

**Table 14.13-- COST OF LIVING AMONG TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS CATEGORY RANKINGS: 2016 TO 2021**

[The CNBC survey scored all 50 states on as many as 83 measures of competitiveness developed with input from business groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness. States received points based on their rankings in each of ten broad categories, weighted according to how frequently they are cited in state economic development marketing materials. A rank of 1 indicates most favorable. No report issued for 2020. Sorted by 2021 category weights]

Category	2016			2017			2018			2019			2021		
	Category wt. 1/	Score	Rank	Category wt. 1/	Score	Rank	Category wt. 1/	Score	Rank	Category wt. 1/	Score	Rank	Category wt. 1/	Score	Rank
Overall	2,500	1,009	49	2,525	998	49	2,500	1,006	47	2,500	941	49	2,500	1,011	49
Cost of doing bus.	350	45	50	350	49	50	350	70	49	350	50	49	400	65	50
Infrastructure 2/	350	116	46	400	152	40	400	173	40	350	107	49	375	162	39
Life, Health, & Inclusion	325	295	1	300	268	1	300	264	2	325	297	1	375	284	2
Workforce	400	165	48	450	188	48	425	148	48	450	182	46	325	194	18
Economy	340	181	25	300	135	35	300	134	33	375	93	47	250	51	49
Business friendliness	160	27	46	150	29	47	150	37	43	175	51	42	200	84	36
Tech. & innovation	250	90	38	225	64	45	225	63	42	175	53	40	175	54	41
Access to capital	50	14	37	100	22	41	100	22	42	75	14	44	175	41	41
Education	200	74	43	200	90	30	200	94	31	175	93	26	150	74	31
Cost of living	75	2	50	50	1	50	50	1	50	50	1	50	75	2	50

1/ Weighting reevaluated for each study. See "America's Top States for Business: Our methodology and sources" for 2016 <<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/06/23/americas-top-states-for-business-2016-our-methodology.html>> accessed July 12, 2016; for 2017 <<http://www.cnbc.com/2017/06/12/heres-how-your-state-can-become-a-cnbc-top-state-for-business.html>> accessed June 30, 2017; for 2018 <<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/06/13/cnbc-top-states-for-business-2018-methodology-and-sources.html>> accessed July 10, 2018; for 2019 <<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/06/08/how-cnbc-chose-americas-top-states-for-business-in-2019.html>> accessed July 24, 2019; and for 2021 <<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/17/how-we-chose-americas-top-states-for-business-in-2021.html>> accessed July 15, 2021.

2/ Is variously 'Infrastructure' or 'Infrastructure & transportation'.

3/ The 2021 category expands on the former 'Quality of Life' to assess additional livability factors, i.e. crime, COVID-19 response, voting access, etc.

Source: CNBC "America's Top Ten States for Business: 2016" <<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/07/12/americas-top-states-for-business-2016-the-list-and-ranking.html>> and "Hawaii" <<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/07/12/top-states-for-business-49-hawaii.html>> accessed July 14, 2016; for 2017 <<http://www.cnbc.com/2017/07/11/americas-top-states-for-business-2017-overall-ranking.html>> and "Hawaii" <<http://www.cnbc.com/2017/06/12/heres-how-your-state-can-become-a-cnbc-top-state-for-business.html>> accessed July 12, 2017; for 2018 <<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/07/10/americas-top-states-for-business-2018.html>> and "Hawaii" <<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/07/10/top-states-for-business-hawaii.html>> accessed July 10, 2018; for 2019 <<https://www.cnbc.com/americas-top-states-for-business/>> and "Hawaii" <<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/07/09/top-states-for-business-hawaii.html>> accessed July 24, 2019; and for 2021 (July 13, 2021) <<https://www.cnbc.com/americas-top-states-for-business/>> and "Hawaii" <<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/13/top-states-for-business-hawaii.html>> accessed July 15, 2021.