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Tort Liability Index States ranked by tort rules & reforms on the books to reduce lawsuit abuse & contain tort costs & risks	4	2010	Pacific Research Institute & MAPI	Jun-10	http://www.pacificresearch.org/press/2010-tort-liability-index-ranks-states-tort-climate
Enterprising States: Top Performers Combination of job, GDP by State and income growth	3	2010	US Chamber of Commerce	May-10	http://ncf.uschamber.com/enterprising-states/
The Camelot Index Index measures economic vitality, health, education, crime, society and government.	6	2010	State Policy Reports, Volume 28, Issue 5, May 2010	May-10	
CEOs Pick: Best States for Business More than 600 CEOs rate states on taxation, regulation, workforce & living environment	14	2010	Chief Executive magazine	May-10	www.chiefexecutive.net/states2010
Business Tax Index 2010: State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship & Small Business 16 different tax measures including income, property, death/inheritance, unemployment, and various consumption-based taxes, including state gas and diesel levies.	1	2010	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	Apr-10	http://www.sbecouncil.org/states/
ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index A new index on state's fiscal and economic policies & analyses of results and ramifications. Uses 16 indicators	4	2010	American Legislative Exchange Council	Apr-10	http://www.alec.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Rich_States_Poor_States&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=13242
Best Small Place to do Business-Sioux Falls Annual ranking relies on business costs (labor, energy, tax and office space expenses) and living costs (housing, transportation, food and other household expenditures).	1	2010	Forbes Magazine	Apr-10	http://www.forbes.com/lists/2010/5/business-places-10_Best-Small-Places-For-Business-And-Careers_Rank.html
Best Small Place to do Business-Rapid City Annual ranking relies on business costs (labor, energy, tax and office space expenses) and living costs (housing, transportation, food and other household expenditures).	11	2010	Forbes Magazine	Apr-10	http://www.forbes.com/lists/2010/5/business-places-10_Best-Small-Places-For-Business-And-Careers_Rank.html
Tax Freedom Day It provides taxpayers with a barometer that measures the total tax burden over time and by state	4	2010	Tax Foundation	Mar-10	www.taxfoundation.org
Overall Tax Burden by State Study calculates 3 measures of taxation: burden, structure, and overall or composite.	1	2010	Pacific Research Institute/Forbes	Mar-10	http://www.pacificresearch.org/publications/taxifornia
ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index/State Economic Outlook	4	2010	American Legislative Exchange Council	Mar-10	http://www.alec.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Rich_States_Poor_States

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Inbound Migration	15	2010	United Van Lines	Jan-10	http://www.unitedvanlines.com/mover/united-newsroom/press-releases/2010/2009-united-van-lines-migration-study.htm
Interstate household moves handled by United among the 48 contiguous states (do not include DC)					
Union Membership	9	2009	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	Jan-10	http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm
18th Annual Highway Report	8	2009	Reason Foundation	Dec-09	http://reason.org/news/show/18th-annual-highway-report
Looks at cost effectiveness of state-owned highway systems					
BHI Competitiveness Index	12	2009	Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy Research	Dec-09	http://www.beaconhill.org/
Index based on a broad set of 42 indicators/8 subindexes: govt & fiscal policy, security, infrastructure, human resources, technology, business incubation, openness, and environmental policy.					
Small Business Survival Index	1	2009	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	Dec-09	http://www.sbecouncil.org/home/
34 indicators are added together to arrive at a numerical ranking of how easy or difficult it is to conduct business within a state's borders.					
Trust in Neighbor	2	2009	Gallup Poll	Oct-09	http://www.gallup.com/poll/123986/Utah-South-Dakota-Best-Places-Lose-Wallet.aspx
% of people who say a lost wallet would be returned by state					
Travel Time to Work	2	2008	Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates	Sep-09	http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GRTTable?_bm=y&_box_head_nbr=R0801&-ds_name=ACS_2008_1YR_G00_&-lang=en&-format=US-30&-CONTEXT=grt
State Tax Business Climate Index	1	2009	Tax Foundation	Sep-09	http://www.taxfoundation.org/news/show/25212.html
The State Tax Business Climate Index is a measure of how each state's tax laws affect economic performance					
Business Climate Ranking	2	2009	Business Facilities Rankings Report	Aug-09	http://www.businessfacilities.info/special-report/business-facilities-2009-state-rankings.php
Ranking used variety of factors: quality of life, cost of labor, labor force, economic climate, and business costs					
SAT Scores - Math	6	2009	The College Board	Aug-09	http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2009/tables Table 3
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SAT Scores - Reading Standardized, nationwide college entrance exams - Caution - only 3% of college bound seniors take this test in SD	6	2009	The College Board	Aug-09	http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2009/tables Table 3
America's Top States for Business The CNBC survey scores all 50 states - using publicly available data - on 40 different measures of competitiveness. States are then ranked in 10 broad categories, with input from business groups including the National Association of Manufacturers. Final	12	2009	CNBC	Jul-09	http://www.cnbc.com/id/31392646
Cost of Doing Business The CNBC survey scores all 50 states - using publicly available data - on 40 different measures of	2	2009	CNBC	Jul-09	http://www.cnbc.com/id/31392646
Best Corporate Business Climate States were evaluated by factors related to labor, taxes, incentives, and economic development agency factors to determine the top pro-business states	6	2009	Pollina Corporate Real Estate	Jun-09	www.pollina.com
Tax Freedom Day It provides taxpayers with a barometer that measures the total tax burden over time and by state	4	2009	Tax Foundation	Apr-09	www.taxfoundation.org
Business Tax Index 2009: State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship & Small Business 16 different tax measures including income, property, death/inheritance, unemployment, and various consumption-based taxes, including state gas and diesel levies.	1	2009	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	Apr-09	http://www.sbecouncil.org/states/
Happiness Index Index looks at household income, debt, employment and foreclosures	8	2009	MainStreet.com	Apr-09	http://www.mainstreet.com/article/moneyinvesting/news/happiness-index-nebraska-nabs-top-spot
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Technology Counts - Access to Technology % of students with access to computers in 4th and 8th grades, and # of students per instructional computer and high-speed Internet-connected computer	T - 1	2009	Education Week	Mar-09	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2009/03/26/index.html
Technology Counts - Use of Technology Student standards include technology, state tests students on technology, state has established a virtual school, and state offers computer-based assessments	T - 1	2009	Education Week	Mar-09	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2009/03/26/index.html
Technology Counts - Capacity to Use Technology State includes technology in: teacher standards, administrator standards, initial teacher-license requirements, initial administrator-license requirements, teacher-recertification requirements, and administrator-recertification requirements	T - 4	2009	Education Week	Mar-09	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2009/03/26/index.html
Freedom in the 50 States An index of personal and economic freedom	3	2009	Mercatus Center, George Mason University	Feb-09	http://www.mercatus.org/PublicationDetails.aspx?id=26154
Union Membership	7	2008	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	Jan-09	http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm
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