

STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISONS

Nebraska-Alabama Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>ALABAMA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.77
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	10.1%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.5%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.87
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.43
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	52.7
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	81.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	22.0%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.061
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	\$0.072	\$0.068
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	\$0.048	\$0.051
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.29
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,144
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.9%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	46
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	48
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,535.7
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	61.7

Nebraska-Alaska Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>ALASKA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.44
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	22.9%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.8%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$6.26
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.42
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	64.7
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	91.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	27.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	4.7
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.000
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	\$0.072	\$0.000
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	\$0.048	\$0.000
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$3.90
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$2,871
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	12.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	23.6%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	21
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	34
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,584.2
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	83.4

Nebraska-Arizona Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>ARIZONA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.25
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	6.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.50
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.14
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	9.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.8%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.093
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	\$0.072	\$0.092
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	\$0.048	\$0.080
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$7.95
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,244
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.9%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	8.0%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	39
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	27
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,738.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	74.3

Nebraska-Arkansas Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>ARKANSAS</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$4.87
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.0%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.5%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.05
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.07
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.3
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.4
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	82.0%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	18.8%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	5.0
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.043
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.061
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.047
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.22
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,351
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.7%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	4.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	43
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	40
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,338.5
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	63.4

Nebraska-California Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>CALIFORNIA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.85
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	17.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	4.2%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$6.28
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.79
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	11.4
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	80.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	29.6%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	12.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.108
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.136
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.111
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.38
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$5,028
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.5%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	9.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	29
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	23
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,444.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	75.6

Nebraska-Colorado Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>COLORADO</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.86
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	6.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.52
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$21.24
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.7
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	65.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	35.6%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	12.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.047
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.127
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.100
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.38
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,359
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	4.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.2%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	14
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	8
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,192.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.1

Nebraska-Connecticut Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>CONNECTICUT</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.14
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	16.7%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.1%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$5.25
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$23.03
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	63.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	35.6%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	13.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.095
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.124
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.098
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.19
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$7,007
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.7%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.4%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	8
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	7
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,756.5
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	82.0

Nebraska-Delaware Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>DELAWARE</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$8.06
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	11.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.0%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$5.07
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.68
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	58.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	87.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	27.5%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	18.9
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.057
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.095
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.077
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$13.58
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,253
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	10.4%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	31
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	32
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,288.7
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.5

Nebraska-Florida Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>FLORIDA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.90
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	5.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.5%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.37
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$19.60
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.5
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	55.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	85.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.8%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	7.2
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.066
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.095
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.077
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.13
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,441
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.1%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.8%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	41
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	36
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,829.7
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	75.0

Nebraska-Georgia Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>GEORGIA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.29
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.0%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.99
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.42
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	9.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	27.5%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.2
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.051
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.105
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.067
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.03
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,735
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.5%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	44
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	43
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,494.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	73.0

Nebraska-Hawaii Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>HAWAII</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.05
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	21.8%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	0.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.22
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$19.06
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.8
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.0
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.3%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	29.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.8
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.000
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.000
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.000
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$18.49
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,920
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	10.2%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	2.0%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	20
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	4
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,843.8
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	78.9

Nebraska-Idaho Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>IDAHO</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.17
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	7.1%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.32
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$20.30
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	87.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	24.0%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	4.6
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.046
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.061
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.048
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.28
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,670
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	16
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	14
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,329.8
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	77.5

Nebraska-Illinois Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>ILLINOIS</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.87
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	15.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.4%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$5.29
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.61
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	60.1
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	85.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	29.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	12.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.054
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.082
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.056
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$7.10
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,346
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	9.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	26
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	29
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,458.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	74.2

Nebraska-Indiana Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>INDIANA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.51
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	10.9%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.07
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.97
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	58.6
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	86.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	22.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	14.6
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.048
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.074
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.053
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.71
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,052
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.7%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.0%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	37
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	35
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,669.6
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	69.5

Nebraska-Iowa Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>IOWA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.94
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	11.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.5%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.29
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.73
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	67.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.3%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	24.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	15.8
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.051
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.080
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.058
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.05
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,589
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.2%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.0%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	2
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	15
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,704.7
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	73.2

Nebraska-Kansas Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>KANSAS</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.40
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	6.8%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.4%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.69
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$19.09
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.7
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	66.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	89.5%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	29.6%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.054
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.077
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.058
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$4.45
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,911
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	10
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	24
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,787.8
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	75.8

Nebraska-Kentucky Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>KENTUCKY</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.57
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	8.9%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.1%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.81
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.11
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.5
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	55.4
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	81.3%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	19.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	6.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.046
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.071
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.048
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.87
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,243
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	10.0%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	48
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	41
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,880.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	65.5

Nebraska-Louisiana Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>LOUISIANA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$9.59
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.3%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.4%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.87
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$20.48
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.8
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	56.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	81.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	20.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	8.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.064
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.080
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.067
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$4.19
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,286
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.1%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	44
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	47
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,479.3
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	65.8

