

Site Selection's 2008 Top State Business Climate Rankings

Overall Ranking	Executive Survey	2007 NP Rank	2005-07 NP Rank	Rank per Million	Rank per 1,000 Sq. Mi.	Final Total	
1	North Carolina	2	4	4	9	5	30
2	Tennessee	6	3	6	2	2	37
T3	Alabama	5	13	13	7	15	68
T3	Texas	1	5	1	28	30	68
5	Indiana	8	11	14	10	6	73
6	Florida	4	9	10	29	12	76
7	Ohio	17	1	2	8	1	80
8	Virginia	14	8	7	13	7	91
9	Illinois	18.5	2	3	11	3	93
10	Georgia	3	18	11	31	23	95
11	New York	12	6	8	27	8	97
T12	Kentucky	18.5	10	12	4	9	109
T12	Missouri	11	14	17	14	20	109
14	South Carolina	10	21	18	20	17	116
15	Pennsylvania	16	12	9	24	11	120
16	Michigan	22.5	7	5	18	13	133
17	Mississippi	15	24	21	17	28	150
18	Iowa	27.5	16	16	5	18	165
T19	Maryland	24	25	23	30	4	178
T19	Minnesota	28.5	15	15	12	22	178
21	Kansas	27.5	17	20	6	26	179
22	Louisiana	22.5	23	19	23	27	182
23	Arizona	9	32	33	41	41	183
24	Oklahoma	20	26	25	21	33	185
25	California	13	27	26	50	40	195

Source: Conway Data New Plant Database

November 2008

- Tennessee is ranked #2 on Site Selection magazine's 2008 Top Business Climate rankings.

September 2008

- Tennessee Valley Authority in Nashville, Tenn. is named one of the Top Ten Utilities in Economic Development in the U.S.

May 2008

- Tennessee is named winner of *Site Selection* magazine's 2007 Competitiveness Award.

April 2008

- A study from the Kaufman Foundation on entrepreneurial activity in the U.S. ranks Tennessee 4th highest in the nation for number of entrepreneurs per capita.
- *Forbes* ranks Knoxville, Tenn. at #10 on its list of "Hot Spots"

March 2008

- Tennessee is ranked number three on the annual Governor's Cup list in *Site Selection*.
- Tennessee's economy is ranked 5th best in the country by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

February 2008

- Eastman Chemical in Kingsport is named one of *Trade & Industry Development's* Corporate Investment and Impact (CiCi) award winners.

Winter 2008

- Tennessee ranks high on *Southern Business & Development* Top Tens list, including:
 - "Top Major Markets in the South: 1993-2007" - Memphis ranked #3 and Nashville/Davidson/Murfreesboro/Franklin ranked #5.
 - "Top Small Towns in the South That Deserve a Second Look" - Dyersburg, Tenn. ranked #4.
 - "Top Ten People Who Made a Difference" - ECD Commissioner Matt Kisber included.
 - "Top Ten Markets in the South for Advanced Manufacturing" - Knoxville/Oak Ridge ranked #4 and Memphis ranked #5.
 - "Top 10 Incredibly Large, Nicely Positioned Distribution Sites in the South You May Not Know About" - CentrePoint Distribution Park in LaVergne and Elam Farms in Murfreesboro named to list.
 - "Top 10 Edge Markets You Might Not Know About" - Clarksville and Cleveland/Bradley County named to list.