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Winning With Innovation-Based Economic Development

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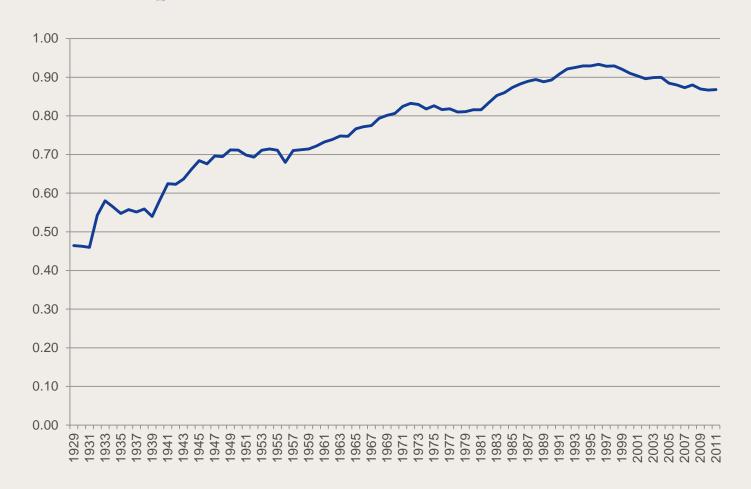
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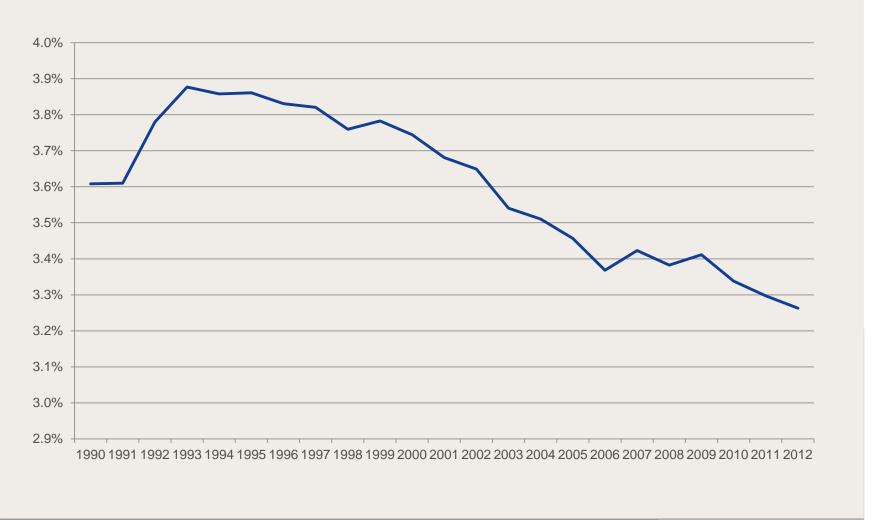
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How Do We Explain This? (NC Per-Capita Income as Share of U.S.)

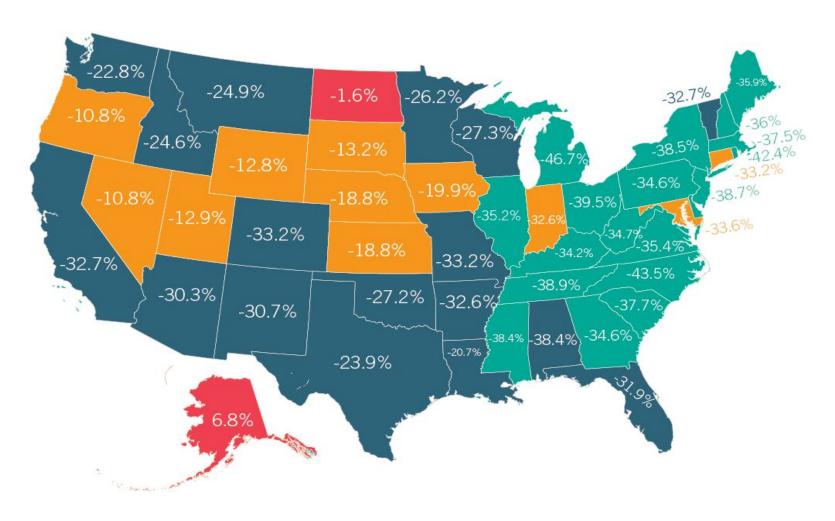


Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

How Do We Explain This? (NC Manufacturing Earnings as Share of the U.S.)

