

Iowa Rankings

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| Education | | | | | | |
| ACT Scores | Average ACT Composite (Math & Verbal) Scores | American College Testing Program (ACT) | 2005 | Iowa | 11th | 1 = best |
| Best Colleges | America's Best Colleges 2007 | US News & World Report | 2006 | Best Colleges: National Universities | | |
| | | | | University of Iowa | 64th | out of 120 schools |
| | | | | Iowa State University | 81st | out of 120 schools |
| | | | | Best Colleges: Liberal Arts Colleges | | |
| | | | | Grinnell College | 14th | in the Top Tier (104 schools) |
| | | | | Luther College | 95th | in the Top Tier (104 schools) |
| | | | | Coe College | 95th | in the Top Tier (104 schools) |
| | | | | Best Colleges: Universities - Masters - Midwest | | |
| | | | | Drake University | 4th | out of Top Tier (71 schools) |
| | | | | University of Northern Iowa | 18th | out of Top Tier (71 schools) |
| | | | | St. Ambrose | 40th | out of Top Tier (71 schools) |
| | | | | Best Colleges: Comprehensive Colleges - Bachelors - Midwest | | |
| | | | | Wartburg College | 6th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Simpson College | 8th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Central College | 10th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Dordt College | 11th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Northwestern College | 20th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Loras College | 25th | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Clarke College | 31st | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Mount Mercy College | 33rd | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |
| | | | | Morningside College | 42nd | in the Top Tier (53 schools) |

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| | | | | Best Values: Liberal Arts - Bachelors | | |
| | | | | Grinnell College | 14th | out of 40 schools |
| Best Graduate Schools | America's Best Graduate Schools | US News & World Report | 2006 | Best Medical Schools: Primary Care | | 1 = best |
| | | | | University of Iowa (Roy J. & Lucille A. Carver) | 11th | 1 = best |
| | | | | Business Schools: University of Iowa | 22nd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Education: University of Iowa | 27th | 1 = best |
| | | | | Engineering: Iowa State University | 42nd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Law: University of Iowa | 22nd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Medical Schools - Research: University of Iowa | 30th | 1 = best |
| Computer Usage | Technology Counts: Access to Technology Students per instructional computer | Education Week | 2006 | Iowa | 12th with 3.3 students per computer - National Average is 3.8 students | 1 = best |
| Education | Smartest State Award | Morgan Quitno Press | 2005-2006 | Iowa | 14th | 1 = Best |
| Education Quotient | Blue Ribbon/Gold Level Schools | Expansion Management | 2006 | Ames, Dubuque, Iowa City and West Des Moines | | |
| Educational Attainment | Bachelor's Degree (25 yrs old +) | US Census Bureau - American Community Survey 2005 | 2005 | Iowa | 37th | 1 = best |
| High School Graduation Rate | High School Graduation Rate | US Census Bureau - American Community Survey 2005 | 2005 | Iowa | 7th | 1=best |
| High School Graduation Rate | Estimated Public High School Graduation Rate | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 5th | 1 = best |
| Educational Attainment | Percent of Teens who have dropped out of high school | Annie E. Casey Foundation | 2006 | Iowa | 1st | 1= best |
| S & E Doctorates Awarded | Number of Science and Engineering Doctorates Awarded by State per 100,000 residents | National Science Foundation | 2005 | Iowa | 5th | 1=best |
| Library Locations | Public Libraries and Branches | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 8th | 1 = best |
| SAT Scores | Average Combined (Math, Verbal and Writing) SAT Scores | The College Board | 2006 | Iowa | 2nd | 1 = best |
| Top Schools | Top 100 Public Universities for Value | Kiplinger | 2006 | University of Iowa In State: # 47 Out: #72 Iowa State University In State:71 Out: #81 Univ of N. Iowa In State: #97 Out: # 83 | | 1 = best |
| | Top 100 Private Universities for Value | Kiplinger | 2006 | Grinnell College | 38th | 1 = best |

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| Business Climate | | | | | | |
| Academic Research and Development | University R & D expenditures, dollars per capita | Development Report Card for the States | 2006 | Iowa | Ranks 10th with \$169.38 | 1 = best |
| Best Places for Biz | Best Places for Business | Forbes | 2006 | Larger Cities: Des Moines Cedar Rapids Davenport | 11th 64th 146th | 1 = best |
| | | | | For Small Places: Iowa City # 13 Waterloo #19 Dubuque #75 Ames #86 Sioux City #103 | | |
| Best State for Doing Business | Best State for Doing Business | Forbes | 2006 | Iowa | 25th | 1= best |
| Cost of Doing Business | Milken Institute Cost of Business Index | Milken Institute | 2006 | Iowa | 48th | 50=best |
| E-Commerce | The Best States for E-Commerce | Progressive Policy Institute | 2002 | Iowa | 5th | 1 = best |
| Economic Competitiveness | State Competitiveness Index | Beacon Hill Institute of Suffolk University | 2005 | Iowa | 17th | 1 = best |
| Legislature Relations | Legislative Quotient | Expansion Management | 2005 | Iowa | 5th | 1 = best |
| Small Business | Small Business Survival Index | Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC) | 2005 | Iowa | 41st | 1 = best |
| State Liability System | State Liability Systems Ranking | Harris Interactive, Inc. | 2006 | Iowa | 4th | 1 = best |
| Transportation/Distribution/Logistics | Logistics Quotient Rankings | Expansion Management Magazine | 2005 | Quad Cities Council Bluffs/Omaha | 5 Star Communities | |
| Workers Compensation Costs | Workers Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll, manufacturing) | Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc. | 2006 | Iowa | 11th | 1 = best |
| Unemployment Insurance | New Employer Unemployment Insurance Rate Ranking | Various State Workforce, Labor Websites | 2006 | Iowa | 1st | 1=lowest |

