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ACROSS THE NATION**

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Small Business Survival Index 2006: State Rankings*

(Ranked from the Friendliest to the Least Friendly Policy Environments for Entrepreneurship)

Rank	State	SBSI	Rank	State	SBSI
1	South Dakota	26.360	26	Utah	50.095
2	Nevada	29.915	27	Wisconsin	51.479
3	Wyoming	35.840	28	Maryland	51.845
4	Alabama	40.328	29	New Mexico	52.510
5	Washington	40.420	30	Montana	53.898
6	Florida	40.819	31	Nebraska	54.220
7	Mississippi	41.088	32	Connecticut	54.250
8	Colorado	42.680	33	Louisiana	54.270
9	Texas	42.710	34	Idaho	54.520
10	Michigan	42.742	35	Kansas	54.800
11	South Carolina	44.558	36	Kentucky	56.265
12	Indiana	44.870	37	West Virginia	56.660
13	Tennessee	44.974	38	Ohio	56.730
14	Virginia	45.456	39	Oregon	57.059
15	Arizona	45.748	40	North Carolina	57.482
16	Pennsylvania	45.863	41	Iowa	57.760
17	Alaska	46.770	42	Vermont	59.480
18	New Hampshire	47.256	43	Massachusetts	61.055
19	Delaware	47.310	44	Hawaii	62.608
20	Arkansas	48.158	45	New York	62.654
21	Illinois	48.494	46	Minnesota	63.590
22	Missouri	49.242	47	Maine	63.993
23	Oklahoma	49.460	48	Rhode Island	64.970
24	North Dakota	49.850	49	California	65.117
25	Georgia	49.903	50	New Jersey	65.345
			51	Dist. of Columbia	75.420

* (Please note that the District of Columbia was not included in the study ranking the states according to their liability systems, so D.C.'s last place score actually should be worse.)