

ALABAMA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	ALABAMA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.84	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	8.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.85	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.36	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	53.1	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	84.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	23.5%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.3	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.7	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.08	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,048	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.4%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	44	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	41	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,451.3	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	37	39

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ALASKA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	ALASKA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$4.45	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	18.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.2%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.80	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.74	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$23.98	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.5	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	63.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	92.1%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	28.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	17.6	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	17.4	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	14.5	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	19.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.86	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$9,211	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	8.7%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	12.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	2	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	50	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,547.8	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	24	39

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ARIZONA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	ARIZONA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.21	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	4.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$10.00	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.50	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$17.57	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	55.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	86.0%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.5%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.3	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.4	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.3	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.78	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,417	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.4%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	7	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	20	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,443.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	19	39

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ARKANSAS-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	ARKANSAS	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.38	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	3.9%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.7%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.50	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.06	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$15.85	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	53.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	84.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	21.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.2	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.3	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.2	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.91	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,639	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	8.0%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.5%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	46	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	46	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,772.8	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	47	39

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CALIFORNIA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	CALIFORNIA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.56	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	15.9%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$10.50	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$3.24	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.89	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	57.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	81.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	31.4%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	15.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.7	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.2	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	17.0	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.41	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,328	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.4%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	13	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	25	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,044.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	2	39

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COLORADO-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.10	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	9.8%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.2%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.30	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.56	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$28.76	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.9	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	64.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	90.7%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	38.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.94	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.88	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.4	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.12	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.65	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,339	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	11	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,962.5	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	8	39

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CONNECTICUT-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	CONNECTICUT	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.41	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	17.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$10.10	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.74	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$25.65	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.6	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	61.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	37.6%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	17.77	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.97	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.95	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	20.94	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.35	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$7,263	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.9%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	35	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	17	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,030.5	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	5	39

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DELAWARE-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	DELAWARE	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.50	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.0%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.32	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$17.57	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.9	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	57.9	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	88.4%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	30.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	11.17	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.25	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.28	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	13.42	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$10.11	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,611	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.4%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	8.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	40	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	24	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,190.0	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	9	39

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FLORIDA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	FLORIDA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.37	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	5.6%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.10	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.66	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.03	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	56.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	86.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.3%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.49	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.50	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.22	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.58	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.43	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,378	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.2%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	11	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	37	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,275.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	35	39

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GEORGIA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	GEORGIA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.33	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	3.9%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017		
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.80	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.21	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.9	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	57.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	83.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	25.6%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.62	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.89	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.87	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.54	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.42	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,324	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.7%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	29	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	45	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,400.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	26	39

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HAWAII-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	HAWAII	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.01	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	0.199	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	0.014	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.96	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.39	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.6	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	59.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	0.948	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	0.302	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	26.17	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	26.93	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	23.06	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	29.60	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$19.03	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,708	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	9.2%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	2.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	1	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	7	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	4,089.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	27	39

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IDAHO-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	IDAHO	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$4.74	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	6.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.79	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.73	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.1	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.6%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	22.9%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.09	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.80	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.60	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.93	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.83	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,165	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.0%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.2%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	18	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	27	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,959.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	23	39

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ILLINOIS-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	ILLINOIS	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.28	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	14.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.4%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.23	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.24	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.9	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	35.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.40	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.50	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.67	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.5	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.47	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,374	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.3%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	10.9%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	37	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,372.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	21	39

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INDIANA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	INDIANA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.36	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	10.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.5%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.50	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.87	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.8	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	59.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	88.4%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	28.6%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.99	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.78	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.86	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.57	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.36	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,793	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	47	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	29	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,983.5	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	34	39

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IOWA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	IOWA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.50	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	8.9%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.86	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.65	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	67.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	91.5%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	26.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.9	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.9	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.6	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.28	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,459	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.7%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	19	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	4	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,333.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	32	39

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KANSAS-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	KANSAS	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.33	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	8.6%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.4%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.41	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.04	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	65.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	90.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	31.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.14	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.10	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.61	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.34	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.24	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,457	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.5%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	32	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	6	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,110.0	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	30	39

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KENTUCKY-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	KENTUCKY	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.51	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.2%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.52	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.39	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	54.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	84.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	22.3%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.1	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.4	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.5	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.2	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.45	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,508	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.7	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.1	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	49	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	35	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,396.3	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	45	39

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LOUISIANA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	LOUISIANA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$9.64	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	0.0	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.6	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.20	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$22.11	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.3	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	56.9	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	83.4%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	22.5%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	7.7	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.7	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.4	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.3	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$3.31	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,796	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	43	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	49	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,893.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	46	39

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MAINE-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MAINE	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$4.59	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.6%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.00	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.02	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.28	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	93.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	31.2%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.1	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	12.8	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.5	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.1	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.6	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$8.95	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,818	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	4	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	13	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,960.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	43	39

