

## 2014 - 2016 South Dakota Rankings

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<b>State Business Tax Climate Index</b> The State Tax Business Climate Index is a measure of how each state's tax laws affect economic performance	3	2017	Tax Foundation	09/28/2016	<a href="http://taxfoundation.org/article/2017-state-business-tax-climate-index">http://taxfoundation.org/article/2017-state-business-tax-climate-index</a>
<b>Top States for Doing Business: Corporate Tax Environment</b> Survey asking consultants to give their top state picks in 10 categories that impact companies' location and facility plans.	4	2016	Area Development Magazine	09/01/2016	<a href="http://www.areadevelopment.com/Top-States-for-Doing-Business/q3-2016/survey-results-top-states-analysis-676777.shtml">http://www.areadevelopment.com/Top-States-for-Doing-Business/q3-2016/survey-results-top-states-analysis-676777.shtml</a>
<b>Kauffman Index: Start-up Activity</b> Index measures business-creation rate at the individual owner level	9	2016	Kauffman Foundation	08/04/2016	<a href="http://www.kauffman.org/newsroom/2016/08/startup-activity-on-the-rebound">http://www.kauffman.org/newsroom/2016/08/startup-activity-on-the-rebound</a>
<b>Business Friendliness</b> The states were graded on the perceived "friendliness" of their legal and regulatory frameworks to business.	2	2016	CNBC	07/07/2016	<a href="http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-">http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-</a>
<b>Cost of Doing Business</b> States were graded on state and local tax burdens, business and gas taxes, utility costs, rental property costs & cost of wages.	4	2016	CNBC	07/07/2016	<a href="http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-dakota.html">http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-dakota.html</a>
<b>America's Top States for Business</b> The CNBC survey scores all 50 states - using publicly available data - on 51 different measures of competitiveness. States are then ranked in 10 broad categories, with input from business groups including the National Association of Manufacturers. Finally, the different categories are weighted depending on how often they are mentioned in a state's own ED marketing materials.	19	2016	CNBC	07/07/2016	<a href="http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-">http://www.cnbcm.com/2016/07/07/top-states-for-business-19-south-</a>
<b>State Fiscal Condition Index</b> Index uses five indices to analyze state solvency using each state's FY2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report data	5	FY2014	Mercatus Center, George Mason University	06/01/2016	<a href="http://mercatus.org/statefiscalrankings">http://mercatus.org/statefiscalrankings</a>
<b>2016 State Business Tax Burden Ranking</b> Ranking measures total state and local taxes paid by businesses as a share of pre-tax operating margins (similar to profits).	3	2016	Anderson Economic Group, LLC (AEG)	05/01/2016	<a href="http://www.andersoneconomicgroup.com/Publications/StateBusinessTaxRankings.aspx">http://www.andersoneconomicgroup.com/Publications/StateBusinessTaxRankings.aspx</a>
<b>The Camelot Index</b> Index measures economic vitality, health, education, crime, society and government.	6	2016	State Policy Reports, Volume 34, Issue 7, April 2016	04/01/2016	<a href="http://www.ffis.org/">http://www.ffis.org/</a>
<b>Tax Freedom Day</b> It provides taxpayers with a barometer that measures the total tax burden over time and by state	4	2016	Tax Foundation	04/01/2016	<a href="http://taxfoundation.org/article/tax-freedom-day-2016-april-24">http://taxfoundation.org/article/tax-freedom-day-2016-april-24</a>
<b>Tax Revenue Volatility</b> This analysis assessed the volatility of total tax collections and of major tax sources within each state over a 20-year period.	1	2016	Pew Charitable Trusts	03/01/2016	<a href="http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2014/fiscal-50#ind0">http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2014/fiscal-50#ind0</a>
<b>The Best (and Worst) States for Business</b> 24/7 Wall St. identified nearly 50 measures and classified them into eight larger categories that independently measured various risks and benefits of doing business in each state.	13	2015	24/7 Wall St.	02/01/2016	<a href="http://247wallst.com/special-report/2016/02/17/the-best-and-worst-states-for-business-2/print/">http://247wallst.com/special-report/2016/02/17/the-best-and-worst-states-for-business-2/print/</a>
<b>Small Business Policy Index 2016: Policy Environments for Entrepreneurship &amp; Small Business</b> 50 different policy measurements including income, property, death/inheritance, unemployment, various consumption-based taxes, healthcare regulation, etc.	3	2016	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	02/01/2016	<a href="http://sbecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/SBPIndex2016SBECouncil.pdf">http://sbecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/SBPIndex2016SBECouncil.pdf</a> <i>Note: Measures/criteria in 2016 Index were revised &amp; expanded. This year's index is not comparable to previous years.</i>