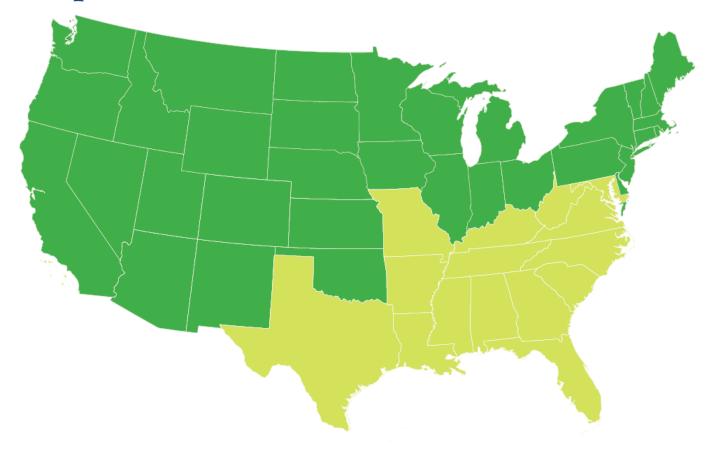


Only Michigan lost a larger share of manufacturing jobs than NC



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Competition was national



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Competition is International



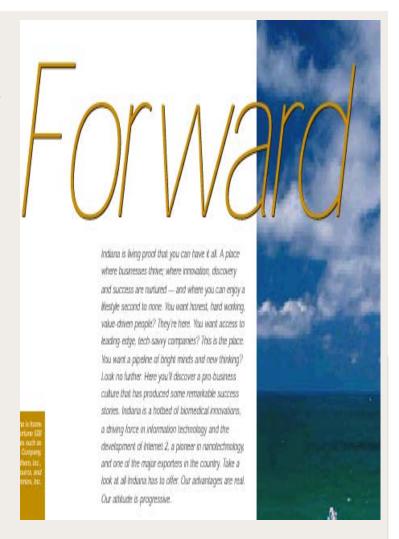
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Costs were a key driver



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Innovation and quality are keys



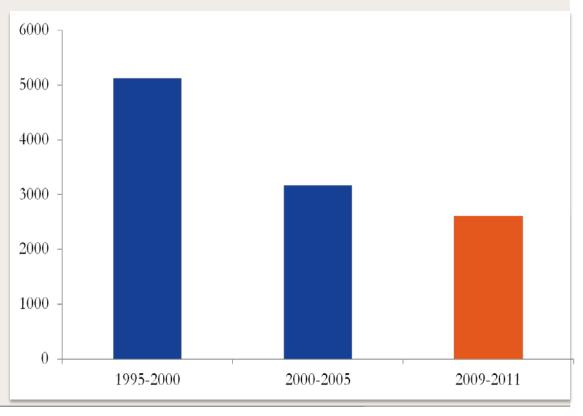
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Recruitment was the key



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Growth from within is the key



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Quality of life didn't matter



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Quality of life means quality workforce



