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### 2014 Best & Worst States For Business

In Chief Executive's tenth annual survey of CEO opinion of Best and Worst States in which to do business, Texas continues its 10-year historical position as the best state overall; but Florida, which ranks No. 2, is edging up and even overtaking Texas in its quality of living environment.

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## 2014 BEST & WORST STATES FOR BUSINESS



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In the 10th annual survey of CEOs concerning their views of the best and worst states for business, over 500 CEOs across the U.S. responded, grading states with which they were familiar on measures including tax and regulatory regime, the quality of the workforce, and the quality of the living environment.

- See more at: <http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-for-business-2014#sthash.6KUQxr6P.dpuf>

## 2014 Best & Worst States for Business State Rankings

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2014 Rank	State	2013 Rank	1 Year Change
1	Texas	1	0
2	Florida	2	0
3	Tennessee	4	1

2014 Rank	State	2013 Rank	1 Year Change
4	<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	3	-1
5	<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	8	3
6	<a href="#">Indiana</a>	5	-1
7	<a href="#">Arizona</a>	6	-1
8	<a href="#">Nevada</a>	9	1
9	<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	11	2
10	<a href="#">Georgia</a>	10	0
11	<a href="#">Virginia</a>	7	-4
12	<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	15	3
13	<a href="#">Utah</a>	12	-1
14	<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	17	3
15	<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	18	3
16	<a href="#">Colorado</a>	13	-3
17	<a href="#">Alabama</a>	16	-1
18	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	20	2
19	<a href="#">Iowa</a>	23	4
20	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	14	-6
21	<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	25	4
22	<a href="#">Missouri</a>	31	9
23	<a href="#">Delaware</a>	27	4
24	<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	26	2
25	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	29	4
26	<a href="#">Kansas</a>	19	-7
27	<a href="#">Ohio</a>	22	-5
28	<a href="#">Idaho</a>	21	-7
29	<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	28	-1
30	<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	32	2

2014 Rank	State	2013 Rank	1 Year Change
31	Montana	24	-7
32	Alaska	33	1
33	Washington	36	3
34	Minnesota	30	-4
35	West Virginia	34	-1
36	Maine	35	-1
37	Mississippi	38	1
38	Oregon	40	2
39	Vermont	39	0
40	Rhode Island	37	-3
41	Maryland	41	0
42	Pennsylvania	42	0
43	Hawaii	43	0
44	Connecticut	45	1
45	Michigan	44	-1
46	Massachusetts	47	1
47	New Jersey	46	-1
48	Illinois	48	0
49	New York	49	0
50	California	50	0

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