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State Liability Systems Treatment of class action suits, judges' impartiality & competence, and juries' predictability and fairness were combined to create an overall ranking of state liability systems	12	2008	US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform	Apr-08	http://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/states/lawsuitclimate2008/
The Camelot Index Index measures economic vitality, health, education, crime, society and government.	3	2008	State Policy Reports, Volume 26, Issue 7, April 2008	Apr-08	
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Business Tax Index 2008 16 different tax measures including income, property, death/inheritance, unemployment, and various consumption-based taxes, including state gas and diesel levies.	1	2008	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	Apr-08	http://www.sbecouncil.org/states/
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	2008	Pollina Corporate Real Estate	Apr-08	www.pollina.com
Tax Freedom Day It provides taxpayers with a barometer that measures the total tax burden over time and by state	9	2008	Tax Foundation	Mar-08	www.taxfoundation.org
Most Livable States The 2008 award is based on 44 factors ranging from median household income to crime rate, sunny days to infant mortality rate	15	2008	Morgan Quitno	Mar-08	www.morganquitno.com
Technology Counts - Overall Grade A national, annual report by Education Week and The Milken Exchange on the impact of technology on American schools	2	2008	Education Week	Mar-08	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2008/03/27/index.html
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	2008	Education Week	Mar-08	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2008/03/27/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 - 5	2008	Education Week	Mar-08	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2008/03/27/index.html
Technology Counts - Capacity to Use Technology	T - 4	2008	Education Week	Mar-08	http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2008/03/27/index.html

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State includes technology in: teacher standards, administrator standards, initial teacher-license requirements, initial administrator-license requirements, teacher-recertification requirements, and administrator-recertification requirements					
Laboratory Growth Ratio of percentage growth in medical and diagnostic laboratory establishments during 2000-05 relative to the percentage growth in population	5	2008	Site Selection magazine Online	Feb-08	http://www.siteselection.com/ssinsider/snapshot/sf080228.htm
Inbound Migration Interstate household moves handled by United among the 48 contiguous states	7	2008	United Van Lines	Jan-08	http://www.unitedvanlines.com/mover/united-newsroom/press-releases/2008/2007-united-van-lines-migration-study.htm
Legislative Quotient-business friendly legislatures Legislative Quotient looks at how state governments collect taxes, and how they spend the money they collect	8	2007	Expansion Management Magazine	Dec-07	www.expansionmanagement.com
BHI Competitiveness Index 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.	8	2007	Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy Research	Dec-07	http://www.beaconhill.org/
ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index A new index on state's fiscal and economic policies & analyses of results and ramifications. Uses 16 indicators	3	2007	American Legislative Exchange Council	Dec-07	http://www.alec.org/2/rich-states-poor-states-alec-laffer-state-economic-competitiveness-index.html
Entrepreneurial Friendliness/Business Climate 11 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.	1	2007	Small Business Survival Foundation	Nov-07	http://www.sbsc.org/home/index.cfm?CFID=348741&CFTOKEN=92109849
Ranking America's Mental Health An analysis of depression across the states. South Dakota was the healthiest state with respect to depression status.	1	2007	Mental Health America	Nov-07	http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/state-ranking
State Tax Business Climate Index The State Tax Business Climate Index is a measure of how each state's tax laws affect economic performance	2	2007	Tax Foundation	Oct-07	http://www.taxfoundation.org/press/show/22660.html
Crime Rate Index - Property Crimes 2006 property crime rates and individual crime indexes reported by state	1	2007	FBI, Uniform Crime Report	Sep-07	http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm
Crime Rate Index - Violent Crimes 2006 violent crime rates and individual crime indexes reported by state	5	2007	FBI, Uniform Crime Report	Sep-07	http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm

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ACT Scores Standardized, nationwide college entrance exams	18	2007	ACT	Aug-07	http://www.act.org/news/data/07/states-text.html
SAT Scores - Math Standardized, nationwide college entrance exams - Caution - only 4% of college bound seniors take this test in SD	4	2007	The College Board	Aug-07	http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2007/tables Table 3
SAT Scores - Reading Standardized, nationwide college entrance exams - Caution - only 4% of college bound seniors take this test in SD	5	2007	The College Board	Aug-07	http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2007/tables Table 3
Cost of Doing Business Index This annual index measures wages, taxes, electricity \$ real estate costs for industrial & offices space	1	2007	Milken Institute	Aug-07	http://www.milkeninstitute.org/research/research.taf?cat=indexes
Quality of Life Ranking Ranking based on crime dta, material well being, job security, availability of recreation and the arts, health, climate, education and cost of living	1	2007	Business Facilities Rankings Report	May-07	http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf_07_07_cover1a.php

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Pro-Business Climate Ranking Ranking used variety of factors: quality of life, cost of labor, labor force, economic climate, and business costs	2	2007	Business Facilities Rankings Report	May-07	http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf_07_07_cover1a.php
U.S. State Biotechnology Ranking Ranking based on depth of biotechnology leadership	7	2007	Business Facilities Rankings Report	May-07	http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf_07_07_cover1a.php
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	2007	Forbes Magazine	Apr-07	www.forbes.com
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State Liability Systems Treatment of class action suits, judges' impartiality & competence, and juries' predictability and fairness were combined to create an overall ranking of state liability systems	11	2007	US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform	Mar-07	http://www.uschamber.com/default
Volunteer Rate A report on volunteering in America based on 2004-2006 data collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau in the Current Population Survey	9	2007	Corporation for National & Community Service	Apr-07	http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/volunteering/index.asp
State & Local Tax Burdens Each state's total tax burden is a combination of federal, state, and local taxes	7	2007	Tax Foundation	Apr-07	http://www.taxfoundation.org/publications/show/22320.html
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Per Capita State Tax Collections Per Capita taxes that are needed to run state government	1	2007	US Census Bureau	Mar-07	www.census.gov
ID Theft Identity theft rates based on actual and attempted frauds vs.on consumer victim reports	10	2007	ID Analytics Inc.	Feb-07	http://www.idanalytics.com/news_and_events/20070214a.html
State Credit Ranking-Consumer Credit Behavior Results based on data collected from a representative sample of three million U.S. consumers' credit profiles	1	2007	Experian	Feb-07	www.nationalscoreindex.com http://press.experian.com/press_releases.cfm?cntry=US
Tax Environment Survey of least and most fair and predictable state tax environments	4	2007	CFO magazine	Jan-07	Source of ranking - CFO survey
Inbound Migration Interstate household moves handled by United among the 48 contiguous states	9	2007	United Van Lines	Jan-07	http://www.unitedvanlines.com/mover/united-newsroom/united-newsroom-index.htm
Average Consumer Credit Score State by State average consumer credit Scores, Ranking, and Ratings	1	2007	Home Improvement Web	Jan-07	http://www.the-home-improvement-web.com/information/finance-money/state-credit-scores.htm