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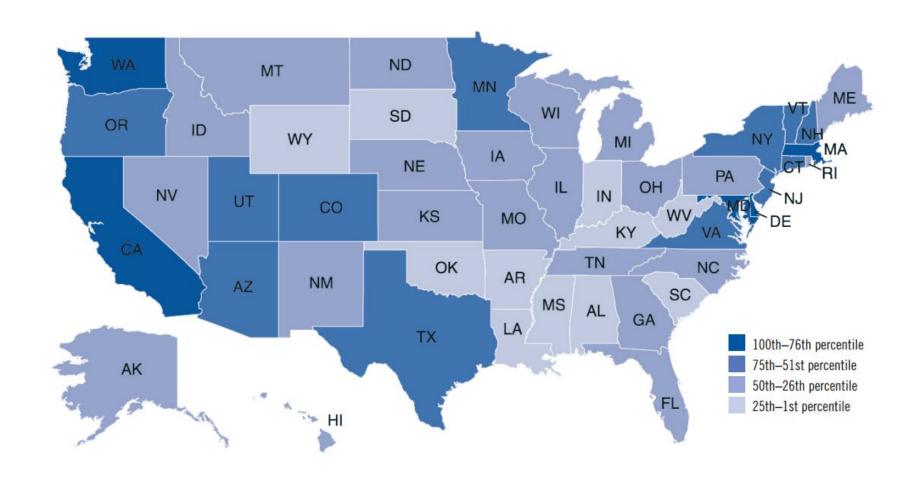
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2012 State New Economy Index

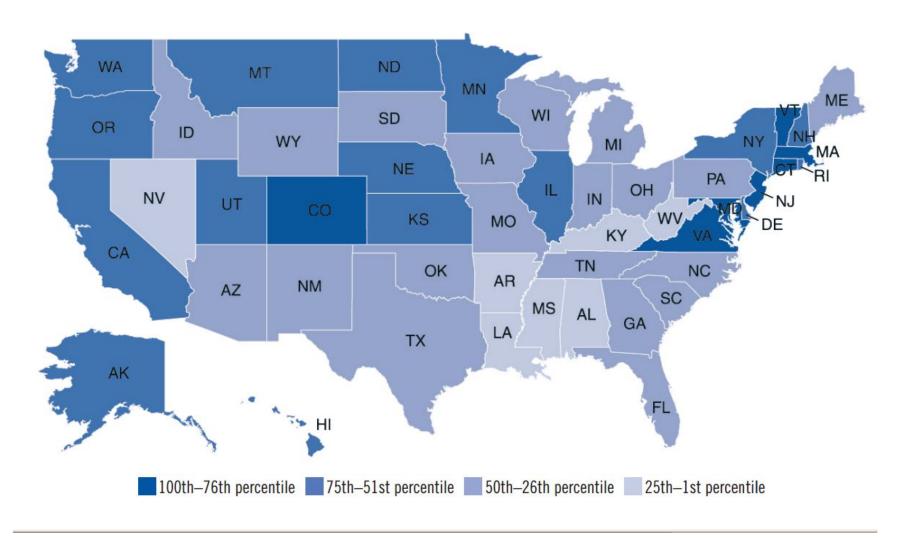
- The 2012 State New Economy Index builds on prior State New Economy Indexes published in 1999, 2002, 2007, 2008 and 2010. Overall, the report uses 26 indicators, divided into those five key areas that best capture what is new about the New Economy:
- 1. Knowledge jobs
- 2. Globalization
- 3. Economic dynamism
- 4. The digital economy
- 5. Innovation capacity



