



2007 Cost-of-Doing Business Index

State Level Data

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Rank	State	Wage Cost ⁽¹⁾	Tax Burden ⁽²⁾	Electricity Cost ⁽³⁾	Industrial Rent	Office Rent Costs ⁽⁵⁾	Cost of Doing Business Index
		Wage and Salary / Employee	Tax / Personal Income	Cents per Kilowatt-hour	Costs ⁽⁴⁾ Cost per Square Foot	Cost per Square Foot	
1	Hawaii	38,526	105.4	19.3	13.2	28.1	151.5
2	New York	53,865	66.7	10.5	7.6	38.0	130.9
3	Alaska	42,023	99.5	11.1	11.4	16.9	130.8
4	Massachusetts	51,163	65.7	13.9	6.3	33.1	130.6
5	Connecticut	54,007	69.4	12.1	5.6	23.3	127.5
6	California	48,110	78.4	9.9	6.9	28.3	122.9
7	New Jersey	50,809	61.5	9.6	7.9	23.5	120.9
8	Vermont	35,178	112.6	9.9	4.5	17.5	110.2
9	Delaware	46,327	85.9	6.5	4.7	22.5	110.1
10	Rhode Island	39,630	68.7	12.9	3.6	23.8	108.0
11	Maryland	45,632	58.8	9.2	4.6	23.1	106.4
12	New Hampshire	41,277	40.3	13.8	5.9	14.3	105.3
13	Minnesota	41,387	86.6	5.7	5.9	17.8	104.3
14	Nevada	40,385	66.5	8.6	5.6	27.0	104.2
15	Washington	43,711	68.6	5.5	5.7	27.3	102.7
16	Wyoming	36,064	101.3	5.0	6.5	15.5	101.6
17	Maine	33,692	84.0	10.6	4.3	16.4	100.3
18	Illinois	45,045	57.4	5.9	4.9	25.6	99.9
19	Florida	38,299	57.4	8.7	6.1	23.3	99.3
20	Michigan	41,697	69.4	7.1	4.3	18.6	98.9
21	Pennsylvania	40,503	63.7	7.6	4.3	21.2	97.2
22	New Mexico	34,556	88.1	6.8	5.0	16.7	96.6
23	Wisconsin	36,105	71.5	6.9	5.9	20.6	96.4
24	Texas	41,956	45.4	8.7	4.7	18.2	95.9
25	Virginia	43,834	57.4	5.3	4.8	20.6	95.6
26	Louisiana	35,918	72.7	8.5	3.6	16.6	93.9
27	Colorado	43,058	45.8	7.0	4.0	19.8	92.8
28	Arizona	39,493	60.4	6.2	3.7	23.1	91.6
29	Oregon	37,345	60.9	5.7	5.4	21.4	91.4
30	Ohio	38,068	64.4	6.9	3.5	18.6	91.0
31	North Carolina	37,044	72.2	6.0	3.8	18.1	90.8
32	Georgia	40,019	57.0	6.4	3.6	20.1	90.7
33	Utah	35,173	73.5	4.9	5.1	20.4	90.1
34	Mississippi	30,786	77.6	7.9	3.9	15.4	88.4
35	Kentucky	34,706	80.6	4.8	3.5	16.9	87.3
36	Indiana	36,203	66.4	5.9	3.6	17.3	87.3
37	West Virginia	32,286	89.9	4.6	3.5	18.1	87.1
38	Kansas	35,035	65.3	5.7	4.3	18.8	86.8
39	Alabama	35,488	59.3	6.0	4.3	17.4	85.8
40	Oklahoma	33,804	67.5	6.6	3.4	16.3	85.4
41	Arkansas	31,818	88.6	5.5	2.8	13.9	85.4
42	Tennessee	36,737	54.6	6.3	3.5	18.0	85.2
43	Missouri	36,673	53.3	4.7	5.1	18.6	84.6
44	Montana	30,739	73.4	6.3	4.0	15.7	84.1
45	South Carolina	33,930	60.8	5.9	3.5	18.4	82.9
46	Idaho	31,926	71.5	4.5	4.8	15.6	82.8
47	Nebraska	33,737	65.1	5.1	3.4	19.3	82.3
48	North Dakota	30,895	78.4	5.1	3.0	15.4	81.3
49	Iowa	33,696	61.7	5.9	2.5	13.6	79.7
50	South Dakota	30,081	44.6	5.4	3.0	13.8	70.2

Data for the 2007 Cost-of-Doing-Business Index is from January - December 2006

Definitions:

- 1 - Wage cost measures the average annual wage per employee in all industries
- 2 - Tax Burden measures the annual state tax revenue as a share of personal income
- 3 - Measures the cost of commercial and industrial electricity cost in cents per kilowatt-hour
- 4 - Measures the cost of renting industrial (warehouse) space on a per square foot basis
- 5 - Measures the cost of renting office space on a per square foot basis

Sources:

- 1 - Global Insight, Economy.com, Milken Institute
- 2 - U.S. Census State Government Tax Collections, Milken Institute
- 3 - Energy Information Administration, Milken Institute
- 4 - CBRE, NAI Global, Global Real Analytics (National Real Estate Index), Milken Institute
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