

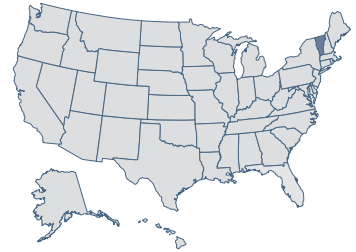
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Economic Performance
Rank: 2009

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Economic Outlook
Rank: 2009



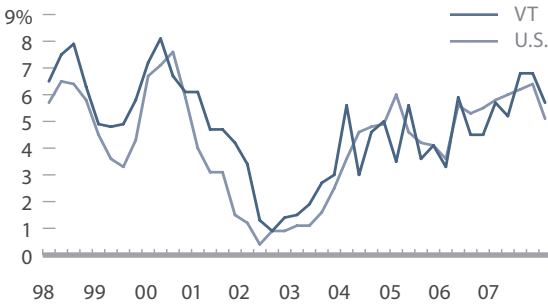
Economic Performance Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

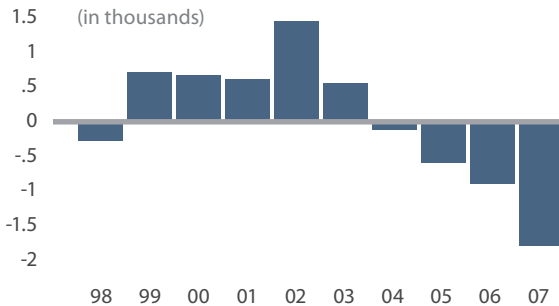
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A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **61.2% Rank: 8**



Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007 **342 Rank: 26**



Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **10.2% Rank: 29**



Historical Ranking Comparison 2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK

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Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	9.50%	48
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	8.50%	33
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$21.58	47
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$54.51	49
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$11.88	7
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$29.42	47
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	Yes	50
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	-\$0.21	24
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	6.7%	14
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	637.9	43
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	67.6	8
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$7.68	45
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$3.14	47
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	No	50
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	0	29