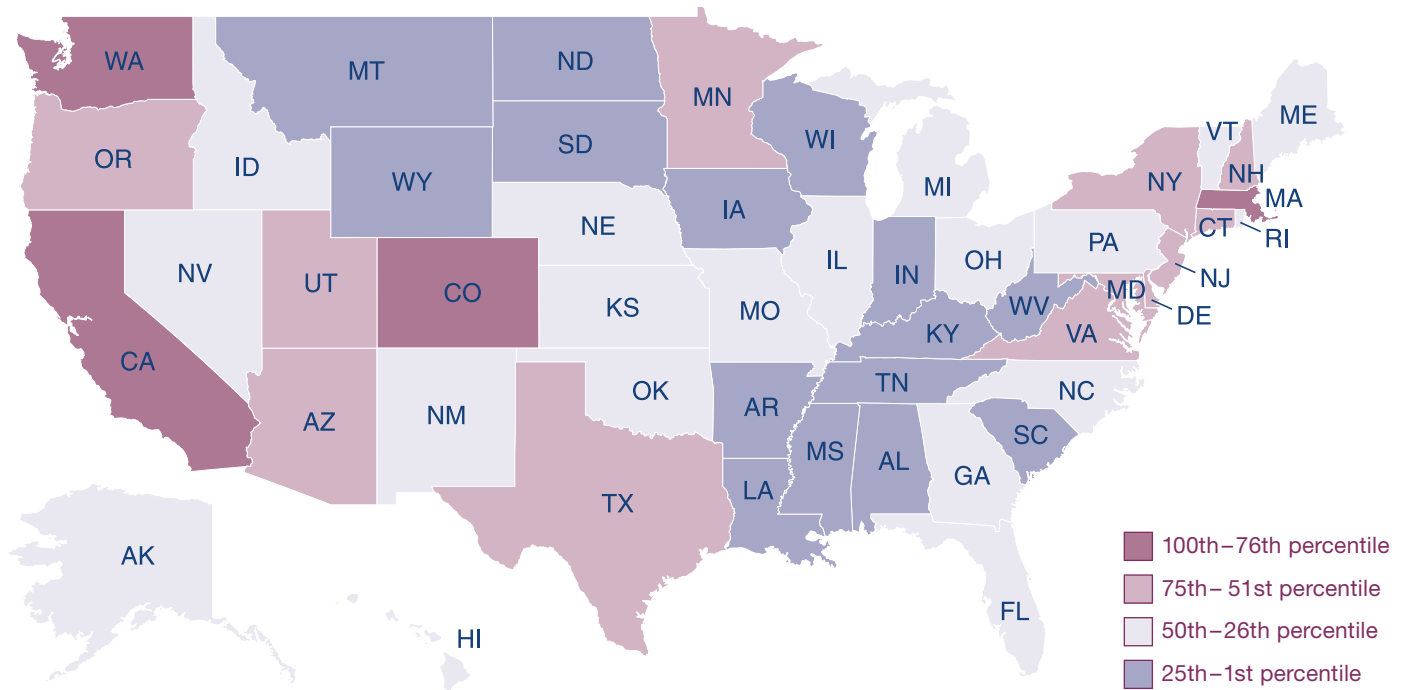


THE RANKINGS

OVERALL SCORES



Based on the scores below, the states break into percentiles as indicated on the map. See methodology for further explanation.

2002 Rank	2002 Score	State	1999 Rank	1999 Score	Rank* Change
1	90.0	Massachusetts	1	82.3	0
2	86.2	Washington	4	69.0	2
3	85.5	California	2	74.3	-1
4	84.3	Colorado	3	72.3	-1
5	75.6	Maryland	11	59.2	6
6	75.1	New Jersey	8	60.9	2
7	74.2	Connecticut	5	64.9	-2
8	72.1	Virginia	12	58.8	4
9	70.5	Delaware	9	59.9	0
10	69.3	New York	16	54.5	6
11	68.9	Oregon	15	56.1	4
12	68.7	Utah	6	64.0	-6
13	68.7	Minnesota	14	56.5	1
14	67.6	Texas	17	52.3	3
15	67.6	New Hampshire	7	62.5	-8
16	67.2	Arizona	10	59.2	-6
17	64.7	Illinois	22	48.4	5
18	62.7	Florida	20	50.8	2
19	62.3	Pennsylvania	24	46.7	5
20	61.6	Idaho	23	47.9	3
21	61.5	Rhode Island	29	45.3	8
22	60.1	Georgia	25	46.6	3
23	60.0	Michigan	34	44.6	11
24	58.9	Missouri	35	44.2	11
25	58.3	Maine	28	45.6	3

26	57.5	North Carolina	30	45.2	4
27	57.2	New Mexico	19	51.4	-8
28	56.9	Vermont	18	51.9	-10
29	56.7	Kansas	27	45.8	-2
30	56.5	Ohio	33	44.8	3
31	56.3	Alaska	13	57.7	-18
32	55.7	Nevada	21	49.0	-11
33	54.4	Nebraska	36	41.8	3
34	54.1	Oklahoma	40	38.6	6
35	53.7	Hawaii	26	46.1	-9
36	52.8	Indiana	37	41.0	1
37	52.8	Montana	46	29.0	9
38	52.2	Iowa	42	33.5	4
39	52.2	Tennessee	31	45.1	-8
40	52.0	Wisconsin	32	44.9	-8
41	51.1	South Carolina	38	39.7	-3
42	48.6	Kentucky	39	39.4	-3
43	47.4	South Dakota	43	32.3	0
44	46.1	North Dakota	45	29.0	1
45	45.9	Louisiana	47	28.2	2
46	45.7	Wyoming	41	34.5	-5
47	45.3	Alabama	44	32.3	-3
48	41.7	Arkansas	49	26.2	1
49	40.9	Mississippi	50	22.6	1
50	40.7	West Virginia	48	26.8	-2
60.3		United States	48.1		

\* Because of differences in methodology changes in ranks between 1999 and 2002 cannot all be attributed to changes in actual economic conditions in the state.