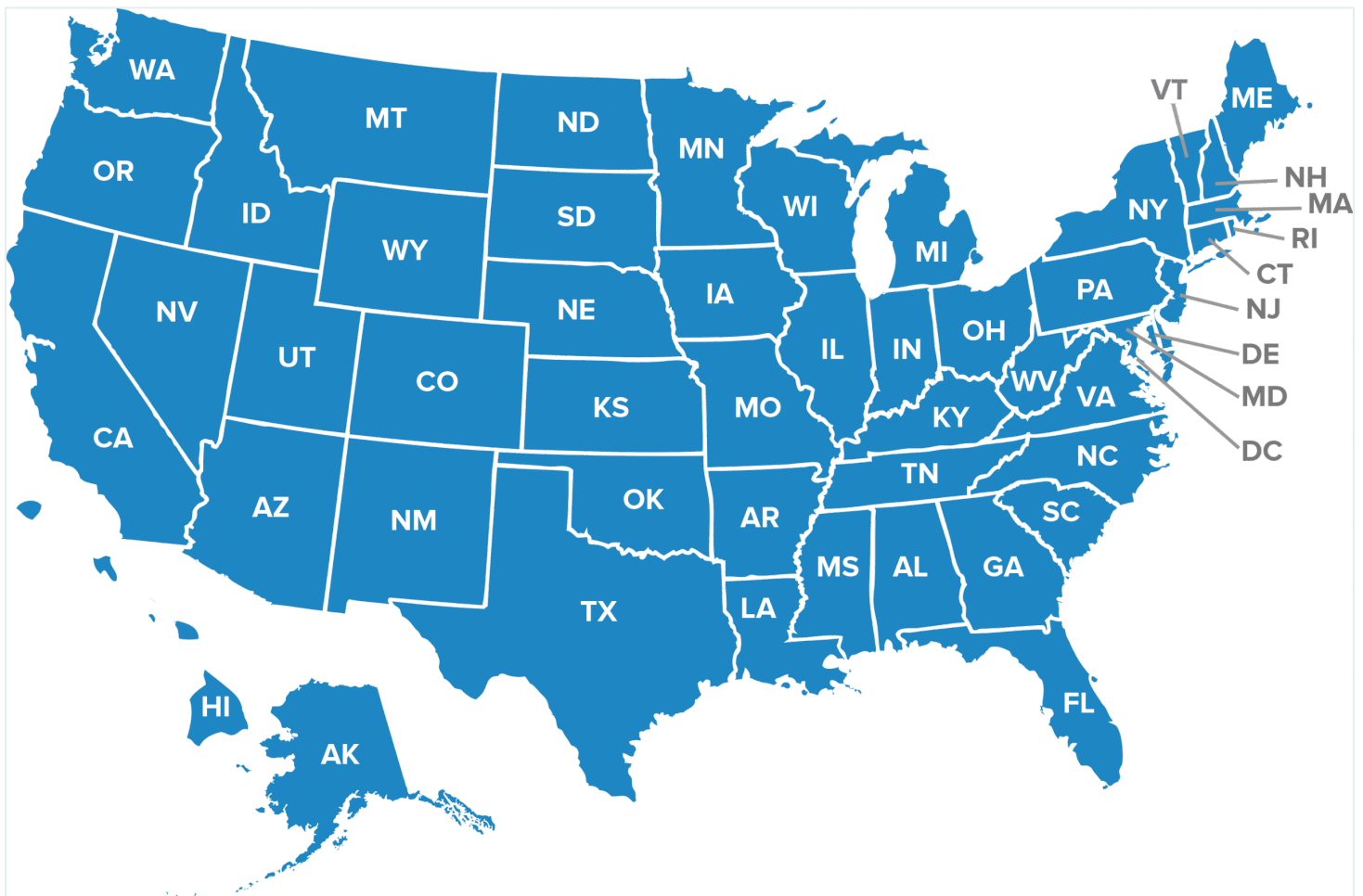


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Which U.S. states are the best for business? If you ask corporate CEOs, the answer is Texas and and Florida.

That's according to the annual Best & Worst States for Business survey from Chief Executive magazine, which queried CEOs on a range of quantitative and qualitative factors. North Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana complete the top five of the rankings. Ranking categories include quality of life, tax policy, workforce quality, and best communication of business incentives. Regional rankings are also offered.

Top 5 States

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4. **Tennessee** – “Has stable leadership and a ‘can do’ attitude toward recruiting and retaining major business.”
5. **Indiana** – “Consistently ranked in the top 3 in offering ... competitive incentives for business [and] packages that improve the skill sets to hire a qualified, work-ready workforce.”

Best of ...

Best state for quality of life:

Idaho

Best state for workforce quality:

Utah

State with lowest taxation:

Wyoming

Best communication of business incentives:

Arkansas

State that advanced the most since 2015:

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rankings, Cooper said, "show that CEOs support states that understand and offer solutions to those challenges."

"Business-friendly states work hard to maintain a competitive environment," added J.P. Donlon, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of Chief Executive magazine and ChiefExecutive.net. "Many governors have gotten openly proactive about trying to steal business away from other states, and this new 'war' game has every economic development team on alert."

The full 2016 Best & Worst States for Business survey is available online, including individual state rankings, CEO comments, methodology and more:

<http://chiefexecutive.net/2016-best-and-worst-states-for-business/>

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