

Expansion Management Magazine's

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NOTE: Rankings are from 1 (best) to 50 (worst)

2005 Overall Rank	STATE	General Tax Bite Rank	Debt Management Rank	Infrastructure Spending Rank	Taxes & Spending 5-Year Trend Rank	Spending on Itself Rank	Right to Work Laws
1	Texas	1	2	34	2	1	yes
2	Nevada	2	14	23	1	11	yes
3	Wyoming	8	24	6	4	35	yes
4	Arkansas	16	5	4	18	28	yes
5	Iowa	9	7	3	22	35	yes
6	Arizona	16	3	22	16	8	yes
7	Florida	6	13	40	7	17	yes
8	Washington	4	31	26	6	6	NO
9	Tennessee	13	1	46	14	5	yes
10	Georgia	22	6	32	15	2	yes
11	Mississippi	15	12	28	21	4	yes
12	Minnesota	43	8	16	9	14	NO
13	South Dakota	3	41	19	18	33	yes
14	Kansas	21	3	2	44	40	yes
15	Nebraska	34	11	27	18	15	yes
16	Michigan	39	26	20	5	3	NO
17	Virginia	29	21	18	22	24	yes
18	Alabama	10	9	21	45	12	yes
19	Vermont	28	42	1	12	48	NO
20	Oklahoma	12	18	11	42	31	yes
21	Utah	24	21	8	35	44	yes
22	Indiana	29	19	25	22	7	NO
23	North Carolina	41	9	17	33	9	yes
24	New Mexico	19	23	7	38	29	NO
25	New Hampshire	16	47	39	3	29	NO
26	Idaho	22	29	13	36	25	yes
27	South Carolina	7	25	33	38	23	yes
28	North Dakota	14	34	4	47	26	yes
29	Kentucky	42	20	12	26	26	NO
30	Colorado	19	27	24	32	13	NO

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31	West Virginia	32	29	15	26	42	NO
32	Montana	25	37	9	30	46	NO
33	Missouri	11	33	30	33	22	NO
34	Wisconsin	45	36	28	12	10	NO
35	Delaware	46	48	13	11	50	NO
36	Louisiana	5	32	35	48	18	yes
37	Oregon	38	15	42	22	43	NO
38	Rhode Island	29	46	49	10	41	NO
39	Pennsylvania	33	16	31	43	37	NO
40	New York	48	40	48	7	31	NO
41	New Jersey	46	38	47	17	19	NO
42	Alaska	27	45	9	46	46	NO
43	Hawaii	26	44	38	29	49	NO
44	Maine	36	39	36	31	34	NO
45	Maryland	40	35	36	37	20	NO
46	Ohio	35	16	44	50	21	NO
47	Illinois	36	43	45	38	16	NO
48	Connecticut	43	49	50	28	45	NO
49	California	49	28	41	49	39	NO
50	Massachusetts	50	50	43	41	38	NO