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MARYLAND-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MARYLAND	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$8.03	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.0%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.0%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.50	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.10	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	62.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.0%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	37.3%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	12.1	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.0	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.5	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	13.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$9.70	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,470	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.7	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.2	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	31	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	2	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,772.2	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	7	39

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MASSACHUSETTS-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MASSACHUSETTS	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.82	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	12.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.6%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$11.00	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.29	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$22.65	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.0	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	61.6	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	40.5%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	16.9	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	13.5	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	19.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$9.22	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,723	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.3%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	8.7%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	14	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	14	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,081.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	1	39

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MICHIGAN-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MICHIGAN	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.35	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	14.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.90	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.57	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.25	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	56.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.6%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	26.9%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.8	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.6	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	14.4	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.60	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,750	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.2%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.6%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	39	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	15	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,301.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	18	39

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MINNESOTA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MINNESOTA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.36	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	14.2%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.5%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.75	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.91	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.99	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	67.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	92.0%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	33.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.5	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.4	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.87	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,548	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	8.7	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.7	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	9	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	1	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,464.7	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	10	39

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MISSISSIPPI-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MISSISSIPPI	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.15	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	6.6%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.70	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.34	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.5	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	50.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	82.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	20.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.53	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.55	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.56	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.3	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.75	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,431	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.4	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.9	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	41	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	48	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,109.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	50	39

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MISSOURI-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.08	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	9.7%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.0%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.70	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.92	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.28	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.5	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	88.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.44	8.67
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.16	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.44	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.21	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$7.58	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,460	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.2%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	36	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	22	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,351.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	33	39

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MONTANA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	MONTANA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.65	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.9%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.5%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.15	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.10	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.68	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	61.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	92.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	29.5%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.9	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.23	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.32	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.88	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.53	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,798	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.4	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.7	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	8	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	26	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,973.2	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	42	39

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NEVADA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NEVADA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.48	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	12.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.31	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.14	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	58.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	85.4%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	21.8%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.5	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.3	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.8	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$8.07	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,877	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.3%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	NA	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	34	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	47	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,364.2	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	38	39

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NEW HAMPSHIRE-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.09	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	9.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.96	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.93	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	65.6	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	93.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	37.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	16.0	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.0	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.7	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	18.5	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$10.33	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,197	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	3.2%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	23.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	22	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	19	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,945.0	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	12	39

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NEW JERSEY-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NEW JERSEY	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.99	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	16.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.7%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017		
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.92	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$21.33	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.6	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	59.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	88.6%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	36.8%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	13.7	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.6	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$8.09	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$6,309	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.8%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	8.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	25	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	8	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,881.9	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	4	39

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NEW MEXICO-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NEW MEXICO	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.71	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	6.3%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.7%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.50	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.92	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$16.86	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.6	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	53.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	84.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	26.3%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.6	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.3	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.3	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.5	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.62	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,673	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.3%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.6%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	20	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	33	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	4,353.5	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	13	39

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NEW YORK-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NEW YORK	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.42	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	23.6%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.70	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.83	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.51	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.3	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	56.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	85.6%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	34.2%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	15.3	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.3	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.3	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	18.5	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.62	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$8,049	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.3%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	33	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	34	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,983.7	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	17	39

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NORTH CAROLINA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NORTH CAROLINA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$8.86	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	3.0%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.91	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$17.38	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	56.7	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	0.9	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	0.3	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.7	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.5	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.3	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.34	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,610	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	26	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	39	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,097.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	16	39

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NORTH DAKOTA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	NORTH DAKOTA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.68	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	5.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	0.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	0.89	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.56	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	70.9	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	91.7%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.75	8.91
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.83	8.67
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.07	7.59
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.62	10.60
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$3.13	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$8,823	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	15.0%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	16	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	18	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,355.9	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	40	39

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OHIO-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	OHIO	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.99	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	12.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.6%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.15	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	1.45	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.58	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.9	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	59.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.1%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	26.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.0	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.1	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.8	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.35	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,274	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	0.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	45	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	28	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,879.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	29	39

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OKLAHOMA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.84	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	5.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	0.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.23	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.61	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	57.3	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	86.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	24.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	7.9	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.7	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.4	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$7.51	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,492	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.4%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.4%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	48	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	43	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,307.9	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	44	39

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OREGON-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	OREGON	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.40	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	13.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.5%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.75	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.28	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.31	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	57.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	30.8%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.8	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.7	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$6.28	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,909	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	5.1%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	24	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	30	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,206.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	6	39

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PENNSYLVANIA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	PENNSYLVANIA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.30	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	12.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.1%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.84	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.29	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.1	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	89.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	28.6%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.1	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.6	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.9	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$8.59	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,626	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.6%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.7%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	18	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	27	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,959.4	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	23	39

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RHODE ISLAND-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	RHODE ISLAND	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.05	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	15.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.6%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$9.60	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.20	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.19	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.0	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	60.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	86.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	31.9%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	17.0	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	15.8	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	13.8	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	19.3	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$9.26	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,131	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.8%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	42	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	21	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2140.0	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	14	39

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SOUTH CAROLINA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	SOUTH CAROLINA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.03	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	1.6%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.94	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.29	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.0	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	55.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	85.6%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	25.8%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.6	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.2	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.1	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	12.6	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$4.64	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,196	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.0%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.7%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	27	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	42	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,797.8	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	36	39

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SOUTH DAKOTA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	SOUTH DAKOTA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.90	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	5.2%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	0.8%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.65	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.67	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.65	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.1	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	66.9	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	90.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.20	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.5	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.5	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.6	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.4	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.34	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,509	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	1.5%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	3	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	3	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,326.1	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	48	39

*South Dakota corporate income tax applies only to banks.

