

**Table 14.11-- COST OF LIVING AMONG TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS
CATEGORY RANKINGS: 2011 TO 2013**

[The CNBC survey scored all 50 states on as many as 51 measures of competitiveness developed with input from business groups including the National Association of Manufacturers and the Council on Competitiveness. States received points based on their rankings in each metric. The metrics are in ten broad categories, weighted according to how frequently they are cited in state economic development marketing materials. A rank of 1 indicates most favorable]

Component	2011			2012			2013		
	Category weight 1/	Score	Rank	Category weight 1/	Score	Rank	Category weight 1/	Score	Rank
Overall	2,475	922	48	2,500	871	49	2,500	924	50
Cost of doing business	350	54	50	350	36	50	450	94	48
Workforce	350	106	47	350	137	35	300	101	45
Quality of life	350	281	1	350	284	2	300	272	1
Infrastructure & transp. 2/	325	93	46	325	75	49	350	66	50
Economy	300	159	16	325	96	41	375	185	41
Education	225	80	40	225	81	39	150	59	40
Technology & innovation	225	62	42	225	62	45	300	81	45
Business friendliness	200	50	43	200	71	37	200	59	40
Access to capital	100	36	33	100	28	39	25	6	39
Cost of living	50	1	50	50	1	50	50	1	50

X Not applicable.

1/ Weighting reevaluated for each study. See "Criteria & Categories For CNBC's Top States For Business 2011" <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/43227250>>; for 2012 <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/47818860>> and for 2013 <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/100728441>> accessed July 15, 2013.

2/ Category was 'Transportation & infrastructure' in some 2012 lists.

Source: CNBC "America's Top Ten States for Business: 2011" <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/41666602/>> accessed July 6, 2011; "America's Top Ten States for Business: 2012" <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/46413845>> accessed July 10, 2012; CNBC ""America's Top Ten States for Business: 2013" <<http://www.cnbc.com/id/100824779>> accessed July 15, 2013.