<b>States Most Prepared for Next Recession</b> States most prepared to weather recession based on ability of rainy day funds to cover any expected revenue shortfalls	3	2016	Mercatus Center, George Mason University	01/01/2016	<a href="http://mercatus.org/publication/weathering-next-recession-how-prepared-are-50-states">http://mercatus.org/publication/weathering-next-recession-how-prepared-are-50-states</a>
<b>Union Representation</b> Percent of full and part-time employees who are union members	14	2015	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics	01/01/2016	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm">http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm</a>
<b>Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index</b> Surveys more than 2.1 million people on five elements of well-being: purpose, social, financial, community, physical.	6	2015	Gallup-Healthways	01/01/2016	<a href="http://www.well-beingindex.com/">http://www.well-beingindex.com/</a>
<b>Inbound Migration</b> Interstate household moves handled by United Van Lines among the 48 contiguous states (does not include DC)	11	2015	United Van Lines	01/02/2016	<a href="http://www.unitedvanlines.com/about-united/news/movers-study-2015">http://www.unitedvanlines.com/about-united/news/movers-study-2015</a>

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<b>Volunteering Rate</b> A report on volunteering in America based on a 3-year moving average of data collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau in the Current Population Survey	9	2015	Corporation for National & Community Service	12/01/2015	<a href="https://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/rankings/States/Volunteer-Rates/2014">https://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/rankings/States/Volunteer-Rates/2014</a>
<b>Best States for Credit Conditions</b> This ranking considered five factors: average credit score, foreclosure rates, credit card delinquency rates, unemployment rates, bankruptcy rates	1	2015	CardRatings.com	11/01/2015	<a href="http://www.thestreet.com/story/13377908/1/the-best-and-worst-states-for-credit-conditions-2015.html">http://www.thestreet.com/story/13377908/1/the-best-and-worst-states-for-credit-conditions-2015.html</a>
<b>State Business Tax Climate Index</b> The State Tax Business Climate Index is a measure of how each state's tax laws affect economic performance	2	2016	Tax Foundation	11/01/2015	<a href="http://taxfoundation.org/sites/taxfoundation.org/files/docs/TF_2016_StateBusinessTaxClimateIndex.pdf">http://taxfoundation.org/sites/taxfoundation.org/files/docs/TF_2016_StateBusinessTaxClimateIndex.pdf</a>
<b>Best Corporate Business Climate</b> States were evaluated by factors related to labor, taxes, incentives, and economic development agency factors to determine the top pro-business states	16	2015	Pollina Corporate Real Estate	11/01/2015	<a href="http://www.pollina.com">www.pollina.com</a>
<b>Enterprising States - Business Climate</b> 6 measures: small business lending, legal environment, state & local tax burden, business tax climate, U.S. Business Policy Index, cost of living	1	2015	US Chamber of Commerce Foundation	10/01/2015	<a href="https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/press-release/us-chamber-foundation-study-ranks-virginia-among-nation-s-leading-tech-states">https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/press-release/us-chamber-foundation-study-ranks-virginia-among-nation-s-leading-tech-states</a>
<b>Enterprising States - Talent Pipeline</b> 6 measures: Higher ed output & efficiency, college affordability, educational attainment, AP exam scores, labor force utilization	4	2015	US Chamber of Commerce Foundation	10/01/2015	<a href="https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/press-release/us-chamber-foundation-study-ranks-virginia-among-nation-s-leading-tech-states">https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/press-release/us-chamber-foundation-study-ranks-virginia-among-nation-s-leading-tech-states</a>
<b>Best States for Business</b> Annual ranking based on 6 categories: business costs, labor supply, regulatory environment, economic climate, growth prospects, & quality of life	9	2015	Forbes Magazine	10/01/2015	<a href="http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2015/10/23/south-dakotas-business-competitiveness-where-it-ranks-best-and-worst/">http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2015/10/23/south-dakotas-business-competitiveness-where-it-ranks-best-and-worst/</a>
<b>Best States for Business - Business Costs</b> Annual ranking based on 6 categories: business costs, labor supply, regulatory environment, economic climate, growth prospects, & quality of life	1	2015	Forbes Magazine	10/01/2015	<a href="http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2015/10/23/south-dakotas-business-competitiveness-where-it-ranks-best-and-worst/">http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2015/10/23/south-dakotas-business-competitiveness-where-it-ranks-best-and-worst/</a>