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TENNESSEE-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	TENNESSEE	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.54	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	5.7%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.68	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$18.64	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.8	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	55.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	85.5%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	24.9%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.3	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.2	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.2	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.3	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.06	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,106	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.4%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	10.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	38	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	31	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,548.3	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	41	39

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TEXAS-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	TEXAS	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$8.75	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	4.0%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.4%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.45	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$22.69	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.5	300.0%
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	62.0	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	81.9%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.6%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.7	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.2	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	5.6	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.6	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$2.89	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,863	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.5%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	NA	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	10	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	32	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,243.5	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	15	39

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UTAH-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	UTAH	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.64	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	4.7%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	0.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.27	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.14	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.5	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	65.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	91.2%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	31.1%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.5	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.6	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.2	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.9	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.93	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,509	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.7%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	4.9%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	17	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	5	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,216	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	20	39

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VERMONT-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	VERMONT	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.00	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.5%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$10.00	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.02	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$20.13	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	64.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	91.8%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	36.0%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	14.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	14.5	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.3	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	17.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.50	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,420	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	10.0%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.6%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	6	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	8	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	1,524.6	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	25	39

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VIRGINIA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	VIRGINIA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.63	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	4.3%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.24	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.97	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.4	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	62.9	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	88.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	36.3%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	9.3	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.1	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.0	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.4	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.02	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,795	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	4.6%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.9%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	21	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	12	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,062.10	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	11	39

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WASHINGTON-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	WASHINGTON	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.76	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	17.4%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.5%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$11.00	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$1.97	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$26.44	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	5.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	59.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	90.4%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	32.9%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	7.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.2	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	4.4	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$8.91	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,416	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	5.6%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	NA	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	23	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	36	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	3,748.20	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	3	39

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WEST VIRGINIA-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	WEST VIRGINIA	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$7.21	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	11.8%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	2.9%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$8.75	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	1.22	\$1.67
Right to Work state	No	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.81	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	6.7	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	49.8	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	85.0%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	19.2%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.3	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.1	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	8.6	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.1	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$3.17	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$3,899	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.9%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	3.8%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	50	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	44	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,357.90	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	49	39

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WISCONSIN-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	WISCONSIN	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$5.94	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	8.1%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	3.3%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	\$2.06	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$19.62	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.6	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	64.4	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	91.0%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	27.8%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.1	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	10.4	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	10.9	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	7.6	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	14.1	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.65	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$4,803	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	6.4%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	6.0%	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	28	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	23	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,357.9	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	28	39

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WYOMING-NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON

CHARACTERISTIC	WYOMING	NEBRASKA
LABOR		
Value added per dollar of mnfg production worker wages, 2015	\$6.62	\$6.53
Percent of wage & salary workers who are union members, 2016	6.3%	7.4%
Average unemploy. insur. tax rate on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	1.4%	1.3%
State minimum wage (\$ per hour), 2017	\$7.25	\$9.00
Workers' compensation premium index rate, 2016	1.87	\$1.67
Right to Work state	Yes	Yes
Average hourly earnings of prod. workers on mnfg payrolls, 2016	\$22.01	\$17.80
Average unemployment insurance tax on taxable wages, 2015 (%)	4.2	3.0
Annual average employment as a % of population, 2014	65.2	68.5
EDUCATION		
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older who are high school grads, 2015	92.3%	90.7%
Percent of pop. 25 yrs & older with a BS degree, 2015	25.7%	29.3%
Advanced SET degrees/all SET degrees (%), 2013	0.2	0.3
UTILITY COSTS		
Average Retail Price of Electricity, 2015 (cents per kwh):	8.0	8.9
Commercial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	9.1	8.7
Industrial Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	6.8	7.6
Residential Electricity (cts per kwh), 2015	11.0	10.6
Average price of industrial gas per 1,000 cu.ft., 2015 (\$)	\$5.07	\$4.56
TAXES		
State and local tax collections per capita, FY2013	\$5,795	\$4,653
State tax revenue as a % of state personal income, 2014	7.1%	5.5%
Corporate income taxes as a % of state tax collections, 2014	NA	6.3%
QUALITY OF LIFE		
Overall Well-being Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	12	15
State Health Ranking, 2016 (1 is best; 50 worst)	40	9
Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population, 2015	2,124.7	2,516.0
2016 State Innovation Index Rank (Bloomberg)	31	39

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