

Best and Worst States for Business, *Chief Executive Magazine*

STATE	2006 RANK	2005 RANK	CHANGE in RANK
Texas	1	1	0
Nevada	2	2	0
North Carolina	3	5	2
Florida	4	3	-1
Georgia	5	6	1
Arizona	6	4	-2
Virginia	7	9	2
Illinois	8	17	9
Indiana	9	14	5
Colorado	10	10	0
Tennessee	11	7	-4
South Carolina	12	8	-4
Delaware	13	11	-2
Kansas	14	16	2
New Hampshire	15	15	0
Washington	16	31	15
Iowa	17	22	5
Idaho	18	33	15
Nebraska	19	27	8
Utah	20	13	-7
Maryland	21	25	4
Ohio	22	20	-2
South Dakota	23	28	5
New Mexico	24	23	-1
Alabama	25	24	-1
Arkansas	26	32	6
Pennsylvania	27	43	16
North Dakota	28	41	13
Wisconsin	29	26	-3
Wyoming	30	35	5
Oklahoma	31	18	-13
Alaska	32	46	14
Kentucky	33	19	-14
Rhode Island	34	29	-5
Connecticut	35	40	5
Maine	36	34	-2
Montana	37	44	7
Minnesota	38	12	-26
Hawaii	39	47	8
Mississippi	40	42	2
Missouri	41	21	-20
Oregon	42	39	-3
Vermont	43	36	-7
West Virginia	44	30	-14
District of Columbia	45	48	3
New jersey	46	37	-9
Louisiana	47	38	-9
Michigan	48	45	-3
Massachusetts	49	49	0
New York	50	50	0
California	51	51	0