<b>2015 Lawsuit Climate Survey</b> Survey of 1200 corporate general counsels and senior attorneys on states' lawsuit environments.	9	2015	US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform	09/01/2015	<a href="http://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/states">http://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/states</a>
<b>Best States for Drivers</b> Rankings used 6 metrics: fatal crashes, car thefts, repair costs, gas spending, insurance premiums, commute times	3	2015	Bankrate.com	08/01/2015	<a href="http://www.bankrate.com/finance/auto/best-and-worst-states-for-drivers-how-each-state-measures-up.aspx">http://www.bankrate.com/finance/auto/best-and-worst-states-for-drivers-how-each-state-measures-up.aspx</a>
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<b>Best States to Retire</b> Populations, household incomes, home values and poverty rates are from the U.S. Census Bureau. Rates for violent and property crime are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The cost-of-living data is provided by the Council for Community and Economic Research. Tax rankings, based on Kiplinger's Retiree Tax Map, divide states into five categories: Most Friendly, Friendly, Mixed, Not Friendly and Least Friendly.	5	2015	Kiplinger	06/01/2015	<a href="http://www.kiplinger.com/fronts/channels/retirement/index.html">http://www.kiplinger.com/fronts/channels/retirement/index.html</a>

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<b>Cost of Doing Business</b> States were graded on state and local tax burdens, business and gas taxes, utility costs, rental property costs & cost of wages.	5	2015	CNBC	06/01/2015	<a href="http://www.cnb.com/id/102570433">http://www.cnb.com/id/102570433</a>
<b>CEOs Pick: Best States for Business</b> More than 600 CEOs rate states on taxation, regulation, workforce & living environment	23	2015	Chief Executive magazine	06/01/2015	<a href="http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-business/2015/">http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-business/2015/</a>
<b>BHI Competitiveness Index</b> 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	2015	Beacon Hill Institute	06/01/2015	<a href="http://www.beaconhill.org/Compete14/PRCompete14StateFinal.html">http://www.beaconhill.org/Compete14/PRCompete14StateFinal.html</a>
<b>Best States for Military Retirees</b> Study measures 20 metrics in economic environment, quality of life and health care in terms of attractiveness to military retirees	3	2015	WalletHub	05/01/2015	<a href="http://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915/">http://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915/</a>
<b>Business Tax Index 2015: State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship &amp; Small Business</b> Index reviews 21 different tax measures from income taxes to property taxes & consumption-based taxes	1	2015	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	04/01/2015	<a href="http://www.sbecouncil.org/2015/04/16/smallbusinessindex2015/">http://www.sbecouncil.org/2015/04/16/smallbusinessindex2015/</a>
<b>Taxpayer ROI</b> 27 metrics in 6 categories (Infrastructure, Education, Health, Safety, Economy & Pollution) contrast state & local tax funding to quality of services	9	2015	WalletHub	04/01/2015	<a href="http://wallethub.com/edu/state-taxpayer-roi-report/3283/#main-findings">http://wallethub.com/edu/state-taxpayer-roi-report/3283/#main-findings</a>
<b>Kauffman Index: Start-up Activity</b> Index measures business-creation rate at the individual owner level	6	2015	Kauffman Foundation	04/01/2015	<a href="http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/kauffman-index/rankings/state">http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/kauffman-index/rankings/state</a>
<b>ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index</b> An index on state's fiscal and economic policies & analyses of results and ramifications. Uses 15 policy areas	14	2015	American Legislative Exchange Council <b>Economic Performance</b>	04/01/2015	<a href="http://www.alec.org/publications/rich-states-poor-states/">http://www.alec.org/publications/rich-states-poor-states/</a>
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<b>The Camelot Index - Prudent Government</b> Component includes state solvency, pension funding levels and bond ratings	1	2015	State Policy Reports, Volume 33, Issue 7, April 2015	04/01/2015	<a href="http://www.ffis.org/">http://www.ffis.org/</a>
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<b>Following the Money 2015</b> How the 50 States rate in providing online access to government spending data	A-	2015	U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) Education Fund	03/01/2015	<a href="http://www.uspirgedfund.org/news/usp/new-report-ranks-all-fifty-states-government-spending-transparency">http://www.uspirgedfund.org/news/usp/new-report-ranks-all-fifty-states-government-spending-transparency</a>
