

**TABLE 1**  
**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PER CAPITA**  
**(WORKER-FRIENDLY STATES ARE IN BOLD, ITALICS)**

State	GDP per capita	State	GDP per capita	State	GDP per capita
<i>Delaware</i>	<i>62080</i>	South Dakota	43773	Georgia	36677
Wyoming	60527	Iowa	43644	<i>Missouri</i>	<i>36420</i>
<i>Alaska</i>	<i>59638</i>	Nevada	42564	Florida	36065
<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>58476</i>	Texas	42526	Tennessee	35650
<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>50566</i>	<i>Oregon</i>	<i>41949</i>	Arizona	35313
<i>New Jersey</i>	<i>50227</i>	Louisiana	41836	<i>Maine</i>	<i>35214</i>
<i>New York</i>	<i>50205</i>	<i>N. Hampshire</i>	<i>41110</i>	<i>Michigan</i>	<i>34157</i>
<i>California</i>	<i>47067</i>	<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>40996</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>34056</i>
Virginia	46960	Kansas	40662	<i>Montana</i>	<i>32915</i>
<i>Washington</i>	<i>46352</i>	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<i>39674</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>	<i>32848</i>
<i>Colorado</i>	<i>46150</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>39617</i>	Alabama	32748
<i>Hawaii</i>	<i>45980</i>	North Carolina	38847	Idaho	32557
<i>Maryland</i>	<i>45495</i>	Oklahoma	38644	Arkansas	32191
<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>45392</i>	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>37579</i>	South Carolina	31618
North Dakota	45390	<i>Indiana</i>	<i>37495</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>	<i>30248</i>
<i>Illinois</i>	<i>44260</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>37237</i>	Mississippi	29634
Nebraska	43990	Utah	36691		

SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

ly states is \$41,529.50, compared to \$38,745.50 in RTW states, and an application of the Mann-Whitney test shows significance at the 0.05 level.<sup>12</sup>

*Poverty rates:* Obviously a state with a high standard of living would be expected to have fewer residents living below the poverty level. Using U.S. Census income data,<sup>13</sup> and applying it to the two groups of states, we find again that RTW states have a lower standard of living. Eleven of the 15 states with the highest poverty rates are RTW, while nine of the 11 states with the lowest poverty rates are worker-friendly (see Table 2, on the opposite page.) The median poverty rate