



2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR DOING BUSINESS"

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| 1. GEORGIA | 6. Louisiana |
| 2. Texas | 7. Indiana |
| 3. South Carolina | 8. North Carolina |
| 4. Alabama | 9. Ohio |
| 5. Tennessee | 10. Mississippi |

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

CNBC "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS"

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. GEORGIA | 6. Minnesota |
| 2. Texas | 7. Washington |
| 3. Utah | 8. Colorado |
| 4. Nebraska | 9. Virginia |
| 5. North Carolina | 10. North Dakota |

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2014," June 24, 2014

SITE SELECTION "TOP STATE BUSINESS CLIMATES"

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. GEORGIA | 6. South Carolina |
| 2. Louisiana | 7. Tennessee |
| 3. North Carolina | 8. Kentucky |
| 4. Texas | 9. Alabama |
| 5. Ohio | 10. Virginia |

Source: Site Selection magazine, "Top U.S. Business Climates," November 2014

SITE SELECTION "TOP STATE BUSINESS CLIMATES – EXECUTIVE SURVEY"

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Louisiana |
| 2. GEORGIA | 7. Tennessee |
| 3. South Carolina | 8. Florida |
| 4. North Carolina | 9. Ohio |
| 5. Virginia | 10. Alabama |

Source: Site Selection magazine, "Top U.S. Business Climates," November 2014

SITE SELECTION "TOP COMPETITIVE STATES OF 2013"

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. GEORGIA | 6. Michigan |
| 2. Tennessee | 7. South Carolina |
| 3. Texas | 8. Kentucky |
| 4. Louisiana | 9. Ohio |
| 5. North Carolina | 10. Virginia |

Source: Site Selection magazine, "Top 10 Competitive States of 2013," May 2014

SITE SELECTION - "TOP STATES FOR NUMBER OF CORPORATE FACILITY PROJECTS IN 2013"

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Texas | 657 |
| 2. Ohio | 480 |
| 3. Illinois | 383 |
| 4. Pennsylvania | 348 |
| 5. Michigan | 312 |
| 6. GEORGIA | 299 |
| 7. North Carolina | 223 |
| 8. Virginia | 208 |
| 9. Florida | 193 |
| 10. Tennessee | 187 |

Source: Site Selection magazine, March 2014; Conway Data, Inc.'s New Plant Database



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SITE SELECTION - "TOP STATES FOR NUMBER OF CORPORATE FACILITY PROJECTS PER CAPITA IN 2013"

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nebraska | 6. Iowa |
| 2. Ohio | 7. Alabama |
| 3. Louisiana | 8. Michigan |
| 4. Kentucky | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Kansas | 10. Illinois |

Source: Site Selection magazine, March 2014; Conway Data, Inc.'s New Plant Database

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR COST OF DOING BUSINESS"

1. South Carolina
- 2. GEORGIA**
3. Texas
4. Alabama
5. Louisiana

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT"

1. Texas
- 2. GEORGIA**
3. South Carolina
4. Alabama
- Louisiana
5. Florida

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

DCI "MOST FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE"

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Tennessee |
| 2. Florida | 7. California |
| 3. GEORGIA | 8. Indiana |
| North Carolina | New York |
| 5. South Carolina | 10. Louisiana |
| | Virginia |

Source: Development Counsellors International, "A View from Corporate America: Winning Strategies in Economic Development Marketing," 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "BEST BUSINESS CLIMATE"

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Louisiana | 6. Florida |
| 2. Utah | 7. GEORGIA |
| 3. Texas | 8. South Carolina |
| 4. Tennessee | 9. Nebraska |
| 5. Indiana | 10. Alabama |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

CHIEF EXECUTIVE "BEST STATES FOR BUSINESS 2014"

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Indiana |
| 2. Florida | 7. Arizona |
| 3. Tennessee | 8. Nevada |
| 4. North Carolina | 9. Louisiana |
| 5. South Carolina | 10. GEORGIA |

