

MAINE FACTS MATTER 2026

- **Maine's economy ranks 43rd in the nation**
Source: CNBC - [Maine is 43rd on Top States for Business 2025](#)
- **Maine ranks 45th in the nation as "best place to start a business"**
Source: Forbes - [The Best States to Start A Business – Forbes Advisor](#)
- **Maine has 5th highest Corporate Income tax at 8.93%**
Source: Tax Foundation [2026 State Corporate Income Tax Rates & Brackets](#)
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- **Maine's infrastructure ranked 50th and dead last in the nation**
Source: CNBC's 2025 America's Top States for Business – Maine received a grade of "F," scoring 119 out of a possible 405 points. [Maine ranks lowest for infrastructure in CNBC report | newscentermaine.com](#)
- **Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission projects zero job growth for 2027 – 2028 – 2029**
Source: [Report of the CEFC](#)
- **Maine workforce participation rate is 59.7% as December 2025, among the lowest in the nation**
Source: [Labor Force Participation Rate for Maine \(LBSSA23\) | FRED | St. Louis Fed](#)
- **Maine's Tax Burden ranks 4th highest in nation**
Source: Maine Biz cites the Wallet Hub financial website – Tax burden is 10.74% of personal income, ranking behind New York, Hawaii and Vermont. [Maine has 4th-highest taxes in US, and ranks No. 1 for property tax burden](#)
- **Maine ranks highest in nation in property tax burden**
Source: Maine Biz, again, citing the financial website Wallet Hub. [Maine has 4th-highest taxes in US, and ranks No. 1 for property tax burden](#)
- **Maine has 135,925 regulatory restrictions as of 2023 – 20th highest in nation**
Source: [Maine's Regulatory Landscape | Mercatus Center](#)

- **Maine had highest electricity rate increase in nation, 36.3%**
Source: [Maine Policy Center, citing an Axios study – Maine’s increase doubled second place Connecticut whose prices rose 18.4% - May 2024 – May 2025. Electricity costs rise amid data center boom](#)
- **Maine’s public education system ranks 41st in the nation**
Source: [Maine ranks in the bottom 10 states for K-12 education, according to a new report | Maine Public](#)
- **Maine sued by Department of Justice for not providing proper services to children with behavioral issues, despite record funding of the Department of Health and Human Services**
Source: [Office of Public Affairs | Justice Department Sues Maine for Violating the Americans with Disabilities Act | United States Department of Justice](#)
- **2023 Report shows Maine led the nation in child abuse, twice the national average**
Source: <https://wgme.com/news/local/study-maine-rate-child-abuse-neglect-worst-us-state-twice-national-average-children-alliance-kids-count-data-book>
- **Maine Did Not Comply With Screening, Assessment, and Investigation Requirements for Responding to Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect in 94% of cases reviewed by Federal Office of Inspector General (11/2024)**
Source: [Maine Did Not Comply With Screening, Assessment, and Investigation Requirements for Responding to Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect | Office of Inspector General | Government Oversight | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- **Maine leads nation in home price increase over the last five years**
Source: [Maine tops US list of home price increases over the past 5 years](#)
- **Maine ranks 43rd nationally in “overall freedom”**
Source: [Freedom in the 50 States 2023 | Cato Institute](#)
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