



NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Granite State looks to connect workers with high-tech employers looking to hire.

Governor Maggie Hassan has led a new push to promote entrepreneurship, with the “Live Free and Start” entrepreneurship initiative, and the appointment of an advisory panel of technology executives and entrepreneurs to develop policy and action ideas, connecting the initiative to the real-world needs of high-tech business startups. A job training fund in New Hampshire also works to ensure entrepreneurs have access to workers with the right skills to help their business grow and thrive.

STATE RANKINGS

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| 4 Legal Environment | 10 Educational Attainment |
| 5 High-Tech Share of All Businesses | 16 Per Capita Income Growth |
| 6 Adjusted Median Family Income | 18 STEM Job Concentration |
| 6 Labor Force Utilization | 20 State Fiscal Condition |
| 7 Academic R&D Intensity | 20 Broadband Provider Availability |
| 7 Business Tax Climate | 22 Economic Output per Job |
| 7 High-Tech Job Concentration | 23 New Startup Rate |
| 10 Higher-Ed Efficiency | 24 Productivity Growth |

INNOVATIVE FACTS

As part of the “Live Free and Start” initiative, New Hampshire rolled out a new Startup Concierge Service designed to connect new and aspiring technology entrepreneurs and innovators to resources provided by the state and its partners. The goal of the new service is to provide rapid answers and support to inquiries, ensuring that technology entrepreneurs have easy, one-stop access to services and information.



The New Hampshire Business Finance Authority (BFA) offers entrepreneurs access to a variety of capital resources aimed at reducing barriers to startup and expansion. The state's Capital Access Program works with local lenders to extend loans to small businesses. The program is backed by a loan-loss reserve fund, giving New Hampshire's banks more incentive to make loans to small and startup companies that may carry a higher risk than investments in larger, more established companies.

New Hampshire expanded on its New Hampshire Working program by creating a new Pathway to Work initiative. The new program allows individuals receiving unemployment benefits to also receive support in exploring self-employment and entrepreneurship. The voluntary program lets individuals continue receiving their benefits while they work full time to establish a new small business.

