

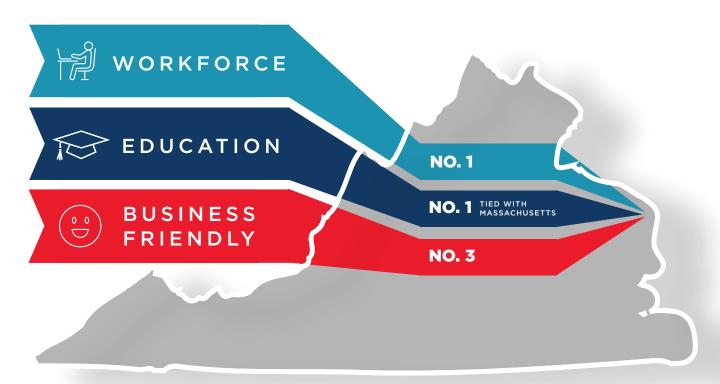
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VIRGINIA TOPS THE LIST AS THE BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS

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CNBC'S ANNUAL <u>AMERICA'S TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS</u> STUDY RANKED VIRGINIA AS THE TOP STATE FOR BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS, USING MORE THAN 60 METRICS IN 10 CATEGORIES INCLUDING WORKFORCE, ECONOMY, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND COST OF DOING BUSINESS. The 2019 title is Virginia's fourth win. The state's best categories were Workforce (No. 1), Education (No. 1 - tied with Massachusetts), and Business Friendliness (No. 3).

Business Facilities magazine also ranked Virginia second for best business climate, second for cybersecurity growth potential, and third for the highest economic growth potential. Richmond and Virginia Beach were also ranked in several categories.





Richmond ranked fourth among mid-sized cities with the **highest economic growth potential**



Richmond was seventh on the list of **"Millennial Magnets"**, based on an analysis by the National Association of Realtors



Virginia Beach ranked ninth among mid-sized cities with the **highest economic growth potential**

Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

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