<b>Best States to Retire</b> Index using state statistics on cost of living, crime rates, tax rates, access to medical care and average annual temperatures	8	2015	Bankrate.com	03/01/2015	<a href="http://www.bankrate.com/finance/retirement/best-states-for-retirement-1.aspx?ic_id=most_shared_default">http://www.bankrate.com/finance/retirement/best-states-for-retirement-1.aspx?ic_id=most_shared_default</a>
<b>First in Freedom Index</b> Overall rank for each state is derived from scores in four categories: fiscal freedom, educational freedom, regulatory freedom and health care freedom.	4	2015	John Locke Foundation	02/01/2015	<a href="http://www.johnlocke.org/research/show_story.html?id=260&amp;type=policy%20reports">http://www.johnlocke.org/research/show_story.html?id=260&amp;type=policy%20reports</a>
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<b>Inbound Migration</b> Interstate household moves handled by United Van Lines among the 48 contiguous states (does not include DC)	20	2014	United Van Lines	01/02/2015	<a href="http://www.unitedvanlines.com/about-united/news/movers-study-2014">http://www.unitedvanlines.com/about-united/news/movers-study-2014</a>
<b>Tax Revenue Volatility</b> This analysis assessed the volatility of total tax collections and of major tax sources within each state over a 20-year period.	1	2015	Pew Charitable Trusts	01/01/2015	<a href="http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2015/01/revenue-volatility-varies-widely-by-state-and-tax-type">http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2015/01/revenue-volatility-varies-widely-by-state-and-tax-type</a>
<b>Best &amp; Worst Run States in America</b> Review of data on financial health, standard of living and government services by state to determine how well each state is managed.	10	2014	24/7 Wall St.	12/01/2014	<a href="http://247wallst.com/special-report/2014/12/03/the-best-and-worst-run-states-">http://247wallst.com/special-report/2014/12/03/the-best-and-worst-run-states-</a>
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<b>Best States for Business - Business Costs</b> Business costs incorporate Moody's Analytics cost of doing business index which includes labor, energy and taxes. Moody's weighs labor costs the most heavily in its index. We also included a state tax index from the Tax Foundation that launched in 2012 and looks at the tax burden on businesses in each state across different industries. Business costs are the most heavily weighted component in the Forbes Best States for Business.	1	2014	Forbes Magazine	11/01/2014	<a href="http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2014/11/12/ranking-the-best-states-for-business-2014-behind-the-numbers/print/">http://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2014/11/12/ranking-the-best-states-for-business-2014-behind-the-numbers/print/</a>
<b>Best Small Metros for Successful Aging-Sioux Falls</b> Rankings are based on a weighted, multidimensional methodology that examines a broad range of quality-of-life factors for older Americans.	2	2014	Milken Institute	11/01/2014	<a href="http://www.milkeninstitute.org/publications/view/671">http://www.milkeninstitute.org/publications/view/671</a>
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<b>Best &amp; Worst States for Student Debt:</b> South Dakota ranked first in subcategory: Lowest % of Student Loan Balances in Past-Due or Default Status	1	2014	WalletHub	10/01/2014	<a href="http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-student-debt/7520/">http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-student-debt/7520/</a>
<b>Best &amp; Worst States for Student Debt:</b> South Dakota ranked second in subcategory: Lowest % of Student Loan Borrowers in Past-Due or Default Status	2	2014	WalletHub	10/01/2014	<a href="http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-student-debt/7520/">http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-states-for-student-debt/7520/</a>
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<b>How America Gives</b> Giving as a percentage of adjusted gross income	13	2014	The Chronicle of Philanthropy	10/01/2014	<a href="http://philanthropy.com/article/How-States-CompareHow/149169/">http://philanthropy.com/article/How-States-CompareHow/149169/</a>

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<b>Cost of Doing Business</b> States were graded on state and local tax burdens, business and gas taxes, utility costs, rental property costs & cost of wages.	6	2014	CNBC	07/01/2014	<a href="http://www.cnbc.com/id/101758236">http://www.cnbc.com/id/101758236</a>
<b>Best Small Place to do Business-Sioux Falls</b> Annual ranking relies on business costs (labor, energy, tax and office space expenses) and living costs (housing, transportation, food and other household expenditures).	5	2014	Forbes Magazine	07/01/2014	<a href="http://www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/">http://www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/</a>
