.50	38
Technology SubIndex	4.74	29	Technology SubIndex	4.74	29
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.61	8	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.42	34
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.41	10	Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.38	38
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.21	43
Business Incubation SubIndex	6.56	3	Business Incubation SubIndex	6.56	3
Bank Deposits per capita	6.41	3			
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.63	16			
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.26	9			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.40	2			
Openness SubIndex	4.34	40	Openness SubIndex	4.34	40
			Exports per capita	4.45	36
Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.59	40	Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.59	40
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.61	40
			Air Quality Index	4.58	40
			High Ozone Days	5.01	34

Chicago-Naperville-Joliet

Index **Overall Rank**
4.45 **39**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.15	20	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.45	35
			State Bond Rating	4.28	41
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.54	41
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	5.53	20	Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	5.08	30
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Air Passengers per capita	5.37	11	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.88	30
			Travel Time to Work	3.27	49
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.57	16	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.80	30
Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	5.02	16	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.70	36
			Unemployment Rate	4.44	38
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.61	33
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.65	11	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.64	34
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.57	34
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.00	16	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.40	39
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.34	38
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.38	37
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.59	30
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.08	13			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.53	12			
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.11	32
			Air Quality Index	4.66	36

Metro Area Index

Cincinnati-Middletown

Index **Overall Rank**
5.24 **17**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.49	6	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.42	34
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.06	4			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	6.51	3			
Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	5.87	10			
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.67	12	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.69	33
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.17	5			
Electricity Prices	5.77	15			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.64	16	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.55	30
Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	5.00	17	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.23	39
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.57	34
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	4.92	20	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.36	40
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.21	4	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.57	49
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.05	20			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.10	19			
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.13	12	% of Population Born Abroad	3.93	49
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.38	43
			Air Quality Index	4.87	30
			High Ozone Days	5.00	35

Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor

Index **Overall Rank**
4.35 **40**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State Bond Rating	5.55	16	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.23	38
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	3.16	49
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.14	41
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	5.25	19			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.49	18			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.67	14			
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.64	13			
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.01	6			
Electricity Prices	5.59	18			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.90	11	Unemployment Rate	4.08	43
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.42	18	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.42	35
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.26	10	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.98	44
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.67	30
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.43	38
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.07	11	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.28	45
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.10	6	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.50	50
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.69	30
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.53	32
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.02	15	% of Population Born Abroad	4.17	42
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
Air Quality Index	5.45	18	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.27	46
			High Ozone Days	4.78	45

Metro Area Index

Columbus

Index **Overall Rank**
4.65 **32**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.34	1	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.23	38
State Bond Rating	5.55	16	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	3.16	49
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
	4.82	34	Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	3.98	43
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.90	9	Air Passengers per capita	4.32	41
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.83	11			
Electricity Prices	5.59	18			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.70	10	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.42	35
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.33	19	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.98	44
Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	5.26	10			
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.28	15	NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.67	30
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.49	15	Bank Deposits per capita	4.62	37
			Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.28	45
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.50	50
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.53	32
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.02	15	% of Population Born Abroad	4.25	38
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
Air Quality Index	5.52	17	High Ozone Days	4.99	38

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington

Index **Overall Rank**
5.24 **16**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita (current \$), %	5.95	6	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.57	30
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.06	4			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.42	20	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.29	41
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Air Passengers per capita	5.30	14	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.04	40
			Travel Time to Work	4.67	36
			Electricity Prices	4.79	30
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
Unemployment Rate	5.54	17	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.20	49
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.33	19	% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.77	46
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.27	20	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.36	38
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.10	18	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.56	38
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.49	35
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	32
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.10	9	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	40
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.15	6	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.82	31
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.76	11	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.13	41
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	6.99	3			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.55	11			
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.56	16	High Ozone Days	5.07	32
Air Quality Index	5.38	20			

Metro Area Index

Denver-Aurora

Index
6.35

Overall Rank
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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.83	30	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.83	30
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.43	16	State Bond Rating	4.05	42
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.25	9	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.81	46
Security SubIndex	6.29	3	Security SubIndex	6.29	3
Crime Index Change (%)	6.49	4			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.86	12			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.64	17			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.76	12			
Infrastructure SubIndex	6.79	3	Infrastructure SubIndex	6.79	3
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.78	15	Travel Time to Work	4.71	35
Air Passengers per capita	7.34	3			
Electricity Prices	5.58	20			
Human Resources SubIndex	5.90	10	Human Resources SubIndex	5.90	10
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.50	15			
Unemployment Rate	5.54	17			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.61	14			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.48	3			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.37	19			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.93	19			
Technology SubIndex	5.52	14	Technology SubIndex	5.52	14
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.59	13			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.81	10			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.68	10			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.55	16	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.55	16
Venture Capital Investment per capita	5.51	9	Bank Deposits per capita	4.63	36
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	7.01	3	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.62	46
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.56	20			
Openness SubIndex	4.10	43	Openness SubIndex	4.10	43
			Exports per capita	3.73	50
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.45	22	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.45	22
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.59	15	Air Quality Index	4.87	30
High Ozone Days	5.45	12			

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.48	14	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.05	49
			State Bond Rating	4.05	42
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	7.51	1	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.05	42
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.97	9	Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	3.82	47
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.63	17	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.19	38
Air Passengers per capita	5.01	19	Travel Time to Work	4.84	32
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.39	17	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.77	31
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.25	12	Unemployment Rate	2.08	51
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.01	44
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.24	38
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.25	11			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.35	14			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.28	16			
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.74	13	Bank Deposits per capita	4.69	30
			Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.24	49
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.99	45
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.25	39
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	3.67	47
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.44	9	% of Population Born Abroad	4.52	30
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	3.40	49
			High Ozone Days	4.98	39

Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford

Index **Overall Rank**
5.98 **10**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.82	43	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.82	43
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	3.62	48
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.42	40
			State Bond Rating	4.43	35
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.27	43
Security SubIndex	6.14	6	Security SubIndex	6.14	6
Crime Index Change (%)	5.55	8			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.25	2			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.60	18			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.93	10			
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.02	27	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.02	27
High-Speed Lines per 1000	7.06	1	Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.80	36
Travel Time to Work	6.07	6	Air Passengers per capita	4.53	32
			Electricity Prices	2.59	51
Human Resources SubIndex	5.99	7	Human Resources SubIndex	5.99	7
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.77	12	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.04	43
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.50	15			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.21	6			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.84	17			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	6.68	7			
Technology SubIndex	5.88	7	Technology SubIndex	5.88	7
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	6.17	4	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.81	31
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.90	11			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	6.11	6			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.31	14			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.56	15	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.56	15
Bank Deposits per capita	4.97	17	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.48	34
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.57	18	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.55	33
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	7.52	1	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.33	35
Openness SubIndex	5.01	21	Openness SubIndex	5.01	21
Exports per capita	5.15	11			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.79	9	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.79	9
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.65	10	High Ozone Days	4.99	37
Air Quality Index	5.95	5			