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| Quality of Life | | | | | | |
| Commute | Mean Travel Time to Work | US Census Bureau - American Community Survey 2005 | 2006 | Iowa | 44th | 51 = best |
| Home Ownership | Home Ownership Rate | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 17th | 1 = best |
| Housing Values | Median Value of Home | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 43rd | 50 = best |
| Most Livable State | Most Livable State | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 3rd | 1 = best |
| Recreation | Number of state parks, recreation and natural areas | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 9th | 1 = best |
| Quality of Life | Quality of Life Quotient | Expansion Management | 2006 | <u>5 Star Communities:</u> Ames, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Omaha-Council Bluffs, Waterloo-Cedar Falls <u>4 Star Communities:</u> Quad Cities | | |
| Quality of Life | Quality of Life Quotient | Expansion Management | 2006 | <u>Top 10 Best Public Schools:</u> Iowa City # 4 | | 1 = best |
| Entrepreneurs | | | | | | |
| Best Cities for Entrepreneurs | Top Midsized Cities | Entrepreneur Magazine | 2006 | Omaha/Council Bluffs #10 Des Moines #34 | | 1 = best |
| Best Cities for Entrepreneurs | Top Smaller Cities | Entrepreneur Magazine | 2006 | Cedar Rapids #44 Iowa City #97 Waterloo/Cedar Falls #121 Quad Cities #138 Sioux City # 141 Dubuque # 148 | | |
| Children | | | | | | |
| Well-being of Children | Kids Count | Annie E. Casey Foundation | 2006 | Iowa | 5th | 1 = best |

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| Health | | | | | | |
| Best Hospitals | Ear, Nose and Throat | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 2nd | 1 = best |
| | Gynecology | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 30th | 1 = best |
| | Heart and Heart Surgery | US News & World Report | 2006 | Mercy Hospital Medical Center, Des Moines | 31st | 1= best |
| | Kidney Disease | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 41st | 1 = best |
| | Ophthalmology | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 6th | 1 = best |
| | Orthopedics | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 7th | 1 = best |
| | Urology | US News & World Report | 2006 | University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics | 20th | 1 = best |
| Health | Health Quotient 2006 | Expansion Management | 2006 | Iowa | 9th | 1 = best |
| Health | Healthiest State | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 5th | 1 = best |
| Health Care | America's Health Care Economy: Percentage of Job Growth in medical instruments and supplies for the period 1996 to 2001 | Milken Institute | 2003 | Iowa | 1st | 1 = best |
| Health Care | America's Health Care Economy: Nursing and Personal Care Facilities - Employment concentration | Milken Institute | 2003 | Iowa | 2nd | 1 = best |
| Health Care | Best Hospitals for Children and Families | Children's Magazine | 2006 | University of Iowa's Childrens Hospital of Iowa | 20th | 1=best |
| Health Insurance | State comparison of the health insurance market | Council for Affordable Health Insurance | 2006 | Iowa | 1st | 1=best |
| Crime | | | | | | |
| Crime Rate | Crime Rate (Crimes per 100,000 population) | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 34th | 50 = best |
| Crime | Safest State Ranking | Morgan Quitno Press | 2006 | Iowa | 43rd | 50=Best |
| Biotech/Information Solutions | | | | | | |
| Broadband | State Broadband Index | The Technology Network (TechNet) | 2003 | Iowa | 10th | 1 = best |
| Operation Costs of Biomedical Facility | Cost of Operating a Biomedical Facility in Selected North America Locations | The Boyd Company, Inc. | 2005 | Ames/Des Moines | 34th of 50 at \$9,343,696 | 1 = most expensive \$13,001,723 |
| Technology | Top 10 Digital Cities | Center for Digital Government | 2004 | Des Moines | 1st (for 125,000-249,999 population category) | 1 = best |

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| Location | | | | | | |
| Best cities to expand or locate a business | America's 50 Hottest Cities | Expansion Management | 2006 | Omaha-Council Bluffs Des Moines | # 36 # 38 | 1 = best |
| Best Cities for Women | Best Cities for Women | Ladies Home Journal | 2003 | Cedar Rapids Des Moines | 12th 29th | 1 = best |
| Best Performing Cities | Best Performing Cities: Where America's Jobs Are Created | Milken Institute | 2005 | Top 200 Metros: | | 1 = best |
| | | | | Des Moines | 62nd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Omaha-Council Bluffs | 114th | 1=best |
| | | | | Cedar Rapids | 123rd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Davenport-Moline-Rock Island | 184th | 1 = best |
| | | | | Top 179 Smaller Metro: | | 1 = best |
| | | | | Iowa City | 17th | 1 = best |
| | | | | Dubuque | 76th | 1 = best |
| | | | | Ames | 92nd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Waterloo-Cedar Falls | 93rd | 1 = best |
| | | | | Sioux City | 176th | 1 = best |
| Best Places for Business | Mayor's Challenge List of America's Top Business Opportunity Metros: 5 Star Business Opportunity Metros | Expansion Management | 2006 | Ames, Des Moines, Iowa City, Omaha-Council BLuffs | | |
| | Mayor's Challenge List of America's Top Business Opportunity Metros: 4 Star Business Opportunity Metros | Expansion Management | 2006 | Cedar Rapids | | |
| Dream Cities for People Over 50 | Best Places to Reinvent Your Life | AARP (formerly known as American Association of Retired Persons) | 2003 | Iowa City | 12th | 1 = best |
| Hippest City | Hippest City in the USA | Fast Company magazine | 2003 | Des Moines | 1st | |