

Best States for Black Entrepreneurs 2020—Definitive Ranking of All 50 States With Category Breakdown

STATE	OVERALL STATE RANKING	OVERALL STATE SCORE	Rate Of New Entrepreneurs	STARTUP CLIMATE AND OPPORTUNITY					ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL HEALTH					BLACK-OWNED BUSINESS SUCCESS					SOCIAL & FINANCIAL EQUALITY				
				Opportunity Share Of New Entrepreneurs	Startup Early Job Creation	Startup Early Survival Rate	Kauffman KASE Index	Ranking	Cost Of Living Index (avg)	Corporate Tax Rate (avg)	Overall Financial Outlook (lower is better)	Ranking	# of Black-Owned Businesses	Black-Owned Businesses Ranking	# of Paid Employees	Paid Employees Ranking	Total Business Success Score	Ranking	U.S. News & World Report Best States For Equality Ranking	WalletHub Racial Integration Ranking	Total Social Equality Score (Weighted Average)	Ranking	
Alabama	32	28.8	0.21%	84%	4.17	79%	-1.06	40	89.3	6.5	95.8	13	2233	18	17879	21	19.5	20	40	29	33.4	39	
Alaska	31	28.65	0.41%	82.50%	4	78%	0.84	14	129.9	9.4	139.3	45	143	41	1787	35	38	40	28	15	20.2	20	
Arizona	19	24.6	0.35%	86%	4.86	76%	0.11	28	97	4.9	101.9	23	1080	25	5965	30	27.5	26	39	6	19.2	15	
Arkansas	23	25.2	0.29%	85%	4.38	78.90%	-0.13	31	86.9	6.5	93.4	7	941	27	6027	29	28	29	7	32	22	21	
California	4	13.25	0.45%	88%	6.47	81%	2.78	1	151.7	8.84	160.54	49	9524	4	103846	2	3	3	29	27	27.8	30	
Colorado	10	19.6	0.35%	80%	6.45	81%	1.13	9	105.6	4.63	110.23	32	1104	24	12434	23	23.5	23	43	10	23.2	24	
Connecticut	46	37.1	0.20%	87%	4.03	79%	-1.14	43	127.7	7.5	135.2	42	861	28	7880	27	27.5	27	35	39	37.4	42	
Delaware	30	27.55	0.23%	93%	6.65	78.20%	0.13	26	108.1	8.7	116.8	37	523	33	3647	32	32.5	33	19	11	14.2	9	
Florida	3	7.3	0.46%	87%	6.41	79%	2.27	3	97.9	5.5	103.4	27	10676	1	68549	5	3	2	10	20	16	10	
Georgia	1	5.15	0.42%	91%	5.88	76%	1.47	6	89.2	5.75	94.95	10	10155	2	74941	3	2.5	1	12	14	13.2	8	
Hawaii	40	30.35	0.30%	89%	3.84	80.33	0.38	21	192.9	6.4	199.3	50	108	42	N/A	N/A	42	43	13	2	6.4	3	
Idaho	26	26.05	0.38%	87.90%	6.1	78%	1.25	8	92.3	6.925	99.225	19	12	49	335	39	44	45	42	19	28.2	31	
Illinois	27	26.5	0.25%	79%	4.48	80.00%	-0.75	35	94.5	9.5	104	28	4306	10	38052	11	10.5	9	36	47	42.6	46	
Indiana	28	26.5	0.21%	87%	3.72	80%	-0.82	37	90	5.75	95.75	12	1478	20	22233	18	19	19	32	31	21.43	34	
Iowa	39	30.35	0.28%	94%	3.82	80%	0.42	20	90.1	12	102.1	24	154	40	20165	34	37	38	24	49	39	43	
Kansas	45	34.05	0.27%	85%	4.05	76%	-0.94	38	89	7	96	15	302	34	5935	31	32.5	34	41	38	39.2	44	
Kentucky	24	25.15	0.26%	85%	4.26	79%	-0.53	34	90.9	5	95.9	14	817	29	7220	28	28.5	31	3	7	5.4	2	
Louisiana	20	24.7	0.34%	71.90%	5.03	80%	0	29	93.9	8	101.9	22	3018	15	48042	9	12	12	47	41	43.4	47	
Maine	50	40.45	0.31%	88%	4.25	72%	-1.1	42	117.5	8.93	126.43	41	159	39	N/A	N/A	39	41	20	40	32	35	
Maryland	21	25.05	0.27%	76.50%	4.04	78%	-1.23	44	129.7	8.25	137.95	44	6675	7	72022	4	5.5	7	4	9	7	4	
Massachusetts	29	27.45	0.23%	85%	5.88	81%	-0.06	30	131.6	8	139.6	46	1457	21	13362	22	21.5	21	23	18	20	18	