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown

Index **Overall Rank**
4.21 **41**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.30	23	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	5.30	23
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	5.95	6	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.57	30
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.52	18			
Security SubIndex	4.35	41	Security SubIndex	4.35	41
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.83	35
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	40
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.75	30
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.30	43
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.34	41	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.34	41
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.43	19	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.04	40
Air Passengers per capita	5.22	15	Travel Time to Work	4.17	41
			Electricity Prices	4.79	30
Human Resources SubIndex	3.55	47	Human Resources SubIndex	3.55	47
Unemployment Rate	5.72	11	% of Population without Health Insurance	2.98	51
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.27	20	% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.02	49
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.36	38
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.19	41
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
Technology SubIndex	4.58	34	Technology SubIndex	4.58	34
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.08	19	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.56	38
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.49	35
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	32
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.49	36	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.49	36
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.15	6	Bank Deposits per capita	4.66	34
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	40
			Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.32	36
Openness SubIndex	6.99	2	Openness SubIndex	6.99	2
Exports per capita	6.99	3			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.96	9			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	3.83	46	Environmental Policy SubIndex	3.83	46
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	3.64	48
			Air Quality Index	4.51	43
			High Ozone Days	4.56	47

Metro Area Index

Indianapolis-Carmel

Index **Overall Rank**
4.61 **33**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.09	9	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.09	9
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	7.30	1			
State Bond Rating	5.55	16			
Security SubIndex	4.24	42	Security SubIndex	4.24	42
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.48	41
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.36	39
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.60	34
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.36	41
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.52	15	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.52	15
Travel Time to Work	5.64	13	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.01	46
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.91	9	Air Passengers per capita	4.41	38
Electricity Prices	6.10	4			
Human Resources SubIndex	5.04	23	Human Resources SubIndex	5.04	23
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.36	18	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.17	40
Unemployment Rate	5.45	19	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.02	42
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.99	8			
Technology SubIndex	4.52	35	Technology SubIndex	4.52	35
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.25	43
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.48	33
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.19	41	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.19	41
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.99	10	Bank Deposits per capita	4.51	44
			Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.28	47
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.98	46
Openness SubIndex	4.59	27	Openness SubIndex	4.59	27
Exports per capita	5.25	10	% of Population Born Abroad	4.15	44
Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.54	41	Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.54	41
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.39	42
			Air Quality Index	4.58	40

Jacksonville

Index **Overall Rank**
4.60 **34**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.60	2	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.60	2
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	6.81	2			
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.38	15			
State Bond Rating	5.93	10			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.27	6			
Security SubIndex	3.58	48	Security SubIndex	3.58	48
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.08	46
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.99	44
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.78	46
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.02	46
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.72	31	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.72	31
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.97	30
			Air Passengers per capita	4.41	39
			Electricity Prices	4.77	34
Human Resources SubIndex	4.66	35	Human Resources SubIndex	4.66	35
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.56	12	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.87	44
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.92	20	% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.72	31
Technology SubIndex	3.75	48	Technology SubIndex	3.75	48
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.82	47
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	3.98	47
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.19	38
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.45	37
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.68	11	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.68	11
Bank Deposits per capita	4.93	19	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.43	34
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.59	4			
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.64	14			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.88	14			
Openness SubIndex	4.07	44	Openness SubIndex	4.07	44
			Exports per capita	4.29	39
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.33	35
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.62	12	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.62	12
Air Quality Index	5.66	13	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.95	36
High Ozone Days	5.62	1			

Metro Area Index

Kansas City

Index **Overall Rank**
5.32 **14**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State Bond Rating	5.99	9	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.21	45
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.16	19	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	6.07	6	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.65	32
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.50	39
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	6.00	7	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.01	45
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.82	13			
Electricity Prices	6.15	3			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.44	20	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.61	33
% of Population that Graduated from High School	6.00	4	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	36
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.82	13			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.43	4			
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	20	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.16	43
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.07	8	Bank Deposits per capita	4.68	31
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.17	16	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.33	42
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.37	37
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
			Exports per capita	4.53	33
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.20	39
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
High Ozone Days	5.52	10			

Las Vegas-Paradise

Index **Overall Rank**
5.13 **22**

BHI Metro Area Index

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.03	10	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.03	10
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	7.50	1			
State Bond Rating	5.55	16			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.05	20			
Security SubIndex	4.51	38	Security SubIndex	4.51	38
Crime Index Change (%)	5.52	9	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.12	50
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.79	12	Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.13	45
Infrastructure SubIndex	7.09	2	Infrastructure SubIndex	7.09	2
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.50	2	Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.97	42
Travel Time to Work	5.54	16			
Air Passengers per capita	8.34	1			
Human Resources SubIndex	3.54	48	Human Resources SubIndex	3.54	48
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.88	14	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.24	48
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.04	43
			Unemployment Rate	4.08	43
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.44	51
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.61	51
Technology SubIndex	3.21	51	Technology SubIndex	3.21	51
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.38	51
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	3.79	51
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.27	35
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.27	51
			% of Comp and Eng Job	3.56	51
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.73	10	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.73	10
Bank Deposits per capita	7.40	2	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.69	33
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.45	8	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.15	40
Openness SubIndex	5.14	19	Openness SubIndex	5.14	19
% of Population Born Abroad	6.06	7	Exports per capita	4.16	46
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.17	29	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.17	29
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.66	9	Air Quality Index	4.51	43

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana

Index **Overall Rank**
4.20 **43**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	6.56	2	Crime Index Change (%)	4.84	34
			Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	4.87	34
			Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	4.64	35
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Travel Time to Work	4.07	43
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.46	47
			Air Passengers per capita	4.58	31
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.46	37
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6	% of Population that Graduated from High School	2.44	51
			Unemployment Rate	3.72	47
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	3.62	47
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14	% of Comp and Eng Job	4.49	36
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.87	42
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.94	44
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	7.49	3			
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
			Air Quality Index	3.79	48
			High Ozone Days	3.14	50

Louisville-Jefferson County

Index **Overall Rank**
4.55 **36**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.70	32	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.70	32
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.57	30
			State Bond Rating	4.65	33
Security SubIndex	5.25	22	Security SubIndex	5.25	22
Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	5.51	17	Crime Index Change (%)	4.58	39
Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	5.67	14			
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.43	17	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.43	17
Travel Time to Work	6.00	7	High-Speed Lines per 1000	3.09	50
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.36	2	Air Passengers per capita	4.07	44
Electricity Prices	6.37	1			
Human Resources SubIndex	4.70	34	Human Resources SubIndex	4.70	34
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.77	12	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.68	37
			Unemployment Rate	4.35	40
			Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	4.15	41
Technology SubIndex	3.98	44	Technology SubIndex	3.98	44
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.76	32
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.25	42
			New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	4.01	47
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.12	40
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.04	46
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.04	21	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.04	21
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.08	7	Bank Deposits per capita	4.58	39
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.64	5	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.61	30
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	3.80	48
Openness SubIndex	4.62	24	Openness SubIndex	4.62	24
Exports per capita	5.50	8	% of Population Born Abroad	3.94	48
Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.78	37	Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.78	37
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.73	39
			Air Quality Index	4.66	36

