

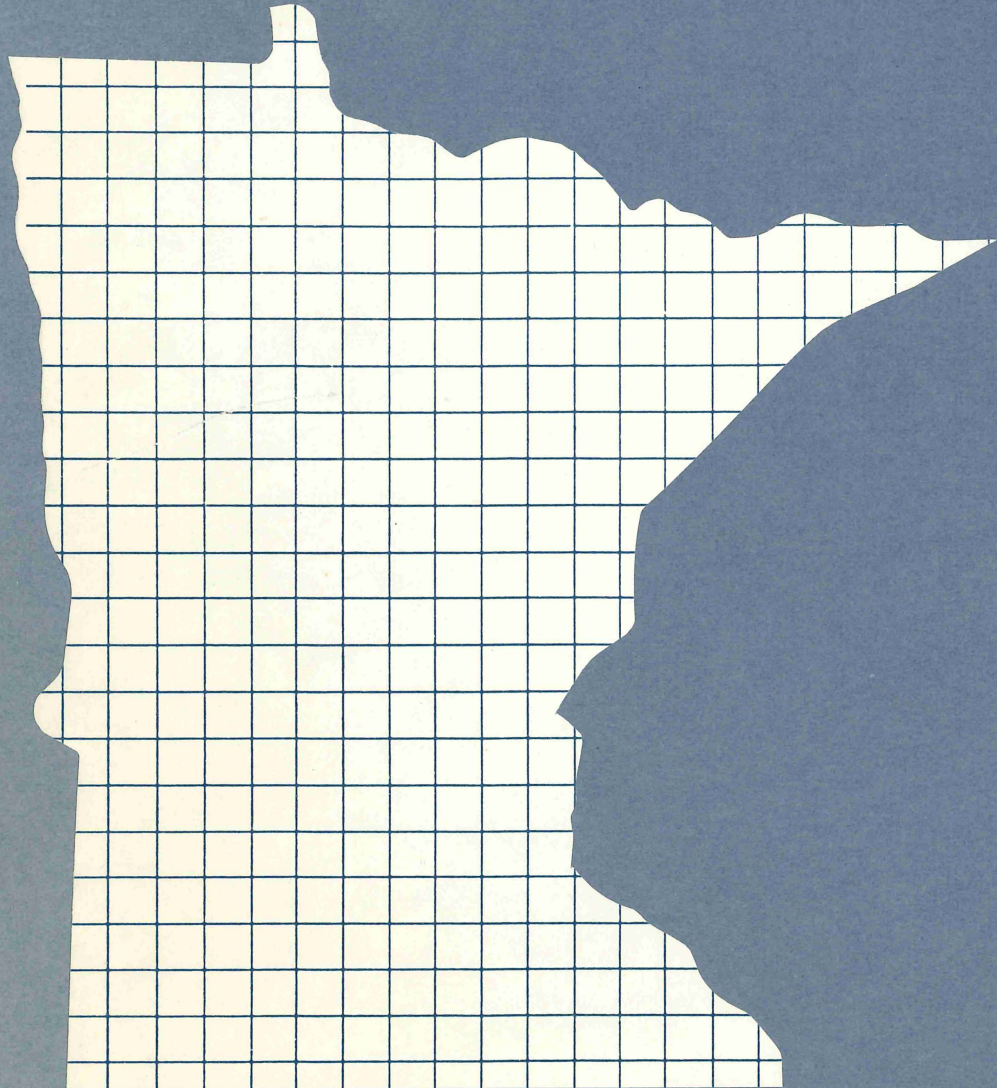
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Details a statistical evaluation of the business climate in Minnesota and the other 49 states. Ranks 46 socio-economic variables chosen to provide a mix of the criteria used in the selection of sites by businesses. [HC110 D5 M55]

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This report examines the impact of the Minnesota tax system on economic development and locational decisions. Covers individual income tax, corporate income tax, employer excise tax, property tax, etc. Includes recommendations. [VF M70.4]

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Provides "comparative business climate ratings based on 25 representative socio-economic variables." Library has copies of sections only. [VF M70.4]

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Midwest Business Journal 2, no. 2 (August/September 1978): 14.

Now Minnesota Business Journal, this journal reports on it's survey rating business climate. Four hundred responses received. Questions first appeared in July 1978 issue. [VF M70.4]

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The first of a series of studies ranking the state's business climate (defined as the aspect of the business environment directly controllable by state government). The attractiveness of a state's business climate is related to manufacturing job retention and expansion. Minnesota ranks 32. [HC106.7 .A43x]

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Discusses the opportunities for economic growth in Minnesota and the effect of tax policy on growth. Recommendations include reducing corporate income tax rate, adopting a graduated corporate income tax and tax credit for corporate research and development expenditures. [HJ 2415 .C57X]

Dahl, David S. "A Cloudy Future for Minnesota's Business." Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Quarterly Review. 3, (Spring 1979): 17-23.