<b>Best Small Place to do Business-Rapid City</b> Annual ranking relies on business costs (labor, energy, tax and office space expenses) and living costs (housing, transportation, food and other household expenditures).	19	2014	Forbes Magazine	07/01/2014	<a href="http://www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/">http://www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/</a>
<b>Best Corporate Business Climate</b> States were evaluated by factors related to labor, taxes, incentives, and economic development agency factors to determine the top pro-business states	10	2014	Pollina Corporate Real Estate	07/01/2014	<a href="http://www.pollina.com">www.pollina.com</a>
<b>Enterprising States - Economic Performance</b> overall economic performance plus 5 policy areas: exports, innovation & entrepreneurship, business climate, talent pipeline, infrastructure	21	2014	US Chamber of Commerce Foundation	06/01/2014	<a href="http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf">http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf</a>
<b>Enterprising States - Business Climate</b> 6 measures: small business lending, legal environment, state & local tax burden, business tax climate, U.S. Business Policy Index, cost of living	1	2014	US Chamber of Commerce Foundation	06/01/2014	<a href="http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf">http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf</a>
<b>Enterprising States - Talent Pipeline</b> 6 measures: Higher ed output & efficiency, college affordability, educational attainment, AP exam scores, labor force utilization	7	2014	US Chamber of Commerce Foundation	06/01/2014	<a href="http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf">http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Enterprising%20States%202014%20Single.pdf</a>
<b>CEOs Pick: Best States for Business</b> More than 600 CEOs rate states on taxation, regulation, workforce & living environment	15	2014	Chief Executive magazine	05/01/2014	<a href="http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-for-business-2014#ranking">http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-for-business-2014#ranking</a>
<b>Best States to Retire</b> Index using state statistics on cost of living, crime rates, tax rates, access to medical care and average annual temperatures	1	2014	Bankrate.com	05/01/2014	<a href="http://www.bankrate.com/finance/retirement/best-states-for-retirement-1.aspx">http://www.bankrate.com/finance/retirement/best-states-for-retirement-1.aspx</a>
<b>BHI Competitiveness Index</b> 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.	11	2014	Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy Research	04/01/2014	<a href="http://www.beaconhill.org/Compete13/PRCompete13StateFinal.html">http://www.beaconhill.org/Compete13/PRCompete13StateFinal.html</a>
<b>Tax Freedom Day</b> It provides taxpayers with a barometer that measures the total tax burden over time and by state	3	2014	Tax Foundation	04/01/2014	<a href="http://www.taxfoundation.org">www.taxfoundation.org</a>
<b>ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index</b> An index on state's fiscal and economic policies & analyses of results and ramifications. Uses 15 policy areas	2	2014	American Legislative Exchange Council	04/01/2014	<a href="http://www.alec.org/publications/rich-states-poor-states/">http://www.alec.org/publications/rich-states-poor-states/</a>
<b>Taxpayer ROI</b> 27 metrics in 6 categories (Infrastructure, Education, Health, Safety, Economy & Pollution) contrast state & local tax funding to quality of services	3	2014	WalletHub	04/01/2014	<a href="http://wallethub.com/edu/state-taxpayer-roi-report/3283/">http://wallethub.com/edu/state-taxpayer-roi-report/3283/</a>

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<b>Business Tax Index 2014: State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship &amp; Small Business</b> Index reviews 21 different tax measures from income taxes to property taxes & consumption-based taxes	2	2014	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council	04/01/2014	<a href="http://www.sbecouncil.org/2014/04/15/sbe-councils-small-business-tax-index-ranks-state-tax-systems/">http://www.sbecouncil.org/2014/04/15/sbe-councils-small-business-tax-index-ranks-state-tax-systems/</a>
<b>Following the Money 2014</b> How the 50 States rate in providing online access to government spending data	B+	2014	U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) Education Fund	04/01/2014	<a href="http://www.uspirgedfund.org/reports/usp/following-money-2014">http://www.uspirgedfund.org/reports/usp/following-money-2014</a>
<b>State Fiscal Condition Index</b> Index uses four indices to analyze state solvency using each state's FY2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report data	2	2014	Mercatus Center, George Mason University	01/01/2014	<a href="http://mercatus.org/publication/state-fiscal-condition-ranking-50-states">http://mercatus.org/publication/state-fiscal-condition-ranking-50-states</a>