Metro Area Index

Memphis

Index **Overall Rank**
3.72 **47**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	5.82	13	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.14	41
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.90	3			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	5.27	18	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	1.39	51
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	2.93	50
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	3.15	50
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.87	10	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.14	39
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.68	16			
Air Passengers per capita	5.17	16			
Electricity Prices	5.79	13			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
			% of Population without Health Insurance	4.68	33
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.29	42
			Unemployment Rate	3.99	46
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.84	48
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.32	38
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.24	49
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.43	39
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.58	36
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	3.87	49
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.71	31
			% of Comp and Eng Job	3.94	48
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.80	12	Bank Deposits per capita	4.56	40
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.96	13	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.32	43
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.54	33
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.02	46
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
High Ozone Days	5.24	19	Air Quality Index	4.80	35

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach

Index **Overall Rank**
4.58 **35**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.94 11			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.94 11		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	6.81	2	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.32	47
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.38	15			
State Bond Rating	5.93	10			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.27	6			
Security SubIndex 3.68 47			Security SubIndex 3.68 47		
			Crime Index Change (%)	3.97	47
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.57	47
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.74	47
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.86	32
Infrastructure SubIndex 4.36 39			Infrastructure SubIndex 4.36 39		
Air Passengers per capita	5.46	9	Travel Time to Work	4.34	39
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.88	43
			Electricity Prices	4.77	34
Human Resources SubIndex 3.71 46			Human Resources SubIndex 3.71 46		
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.92	20	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.36	47
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.90	45
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.87	44
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.36	37
Technology SubIndex 3.61 50			Technology SubIndex 3.61 50		
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.82	47
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	3.98	47
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.19	38
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
			% of Comp and Eng Job	3.96	47
Business Incubation SubIndex 4.88 25			Business Incubation SubIndex 4.88 25		
Bank Deposits per capita	4.94	18	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.43	34
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.59	4	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.77	44
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.88	14	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.19	40
Openness SubIndex 6.36 7			Openness SubIndex 6.36 7		
% of Population Born Abroad	7.72	2	Exports per capita	4.29	39
Environmental Policy SubIndex 6.08 3			Environmental Policy SubIndex 6.08 3		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.63	11			
Air Quality Index	5.95	5			
High Ozone Days	5.58	6			

Metro Area Index

Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis

Index **Overall Rank**
5.21 **18**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 4.98 27			Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 4.98 27		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.54	13	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.40	35
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.52	18	State Bond Rating	4.05	42
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.45	14			
Security Subindex 4.41 40			Security Subindex 4.41 40		
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.46	42
			Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	4.58	36
			Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	4.33	40
			Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	4.92	30
Infrastructure Subindex 5.13 25			Infrastructure Subindex 5.13 25		
Travel Time to Work	6.20	4	High-Speed Lines per 1000	3.52	47
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.74	15	Air Passengers per capita	4.42	37
Human Resources Subindex 5.94 9			Human Resources Subindex 5.94 9		
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.41	3	Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	4.76	33
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.53	13			
Unemployment Rate	5.72	11			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.19	18			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.82	10			
Technology Subindex 5.19 20			Technology Subindex 5.19 20		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.83	6			
New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	5.22	15			
Business Incubation Subindex 5.07 20			Business Incubation Subindex 5.07 20		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.01	14	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.31	44
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.02	10	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.08	44
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.75	6	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.42	35
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.53	32
Openness Subindex 4.44 34			Openness Subindex 4.44 34		
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.30	36
Environmental Policy Subindex 5.52 17			Environmental Policy Subindex 5.52 17		
Air Quality Index	5.81	8	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.94	37
High Ozone Days	5.31	17			

Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington

Index **Overall Rank**
6.17 **7**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 5.07 25			Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex 5.07 25		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.14	20	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.40	35
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.06	4	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.74	48
State Bond Rating	5.85	14			
Security Subindex 5.67 15			Security Subindex 5.67 15		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.26	1			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.01	7			
Infrastructure Subindex 5.74 11			Infrastructure Subindex 5.74 11		
Travel Time to Work	5.50	18	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.33	37
Air Passengers per capita	5.56	8			
Electricity Prices	5.82	12			
Human Resources Subindex 7.34 2			Human Resources Subindex 7.34 2		
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.37	4			
% of Population that Graduated from High School	6.74	2			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	6.46	5			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	7.67	1			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.35	3			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.18	13			
Technology Subindex 5.83 9			Technology Subindex 5.83 9		
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.23	19	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.18	43
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.44	10			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	6.55	5			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.71	9			
Business Incubation Subindex 3.98 46			Business Incubation Subindex 3.98 46		
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.41	13	Bank Deposits per capita	4.68	32
			Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.50	33
			Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.39	36
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.06	43
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.28	38
Openness Subindex 4.62 25			Openness Subindex 4.62 25		
Environmental Policy Subindex 5.60 14			Environmental Policy Subindex 5.60 14		
Air Quality Index	5.38	20	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.24	30
High Ozone Days	5.58	4			

Metro Area Index

Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro

Index **Overall Rank**
4.99 **24**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.38	6	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.38	6
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	5.95	6			
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10			
State Bond Rating	5.55	16			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.78	5			
Security Subindex	4.45	39	Security Subindex	4.45	39
Crime Index Change (%)	5.29	17	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.49	48
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.64	33
Infrastructure Subindex	5.53	14	Infrastructure Subindex	5.53	14
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.80	14	Travel Time to Work	4.84	32
Electricity Prices	5.83	11			
Human Resources Subindex	4.13	39	Human Resources Subindex	4.13	39
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.62	38
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.73	49
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.53	47
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.72	34
Technology Subindex	4.05	43	Technology Subindex	4.05	43
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.63	35
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	3.95	48
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.75	49
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.12	44
Business Incubation Subindex	5.62	13	Business Incubation Subindex	5.62	13
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.54	6	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.33	41
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.03	10	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.61	30
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.75	7	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.37	49
Openness Subindex	4.48	30	Openness Subindex	4.48	30
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.29	37
Environmental Policy Subindex	5.31	25	Environmental Policy Subindex	5.31	25
High Ozone Days	5.39	14	Air Quality Index	4.87	30

New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner

Index **Overall Rank**
2.89 **50**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.95	6	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.27	44
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	7.01	2	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.87	44
			State Bond Rating	2.56	51
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
	1.38	51	Crime Index Change (%)	0.28	51
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.72	45
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.54	36
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	0.91	51
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Air Passengers per capita	4.91	20	High-Speed Lines per 1000	3.38	48
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.94	31
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
Unemployment Rate	6.08	6	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.31	38
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.93	44
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.28	42
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	2.78	50
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	2.61	51
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.70	35
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
	3.85	45	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.23	42
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.23	44
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	3.60	51
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.34	39
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.28	41
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.28	8	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.25	48
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.01	11	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.33	39
			Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.21	40
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	7.01	2	% of Population Born Abroad	4.34	34
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
High Ozone Days	5.54	8	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.31	45