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Uses many charts and tables to support conclusions that "the state's business climate is not competitive with that of neighboring states and is not as attractive as it was in the 1960's." [VF M70.4]

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Compares economic information on different segments of six states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Special sections on unemployment insurance and workers compensation. Comparisons of countries and SMSA's also included. Includes maps and charts. Most data from 1976. [REF HC107.A14 M5 1979X]

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The Minnesota Business Partnership, Inc., an association of 48 chief executive officers of Minnesota-based companies, studied the business climate in 26 states to determine Minnesota's relative strengths and weaknesses. Includes recommendations. (Updated following 1979 Legislative Session). [HC107.M6 M68 1979]

Minnesota. Department of Economic Development. "Chipping Away at Minnesota's Business Climate Issue." Minnesota (December 1979): 3-6.

Summarizes recent efforts to improve the business climate in Minnesota. [VF M70.4]

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State by state compilation of business incentives; this year shows "growing popular support for tax reform and elimination of wasteful government spending." "The Year in Review" provides a paragraph on new state development laws. Includes tables. [VF 114]

1980

Adams, John S. The Minnesota Economy: Where Do Things Stand?: What Lies Ahead? Minneapolis: The Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, University of Minnesota, 1980.

Reports on "current health and recent performance of the Minnesota economy." Suggests that long term competitive performance of Minnesota industries was mixed. Includes industry specific indicators as well as employment indicators and tables. [HC107.M6 A32]

Alexander Grant and Company. A Study of Manufacturing Business Climates of the Forty-eight Contiguous States of America prepared by Alexander Grant etc. (see 1983 entry), Chicago: The Company, 1980.

This is the second report on business climates in the states. Factors defining business climate have been changed since first study, and include business taxes, labor costs, energy costs, etc. Minnesota ranks 37. [REF HC106.7 A43 1980]

"14th Annual Report: The Fifty Legislative Climates." Industrial Development 49, (January 1980): 2-15.

This year "tax relief and 'runaway plant' legislation" were major themes. Also summarizes business climate research. Includes tables showing business incentives offered by states. [VF 114]

Minnesota Business Partnership. The Minnesota Economy: How Does It Compare? An Updated Analysis of the Impact of 1980 Legislation in Minnesota and other States. Minneapolis: The Partnership, 1980.

Second annual study of Minnesota's business climate relative to 25 other states. Tables. [HC107.M6 .M68 1980]

Smith, Richard. Minnesota: A Good Place to Do Business. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1980.

Report "shows that Minnesota has a high quality business environment." Covers natural resources, cost of doing business and a look at new and expanding industries in the state. Includes many tables. [REF HC107.M6 S64]

1981

Adams, John S. The Minnesota Economy: Some Comparisons with Other States and Details on Industrial Performance. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1981.

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Alexander Grant and Company. The Third Study of General Manufacturing Business Climates of the Forty-Eight Contiguous State of America: 1981. Chicago: Alexander Grant and Company, 1981.

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"15th Annual Report: The Fifty Legislative Climates." Industrial Development 50, (March/April 1981): 4-11.

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Details the employment shift toward services-related industry in Minnesota and the implications for Minnesota's economy. [HC107.M6 M29]

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Examines economic conditions of Nebraska and Minnesota regions; discusses population and industrial shift to southern states, energy dependence of the states, discrepancy between taxes paid to federal government and federal spending in the included states, structural unemployment, etc. Includes many comparative tables. [HC107.A115 M39]

Minnesota Business Partnership. The Minnesota Economy: How Does It Compare?" An Updated Analysis of the Impact of 1981 Legislation in Minnesota and Other States. Minneapolis: The Partnership, 1981.

Continues the MBP annual study of the Minnesota business climate. Tables. [HC 107 .M6 M68]

Minnesota Commission on Small Business. Report to the Governor of the State of Minnesota and to the Minnesota State Legislature. St. Paul: The Commission, 1981.

This report results from meetings held with small business operators around the state; makes recommendations in areas of taxation, regulations and business development. [HC107.M6 M56]

Minnesota. Department of Economic Development. Minnesota: Statistical Profile. St. Paul: The State, 1981.

Prepared to answer questions on subjects related to Minnesota's economy. [REF HC451 D46a 1981]

Padda, Kuldarshan. "A Report Card on the States." Inc. 3, no. 10 (October 1981): 90+.

