State of Entrepreneurship

The State Entrepreneurship Index tracks core trends and reflects states’ entrepreneurship environments, growth in business formation and technological innovation. Each state index is calculated by comparing five key economic components and determining how much their performance deviate above or below the “median state,” which is assigned a value of 1.0.

The SEI was built with 2010 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the IRS Statistics of Income Bulletin, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Statistical Abstract.

Top 5
- New York 2.34
- Washington 2.17
- Massachusetts 2.04
- New Jersey 1.93
- Oregon 1.93

Bottom 5
- Alabama .41
- Nevada .33
- Mississippi .32
- Arizona .11
- S. Carolina .07

Oregon
Rose 40 spots to No. 5 (SEI of 1.93). Ranked No. 45 in 2008.

Nevada
Fell 40 spots to No. 47 (SEI of .33). Ranked No. 7 in 2008

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