Nebraska-Maine Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MAINE</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.55
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	11.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.87
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$19.97
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	89.7%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.4%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	3.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.114
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.145
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.119
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.85
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,835
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.0%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.1%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	19
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,569.9
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	77.7

Nebraska-Maryland Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MARYLAND</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.37
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	11.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.0%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.28
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.77
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	64.0
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.0%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	35.2%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	17.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.071
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.092
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.085
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$10.39
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$5,669
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.2%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	17
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	21
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,145.8
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	78.7

Nebraska-Massachusetts Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MASSACHUSETTS</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.77
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	14.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.36
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$20.67
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.4
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	61.0
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.7%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	38.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	30.7
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.101
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.135
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.109
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$11.72
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$5,377
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.5%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	10.2%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	12
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	3
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,849.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	81.7

Nebraska-Michigan Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MICHIGAN</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.51
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	16.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	4.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.10
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$21.57
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	13.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	54.7
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.1%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	24.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	12.9
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.062
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.085
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.063
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.35
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,694
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.9%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.5%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	33
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	30
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,436.3
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	73.8

Nebraska-Minnesota Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MINNESOTA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.31
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	15.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.5%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.81
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.60
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	66.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	91.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	31.5%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	11.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.051
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.075
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.055
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.49
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,688
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.3%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	4
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	6
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,113.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	77.8

Nebraska-Mississippi Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MISSISSIPPI</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.93
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.50
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.64
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	9.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	52.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	79.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	19.4%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	6.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.069
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.081
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.066
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.34
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$2,834
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.7%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.8%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	50
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	50
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,225.3
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	56.6

Nebraska-Missouri Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MISSOURI</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.99
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	9.9%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.0%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.99
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.47
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	9.3
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	60.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	86.5%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.0%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.2
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.046
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.065
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.049
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.28
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,508
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	3.6%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	32
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	38
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,168.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	69.5

Nebraska-Montana Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>MONTANA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.57
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	12.7%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	0.9%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$6.98
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.85
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	60.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	27.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	8.6
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.053
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.066
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.053
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.80
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,158
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.3%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	22
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	26
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,861.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	69.6

Nebraska-Nevada Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NEVADA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.77
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	15.0%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.61
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.61
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	11.8
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.5%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	21.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	5.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.085
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.115
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.092
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$10.89
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,245
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.2%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	NA
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	35
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	45
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,172.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.0

Nebraska-New Hampshire Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NEW HAMPSHIRE</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.42
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	10.2%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.2%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.12
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.36
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.3
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	65.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	33.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.095
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.116
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.097
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$12.48
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,642
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	4.0%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	27.4%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	3
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	5
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,249.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	84.7

Nebraska-New Jersey Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NEW JERSEY</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.03
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	17.1%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.1%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$5.07
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.30
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	9.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	61.0
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	87.4%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	34.4%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	8.6
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.092
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.115
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.097
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.70
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$6,610
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	9.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	13
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	18
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,619.9
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	83.0

Nebraska-New Mexico Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NEW MEXICO</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.81
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	7.3%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.1%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.62
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.59
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	56.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	82.4%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	24.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.2
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.060
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.101
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.068
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.25
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,114
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	8.2%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	38
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	31
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,559.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	65.0

Nebraska-New York Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NEW YORK</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.40
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	24.2%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.57
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.54
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.4
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	84.1%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	31.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	13.8
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.099
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.129
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.103
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.24
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$6,419
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.0%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	8.6%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	24
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	25
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,391.6
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.9

Nebraska-North Carolina Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NORTH CAROLINA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$8.24
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	3.2%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.54
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.88
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	26.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	11.7
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.049
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.081
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.061
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.41
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,663
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	42
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	37
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,511.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	69.1

Nebraska-North Dakota Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>NORTH DAKOTA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.59
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	7.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.0%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	NA
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.55
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	4.3
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	69.4
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	89.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	26.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	12.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.049
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.078
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.057
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.06
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,637
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.7%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	6
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	17
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,060.9
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	73.2

Nebraska-Ohio Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>OHIO</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.84
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	13.7%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	NA
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.63
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	87.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	24.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	11.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.061
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.103
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.070
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$8.67
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,049
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.3%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	36
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	33
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,759.9
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	72.6

Nebraska-Oklahoma Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>OKLAHOMA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.66
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	5.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	0.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$5.38
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.76
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.4
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	60.1
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	85.5%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	22.2%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	7.9
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.054
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.072
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.056
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$12.18
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,761
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.1%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	30
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	49
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,969.1
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	65.2

Nebraska-Oregon Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>OREGON</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$8.53
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	16.2%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.9%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.50
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$17.68
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	11.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	57.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	88.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	28.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.0
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.050
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.057
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.046
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.42
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,719
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.9%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	5.2%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	25
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	13
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,539.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	80.6

Nebraska-Pennsylvania Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>PENNSYLVANIA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.33
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	14.7%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	4.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.83
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.28
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.1
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	87.5%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	26.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	14.0
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.067
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.096
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.072
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$9.14
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,463
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	7.4%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	28
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	28
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,820.2
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	74.3