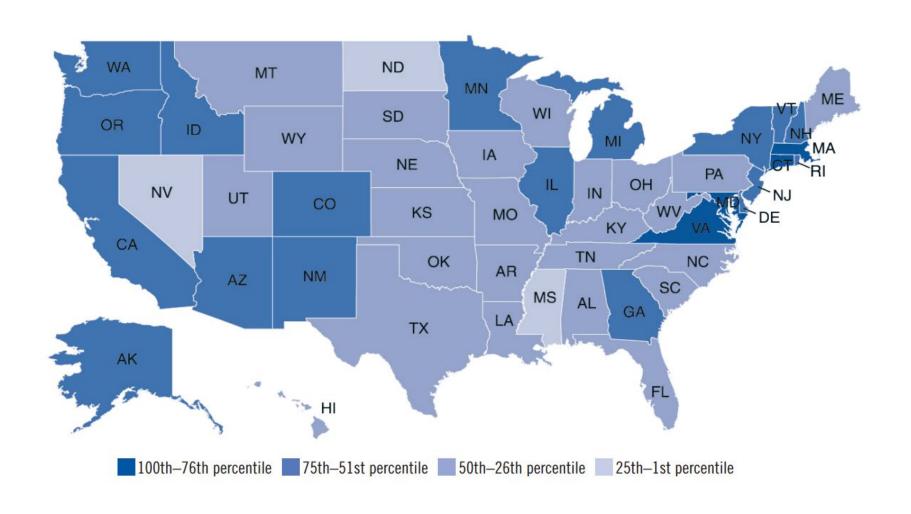
2012 SNEI Overall Scores



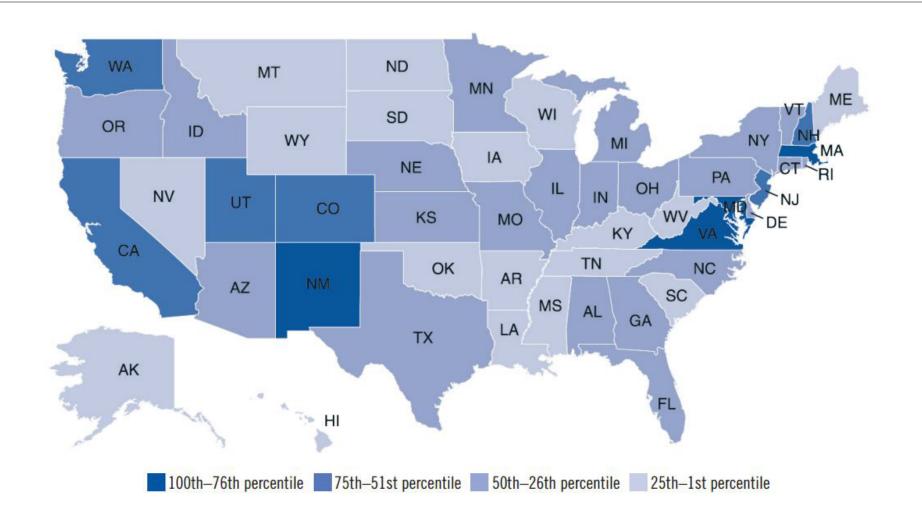
Workforce Education



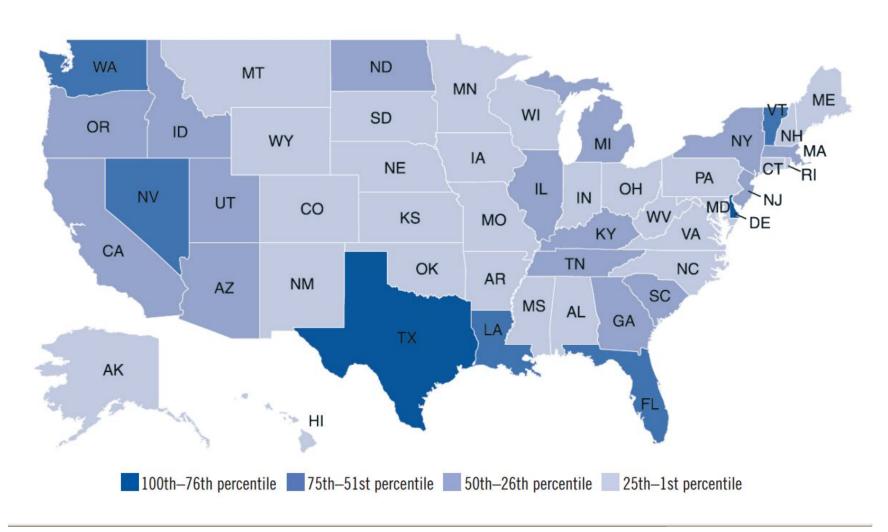
Managerial, Professional, and Technological Jobs



