


# Doing Business North America

**2022 Report**

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# What is Doing Business North America?

The *Doing Business North America* (DBNA) 2022 report provides objective measures of the scale and scope of business regulations in the United States across 83 cities in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. Comprised of over 7,700 datapoints, it uses 93 variables to create 30 data indicators spread over six categories to score and rank cities in regard to how easy it is to set up, operate, and shut down a business.

 <b>Starting a Business</b>	 <b>Employing Workers</b>	 <b>Getting Electricity</b>
 <b>Paying Taxes</b>	 <b>Land and Space Use</b>	 <b>Resolving Insolvency</b>



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## **Why?**

Unlike many studies that measure regulations at the state level, this annual study focuses on city-level regulations across the United States.

### **Provide measurable benchmarks**

This report provides objective measurements of regulatory conditions and makes them publicly available to researchers and policymakers.

### **Encourage competition**

This report can allow researchers and policymakers to track the improvement or decline in local regulatory conditions and provide a context for thinking about policy reform.

### **Increase economic well-being**

The measures can help contribute to the understanding of which regulatory environments can produce the best economic outcomes for the largest number of people.

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# Ease of Doing Business Scores and Rankings

The scores and ranks below are an overall measure of the “ease of doing business” for small- and medium-sized businesses in each city. It is composed of the scores of all six categories included in the Doing Business North America report.

Country	State	City	Score: Ease of Doing Business	Rank: Ease of Doing Business
United States	Utah	Salt Lake City	84.325	1
United States	Idaho	Boise	83.744	2
United States	North Carolina	Raleigh	82.729	3
United States	Florida	Orlando	81.673	4
United States	North Carolina	Charlotte	81.385	5
United States	Florida	Tampa	81.202	6
United States	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	81.187	7
United States	Florida	Jacksonville	81.043	8
United States	Georgia	Atlanta	80.909	9
United States	Wyoming	Cheyenne	80.814	10
United States	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	80.615	11
United States	Nevada	Henderson	80.561	12
United States	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	80.519	13
United States	Ohio	Columbus	80.212	14
United States	Nevada	Las Vegas	79.793	15
United States	North Dakota	Fargo	79.693	16
United States	Colorado	Denver	79.670	17
United States	Florida	Miami	79.447	18
United States	New Mexico	Albuquerque	79.415	19
United States	Ohio	Cincinnati	79.313	20
United States	North Carolina	Greensboro	79.299	21
United States	Colorado	Colorado Springs	78.944	22
United States	Texas	Dallas	78.473	23
United States	Arizona	Chandler	78.396	24
United States	Texas	Houston	78.388	25
United States	Kentucky	Lexington	78.362	26
United States	Colorado	Aurora	78.329	27


Country	State	City	Score: Ease of Doing Business	Rank: Ease of Doing Business
United States	Tennessee	Nashville	78.165	28
United States	Arkansas	Little Rock	78.140	29
United States	Missouri	Kansas City	78.110	30
United States	Missouri	St. Louis	77.847	31
United States	Texas	Austin	77.744	32
United States	Indiana	Indianapolis	77.317	33
United States	Nebraska	Omaha	77.134	34
United States	Kansas	Wichita	77.015	35
United States	Wisconsin	Milwaukee	76.723	36
United States	North Carolina	Durham	76.697	37
United States	Kentucky	Louisville	76.609	38
United States	Mississippi	Jackson	76.567	39
United States	Hawaii	Honolulu	76.522	40
United States	Iowa	Des Moines	76.386	41
United States	Illinois	Chicago	76.326	42
United States	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	76.313	43
United States	Arizona	Mesa	76.297	44
United States	Oklahoma	Tulsa	76.196	45
United States	Texas	Fort Worth	76.195	46
United States	Tennessee	Memphis	76.075	47
United States	Arizona	Tucson	75.877	48
United States	Arizona	Phoenix	75.271	49
United States	Nebraska	Lincoln	75.204	50
United States	Texas	San Antonio	75.198	51
United States	New Hampshire	Manchester	75.088	52
United States	Minnesota	Minneapolis	74.960	53
United States	Louisiana	New Orleans	74.952	54
United States	Ohio	Cleveland	74.911	55
United States	Minnesota	St. Paul	73.998	56
United States	Washington	Seattle	73.650	57
United States	Delaware	Wilmington	73.394	58


Country	State	City	Score: Ease of Doing Business	Rank: Ease of Doing Business
United States	South Carolina	Charleston	73.356	59
United States	Maryland	Baltimore	73.023	60
United States	Virginia	Virginia Beach	72.712	61
United States	Alaska	Anchorage	72.194	62
United States	West Virginia	Charleston	71.828	63
United States	Montana	Billings	71.712	64
United States	Michigan	Detroit	71.553	65
United States	Massachusetts	Boston	70.820	66
United States	Connecticut	Bridgeport	70.351	67
United States	New Jersey	Jersey City	70.155	68
United States	Oregon	Portland	69.600	69
United States	District of Columbia	Washington	68.321	70
United States	Maine	Portland	67.225	71
United States	New York	Buffalo	66.627	72
United States	Alabama	Birmingham	66.364	73
United States	New York	New York	64.710	74
United States	Vermont	Burlington	64.167	75
United States	California	San Diego	62.623	76
United States	California	San Jose	62.584	77
United States	California	San Francisco	62.498	78
United States	New Jersey	Newark	62.406	79
United States	Rhode Island	Providence	62.400	80
United States	California	Fresno	60.958	81
United States	California	Los Angeles	56.479	82
United States	Puerto Rico	San Juan	42.206	83


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## Top Five Cities in Each Category

 Country	State	City	Score: Starting a Business	Rank: Starting a Business	Overall Ease of Doing Business Rank
United States	Minnesota	Minneapolis	91.209	1	53
United States	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	90.403	2	43
United States	Minnesota	St. Paul	88.341	3	56
United States	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	87.977	4	11
United States	West Virginia	Charleston	86.975	5	63

 Country	State	City	Score: Employing Workers	Rank: Employing Workers	Overall Ease of Doing Business Rank
United States	Georgia	Atlanta	100.000	1	9
United States	South Carolina	Charleston	99.629	2	59
United States	Texas	Austin	99.420	3	32
United States	North Carolina	Raleigh	98.827	4	3
United States	North Carolina	Charlotte	98.721	5	5

 Country	State	City	Score: Getting Electricity	Rank: Getting Electricity	Overall Ease of Doing Business Rank
United States	Nevada	Henderson	95.893	1	12
United States	Nevada	Las Vegas	95.893	1	15
United States	Utah	Salt Lake City	93.699	3	1
United States	Wisconsin	Milwaukee	92.346	4	36
United States	Nebraska	Omaha	91.773	5	34

 Country	State	City	Score: Paying Taxes	Rank: Paying Taxes	Overall Ease of Doing Business Rank
United States	Wyoming	Cheyenne	72.394	1	10
United States	Nevada	Henderson	70.374	2	12
United States	Nevada	Las Vegas	70.374	2	15
United States	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	69.087	4	7
United States	Texas	Austin	65.708	5	32

 Country	State	City	Score: Land and Space Use	Rank: Land and Space Use	Overall Ease of Doing Business Rank
United States	Idaho	Boise	90.384	1	2
United States	Arizona	Chandler	87.250	2	24
United States	Alaska	Anchorage	85.437	3	62
United States	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	84.468	4	11
United States	Illinois	Chicago	84.383	5	42

**Download all the data, ranks,  
scores and methodology at:  
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