



CNBC's Top States For Business 2010 Countdown—Texas Is No. 1

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The Lone Star State is alone at the top again.

For the [second time](#) in three years, [Texas](#) edged out Virginia for the [No. 1](#) spot in CNBC's exclusive study [America's Top States for Business](#).

This time, the score wasn't as close as it was in [2008](#); Texas managed a total score of 1508, out of a possible 2439, vs. [Virginia's](#) 1477.

Texas moved up in three of the [ten categories](#), while finishing first in two of them, including an impressive 270 out of 314 possible points in the [Economy](#) one. (See [Complete 2010 Rankings](#).)

The state also captured the No. 1 spot in [Transportation & Infrastructure](#).

Texas made the top ten in three other categories: [Technology & Innovation](#) (4), [Access to Capital](#) (7) and [Cost of Living](#) (8). The five top-ten showings matched [last year's total](#).

[Education](#) (30) and [Cost of Doing Business](#) (30) remained weak spots.

Texas' total score was 30 more than a [year ago](#), when it finished second to Virginia. The state also took the No. 2 spot in [2007](#).

Complete Rankings: [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#)

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