Metro Area Index

New York-Northern NJ--Long Island

Index **Overall Rank**
4.18 **44**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.54	48	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.54	48
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	3.08	51
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
			State Bond Rating	4.43	35
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.98	44
Security SubIndex	6.10	7	Security SubIndex	6.10	7
Crime Index Change (%)	5.24	20			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.60	16			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.84	1			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.53	17			
Infrastructure SubIndex	2.47	51	Infrastructure SubIndex	2.47	51
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	11	Travel Time to Work	2.01	51
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.88	44
			Electricity Prices	3.16	46
Human Resources SubIndex	5.04	24	Human Resources SubIndex	5.04	24
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.00	12	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.57	35
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	6.73	6	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.37	40
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.45	33
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	3.79	46
Technology SubIndex	5.08	23	Technology SubIndex	5.08	23
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.13	16	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.58	36
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.91	8	% of Comp and Eng Job	4.60	31
Business Incubation SubIndex	3.73	49	Business Incubation SubIndex	3.73	49
Bank Deposits per capita	5.50	6	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.95	41
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.98	11	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.52	51
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.49	11	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	3.04	49
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.75	12			
Openness SubIndex	6.13	10	Openness SubIndex	6.13	10
% of Population Born Abroad	6.74	5			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.21	26	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.21	26
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.49	20	High Ozone Days	4.94	40

Oklahoma City

Index **Overall Rank**
4.50 **37**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.83	31	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.83	31
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.02	46
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.52	12	State Bond Rating	4.43	35
Security SubIndex	4.99	29	Security SubIndex	4.99	29
Crime Index Change (%)	5.45	13	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.07	31
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.44	38
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.22	24	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.22	24
Travel Time to Work	6.50	3	High-Speed Lines per 1000	2.65	51
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.31	3	Air Passengers per capita	4.06	46
Electricity Prices	5.93	7			
Human Resources SubIndex	4.33	38	Human Resources SubIndex	4.33	38
Unemployment Rate	6.63	2	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.38	46
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.58	32
			Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.14	41
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.77	50
Technology SubIndex	3.81	46	Technology SubIndex	3.81	46
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.94	46
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.03	46
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.05	46
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.99	44
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.52	35
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.66	12	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.66	12
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.91	3	Bank Deposits per capita	4.64	35
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.68	19	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.24	50
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.83	10	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.56	32
			Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.56	34
Openness SubIndex	3.62	51	Openness SubIndex	3.62	51
			Exports per capita	3.58	51
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.37	33
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.92	8	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.92	8
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.68	5			
Air Quality Index	5.59	15			
High Ozone Days	5.56	7			

Metro Area Index

Orlando-Kissimmee

Index **Overall Rank**
4.95 **26**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.65	1	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	6.65	1
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	6.81	2			
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.38	15			
State Bond Rating	5.93	10			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.27	6			
Security SubIndex	4.06	44	Security SubIndex	4.06	44
			Crime Index Change (%)	4.71	37
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	3.34	49
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.49	37
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.72	33
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.42	18	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.42	18
Air Passengers per capita	7.09	5	Travel Time to Work	4.57	38
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.19	41
			Electricity Prices	4.77	34
Human Resources SubIndex	4.34	36	Human Resources SubIndex	4.34	36
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.92	20	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.89	45
			Unemployment Rate	4.72	34
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.87	44
Technology SubIndex	3.81	47	Technology SubIndex	3.81	47
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.82	47
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	3.98	47
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.19	38
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.68	30
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.26	18	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.26	18
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.59	4	Bank Deposits per capita	4.52	42
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.88	14	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.43	34
Openness SubIndex	4.75	23	Openness SubIndex	4.75	23
% of Population Born Abroad	5.33	15	Exports per capita	4.29	39
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.55	16	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.55	16
Air Quality Index	5.74	10	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.77	38
High Ozone Days	5.60	3			

Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington

Index **Overall Rank**
4.21 **42**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
	4.17	37	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.04	46
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.37	37
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.78	47
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.79	35	Crime Index Change (%)	4.89	32
	5.68	15	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.48	37
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.33	42
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.56	33	Travel Time to Work	4.21	40
	5.79	14	Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.88	33
			Air Passengers per capita	4.52	33
			Electricity Prices	4.71	38
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.38	19	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.54	31
% of Population that Graduated from High School	6.01	10	% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.58	32
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.23	20			
	6.05	9			
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.22	19		5.22	19
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.33	10			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.31	11			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.14	20			
	5.16	17			
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	4.57	32	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.66	47
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.71	4	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.22	39
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.14	15			
	6.13	5			
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
	4.35	39	Exports per capita	4.52	34
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.52	30
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
	4.38	42	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	4.58	41
			Air Quality Index	4.66	36
			High Ozone Days	4.56	48

Metro Area Index

Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale

Index **Overall Rank**
4.67 **30**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex			Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.86	12	State Bond Rating	4.43	35
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.43	7			
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.85	4			
Security Subindex			Security Subindex		
Crime Index Change (%)	5.29	16	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.28	42
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.55	36
Infrastructure Subindex			Infrastructure Subindex		
Air Passengers per capita	5.43	10	Travel Time to Work	4.67	36
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.81	34
Human Resources Subindex			Human Resources Subindex		
Unemployment Rate	5.63	15	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.13	41
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	8.57	1	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.37	40
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.41	35
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.21	40
Technology Subindex			Technology Subindex		
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.89	20	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.69	33
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.14	45
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.11	41
Business Incubation Subindex			Business Incubation Subindex		
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.44	12	Bank Deposits per capita	4.43	47
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.11	18	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.51	32
			Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.70	45
Openness Subindex			Openness Subindex		
% of Population Born Abroad	5.53	12	Exports per capita	4.63	31
Environmental Policy Subindex			Environmental Policy Subindex		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.68	6	Air Quality Index	0.70	51

Pittsburgh

Index **Overall Rank**
3.97 **46**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.10	51	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.10	51
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.40	35
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.43	36
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	1.95	51
			State Bond Rating	4.80	30
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.95	45
Security SubIndex	6.21	4	Security SubIndex	6.21	4
Crime Index Change (%)	5.40	14			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.88	9			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.48	3			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.76	12			
Infrastructure SubIndex	5.50	16	Infrastructure SubIndex	5.50	16
Median Monthly Housing Costs	6.44	1	Air Passengers per capita	4.28	42
Human Resources SubIndex	5.67	15	Human Resources SubIndex	5.67	15
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.35	5	% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.28	39
% of Population that Graduated from High School	6.00	4	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.72	32
Unemployment Rate	5.45	19			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	6.10	8			
Technology SubIndex	5.26	18	Technology SubIndex	5.26	18
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.93	5	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.61	31
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.76	6	% of Comp and Eng Job	4.59	32
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.08	19	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.08	19
Bank Deposits per capita	5.06	12	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.52	31
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.53	2	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	31
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.09	19	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.33	35
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.02	20			
Openness SubIndex	3.72	50	Openness SubIndex	3.72	50
			Exports per capita	4.22	45
			% of Population Born Abroad	3.88	51
Environmental Policy SubIndex	2.08	50	Environmental Policy SubIndex	2.08	50
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	0.10	51
			Air Quality Index	4.37	45
			High Ozone Days	4.80	44

Metro Area Index

Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton

Index **Overall Rank**
6.27 **6**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	5.17	19	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.60	40
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.98	10			
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.06	4			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.13	4			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.35	2			
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.29	18			
Travel Time to Work	5.34	19			
Electricity Prices	5.88	10			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.92	7	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.40	37
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.51	17			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.93	13			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.09	15			
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.21	20	Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.03	43
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.76	7			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.53	11			
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.81	18	Bank Deposits per capita	4.44	46
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.43	9	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.26	38
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.33	35
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	6.13	7			
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.55	17			
Air Quality Index	6.17	1			
High Ozone Days	5.62	2			

