

## FORBES: Nebraska No. 9 For Business, Careers

For the second consecutive year, Nebraska has landed a top-ten ranking in *Forbes* Magazine's "Best States for Business and Careers" list. The 2010 Best States ranking measures six vital categories for businesses: costs, labor supply, regulatory environment, current economic climate, growth prospects and quality of life. *Forbes* factored in 33 points of data to determine the ranks in the six main areas. The cost of doing business — which includes labor, energy and taxes — were weighted the most heavily. Nebraska scored particularly well in the categories of business costs (No. 6), economic climate (No. 12) and quality of life (No. 14). Utah, Virginia and North Carolina topped this year's *Forbes* list; Maine, Mississippi and Rhode Island were the worst three states.