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Rank	State	Business costs rank	Labor supply rank	Regulatory environment rank	Economic climate rank	Growth prospects rank	Quality of life rank	Population
1	Utah	10	5	8	11	10	14	2,800,200
2	Virginia	23	2	2	8	25	4	8,077,700
3	North Carolina	2	3	1	20	15	34	9,633,900
4	North Dakota	4	24	21	2	11	21	677,900
5	Colorado	32	1	15	10	8	10	5,092,100
6	Texas	24	15	4	1	1	35	25,472,200
7	Washington	21	6	20	7	5	26	6,777,900
8	Nebraska	3	29	24	6	34	12	1,837,000
9	Oregon	15	10	38	22	8	27	3,872,700
10	Iowa	8	41	11	16	41	11	3,051,800
11	Georgia	31	4	3	46	7	36	9,773,300
12	Kansas	25	17	14	12	38	23	2,868,000

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13	Oklahoma	6	40	18	3	22	42	3,767,100
14	Wyoming	5	21	44	4	30	29	566,800
15	Minnesota	34	14	32	24	19	3	5,336,000
16	Idaho	16	23	28	25	24	19	1,584,400
17	South Dakota	1	27	33	9	48	25	819,800
18	Massachusetts	50	18	23	14	17	1	6,568,500
19	Maryland	42	12	22	13	40	9	5,821,800
20	Arizona	25	9	31	40	2	40	6,493,500
21	Tennessee	13	30	6	41	28	43	6,390,700
22	New York	46	34	19	5	21	16	19,414,100
23	Montana	20	11	37	23	37	33	995,500
24	Florida	36	13	15	44	13	37	18,975,700
25	Kentucky	12	45	30	27	16	32	4,360,800
26	Pennsylvania	39	35	27	19	27	6	12,722,900
27	New Hampshire	45	8	48	34	12	5	1,324,900
28	South Carolina	29	22	5	45	26	44	4,663,300
29	Arkansas	11	43	26	28	20	41	2,930,800
30	Louisiana	16	50	12	26	14	50	4,549,100
31	Missouri	21	37	9	31	45	30	6,013,800
32	New Mexico	33	26	34	18	3	48	2,071,600
33	Delaware	16	7	43	42	33	39	905,800
34	Indiana	14	44	13	39	49	23	6,513,300

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35	Connecticut	47	19	42	17	36	2	3,585,400
36	Nevada	7	33	36	50	6	49	2,740,100
37	Alabama	28	42	7	29	29	45	4,796,900
38	Ohio	30	47	10	47	34	13	11,550,300
39	California	41	32	40	33	4	22	37,586,600
40	Wisconsin	34	39	35	35	31	8	5,706,700
41	Illinois	38	31	29	30	42	20	12,884,700
42	Alaska	25	36	41	21	23	46	716,900
43	West Virginia	9	49	49	15	38	38	1,851,100
44	New Jersey	48	24	39	36	32	7	8,823,400
45	Vermont	43	15	47	38	44	15	627,100
46	Mississippi	19	46	25	37	46	47	2,981,100
47	Michigan	37	48	17	48	43	28	9,891,600
48	Rhode Island	40	38	50	49	17	18	1,054,900
49	Hawaii	49	20	46	32	47	31	1,367,900
50	Maine	44	28	45	42	50	17	1,331,100

Courtesy of JB Goodwin