Providence-New Bedford-Fall River

Index **Overall Rank**
5.56 **13**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 3.70 46			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 3.70 46		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.86	11	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.60	33
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.32	47
			State Bond Rating	4.56	34
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	2.91	50
Security SubIndex 6.29 2			Security SubIndex 6.29 2		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.22	3			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.15	7			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.23	4			
Infrastructure SubIndex 4.55 35			Infrastructure SubIndex 4.55 35		
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.24	4	Air Passengers per capita	4.07	44
Travel Time to Work	5.64	13	Electricity Prices	2.88	50
Human Resources SubIndex 5.81 11			Human Resources SubIndex 5.81 11		
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.17	7	% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.74	47
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	6.69	3	Unemployment Rate	3.08	49
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.64	13			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.70	18			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	7.14	2			
Technology SubIndex 6.66 4			Technology SubIndex 6.66 4		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	6.52	3	% of Comp and Eng Job	4.59	33
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	7.57	2			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.78	12			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	6.78	2			
Business Incubation SubIndex 4.76 30			Business Incubation SubIndex 4.76 30		
Venture Capital Investment per capita	5.93	8	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.57	32
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.15	14	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.57	31
Openness SubIndex 4.46 32			Openness SubIndex 4.46 32		
% of Population Born Abroad	4.97	19	Exports per capita	4.23	44
Environmental Policy SubIndex 5.61 13			Environmental Policy SubIndex 5.61 13		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.50	19	High Ozone Days	5.00	36
Air Quality Index	5.74	10			

Metro Area Index

Raleigh-Cary

Index **Overall Rank**
6.03 **9**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.86 12			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex 5.86 12		
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.34	1			
State Bond Rating	6.30	1			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.18	18			
Security SubIndex 6.21 5			Security SubIndex 6.21 5		
Crime Index Change (%)	5.50	10			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.07	5			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.96	10			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.98	8			
Infrastructure SubIndex 5.68 12			Infrastructure SubIndex 5.68 12		
Travel Time to Work	5.34	19	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.67	34
Air Passengers per capita	5.34	12			
Electricity Prices	5.71	17			
Human Resources SubIndex 4.84 28			Human Resources SubIndex 4.84 28		
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.67	11	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.77	31
Unemployment Rate	5.63	15	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	3.57	46
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.60	15	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.55	37
Technology SubIndex 4.78 27			Technology SubIndex 4.78 27		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.70	7	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.50	32
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.58	7	Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.56	36
			% of Comp and Eng Job	3.84	49
Business Incubation SubIndex 6.06 5			Business Incubation SubIndex 6.06 5		
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.76	20	Bank Deposits per capita	4.52	43
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.49	19			
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	7.04	2			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.45	1			
Openness SubIndex 4.37 36			Openness SubIndex 4.37 36		
			Exports per capita	4.36	38
Environmental Policy SubIndex 5.57 15			Environmental Policy SubIndex 5.57 15		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.66	8			
High Ozone Days	5.33	16			

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>SubIndex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.91	2			
State Bond Rating	6.30	1			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.28	16			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.86	11	Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	44
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.64	16			
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.25	19	Air Passengers per capita	4.04	47
Travel Time to Work	5.54	16			
Electricity Prices	5.91	8			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.17	7	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.73	34
Unemployment Rate	6.17	5	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.59	35
			Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.80	31
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.25	18	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.17	45
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.29	41
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.08	45
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.30	7			
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.86	14			
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.61	17			
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.47	7			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.30	4			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	7.43	2			
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
			Exports per capita	4.13	48
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.18	41
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
			Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.01	35

Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario

Index **Overall Rank**
2.59 **51**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.74	45	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.74	45
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex	5.65	16	Security SubIndex	5.65	16
Crime Index Change (%)	5.46	12			
Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	6.06	8			
Infrastructure SubIndex	3.20	49	Infrastructure SubIndex	3.20	49
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Travel Time to Work	3.41	47
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.79	45
			Air Passengers per capita	3.79	51
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex	3.18	51	Human Resources SubIndex	3.18	51
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.16	50
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6	% of Population that Graduated from High School	2.69	50
			Unemployment Rate	2.53	50
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	2.65	51
Technology SubIndex	5.37	17	Technology SubIndex	5.37	17
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14	% of Comp and Eng Job	3.81	50
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.13	43	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.13	43
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	Bank Deposits per capita	4.27	51
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.28	50
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
Openness SubIndex	5.72	13	Openness SubIndex	5.72	13
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	6.06	7			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	1.10	51	Environmental Policy SubIndex	1.10	51
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.70	1	Air Quality Index	1.63	50
			High Ozone Days	0.00	51

Rochester

Index **Overall Rank**
5.18 **20**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.79	44	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.79	44
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	3.11	49
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
			State Bond Rating	4.43	35
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.61	38
Security SubIndex	6.06	8	Security SubIndex	6.06	8
Crime Index Change (%)	5.83	7			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.07	6			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.73	14			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.48	18			
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.92	30	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.92	30
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.31	16	Air Passengers per capita	4.00	50
Travel Time to Work	6.77	1	Electricity Prices	2.91	48
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.83	12			
Human Resources SubIndex	5.71	13	Human Resources SubIndex	5.71	13
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.53	13	% of Adults in the Labor Force	3.97	45
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.06	19			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.85	15			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	7.12	3			
Technology SubIndex	5.70	11	Technology SubIndex	5.70	11
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.53	8			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	5.03	17			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	6.56	3			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.43	13			
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.02	44	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.02	44
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.86	16	Bank Deposits per capita	4.38	49
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.07	16	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	2.72	50
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.94	11			
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.70	14			
Openness SubIndex	4.43	35	Openness SubIndex	4.43	35
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.20	39
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.95	6	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.95	6
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.50	18			
Air Quality Index	6.17	1			
High Ozone Days	5.23	20			

Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville

Index **Overall Rank**
4.81 **28**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.84	42	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.84	42
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex	6.01	9	Security SubIndex	6.01	9
Crime Index Change (%)	6.59	2	Violent Crimes per 100.000 inhabitants	4.96	32
Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	5.91	11			
Murders per 100.000 inhabitants	5.48	18			
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.48	37	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.48	37
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Travel Time to Work	4.80	34
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.32	40
			Air Passengers per capita	4.47	35
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex	4.76	33	Human Resources SubIndex	4.76	33
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.20	39
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6	Unemployment Rate	3.63	48
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.14	43
Technology SubIndex	5.80	10	Technology SubIndex	5.80	10
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14			
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100.000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.44	12			
Business Incubation SubIndex	4.27	39	Business Incubation SubIndex	4.27	39
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	Bank Deposits per capita	4.47	45
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.25	39
			Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.11	42
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
Openness SubIndex	5.34	16	Openness SubIndex	5.34	16
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.49	14			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.89	35	Environmental Policy SubIndex	4.89	35
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.69	2	High Ozone Days	4.17	49