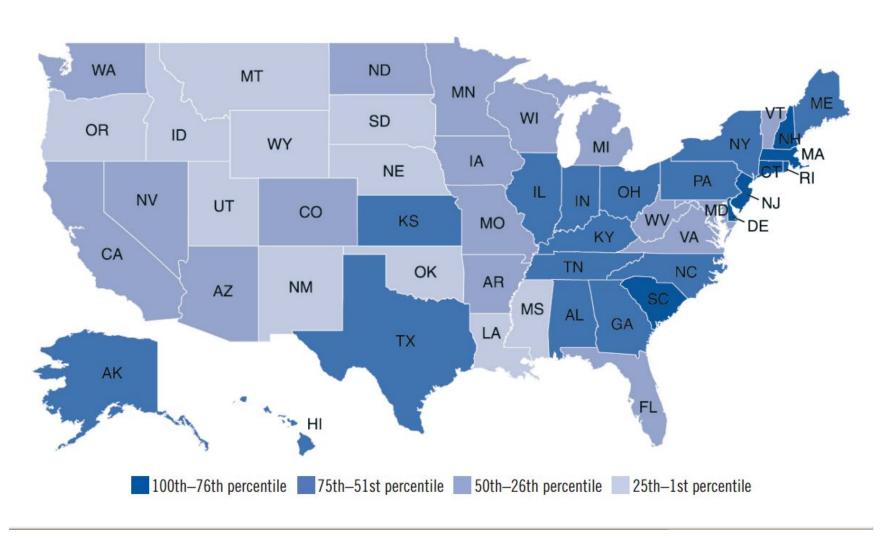
High Tech Jobs



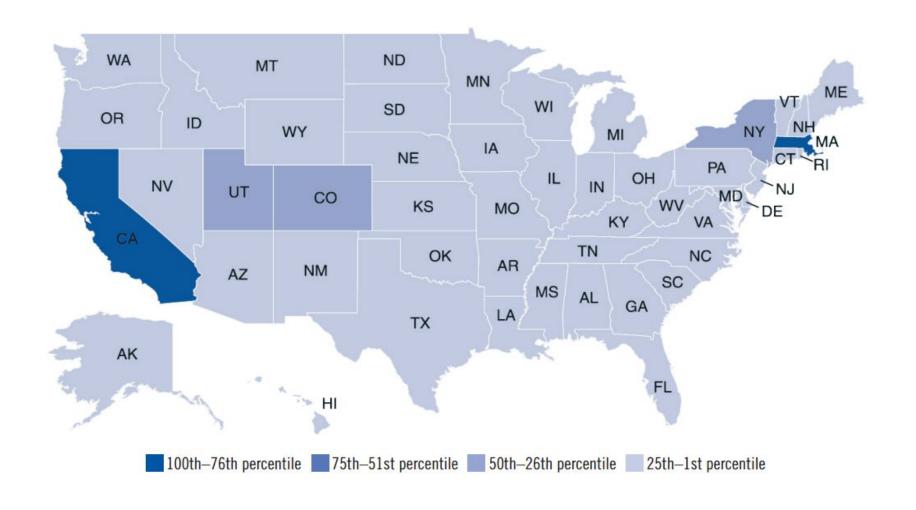
Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services



