

USA Best State Economies – Some selected parameters

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Highest GDP Growth

1. Washington
2. Utah
3. Idaho
4. Arizona
5. Florida



Lowest GDP Growth

47. Montana
48. Rhode Island
49. Delaware
50. Wyoming
51. Alaska

Most Exports per Capita

- T-1. Louisiana
T-1. Texas
T-1. Washington
T-1. North Dakota
T-1. Kentucky
T-1. South Carolina



Best State
vs
Worst State

Fewest Exports per Capita

47. South Dakota
48. Montana
49. Oklahoma
50. Colorado
51. Hawaii

31x Difference

Most Startup Activity

1. Florida
2. Nevada
3. Colorado
4. Utah
5. Missouri



Best State
vs
Worst State

Least Startup Activity

47. Kentucky
48. Mississippi
- T-49. Iowa
- T-49. Vermont
51. West Virginia

2x Difference

Lowest Unemployment Rate

- T-1. Vermont
T-1. Iowa
T-1. Hawaii
T-1. New Hampshire
T-1. North Dakota



Best State
vs
Worst State

Highest Unemployment Rate

- T-47. New Mexico
T-47. Washington
49. District of Columbia
50. West Virginia
51. Alaska

3x Difference

Highest Change in Nonfarm Payrolls

1. Nevada
2. Utah
3. Idaho
4. Arizona
5. Washington



Lowest Change in Nonfarm Payrolls

47. Nebraska
48. Mississippi
49. Vermont
50. Connecticut
51. Alaska

Highest Median Annual Household Income

1. Virginia
2. Utah
3. Minnesota
4. New Jersey
5. Maryland



Best State
vs
Worst State

Lowest Median Annual Household Income

47. California
48. New Mexico
49. West Virginia
50. Maine
51. New York

2x Difference

Highest State-Government Surplus per Capita

1. Hawaii
2. Nevada
3. Oregon
4. Idaho
5. Montana



Lowest State-Government Surplus per Capita

46. Vermont
47. Delaware
48. Kentucky
49. Alaska
50. Wyoming

Highest Avg. Educational Attainment of Recent Immigrants

1. District of Columbia
2. Montana
3. Oregon
4. New Hampshire
5. West Virginia



Best State
vs
Worst State

Lowest Avg. Educational Attainment of Recent Immigrants

47. Oklahoma
48. Louisiana
49. Arizona
50. Mississippi
51. New Mexico

2x Difference

Highest % of Jobs in High-Tech Industries

1. Massachusetts
2. New Mexico
3. New Hampshire
4. Washington
5. California



Best State
vs
Worst State

Lowest % of Jobs in High-Tech Industries

47. Louisiana
48. Wyoming
49. Arkansas
50. Hawaii
51. West Virginia

4x Difference

Most Independent Inventor Patents per 1,000 Working-Age Population

- T-1. California
- T-1. Massachusetts
- T-1. Washington
- T-1. Oregon
5. Minnesota



Best State
vs
Worst State

Fewest Independent Inventor Patents per 1,000 Working-Age Population

47. Alabama
48. Hawaii
49. West Virginia
50. Mississippi
51. Alaska

19x Difference