Salt Lake City

Index **Overall Rank**
7.06 **3**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.24	7	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.24	7
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.51	5	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.51	42
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	6.34	1			
State Bond Rating	6.30	1			
Security Subindex	5.03	28	Security Subindex	5.03	28
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.83	13	Crime Index Change (%)	4.72	36
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.37	1	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	3.16	49
Infrastructure Subindex	7.22	1	Infrastructure Subindex	7.22	1
Travel Time to Work	6.10	5	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.48	36
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.41	20			
Air Passengers per capita	7.27	4			
Electricity Prices	6.28	2			
Human Resources Subindex	6.70	3	Human Resources Subindex	6.70	3
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.78	9	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.48	36
Unemployment Rate	7.09	1	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.88	43
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	7.07	2			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.43	4			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.88	1			
Technology Subindex	5.13	21	Technology Subindex	5.13	21
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.48	9	NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.58	33
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.90	19			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.81	9			
Business Incubation Subindex	8.47	1	Business Incubation Subindex	8.47	1
Bank Deposits per capita	10.00	1	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.50	35
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.98	12			
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	7.54	1			
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.36	16			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.96	12			
Openness Subindex	4.62	26	Openness Subindex	4.62	26
			Exports per capita	4.58	32
Environmental Policy Subindex	3.37	48	Environmental Policy Subindex	3.37	48
High Ozone Days	5.27	18	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	1.96	50
			Air Quality Index	4.58	40

Metro Area Index

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency \$), %	5.95	6	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.57	30
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
	4.07	43	Crime Index Change (%)	4.36	43
			Thefts per 100.000 inhabitants	2.54	51
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.34	19	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.04	40
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.84	10	Air Passengers per capita	4.24	43
			Electricity Prices	4.79	30
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
Unemployment Rate	5.81	10	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.95	44
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	5.27	20	% of Population that Graduated from High School	3.60	48
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.36	38
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	3.53	49
			Non-federal Physicians per 100.000 inhabitants	3.85	45
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
	4.33	39	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.56	38
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.49	35
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	32
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.10	45
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	7.06	1	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.22	40
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.15	6	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.83	30
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.16	17			
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
Exports per capita	6.99	3		6.20	9
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.60	12	High Ozone Days	5.05	33
Air Quality Index	5.74	10			

San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marco

Index **Overall Rank**
5.17 **21**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.36	50	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.36	50
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.87	44
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex	5.84	11	Security SubIndex	5.84	11
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.31	6			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.79	11			
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.07	44	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.07	44
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Median Monthly Housing Costs	3.06	48
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex	5.17	22	Human Resources SubIndex	5.17	22
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.73	34
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6	Unemployment Rate	4.63	35
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.41	35
Technology SubIndex	5.94	6	Technology SubIndex	5.94	6
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14			
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
% of Comp and Eng Job	5.93	7			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.36	17	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.36	17
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	Bank Deposits per capita	4.53	41
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.27	37
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.83	4	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.73	46
			% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
Openness SubIndex	5.75	12	Openness SubIndex	5.75	12
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	6.10	6			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.07	30	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.07	30
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.67	7	Air Quality Index	4.66	36
			High Ozone Days	4.83	42

Metro Area Index

San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont

Index **Overall Rank**
5.68 **12**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.65	47	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	3.65	47
			State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.69	34
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex	4.82	33	Security SubIndex	4.82	33
			Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.40	38
			Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.50	39
Infrastructure SubIndex	4.01	45	Infrastructure SubIndex	4.01	45
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Travel Time to Work	2.07	43
Air Passengers per capita	5.76	7	Median Monthly Housing Costs	2.80	50
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex	5.79	12	Human Resources SubIndex	5.79	12
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.23	6	% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.76	30
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.25	19			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6			
Technology SubIndex	6.04	5	Technology SubIndex	6.04	5
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14			
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
% of Comp and Eng Job	6.34	4			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.59	14	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.59	14
Bank Deposits per capita	5.55	5	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.78	43
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.58	48
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.97	3			
Openness SubIndex	6.28	8	Openness SubIndex	6.28	8
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	6.89	4			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	6.03	4	Environmental Policy SubIndex	6.03	4
Air Quality Index	6.17	1			
High Ozone Days	5.53	9			

San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara

Index **Overall Rank**
6.40 **4**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.03	39	Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex	4.03	39
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10	State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(cur \$), %	4.14	40
			Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	4.35	38
			State Bond Rating	3.30	45
			Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	4.62	32
Security SubIndex	6.43	1	Security SubIndex	6.43	1
Crime Index Change (%)	5.33	15			
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	6.06	7			
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	6.43	4			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	6.35	2			
Infrastructure SubIndex	3.74	47	Infrastructure SubIndex	3.74	47
High-Speed Lines per 1000	6.15	5	Median Monthly Housing Costs	2.18	51
			Air Passengers per capita	4.61	30
			Electricity Prices	4.18	39
Human Resources SubIndex	4.92	26	Human Resources SubIndex	4.92	26
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.88	7	% of Population without Health Insurance	4.20	39
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.21	6	% of Population that Graduated from High School	4.81	33
			Unemployment Rate	4.54	37
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.23	40
Technology SubIndex	6.85	3	Technology SubIndex	6.85	3
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.09	14			
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	13			
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.83	1			
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.39	12			
% of Comp and Eng Job	9.38	1			
Business Incubation SubIndex	5.83	8	Business Incubation SubIndex	5.83	8
Bank Deposits per capita	5.01	15	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.56	49
Venture Capital Investment per capita	7.20	2	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	4.13	41
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	5.06	18			
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.46	20			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	6.37	8			
Openness SubIndex	6.86	3	Openness SubIndex	6.86	3
Exports per capita	5.01	17			
% of Population Born Abroad	7.75	1			
Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.93	7	Environmental Policy SubIndex	5.93	7
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.69	3			
Air Quality Index	5.81	8			
High Ozone Days	5.36	15			

Metro Area Index

Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue

Index **Overall Rank**
7.54 **1**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	5.33	22	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	5.33	22
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(currency), %	5.52	15	Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	3.50	49
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.82	12			
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.93	9			
Security Subindex	5.75	13	Security Subindex	5.75	13
Crime Index Change (%)	6.10	5	Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.36	39
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.76	14			
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.98	8			
Infrastructure Subindex	5.55	13	Infrastructure Subindex	5.55	13
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.93	13	Travel Time to Work	4.17	41
Air Passengers per capita	5.31	13	Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.63	38
Electricity Prices	6.09	5			
Human Resources Subindex	6.08	6	Human Resources Subindex	6.08	6
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.66	15	% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	4.49	32
% of Population that Graduated from High School	6.36	3			
Unemployment Rate	5.72	11			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.64	13			
Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	6.40	2			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.95	18			
Technology Subindex	5.65	12	Technology Subindex	5.65	12
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.93	5	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.82	30
New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	6.73	8	Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.72	50
% of Comp and Eng Job	6.23	5			
Business Incubation Subindex	6.05	6	Business Incubation Subindex	6.05	6
Venture Capital Investment per capita	5.45	10	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	4.32	38
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	7.47	2	% of Labor Force represented by Unions	3.54	48
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	5.77	12			
New Publicly Traded Companies (ipo by metro)	5.96	9			
Openness Subindex	7.81	1	Openness Subindex	7.81	1
Exports per capita	8.88	1			
% of Population Born Abroad	5.28	17			
Environmental Policy Subindex	6.10	2	Environmental Policy Subindex	6.10	2
Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.59	14			
Air Quality Index	6.02	4			
High Ozone Days	5.58	5			