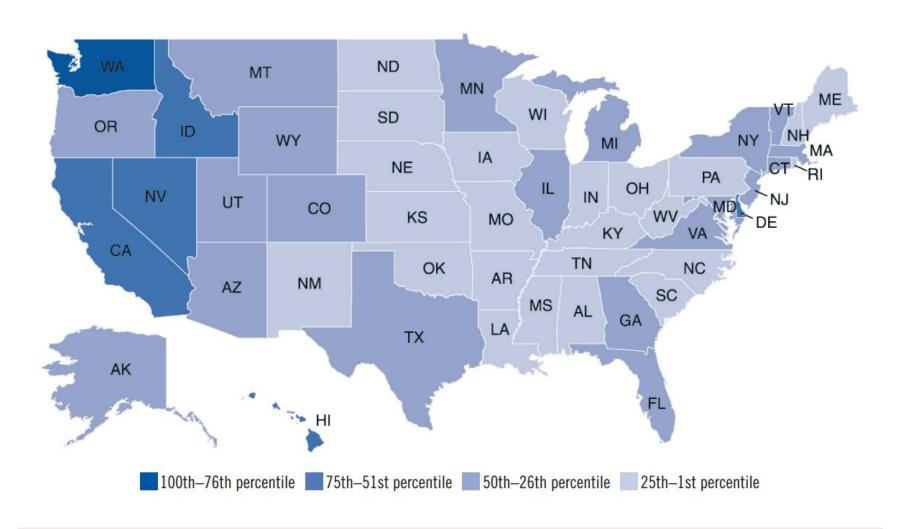
Foreign Direct Investment



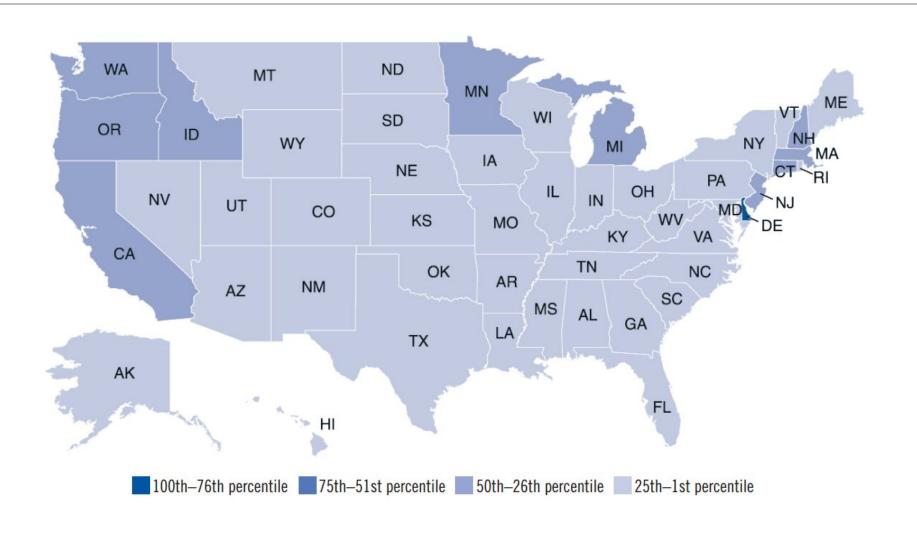
Venture Capital



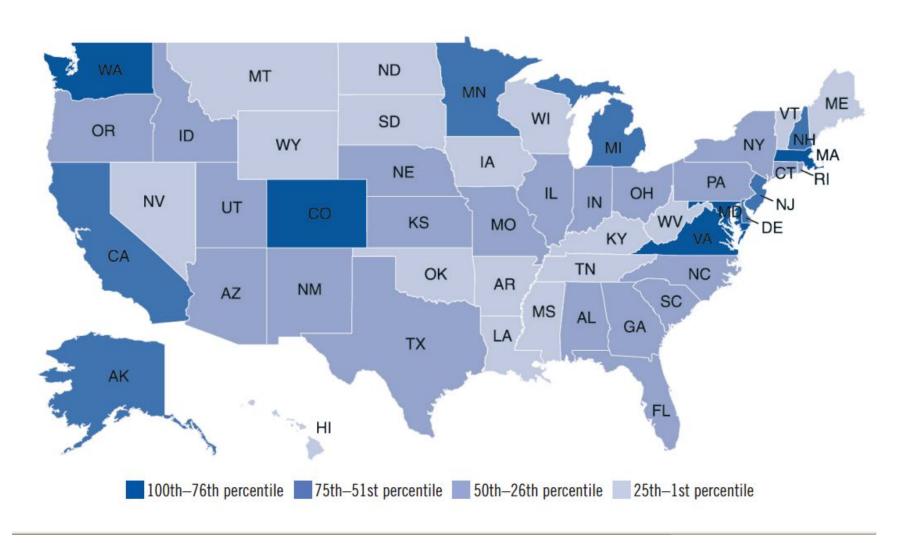
Patents



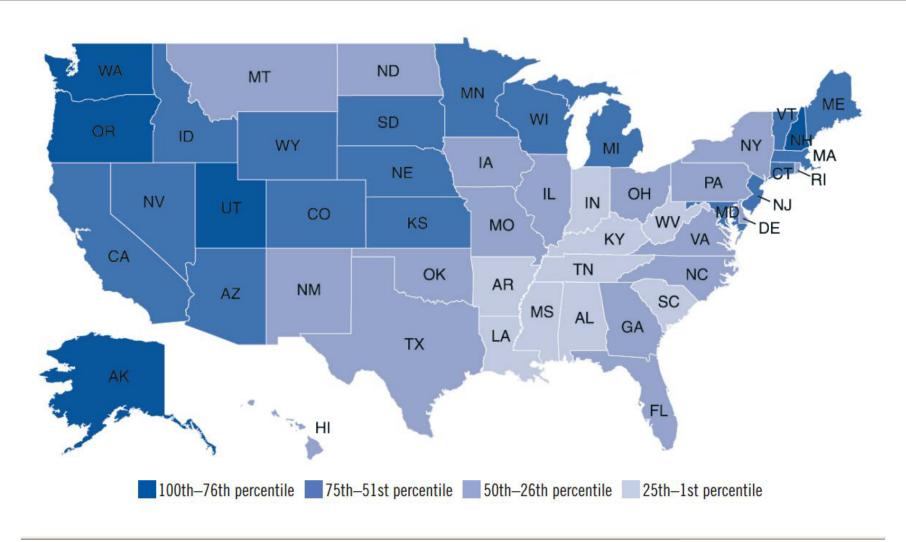
Industry Investment in R&D