Nebraska-Rhode Island Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>RHODE ISLAND</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$4.86
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	16.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.4%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.51
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.12
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	11.2
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	59.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.7%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	30.0%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	18.9
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.096
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.106
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.098
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$12.22
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,533
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.5%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	27
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	10
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,090.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	77.0

Nebraska-South Carolina Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>SOUTH CAROLINA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.79
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.1%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.10
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.29
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	11.7
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	53.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	23.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	7.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.048
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.081
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.057
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.89
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,127
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.3%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	3.6%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	49
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	46
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,963.9
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	63.4

Nebraska-South Dakota Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>SOUTH DAKOTA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.41
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	5.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.0%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.02
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.82
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	4.8
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	68.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.3%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	6.2
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.051
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.074
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.056
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.89
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,079
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	4.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.1%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	11
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	20
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	1,847.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	70.0

**South Dakota corporate income tax applies only to banks.*

Nebraska-Tennessee Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>TENNESSEE</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.36
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.7%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.2%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.27
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$14.73
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	10.5
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	55.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	83.0%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	22.9%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	8.8
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.045
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.053
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.042
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.88
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,160
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	9.9%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	47
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	44
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,765.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	69.1

Nebraska-Texas Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>TEXAS</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$8.22
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	5.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$4.73
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$15.27
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	60.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	79.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.3%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.065
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.091
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.067
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$3.94
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,580
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	4.6%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	NA
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	34
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	39
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,493.5
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	65.5

Nebraska-Utah Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>UTAH</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.22
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	6.5%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	0.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$1.68
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.28
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.6
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	64.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.4%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	29.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	13.5
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.044
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.078
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.053
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.46
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,446
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.4%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.8%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	9
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	2
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,579.2
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	83.1

Nebraska-Vermont Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>VERMONT</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.65
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	11.8%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	3.3%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$6.90
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$16.41
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.9
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	66.4
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	90.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	32.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	6.9
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.082
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.136
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.094
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$7.70
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,410
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	11.0%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	3.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	7
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	1
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,774.0
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	75.4

Nebraska-Virginia Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>VIRGINIA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$7.57
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	4.6%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.2%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$2.20
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.69
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.7
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	64.1
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	85.9%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	33.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	11.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.047
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.071
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.053
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$6.94
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,714
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	5.9%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.8%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	15
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	22
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,760.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.4

Nebraska-Washington Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>WASHINGTON</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.29
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	19.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.4%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	NA
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$23.39
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.9
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	62.2
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	89.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	30.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	9.4
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.063
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.072
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.058
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$11.34
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,334
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	6.7%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	NA
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	18
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	11
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	4,089.6
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	81.7

Nebraska-West Virginia Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>WEST VIRGINIA</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$6.21
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	14.8%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.7%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	NA
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.69
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	7.9
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	51.8
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	82.2%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	17.1%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	6.0
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.048
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.061
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.047
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.38
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,000
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.8%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	11.6%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	40
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	42
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,842.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	66.9

Nebraska-Wisconsin Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>WISCONSIN</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$5.26
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	14.2%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	2.6%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	\$3.52
Right-to-work state	Yes	No
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$18.14
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	8.5
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	64.3
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	89.6%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	25.7%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	13.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.060
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.082
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.060
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$7.59
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$4,194
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	7.1%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	6.4%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	23
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	12
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	3,030.4
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	78.8

Nebraska-Wyoming Comparison

	<i>NEBRASKA</i>	<i>WYOMING</i>
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of production worker wages, 2009	\$6.49	\$11.71
Percentage of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2010	9.3%	7.4%
Average unemployment insurance tax rate on taxable wages, CY2009	1.3%	1.2%
Comparative workers compensation rate per \$100 of payroll for manufacturing, 2009	\$3.53	NA
Right-to-work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls, 2009	\$16.06	\$20.70
Annual average unemployment rate, 2009	4.6	6.4
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2009	68.8	66.9
EDUCATION		
Percent of population 25 years or older who are high school graduates, 2008	90.1%	91.7%
Percent of population 25 years or older that has a bachelor's degree or higher, 2008	27.1%	23.6%
Science & Engineering Doctorates Awarded/100,000 Residents, 2009	10.6	10.1
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Bill/Kilowatt Hour, Industrial Service, 2005		
75 kW, 50 Mwh	\$0.045	\$0.055
1,000 kW, 200 Mwh	0.072	0.088
1,000 kW, 400 Mwh	0.048	0.060
Average price of industrial gas per million Btus, 2009	\$5.84	\$5.62
TAXES		
State and local tax burden per capita, FY2008	\$3,983	\$3,714
State tax revenue as a percent of personal income, 2007	6.3%	8.2%
Corporate income taxes as a percent of state tax collections, FY2007	5.2%	NA
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Livability Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	1
State Health Ranking, 2009 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	19
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2008	3,182.3	2,949.3
Individuals 3 Years & Older Living in House. w/ Internet Access (%), 2009	77.0	76.1