Michigan	15	22.75	0.23%	85%	4.33	81%	-0.44	33	88.9	6	94.9	9	3130	13	34635	12	12.5	14	11	43	30.2	33	
Minnesota	44	33.5	0.20%	84%	4.24	77%	-1.49	46	101.6	9.8	111.4	34	1366	22	27901	15	18.5	18	22	45	35.8	40	
Mississippi	9	19.1	0.32%	86%	3.76	82%	0.71	15	86.1	5	91.1	3	1683	19	10576	25	22	22	27	37	33	38	
Missouri	16	22.85	0.32%	84%	5.73	71%	-1.07	41	87.1	6.25	93.35	6	7627	6	25196	17	11.5	11	15	33	25.8	25	
Montana	43	33.15	0.40%	85%	4.68	80%	1.26	7	106.9	9.8	116.7	36	5	50	7	41	45.4	47	46	8	23.2	23	
Nebraska	41	30.9	0.30%	92%	4.92	77%	0.26	23	90.8	7.81	98.61	18	201	37	1427	36	36.5	37	48	42	44.4	48	
Nevada	13	21.1	0.34%	86%	6.39	77.40%	0.6	16	108.5	N/A	108.5	31	962	26	11289	24	25	25	14	22	18.8	14	
New Hampshire	49	40.4	0.22%	85.90%	3.87	77%	-1.39	45	109.7	7.7	117.4	38	47	47	N/A	N/A	47	49	2	26	16.4	12	
New Jersey	18	24.35	0.29%	87%	5.38	79%	0.11	27	125.1	11.5	136.6	43	3622	11	29498	14	12.5	13	21	25	23.4	26	
New Mexico	14	22.55	0.42%	69%	4.07	80%	0.35	22	87.5	5.9	93.4	8	250	36	N/A	N/A	36	36	31	1	13	7	
New York	8	18.55	0.32%	87%	6.11	80%	0.88	12	139.1	6.5	145.6	48	10035	3	68093	6	4.5	8	16	35	27.4	29	
North Carolina	5	14	0.27%	90%	4.61	81.20%	0.44	19	94.9	2.5	97.4	16	5391	9	52407	7	8	6	25	17	20.2	19	
North Dakota	34	29.75	0.36%	88%	4.85	79%	0.97	11	98.8	4.31	103.11	25	70	44	143	40	42	44	33	46	40.8	45	
Ohio	22	25.05	0.20%	81.40%	3.6	80%	-1.5	47	90.8	N/A	90.8	2	3360	12	39365	10	11	10	18	36	28.8	32	
Oklahoma	6	15.1	0.39%	85%	5.51	82%	1.72	5	87	6	93	5	649	31	27861	16	23.5	24	34	23	27.4	28	
Oregon	35	29.95	0.27%	90%	5.15	79%	0.2	24	134.2	7.6	141.8	47	631	32	2967	33	32.5	32	5	34	22.4	22	
Pennsylvania	38	30.3	0.19%	87%	3.67	80.50%	-1.02	39	101.7	9.99	111.69	35	3117	14	30837	13	13.5	15	26	44	36.8	41	
Rhode Island	48	39.8	0.12%	72%	4.16	74.30%	-3.8	50	119.4	7	126.4	40	295	35	N/A	N/A	35	35	30	24	26.4	27	
South Carolina	25	25.55	0.26%	83%	4.89	80%	-0.34	32	95.9	5	100.9	21	2553	16	19371	20	18	16	37	30	32.8	37	
South Dakota	42	31.5	0.32%	94%	4.05	80.20%	0.99	10	99.8	N/A	99.8	20	22	48	N/A	N/A	48	50	50	48	48.8	50	
Tennessee	7	17.1	0.27%	88%	4.87	80%	0.19	25	88.7	6.5	95.2	11	2343	17	21861	19	18	17	9	12	10.8	5	
Texas	2	5.95	0.43%	85%	5.74	79%	1.73	4	91.5	N/A	91.5	4	8945	5	113618	1	3	4	44	4	20	17	
Utah	33	28.9	0.29%	90%	5.67	79%	0.49	17	98.4	4.95	103.35	26	190	38	1065	37	37.5	39	49	21	32.2	36	
Vermont	37	30.2	0.36%	79%	4.33	81%	0.48	18	114.5	8.5	123	39	68	45	N/A	N/A	45	46	1	28	11.2	13	
Virginia	17	24.3	0.18%	76%	4.68	79%	-1.95	49	100.7	6	106.7	30	5908	8	48641	8	8	5	8	13	17	6	
Washington	12	20.95	0.30%	90%	5.26	81%	0.87	13	110.7	N/A	110.7	33	1266	23	N/A	N/A	23	28	17	16	16.4	11	
West Virginia	36	30	0.21%	90.40%	3.06	80%	-0.76	36	91.1	6.5	97.6	17	71	43	820	38	40.5	42	6	5	5.4	1	
Wisconsin	47	39	0.25%	68%	3.88	80%	-1.73	48	97.3	7.9	105.2	29	811	30	10334	26	28	30	38	50	45.2	49	
Wyoming	11	20.05	0.45%	88%	4.79	82%	2.44	2	89.3	N/A	89.3	1	56	46	N/A	N/A	46	48	45	3	19.8	16	