Source: Chief Executive magazine, "2014 Best & Worst States for Business," May 8, 2014



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CNBC

"TOP STATES FOR WORKFORCE"

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GEORGIA 2. Arizona 3. Florida 4. North Carolina 5. Colorado | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Tennessee
South Dakota 8. North Dakota
Idaho 10. Virginia |
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Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2014," June 24, 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"LEADING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS"

- 1. **GEORGIA**
- 2. Louisiana
- 3. South Carolina
- 4. Alabama
- 5. North Carolina

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES

"WORKFORCE TRAINING LEADERS"

- 1. Louisiana
- 2. **GEORGIA**
- 3. Alabama
- 4. Florida
- 5. New Mexico

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"TOP STATES FOR OVERALL LABOR CLIMATE"

- 1. **GEORGIA**
- 2. South Carolina
- 3. Texas
- 4. Alabama
- 5. North Carolina

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"TOP STATES FOR LABOR CLIMATE (RIGHT-TO-WORK STATES)"

- 1. South Carolina
- 2. Texas
- 3. **GEORGIA**
North Carolina
- 4. Alabama
- 5. Mississippi

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"TOP STATES FOR COMPETITIVE LABOR COSTS"

- 1. Alabama
- 2. South Carolina
- 3. Mississippi
- 4. Texas
- 5. **GEORGIA**

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

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"TOP STATES FOR ECONOMY"

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Utah |
| 2. Washington | 7. North Dakota |
| 3. GEORGIA | 8. Colorado |
| 4. North Carolina | 9. California |
| 5. Minnesota | 10. Oregon |

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2014," June 24, 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES

"ECONOMIC GROWTH POTENTIAL"

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Utah | 6. Ohio |
| 2. North Dakota | 7. Pennsylvania |
| 3. Louisiana | 8. Florida |
| 4. Texas | 9. Alabama |
| 5. GEORGIA | 10. New York |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

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"TOP STATES FOR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK"

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Utah | 6. North Carolina |
| 2. South Dakota | 7. Arizona |
| 3. Indiana | 8. Nevada |
| 4. North Dakota | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Idaho | 10. Wyoming |

Source: American Legislative Exchange Council, "Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-LAFFER State Economic Competitiveness Index, 7th Edition," 2014

KIPLINGER

"STATES WITH THE FASTEST JOB GROWTH IN 2014"

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. North Dakota | 6. Idaho |
| 2. Texas | 7. Florida |
| 3. Arizona | 8. Oregon |
| 4. Utah | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Colorado | 10. South Dakota |

Source: Kiplinger, "States with the Fastest Job Growth in 2014," June 2014

GOVERNING - "STATES WITH STRONGEST JOB GROWTH" (YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE, OCT. 2013-OCT. 2014)

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. North Dakota | 5.0% |
| 2. Utah | 3.8% |
| 3. Texas | 3.7% |
| 4. Delaware | 2.9% |
| 5. Oregon | 2.8% |
| 6. Florida | 2.7% |
| 7. Arizona | 2.5% |
| Colorado | 2.5% |
| Washington | 2.5% |
| 10. GEORGIA | 2.4% |

Source: GOVERNING magazine, "How States' Recent Job Growth Compares," November 21, 2014; Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally-adjusted data, October preliminary estimates

INDUSTRYWEEK

"TOP EXPORTING STATES IN 2013"

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Ohio |
| 2. California | 7. GEORGIA |
| 3. Washington | 8. Tennessee |
| 4. Louisiana | 9. North Carolina |
| 5. Michigan | 10. South Carolina |

Source: IndustryWeek magazine, February 13, 2014; U.S. Department of Commerce



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BUSINESS FACILITIES "EXPORTS LEADERS"

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Pennsylvania |
| 2. Louisiana | 7. Illinois |
| 3. California | 8. Alabama |
| 4. Washington | 9. New York |
| 5. West Virginia | 10. GEORGIA |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

