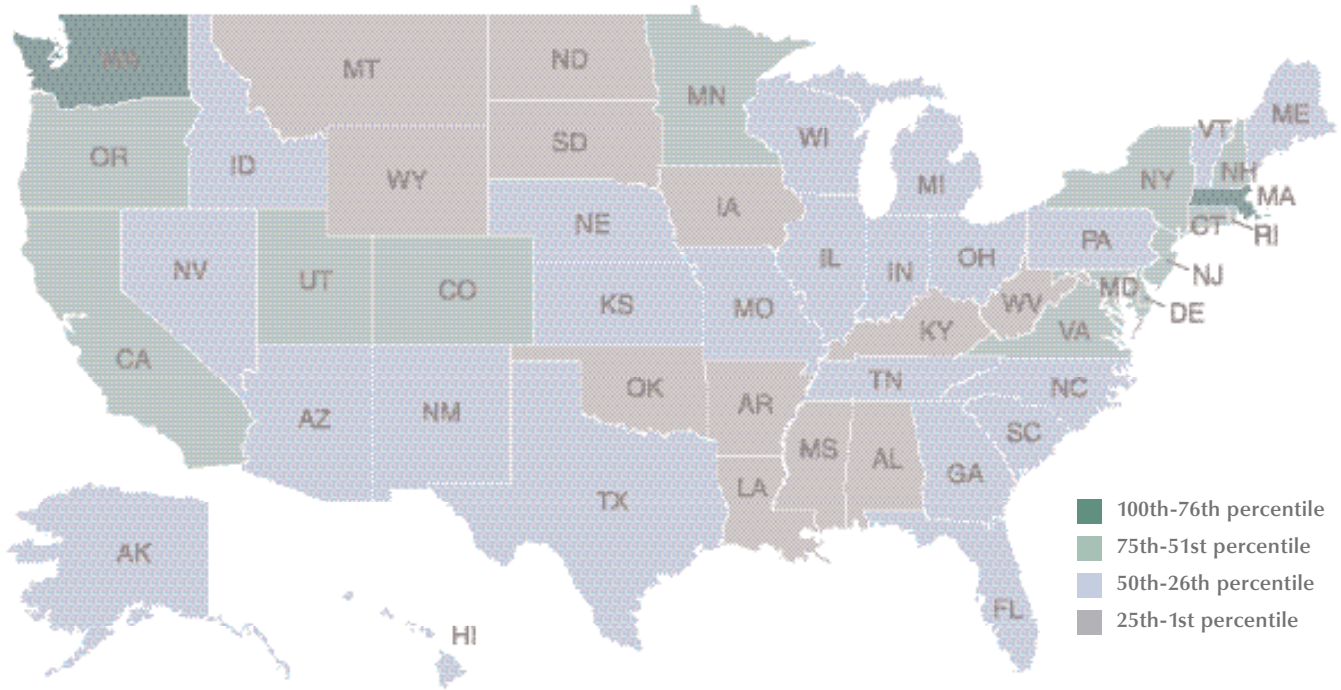


OVERALL SCORES



2008 Rank	2008 Score	State	1999 Rank	2002 Rank	2007 Rank	Change from 2002*	
1	97	Massachusetts	1	1	1	0	0
2	81.9	Washington	4	4	4	2	2
3	80	Maryland	11	5	3	2	0
4	79.3	Delaware	9	9	7	5	3
5	77	New Jersey	8	6	2	1	-3
6	76.1	Connecticut	5	7	6	1	0
7	75.6	Virginia	12	8	8	1	1
8	75	California	2	2	5	-6	-3
9	74.4	New York	16	11	10	2	1
10	70.4	Colorado	3	3	9	-7	-1
11	67.7	Rhode Island	29	23	15	12	4
12	67.7	Utah	6	16	12	4	0
13	67.7	New Hampshire	7	12	13	-1	0
14	66	Minnesota	14	14	11	0	-3
15	63.8	Oregon	15	13	17	-2	2
16	62.6	Illinois	22	19	16	3	0
17	62.2	Michigan	34	22	19	5	2
18	62.1	Texas	17	10	14	-8	-4
19	60.5	Vermont	18	26	20	7	1
20	60	Arizona	10	15	22	-5	2
21	60	Georgia	25	18	18	-3	-3
22	59.2	Pennsylvania	24	21	21	-1	-1
23	58.3	Florida	20	17	23	-6	0
24	57.4	North Carolina	30	24	26	0	2
25	56.7	Nevada	21	31	27	6	2

2008 Rank	2008 Score	State	1999 Rank	2002 Rank	2007 Rank	Change from 2002*	
26	55.6	Idaho	23	20	24	-6	-2
27	55.4	Nebraska	36	36	28	9	1
28	53.9	Maine	28	29	32	1	4
29	53.2	New Mexico	19	25	33	-4	4
30	53	Ohio	33	27	29	-3	-1
31	52.9	Kansas	27	30	34	-1	3
32	50.8	Alaska	13	39	25	7	-7
33	50.6	Wisconsin	32	37	30	4	-3
34	48.7	South Carolina	38	35	39	1	5
35	47.5	Hawaii	26	38	41	3	6
36	47.4	Indiana	37	32	31	-4	-5
37	46.9	Missouri	35	28	35	-9	-2
38	46.7	Tennessee	31	34	36	-4	-2
39	46.5	North Dakota	45	47	37	8	-2
40	46	Montana	46	41	42	1	2
41	44.7	Louisiana	47	44	44	3	3
42	44.5	Iowa	42	40	38	-2	-4
43	43.2	Oklahoma	40	33	40	-10	-3
44	42.9	South Dakota	43	46	48	2	4
45	41.3	Kentucky	39	42	45	-3	0
46	40.1	Wyoming	41	43	43	-3	-3
47	37.4	Alabama	44	45	46	-2	-1
48	35.3	Arkansas	49	49	47	1	-1
49	31.9	West Virginia	48	48	50	-1	1
50	29.9	Mississippi	50	50	49	0	-1

* Because of differences in methodology and indicators measured, changes in ranks between 1999, 2002, 2007, and 2008 cannot all be attributed to changes in actual economic conditions in the state.