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, 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