The 2011 U.S. State Entrepreneurship Index
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No.	State	SEI score	2010 Rank	Change
1	Massachusetts	3.01	1	-
2	North Dakota	2.52	8	<b>A</b> 6
3	California	2.39	6	▲3
4	New York	2.23	3	<b>▼</b> 1
5	Minnesota	1.79	24	<b>▲</b> 19
6	Oregon	1.76	10	<b>4</b>
7	New Jersey	1.68	4	<b>▼</b> 3
8	Texas	1.61	11	<b>A</b> 3
9	Illinois	1.59	12	<b>▲</b> 3
10	New Hampshire	1.55	7	<b>▼</b> 3
11	Pennsylvania	1.54	15	<b>4</b>
12	Connecticut	1.44	13	<b>1</b>
13	Washington	1.38	2	▼11
14	Wyoming	1.36	9	<b>▼</b> 5
15	Kansas	1.31	22	<b>▲</b> 7
16	Vermont	1.30	16	-
17	Maryland	1.26	29	<b>▲</b> 12
18	Wisconsin	1.193	34	<b>▲</b> 16
19	Rhode Island	1.191	19	-
20	Virginia	1.15	20	-
21	Delaware	1.093	27	<b>1</b> 6
22	Ohio	1.09	40	▲18
23	Utah	1.07	44	▲21
24	Colorado	1.06	23	▼1
25	Missouri	1.05	21	<b>▼</b> 4
26	North Carolina	1.03	38	<b>▲</b> 12
27	New Mexico	1.02	28	<b>1</b>
28	Alaska	1.013	17	▼11
29	Maine	1.011	43	<b>▲</b> 14
30	Oklahoma	1.004	14	<b>▼</b> 16
31	South Dakota	1.00	18	<b>▼</b> 13
32	Nebraska	0.99	25	▼7
33	Arkansas	0.86	37	<b>▲</b> 4
34	Montana	0.853	32	<b>▼</b> 2
35	Florida	0.852	30	<b>▼</b> 5
36	Idaho	0.84	26	<b>▼</b> 10
37	West Virginia	0.80	35	<b>▼</b> 2
38	Tennessee	0.78	33	▼5
39	Arizona	0.76	49	<b>▲</b> 10
40	Indiana	0.75	45	<b>▲</b> 5
41	Georgia	0.56	39	<b>▼</b> 2

42	lowa	0.49	36	<b>▼</b> 6
43	Nevada	0.36	48	<b>▲</b> 5
44	Alabama	0.35	44	<b>A</b> 2
45	Hawaii	0.34	41	<b>▼</b> 4
46	Kentucky	0.30	31	<b>▼</b> 15
47	Mississippi	0.29	47	-
48	South Carolina	0.19	50	<b>A</b> 2
49	Michigan	0.10	42	<b>▼</b> 7
50	Louisiana	0.03	5	<b>▼</b> 45

**Source:** Bureau of Business Research and the Department of Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration

**Notes:** The State Entrepreneurship Index is based on 2011 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the IRS Statistics of Income Bulletin, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Statistical Abstract. A state index for each of five key components derived from the data – percentage growth and per capita growth in business establishments, business formation rate, patents per thousand residents and average non-farm proprietor income — is assigned based on how much each state's performance is above or below the median of all state data, which has a value of 1.0. For example, a component one standard deviation above the median is assigned a value of 2.0, while a component one below is assigned a value of zero. A state's overall SEI number is the average of the five index values.

Year-to-year ranking changes are based on the difference between each state's spot in the current rankings and their final ranks in the revised 2010 SEI rankings. Some states' positions in the original 2010 rankings changed after final 2010 data were added.

The full study, which includes state-by-state information on the index's key components, is available at <a href="http://bbr.unl.edu">http://bbr.unl.edu</a> and <a href="http://newsroom.unl.edu/releases/downloadables/newsblog/20121001SElreport.pdf">http://newsroom.unl.edu/releases/downloadables/newsblog/20121001SElreport.pdf</a>