

Sources of Data for the Fifty State Comparisons

Demographics

- Population by age, race and ethnic group: *U.S. Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Program (PEP). Updated annually. <http://www.census.gov/popest/index.html>. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Population, Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data File*
- Housing Units: *U. S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates*
- Single-family housing price index & percent change: *Federal Housing Finance Agency, Expanded-Data Indexes (Estimated using Enterprise, FHA, and Real Property County Recorder Data Licensed from DataQuick), Quarterly data. (Note: The author calculated yearly index as a simple average of quarterly data for each year).*
- Components of population change: *U.S. Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Program*
- Per capita personal income: *U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis*
- Per capita disposable personal income: *U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis*
- Median household income: *U. S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey*
- Per capita gross domestic product: *U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis*
- Persons per square mile, 2012: *Author calculated using land area in square miles, 2010 and population estimate, 2012*
- Land area in square miles: *U. S. Census Bureau*

Business Climate

- Taxes, Tax Exemptions, Unemployment Insurance Rates and Property and Capital Stock Taxes: *Tax Foundation*
- Taxes and Fees on Wireless Service: *Wireless Taxes and Fees Continue Growth Trend by Scott Mackey <http://www.mywireless.org/state-issues/state-tax-rankings/#sthash.SAANfiPJ.dpuf>*
- Workers Compensation Index: *State of Oregon, Department of Consumer & Business Services*

Workforce

- Employed and unemployed: *U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- Average wage per job: *U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis*
- Right to Work States: *National Right to Work, Legal Defense Foundation, Inc.*
- Union affiliation of employed wage & salary workers: *U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Education

- SAT mean scores of college-bound seniors & percent taking SAT and NAEP scores: *National Center for Education Statistics*
- Educational attainment: *U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey*
- Science & engineering degrees as % of higher education degrees: *National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System*

Utilities

Electricity and natural gas prices: *U. S. Energy Information Administration*