

***“Texas is a state where a dream can be put to work.” - Governor Rick Perry***



**“Best State for Business”**



**“Top State for Infrastructure & Transportation”**



**“Texas Tops 2011 Business Climate Rankings”**



**“Best Business Climate”**



**“Top State for Doing Business”**



**“Best State for Jobs”**

Texas was named the top exporting state for the tenth consecutive year. Texas' 2011 exports totaled more than \$249.86 billion, a 20.73 percent increase from \$206.96 billion in 2010.

**WISERTrade, January 2012**

Twelve Texas companies landed on Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For" List. Three companies - Camden Property Trust #7 (Houston), NuStar Energy #15 (San Antonio), and USAA #20 (San Antonio) - made the Top 20, and all 12 were ranked in the Top 75.

**Fortune, January 2012**

Texas tops Allied Van Lines' "44th Annual Magnet States Report" for net relocation for the seventh straight year.

**Atlas Van Lines/SIRVA, January 2012**

Texas dominated the 2011 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index. Nine cities landed in the Top 25 of the Largest 200 Metros, including four of the top five positions and five cities in the Top 25 among the 179 smallest metros. The designation spotlights cities with the greatest strength in job, wage, and technology performance.

**Milken Institute, December 2011**

Texas leads the nation with three cities - Dallas, Houston, and McAllen - on the top 20 Overall Strongest-Performing Metro Areas in Brookings Institute's "MetroMonitor" quarterly report.

**Brookings Institute, December 2011**

Texas is the Best State for Jobs. Texas added 1.2 million net jobs since December 2000, while the U.S. as a whole lost 1.1 million jobs during the same time. Texas is also forecasted to add the most jobs over the next five years, with Texas employment expanding 2.9% annually through 2015, representing 1.6 million new net jobs.

**Forbes, November 2011**



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