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita (current \$), %	5.24	18	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	3.16	49
State Bond Rating	5.84	15	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	2.77	50
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.77	11			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Crime Index Change (%)	5.47	11	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.96	33
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Travel Time to Work	5.34	19	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.02	44
Median Monthly Housing Costs	5.97	8	Air Passengers per capita	4.46	36
Electricity Prices	6.06	6			
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	6.17	7	Unemployment Rate	4.08	43
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	5.59	15	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.59	35
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.55	16	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.84	30
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	5.19	12	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.26	36
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	4.71	30
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Entrepreneurial Activity Index	6.06	9	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.41	38
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.87	11	Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	4.44	35
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
	3.92	46	Exports per capita	4.41	37
			% of Population Born Abroad	3.99	47
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
	4.82	36	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.19	31
			Air Quality Index	4.37	45
			High Ozone Days	5.11	31

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater

Index **Overall Rank**
4.67 **31**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.46	4	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.46	4
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	6.81	2	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	4.83	33
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	5.38	15			
State Bond Rating	5.93	10			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	6.27	6			
Security Subindex	4.83	32	Security Subindex	4.83	32
Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	5.62	16	Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	4.09	41
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.59	35
Infrastructure Subindex	4.93	29	Infrastructure Subindex	4.93	29
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.92	32
			Electricity Prices	4.77	34
Human Resources Subindex	4.03	41	Human Resources Subindex	4.03	41
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.92	20	% of Population without Health Insurance	3.98	42
			% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.01	30
			Unemployment Rate	4.17	42
			% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	3.87	44
			% of Adults in the Labor Force	4.54	34
Technology Subindex	3.72	49	Technology Subindex	3.72	49
			Academic R&D per \$1,000	3.82	47
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	3.98	47
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.19	38
			Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	3.85	45
			% of Comp and Eng Job	4.35	39
Business Incubation Subindex	4.78	28	Business Incubation Subindex	4.78	28
Employer Firm Births per 100,000 inhabitants	6.59	4	Bank Deposits per capita	4.67	33
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	5.19	17	Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.43	34
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.88	14	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	3.57	47
Openness Subindex	4.47	31	Openness Subindex	4.47	31
			Exports per capita	4.29	39
Environmental Policy Subindex	5.69	11	Environmental Policy Subindex	5.69	11
Air Quality Index	5.45	18			
High Ozone Days	5.52	10			

Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport

Index **Overall Rank**
5.79 **11**

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COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.39	5	Government and Fiscal Policy Subindex	6.39	5
Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	6.89	3			
Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	5.79	10			
State Bond Rating	6.30	1			
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.28	17			
Security Subindex	4.90	31	Security Subindex	4.90	31
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.47	19	Crime Index Change (%)	4.65	38
			Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	4.66	31
Infrastructure Subindex	5.38	21	Infrastructure Subindex	5.38	21
High-Speed Lines per 1000	5.24	20	Median Monthly Housing Costs	4.77	37
Travel Time to Work	5.84	11	Air Passengers per capita	4.02	49
Electricity Prices	5.91	9			
Human Resources Subindex	6.40	4	Human Resources Subindex	6.40	4
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.77	12	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.58	37
% of Population that Graduated from High School	8.29	1	Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.79	32
Unemployment Rate	6.27	4			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	5.73	12			
Technology Subindex	4.42	36	Technology Subindex	4.42	36
Number of S&E Graduate Students per 100,000 inhabitants	5.25	19	Academic R&D per \$1,000	4.18	44
			NIH Support to Institutions per capita	4.31	40
			New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.09	44
Business Incubation Subindex	5.79	9	Business Incubation Subindex	5.79	9
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.86	15	Bank Deposits per capita	4.35	50
Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	6.79	4			
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	6.30	3			
Openness Subindex	3.85	48	Openness Subindex	3.85	48
			Exports per capita	4.14	47
			% of Population Born Abroad	4.17	42
Environmental Policy Subindex	5.44	23	Environmental Policy Subindex	5.44	23
Air Quality Index	5.66	13	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.09	34

Metro Area Index

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria

Index **Overall Rank**
4.90 **27**

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES			COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		
<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Subindex/Variable</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex			Government and Fiscal Policy SubIndex		
State and Local Taxes per capita/Income per capita(current \$), %	5.33	17	Worker's Compensation Premium Rates	3.26	48
State Bond Rating	6.30	1	Bond Rating: S&P/Moody's Composite	3.92	43
Average Benefit per First Payment for Unemployed	5.80	10			
Security SubIndex			Security SubIndex		
Violent Crimes per 100,000 inhabitants	5.45	20	Crime Index Change (%)	4.91	31
Thefts per 100,000 inhabitants	5.74	13	Murders per 100,000 inhabitants	4.52	38
Infrastructure SubIndex			Infrastructure SubIndex		
Air Passengers per capita	5.01	18	High-Speed Lines per 1000	4.76	32
			Travel Time to Work	2.48	50
			Median Monthly Housing Costs	2.94	49
Human Resources SubIndex			Human Resources SubIndex		
% of Population without Health Insurance	5.55	17	Infant Mortality Rate, deaths per 1000 live births	4.08	42
% of Population that Graduated from High School	5.92	7			
Unemployment Rate	6.63	2			
% of Students enrolled in Degree-granting Institutions per 1000	6.46	4			
% of Adults in the Labor Force	6.52	2			
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 inhabitants	5.14	14			
Technology SubIndex			Technology SubIndex		
Academic R&D per \$1,000	6.26	4	New Patents issued per 100,000 inhabitants	4.21	37
NIH Support to Institutions per capita	5.27	12			
% of Comp and Eng Job	7.31	2			
Business Incubation SubIndex			Business Incubation SubIndex		
Bank Deposits per capita	5.02	13	Entrepreneurial Activity Index	4.79	32
Venture Capital Investment per capita	4.80	19	Forbes Cost of Doing Business Index	3.89	45
% of Labor Force represented by Unions	5.72	18			
Openness SubIndex			Openness SubIndex		
% of Population Born Abroad	5.85	10	Exports per capita	4.52	35
Environmental Policy SubIndex			Environmental Policy SubIndex		
	4.94	33	Toxic Release, pounds per sq. mile	5.09	33
			Air Quality Index	4.87	30
			High Ozone Days	4.94	41

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Subindexes, Eighth Annual Ranking