U.S. CHAMBER - "TOP STATES FOR GROWTH IN SHARE OF NATIONAL EXPORTS"

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Illinois |
| 2. Louisiana | 7. Tennessee |
| 3. Utah | 8. Florida |
| 4. Washington | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Mississippi | 10. Nevada |

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014

U.S. CHAMBER "TOP STATES FOR EXPORT INTENSITY GROWTH"

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nevada | 6. South Dakota |
| 2. Louisiana | 7. Iowa |
| 3. Mississippi | 8. South Carolina |
| 4. Utah | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Montana | 10. Illinois |

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014

FORTUNE - "TOP STATES WITH THE MOST FORTUNE 500 HEADQUARTERS"

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|---------------|----|-------------------|------------|
| 1. California | 54 | 6. New Jersey | 21 |
| New York | 54 | Pennsylvania | 21 |
| 2. Texas | 52 | 7. Michigan | 20 |
| 3. Illinois | 33 | 8. Minnesota | 18 |
| 4. Ohio | 25 | 9. GEORGIA | 17* |
| 5. Virginia | 22 | 10. Florida | 16 |

*Does not yet count PulteGroup which relocated to Georgia from Michigan in 2014 after FORTUNE published its 2014 FORTUNE 500 rankings
Source: Georgia Power/Metro Atlanta Chamber analysis of 2014 FORTUNE 500 list; FORTUNE magazine, June 2, 2014

BRAND FINANCE "TOP STATES FOR BRAND VALUE"

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. California | 6. GEORGIA* |
| 2. New York | 7. Connecticut |
| 3. Texas | 8. Ohio |
| 4. Washington | 9. Minnesota |
| 5. Illinois | 10. New Jersey |

*Georgia is home to 13 of the nation's most valuable brands totaling \$105.6 billion in brand value.
Source: Brand Finance, "Brand Finance US 500 - The Billion Dollar Brands Club," March 17, 2014

FRANDATA - "TOP STATES FOR NUMBER OF FOOD FRANCHISE HEADQUARTERS"

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. California | 131 |
| 2. Florida | 51 |
| 3. Texas | 48 |
| 4. GEORGIA | 36 |

Source: FRANData, 2014; Atlanta Business Chronicle "Why Atlanta is America's Fast Food Capital," February 21, 2014



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HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS - "TOP STATES WITH MOST NUMBER OF TOP 100 HEALTHCARE IT COMPANIES ON THE HCI-100 LIST"

	Number of HCI-100 companies	Total Revenue of HCI-100 companies
1. Massachusetts	16	\$7,660,207,701
2. California	11	\$3,837,814,000
3. GEORGIA	8	\$4,977,520,000
4. Texas	6	\$3,595,152,500
Virginia	6	\$2,497,538,000
Tennessee	6	\$2,209,176,000
5. Pennsylvania	5	\$2,712,661,000
Illinois	5	\$1,732,203,000
New York	5	\$541,628,788

Source: Healthcare Informatics, "2014 HCI 100," May 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "BIOTECHNOLOGY GROWTH POTENTIAL"

- 1. GEORGIA**
2. Indiana
3. Pennsylvania
4. Texas
5. New Jersey

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR DISTRIBUTION/SUPPLY CHAIN HUBS"

1. Tennessee
2. Illinois
- 3. GEORGIA**
- Indiana
- Texas
4. Ohio
5. California

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING STRENGTH"

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alabama | 6. Michigan |
| 2. Tennessee | 7. South Carolina |
| 3. Indiana | 8. GEORGIA |
| 4. Kentucky | 9. Texas |
| 5. Ohio | 10. Mississippi |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

BUSINESS FACILITIES "DATA CENTER LEADERS"

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. California | 6. Ohio |
| 2. Texas | 7. Washington |
| 3. New York | 8. New Jersey |
| 4. Illinois | 9. Virginia |
| 5. Florida | 10. GEORGIA |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

