



ACCOLADES



Office of Governor Matt Mead

BUSINESS CLIMATE:

Most Business Friendly Tax Climate

Source: Tax Foundation - 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Second Best State to Start a Business

Source: GoBankingRates.com - 2017

Third for New Business Startup Activity

Source: Kauffman Foundation - 2017

Third Lowest State-Local Tax Burden in the Country (FY2012)

Source: Tax Foundation - 2015, 2016

Fourth for Small Business Policy

Source: Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council - 2017, 2018

Eighth Best Economic Outlook

Source: American Legislative Exchange Council - 2018

STATE MANAGEMENT:

AA+ Issuer Credit Rating

Source: Standard and Poor's - 2017

Second Highest Rate of Confidence in State Government - 76% (2015)

Source: Gallup - 2016

Fifth Best State Fiscal Condition (2015)

Source: Mercatus Center - 2017

QUALITY OF LIFE:

Best Air Quality

Source: United Health Foundation - 2017

WORKFORCE:

Fourth in Mountain Region Workforce Development

Source: Site Selection Magazine - 2018

INNOVATION:

Best State for Rate of New Entrepreneurs

Source: Kauffman Foundation - 2017

Second for Proprietors as Percentage of Total Employment

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis - 2016

Sixth in Number of New Businesses per 1,000 Employees

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2017

ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

3.9% Unemployment Rate

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - July 2018

Seventh Highest State Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Employee

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis - 2016, 2017

Eighth Per Capita Personal Income

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis - 2017

EDUCATION:

Best Education System Among Western States

Source: Education Week - 2016, 2017, 2018

Third Best State for Repaying Student Loans

Source: Schools.com - 2016

Seventh Best Education System Nationally

Source: Education Week - 2017, 2018