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Ohio Chamber Launches Weekly “Competitiveness Chart” Series to Spotlight Ohio’s Economic Strengths and Opportunities

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce today announced the launch of its new Competitiveness Chart Series, a weekly data feature drawn from the Chamber’s recently released Competitiveness Handbook.

Each week, the Chamber will share one chart highlighting a key measure of Ohio’s economic performance and quality of life. Topics will range from workforce growth and innovation to infrastructure and housing appreciation, showing how Ohio compares to other states across the nation.

The Competitiveness Handbook, created in partnership with JobsOhio, provides a data-driven look at Ohio’s economic health and prosperity. The charts and tables within the handbook offer clear, comparative insights into where Ohio is leading and where more work remains. Each chart also includes a key takeaway and recommended policy solution, helping readers understand not just where Ohio stands today, but how to move the state forward.

“Our goal is simple: to make Ohio the best place to work, live and raise a family,” said Steve Stivers, President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. “These charts provide an honest, fact-based look at how Ohio stacks up, and they help guide the policies and priorities that will drive continued growth and prosperity for our state.”

The weekly Competitiveness Charts will provide Ohioans with a digestible snapshot of the state’s performance across dozens of economic indicators, including population trends, workforce participation, tax competitiveness, education and business climate.

The first chart in the series, attached below, features CNBC's 2025 Top States for Business rankings, where Ohio moved up to fifth place nationally.

By making this data widely accessible, the Ohio Chamber hopes to inform a more strategic conversation about the state's economic trajectory and encourage collaboration between lawmakers, business leaders and communities to strengthen Ohio's competitiveness.

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

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An important part of our mission at the Ohio Chamber is Economic Competitiveness. To that end, we have partnered with JobsOhio to improve awareness of both our current economic competitiveness rankings and the Ohio Chamber's recommendations to become more competitive.

As part of this effort, we will publish one important chart per week. We have also published a book of about 50 charts that we plan to distribute to Ohio policy makers.

CNBC Top States for Business Rankings (July 2025)

Rank and State	Economy	Infrastructure	Workforce	Cost of Doing Business	Business Friendliness	Quality of Life	Tech & Innovation	Education	Access to Capital	Cost of Living
1 North Carolina	3	11	4	21	4	29	13	6	8	23
2 Texas	2	26	1	5	17	49	2	24	2	39
3 Florida	1	16	2	22	23	22	12	29	3	48
4 Virginia	14	2	14	31	7	8	8	1	10	21
5 Ohio	26	1	31	2	25	17	6	27	7	7
6 Michigan	18	15	13	4	14	14	17	41	13	9
7 Georgia	9	4	3	18	17	45	22	15	16	30
8 Tennessee	21	9	10	10	3	50	24	18	28	18
9 Indiana	19	6	33	3	5	48	17	46	22	2
10 Minnesota	28	5	30	34	21	4	14	12	18	33
11 Colorado	21	11	7	38	22	12	9	31	12	47
12 Arizona	13	3	6	32	17	39	20	47	25	39
13 Illinois	44	8	19	19	38	23	6	3	5	34
14 Washington	6	26	5	48	41	14	4	33	14	39
15 Nebraska	19	30	17	15	8	8	32	29	41	24
16 Utah	8	9	9	28	10	46	27	44	20	31
17 Pennsylvania	16	17	37	25	40	23	9	12	9	12
18 South Carolina	10	21	12	28	28	39	21	14	30	16
19 Alabama	23	28	16	19	13	44	22	16	40	6
20 Massachusetts	15	35	23	49	42	8	4	2	5	43
21 Wisconsin	28	18	27	13	32	38	26	35	20	12
22 California	12	25	20	40	48	32	1	31	1	50
23 New York	5	7	44	45	50	18	3	8	3	45
24 Iowa	39	19	41	11	24	16	29	38	37	9
25 Kentucky	34	36	25	9	16	33	31	26	35	20
25 North Dakota	43	37	46	17	1	7	37	25	37	4
27 Idaho	7	38	38	25	10	19	25	49	50	26
28 Connecticut	38	33	8	44	35	5	19	5	16	37
29 Delaware	4	31	11	41	43	27	30	45	19	9
30 New Jersey	31	21	14	38	49	3	16	7	11	37
31 Wyoming	11	42	35	27	12	29	44	16	36	7
32 Maryland	26	23	21	46	37	27	9	11	14	43
33 Kansas	48	20	34	14	8	37	34	8	22	2
34 Missouri	37	23	48	6	29	39	28	8	26	4
35 South Dakota	36	31	47	16	2	29	49	35	28	16
36 New Hampshire	23	47	26	37	6	11	44	3	44	26
37 Oklahoma	32	34	42	1	20	42	42	43	33	18
38 Vermont	35	40	40	35	25	1	42	20	44	25
39 Oregon	41	14	23	43	47	19	14	35	24	45
40 West Virginia	42	43	43	24	15	25	44	18	41	1
41 Arkansas	30	41	36	11	31	43	41	40	26	12
42 Nevada	17	13	18	36	33	36	49	50	30	34
43 Maine	33	50	38	30	45	2	36	22	33	21
44 New Mexico	46	29	31	23	39	33	35	38	46	26
45 Mississippi	49	44	49	7	34	21	40	20	41	12
46 Louisiana	47	46	44	7	35	46	38	22	32	39
46 Rhode Island	45	39	21	46	46	13	33	33	37	36
48 Montana	23	45	50	32	29	35	38	27	46	31
49 Hawaii	39	48	29	50	44	6	48	42	48	49
50 Alaska	50	49	28	41	27	25	47	48	49	26

Source: CNBC

CHART TAKEAWAYS

Conclusion: Ohio is on the move! We improved from seventh to fifth.

OCC Policy Solution: We need to continue to focus on areas where we aren't ranked as highly (workforce, education & economy).

Learn more: If you're interested in learning more or discussing economic development, contact Steve Stivers at 614-629-0918.

