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This Just In...Forbes Best States for Business and Careers

Forbes “Best States” came out right before the Thanksgiving holiday. In order of selection, the top five states are

1. Utah
2. Virginia
- 3. North Carolina**
4. North Dakota
5. Colorado

North Carolina climbed two spots from its 2009 ranking to reach the *third* overall BEST state for businesses and careers. You can read more detail on this story by following the link below.

[Best States for Business & Career](#)

Forbes listed a breakdown of what it considered six “vital categories for businesses” and how the top five states fared in each category.

Business Costs

- 1.South Dakota
- 2.North Carolina
- 3.Nebraska
- 4.North Dakota
- 5.Wyoming

Labor Supply

- 1.Colorado
- 2.Virginia
- 3.North Carolina
- 4.Georgia
- 5.Utah

Regulatory Environment

- 1.North Carolina
- 2.Virginia
- 3.Georgia
- 4.Texas
- 5.South Carolina



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Economic Climate

1. Texas
2. North Dakota
3. Oklahoma
4. Wyoming
5. New York

Growth Prospects

1. Texas
2. Arizona
3. New Mexico
4. California
5. Washington

Quality of Life

1. Massachusetts
2. Connecticut
3. Minnesota
4. Virginia
5. New Hampshire

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