FILML.A. "TOP MOVIE PRODUCTION CENTERS"

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Louisiana | 7. Massachusetts |
| 2. California | 8. New York |
| Canada | North Carolina |
| 4. United Kingdom | 10. Connecticut |
| 5. GEORGIA | New Mexico |
| Other US & Puerto Rico | |

Source: FilmL.A. Inc., "2013 Feature Film Production Report," March 6, 2014



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THUMBTRACK.COM

"TOP STATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS"

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|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. Utah | 6. Tennessee |
| 2. Idaho | 7. Oklahoma |
| 3. Texas | 8. Colorado |
| 4. Virginia | 9. Kentucky |
| 5. Louisiana | 10. GEORGIA |

Source: Thumbtack.com / Kauffman Foundation, "2014 Thumbtack.com Small Business Friendliness Survey," June 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"TOP STATES FOR INCENTIVES PROGRAMS"

1. Louisiana
2. South Carolina
- 3. GEORGIA**
4. Texas
5. Alabama

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT - "TOP STATES FOR ACCESS TO CAPITAL & PROJECT FUNDING"

1. Texas
- 2. GEORGIA**
3. California
4. New York
5. South Carolina

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

TAX FOUNDATION

"TOP STATES FOR CORPORATE TAX BUSINESS CLIMATE"

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nevada | 6. Virginia |
| South Dakota | 7. Oklahoma |
| Wyoming | 8. GEORGIA |
| 4. Missouri | 9. Hawaii |
| 5. Utah | 10. Michigan |

Source: Tax Foundation, "2015 State Business Tax Climate Index," October 28, 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT

"TOP STATES FOR COOPERATIVE STATE GOVERNMENT"

- 1. GEORGIA**
2. South Carolina
3. Louisiana
4. Texas
5. Alabama

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT - "TOP STATES FOR MOST FAVORABLE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT"

1. Arizona
2. Texas
3. Louisiana
4. Alabama
- 5. GEORGIA**
- South Carolina

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014



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"TOP STATES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE"

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. GEORGIA | 6. Ohio |
| Texas | 7. Indiana |
| 3. Illinois | 8. Arizona |
| 4. Tennessee | Kansas |
| 5. Minnesota | 10. North Dakota |
| | Wisconsin |

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2014," June 24, 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT - "TOP STATES FOR OVERALL INFRASTRUCTURE & GLOBAL ACCESS"

1. Tennessee
2. **GEORGIA**
3. Texas
4. Ohio
5. Illinois

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "BEST INFRASTRUCTURE"

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Texas | 6. Missouri |
| 2. Tennessee | 7. GEORGIA |
| 3. Florida | 8. Michigan |
| 4. Indiana | 9. Utah |
| 5. Louisiana | 10. Arkansas |

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

U.S. CHAMBER "TOP STATES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE"

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|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nevada | 6. Illinois |
| 2. Florida | 7. Minnesota |
| 3. Utah | 8. GEORGIA |
| 4. Oregon | 9. Idaho |
| 5. Arizona | 10. Colorado |

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014

U.S. CHAMBER "TOP STATES FOR ROAD QUALITY"

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. GEORGIA | 6. Nevada |
| 2. Idaho | 7. Missouri |
| 3. Tennessee | 8. Oregon |
| 4. North Dakota | 9. Montana |
| 5. Wyoming | 10. Nebraska |

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR RAIL & HIGHWAY ACCESSIBILITY"

1. Illinois
2. Texas
3. **GEORGIA**
- Ohio
4. Indiana
5. Tennessee

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014



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AREA DEVELOPMENT - "TOP STATES FOR CERTIFIED SITES/SHOVEL-READY PROGRAM"

- 1. Tennessee
- 2. South Carolina
- 3. GEORGIA**
- 4. Alabama
North Carolina

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR SPEED OF PERMITTING"