	Overall		Govt & Fiscal Policy		Security		Infstrc		Human Resources		Tech		Biz Incub.		Openness		Enviro. Policy	
	Index	Rank	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
Seattle	7.54	1	5.33	22	5.75	13	5.55	13	6.08	6	5.65	12	6.05	6	7.81	1	6.10	2
Boston	7.31	2	4.97	28	5.75	14	3.50	48	7.45	1	8.62	1	6.51	4	5.27	17	5.49	20
Salt Lake City	7.06	3	6.24	7	5.03	28	7.22	1	6.70	3	5.13	21	8.47	1	4.62	26	3.37	48
San Jose	6.40	4	4.03	39	6.43	1	3.74	47	4.92	26	6.85	3	5.83	8	6.86	3	5.93	7
Denver	6.35	5	4.83	30	6.29	3	6.79	3	5.90	10	5.52	14	5.55	16	4.10	43	5.45	22
Portland	6.27	6	5.59	16	5.83	12	5.79	9	5.48	16	5.41	15	4.20	40	5.69	14	6.17	1
Minneapolis	6.17	7	5.07	25	5.67	15	5.74	11	7.34	2	5.83	9	3.98	46	4.62	25	5.60	14
Richmond	6.04	8	6.11	8	5.31	20	5.41	20	5.40	17	4.36	38	7.73	2	3.86	47	5.21	27
Raleigh	6.03	9	5.86	12	6.21	5	5.68	12	4.84	28	4.78	27	6.06	5	4.37	36	5.57	15
Hartford	5.98	10	3.82	43	6.14	6	5.02	27	5.99	7	5.88	7	5.56	15	5.01	21	5.79	9
Virginia Beach	5.79	11	6.39	5	4.90	31	5.38	21	6.40	4	4.42	36	5.79	9	3.85	48	5.44	23
San Francisco	5.68	12	3.65	47	4.82	33	4.01	45	5.79	12	6.04	5	5.59	14	6.28	8	6.03	4
Providence	5.56	13	3.70	46	6.29	2	4.55	35	5.81	11	6.66	4	4.76	30	4.46	32	5.61	13
Kansas City	5.32	14	5.06	26	5.16	25	5.78	10	5.71	14	4.76	28	4.95	23	4.14	42	5.50	19
Austin	5.31	15	5.40	20	5.07	27	4.21	43	4.82	29	5.02	24	4.02	45	6.44	6	6.02	5
Dallas	5.24	16	5.49	19	4.97	30	4.55	34	4.04	40	4.59	33	4.92	24	6.71	4	5.50	18
Cincinnati	5.24	17	5.75	15	5.95	10	6.07	5	4.88	27	4.66	32	4.50	35	4.37	37	4.61	39
Milwaukee	5.21	18	4.98	27	4.41	40	5.13	25	5.94	9	5.19	20	5.07	20	4.44	34	5.52	17
Charlotte	5.19	19	5.81	13	3.52	49	6.73	4	4.33	37	4.74	29	6.56	3	4.34	40	4.59	40
Rochester	5.18	20	3.79	44	6.06	8	4.92	30	5.71	13	5.70	11	4.02	44	4.43	35	5.95	6
San Diego	5.17	21	3.36	50	5.84	11	4.07	44	5.17	22	5.94	6	5.36	17	5.75	12	5.07	30
Las Vegas	5.13	22	6.03	10	4.51	38	7.09	2	3.54	48	3.21	51	5.73	10	5.14	19	5.17	29
San Antonio	5.00	23	5.40	20	4.07	43	4.63	32	3.80	45	4.33	39	5.87	7	6.20	9	5.69	10
Nashville	4.99	24	6.38	6	4.45	39	5.53	14	4.13	39	4.05	43	5.62	13	4.48	30	5.31	25
Baltimore	4.97	25	5.29	24	3.95	45	4.28	42	5.40	18	7.22	2	5.03	22	3.79	49	4.93	34
Orlando	4.95	26	6.65	1	4.06	44	5.42	18	4.34	36	3.81	47	5.26	18	4.75	23	5.55	16
Washington, DC	4.90	27	4.87	29	5.21	23	2.64	50	6.36	5	5.84	8	4.56	33	5.25	18	4.94	33
Sacramento	4.81	28	3.84	42	6.01	9	4.48	37	4.76	33	5.80	10	4.27	39	5.34	16	4.89	35
Buffalo	4.71	29	3.41	49	5.10	26	5.30	22	5.95	8	5.40	16	4.17	42	4.36	38	5.35	24
Phoenix	4.67	30	6.51	3	4.77	36	5.26	23	5.34	20	4.37	37	4.33	38	5.10	20	3.23	49
Tampa	4.67	31	6.46	4	4.83	32	4.93	29	4.03	41	3.72	49	4.78	28	4.47	31	5.69	11
Columbus	4.65	32	4.70	33	4.82	34	5.89	7	5.02	25	4.92	25	3.55	50	4.51	28	5.46	21
Indianapolis	4.61	33	6.09	9	4.24	42	5.52	15	5.04	23	4.52	35	4.19	41	4.59	27	4.54	41
Jacksonville	4.60	34	6.60	2	3.58	48	4.72	31	4.66	35	3.75	48	5.68	11	4.07	44	5.62	12
Miami	4.58	35	5.94	11	3.68	47	4.36	39	3.71	46	3.61	50	4.88	25	6.36	7	6.08	3
Louisville	4.55	36	4.70	32	5.25	22	5.43	17	4.70	34	3.98	44	5.04	21	4.62	24	4.78	37
Oklahoma City	4.50	37	4.83	31	4.99	29	5.22	24	4.33	38	3.81	46	5.66	12	3.62	51	5.92	8
St. Louis	4.50	38	4.23	36	5.18	24	5.41	19	5.25	21	4.72	30	4.84	27	3.92	46	4.82	36
Chicago	4.45	39	4.44	35	5.31	21	4.48	36	4.80	32	4.84	26	3.96	47	5.41	15	4.96	32
Cleveland	4.35	40	3.93	41	5.46	18	6.00	6	4.80	31	4.69	31	3.79	48	4.45	33	4.73	38
Houston	4.21	41	5.30	23	4.35	41	4.34	41	3.55	47	4.58	34	4.49	36	6.99	2	3.83	46
Philadelphia	4.21	42	4.17	37	4.79	35	4.56	33	5.38	19	5.22	19	4.57	32	4.35	39	4.38	42
Los Angeles	4.20	43	4.03	39	5.31	19	3.75	46	4.01	43	5.55	13	4.47	37	6.68	5	3.58	47
New York	4.18	44	3.54	48	6.10	7	2.47	51	5.04	24	5.08	23	3.73	49	6.13	10	5.21	26
Atlanta	4.05	45	5.55	18	4.58	37	5.10	26	4.01	42	4.32	40	4.55	34	4.50	29	4.28	43
Pittsburgh	3.97	46	3.10	51	6.21	4	5.50	16	5.67	15	5.26	18	5.08	19	3.72	50	2.08	50
Memphis	3.72	47	5.78	14	2.51	50	5.81	8	3.39	49	4.15	42	4.85	26	4.14	41	5.18	28
Detroit	3.72	48	4.11	38	5.47	17	5.01	28	3.93	44	5.09	22	3.05	51	4.97	22	4.17	44
Birmingham	3.67	49	5.58	17	3.77	46	4.45	38	4.82	30	4.21	41	4.78	29	4.05	45	3.99	45
New Orleans	2.89	50	4.53	34	1.38	51	4.35	40	3.36	50	3.85	45	4.62	31	5.91	11	5.07	31
Riverside	2.59	51	3.74	45	5.65	16	3.20	49	3.18	51	5.37	17	4.13	43	5.72	13	1.10	51

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