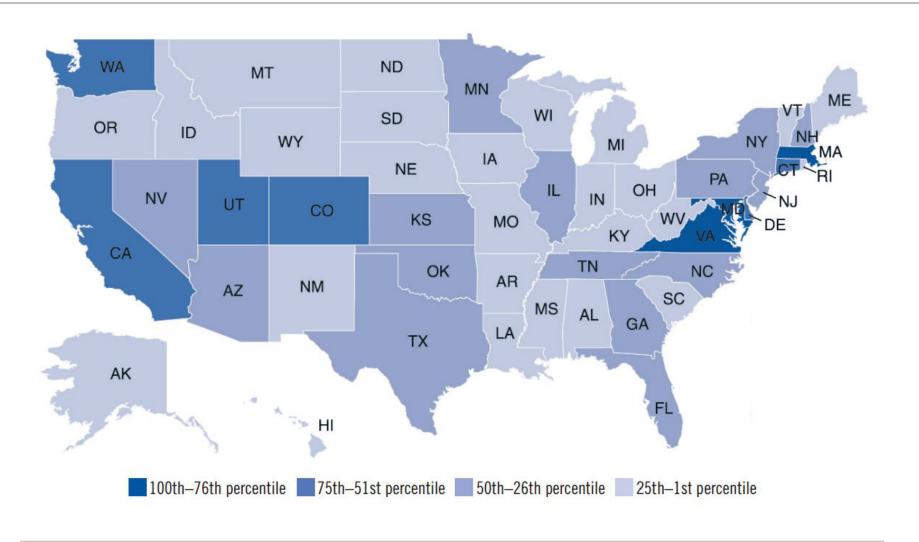
Scientists and Engineers



Online Population



Fast Growing Firms



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- Help firms and entrepreneurs learn and take risks.



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