- 1. Alabama
- 2. GEORGIA**
Texas
- 3. South Carolina
- 4. Louisiana
- 5. Mississippi

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT "TOP STATES FOR COMPETITIVE UTILITY RATES"

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Alabama | 4. Arkansas
Texas
Washington |
| 2. Tennessee
Kentucky | 5. Mississippi
North Carolina |
| 3. GEORGIA
Louisiana
South Carolina | |

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

AREA DEVELOPMENT - "TOP STATES FOR ENERGY RELIABILITY/SMART GRID DEPLOYMENT"

- 1. Texas
- 2. GEORGIA**
- 3. North Carolina
- 4. Tennessee
- 5. Ohio

Source: Area Development magazine, "Top States for Doing Business 2014," Q3 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "BIOFUELS LEADERS – CELLULOSIC ETHANOL"

- 1. Alabama
- 2. Iowa
- 3. GEORGIA**
- 4. North Carolina
- 5. Oregon

Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue

EDMUNDS.COM - "TOP STATES FOR HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REGISTRATIONS COMING FROM EVS" (JAN-NOV 2013)

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Washington | 6. District of Columbia |
| 2. Hawaii | 7. Utah |
| 3. California | 8. Colorado |
| 4. GEORGIA | 9. Tennessee |
| 5. Oregon | 10. Illinois |

Source: Edmunds.com, January 29, 2014

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ALEC - "TOP STATES WITH GREATEST NET DOMESTIC IN-MIGRATION" (2003-2012)

1. Texas	1,041,977
2. Florida	1,027,561
3. North Carolina	642,378
4. Arizona	618,037
5. GEORGIA	485,993
6. South Carolina	318,593
7. Tennessee	282,763
8. Nevada	273,594
9. Washington	249,650
10. Colorado	206,484

Source: American Legislative Exchange Council, "Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-LAFFER State Economic Competitiveness Index, 7th Edition," 2014; U.S. Census Bureau

GOVERNING - "TOP STATES FOR MILLENNIALS AS PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION"

1. District of Columbia	6. California
2. Utah	7. Louisiana
3. Alaska	8. GEORGIA*
4. North Dakota	9. Kansas
5. Texas	10. Mississippi

*28.3% of Georgia's total population are age 11 to 30 (born 1981-2000)
Source: GOVERNING magazine, "A State-by-State Look at Where Each Generation Lives," July 31, 2014

GOVERNING - "TOP STATES FOR GENERATION X AS PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION"

1. District of Columbia	6. Texas
2. GEORGIA*	7. New Jersey
3. Nevada	8. Virginia
4. Colorado	9. Maryland
5. California	10. Washington

*22.2% of Georgia's total population are age 31 to 46 (born 1965-1980)
Source: GOVERNING magazine, "A State-by-State Look at Where Each Generation Lives," July 31, 2014

KIPLINGER - "MOST TAX-FRIENDLY STATES FOR RETIREES"

1. Alaska	6. Mississippi
2. Wyoming	7. Delaware
3. Nevada	8. Louisiana
4. GEORGIA	9. South Dakota
5. Arizona	10. Florida

Source: Kiplinger, "10 Most Tax-Friendly States for Retirees," September 2014

AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR GROWTH IN NUMBER OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS" (1997-2014)

1. GEORGIA	117.9%
2. Texas	98.4%
3. North Carolina	91.4%
4. Nevada	90.6%
5. Mississippi	81.4%
6. South Carolina	78.3%
7. Florida	76.5%
8. Alabama	76.1%
9. Maryland	74.7%
10. Utah	73.8%

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR ECONOMIC CLOUT OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS" (1997-2014)

1. North Dakota	6. Wyoming
2. District of Columbia	7. Virginia
3. Nevada	8. Maryland
4. GEORGIA	9. Texas
Arizona	Utah

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

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AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR NUMBER OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS" (2014)

