



ACCOLADES



Office of Governor Matt Mead

BUSINESS CLIMATE:

Third for New Business Startup Activity

Source: Kauffman Foundation - 2016

Sixth Best State for Business

Source: 24/7 Wall Street - 2016

Seventh Best Economic Performance (2004-2014)

Source: American Legislative Exchange Council - 2016

Most Business Friendly Tax Climate

Source: Tax Foundation - 2015, 2016, 2017

Third Lowest State/Local Tax Burden in the Country (FY2012)

Source: Tax Foundation - 2015, 2016

Eighth Best Pro-Business State

Source: Pollina - 2015

Third Best Business Climate

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation - 2015

Sixth Top State for Growth and Economic Performance

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation - 2015

Fifth in Smaller States Main Street Entrepreneurship

Source: Kauffman Foundation - 2015

Best State to Start a Business

Source: GoBankingRates.com - 2016

WORKFORCE:

First in Mountain Region Workforce Development

Source: Site Selection Magazine - 2016

INNOVATION:

Top 15 Finalist in Community Impact Awards (Underwriters Laboratory Recruitment)

Source: Trade & Industry Development Magazine - 2015

Top Five Award of Excellence for Warehouse and Distribution (2015)

Source: Expansion Solutions Magazine - 2016

ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

Lowest Foreclosure Rate (2nd Quarter, 2015)

Source: Assets and Opportunity Scorecard - 2016

Second Per Capita Income Growth (2004-2014)

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation - 2015

Fourth Gross State Product Growth (2004-2014)

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation - 2015

EDUCATION:

Best Education System Among Western States

Source: Education Week - 2016

#8 Best Education System Nationally

Source: Education Week - 2016

UW #9 for Best Value College

Source: Forbes - 2015

QUALITY OF LIFE:

Best State to Make a Living

Source: MoneyRates.com - 2016

Best State to Retire

Source: Bankrate - 2016

Fifth Highest in Well-Being

Source: Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index - 2015

Fifth Lowest Poverty Rate for Children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2015

STATE MANAGEMENT:

AAA Issuer Credit Rating

Source: Standard and Poor's - 2014, 2015, 2016

Second Best Run State in the Country

Source: 24/7 Wall Street - 2014, 2015

Second Highest Rate of Confidence in State Government - 76% (2015)

Source: Gallup - 2016