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Moorhead: The City, 1981.

Details the economic disparities in several areas (taxes, worker's benefits, social services) which create problems for businesses competing across the Minnesota-North Dakota border. [HC107.M6 N67]

St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. 2001: Can We Get There From Here? A Plan of Action to Assure Minnesota's Future Quality of Life through Creative Financing Incentives. St. Paul: The Chamber, 1981.

Report contains recommendations in areas of workers compensation, personal and corporate taxes, capital gains taxes and debt and equity capital. Also discusses quality of life indicators. Includes notes. [HC107.M6 T86]

Souder, William. "Minnesota's Business Climate: Storm Warnings under Blue Skies." Corporate Report Minnesota 12, no. 12 (December 1981): 43-48.

Reviews Minnesota business climate perceptions and studies during the twenty year period of 1961-1981. Summarizes arguments which have been made and economic data used. Includes opinion research. [VF M70.4]

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Fourth in a series of semi-annual reports on Minnesota's economic conditions. Includes data on employment and occupations, agriculture, finance and transportation industries. Many tables. (See also Adams, John S. The Minnesota Economy: Some Comparisions with Other States and Details on Industrial Performance, 1981. [HC107 .M6 A294])

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Tax Capacity of the Fifty States: Methodology and Estimates. Washington, D.C.: The Commission, 1982.

Provides an explanation of the fiscal capacity concept as a measure of relative taxing abilities of the states. State by state tables broken down by type of tax, total collections, etc. See also 1981 Tax Capacity of the Fifty States (1983). [REF HJ2385.L82]

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Presents 1980 estimate of the tax capacity of the 50 states using same methodology presented in Tax Capacity of the Fifty States: Methodology and Estimates. [REF HJ2385.L78 1982 suppl.]

Alexander Grant and Company. The Fourth Study of General Manufacturing Business Climates of the Forty-Eight Contiguous State of America: 1981. Chicago: Alexander Grant and Company, 1982.

In this survey "business climate" refers to a collection of measurement factors that manufacturers view as important to their business success; the factors are oriented toward the cost of doing business and the availability of important resources. 1982 study is directly comparable to 1981 study. Minnesota ranks 32. [HC106.7.A43 1982]

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Northern Natural Gas Company. Economic Data Guide. Omaha: The Company, 1982.

Contains state by state data on 178 factors in four general areas (labor force; markets, utilities and transportation; business and living conditions; government). Tables are arranged by region but in most cases do not rank the states. [REF HC106.7 .N67 1982]

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Concludes that "An inverse relationship exists between changes in state relative tax burdens and state relative economic growth." [VF B46.23]

Gold, Steven. State Fiscal Indicators. Denver: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1982.

Ranks the fifty states in many areas of fiscal activities. Includes state spending by function, state revenues, earnings, employment, debt, etc. [REF HJ2053.A1 G64]

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This report presents statistical reference series for the study and projection of Minnesota's economic outlook in the 1980's. Concludes that Minnesota's prosperity is "increasingly dependent" on U.S. economic recovery and growth. Includes many tables. [HC107.M6 M287]

Munnich, Lee W., Jr. An Analysis of Minnesota's Business Climate. St. Paul: Minnesota House of Representative, 1982.

Compares changes in economic indicators from 1970 to 1980 and among the five state area: Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin. [VF M70.4]

Posner, Bruce G. "A Report on the States. Inc. 4, no. 10 (October 1982): 95+.

The second annual study of small business climates in the fifty states, Minnesota ranks 19th. [VF M70.4]

Premus, Robert. Location of High Technology Firms and Regional Economic Development: A Staff Study. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1982.

This study highlights the importance of competition between states for the nation's high technology companies and concludes that this kind of competition will lead to the technological and industrial revitalization of the economy. Includes tables and notes. [HC110.D5 P73 1982]

"16th Annual Report: The Fifty Legislative Climates." Industrial Development. 51, (January/February 1982): 4-5.

This years survey includes results of federal program cuts and pressure on state budgets. Includes tables showing business incentives by states. [VF 114]

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Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. 1981 Tax Capacity of the Fifty States. Washington, D.C.: The Commission, 1983.

Uses "tax capacity index" to measure the relative taxing abilities of state and local governments among the states. Breakdown on tax capacity and tax revenue are provided for eight categories of taxes, on a state by state basis. Many tables. [REF HJ2385 .L78 1983]

Alexander Grant and Company. The Fifth Study of General Manufacturing Business Climates of the Forty-Eight Contiguous State of America: 1983. Chicago: Alexander Grant and Company, 1983.

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