1. California	1,114,900
2. Texas	756,700
3. New York	682,200
4. Florida	596,400
5. Illinois	388,700
6. GEORGIA	317,200
7. Pennsylvania	297,700
8. Ohio	268,700
9. North Carolina	267,800
10. Michigan	261,400

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS" (2014)

1. New York	126,800
2. GEORGIA	108,900
3. Texas	98,800
4. Florida	89,900
5. Illinois	83,800
6. California	72,800
7. Maryland	64,100
8. North Carolina	51,600
9. New Jersey	31,200
10. Virginia	29,500

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS" (2014)

1. California	195,300
2. New York	70,500
3. Texas	64,700
4. New Jersey	24,300
5. Illinois	24,100
6. Florida	23,400
Hawaii	23,400
8. Virginia	19,000
9. GEORGIA	18,600
10. Maryland	15,300

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - "TOP STATES FOR LATINA-OWNED FIRMS" (2014)

1. California	228,500
2. Texas	190,000
3. Florida	144,600
4. New York	102,100
5. New Jersey	29,000
6. Illinois	23,900
7. Arizona	20,200
8. New Mexico	15,700
9. GEORGIA	15,000
10. Virginia	12,200

Source: American Express OPEN, "The 2014 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report," March 26, 2014

U.S. CHAMBER "TOP STATES FOR HIGHER-ED EFFICIENCY"

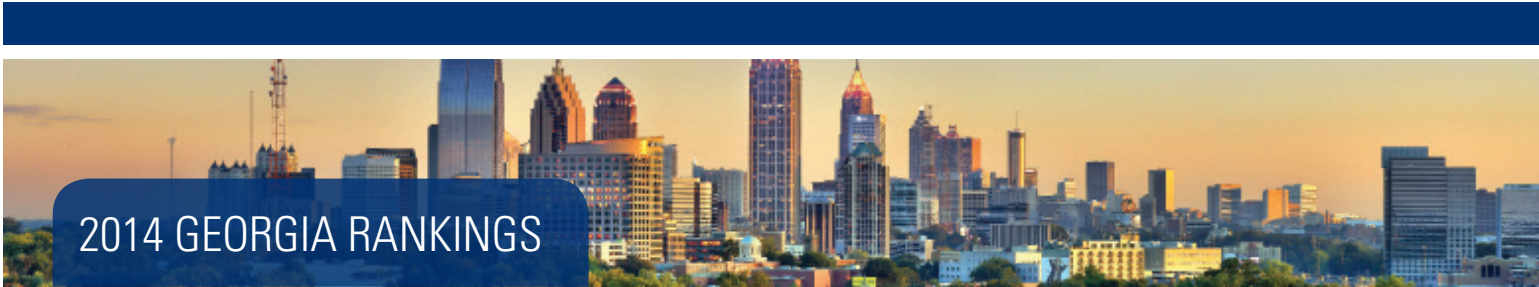
1. Florida	6. Louisiana
2. Arizona	7. Indiana
3. GEORGIA	8. New Hampshire
4. Minnesota	9. Tennessee
5. Kansas	10. South Dakota

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014

BUSINESS FACILITIES "EDUCATION: RACE TO THE TOP LEADERS"

1. Tennessee	6. GEORGIA
2. Delaware	7. Ohio
3. Hawaii	8. Colorado
4. North Carolina	9. Massachusetts
5. New York	10. Florida

Source: Business Facilities magazine, Rankings Report, July/August issue



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BANKRATE

"TOP STATES FOR LOWEST CLOSING COSTS"

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Nevada | 6. Arkansas |
| 2. Tennessee | 7. Arizona |
| 3. Missouri | 8. Kentucky |
| 4. Ohio | 9. GEORGIA |
| 5. Maryland | 10. Michigan
Washington |

Source: Bankrate, Inc., June 2014; Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Report: Georgia No. 9 for cheapest closing costs," August 4, 2014