



ALASKA

Gross State Product: \$55 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



What did Alaska do right?

Drones operate free of restrictive rules, and state laws do not restrict the testing, development or deployment of self-driving vehicles. The state also ranks among the highest for business-friendly tax policies.



What can Alaska do better?

It can increase the percentage of households (63%) with access to moderate-speed internet connections and enact policies to welcome 5G connectivity. The state can also aim to attract more venture capital.

Technology

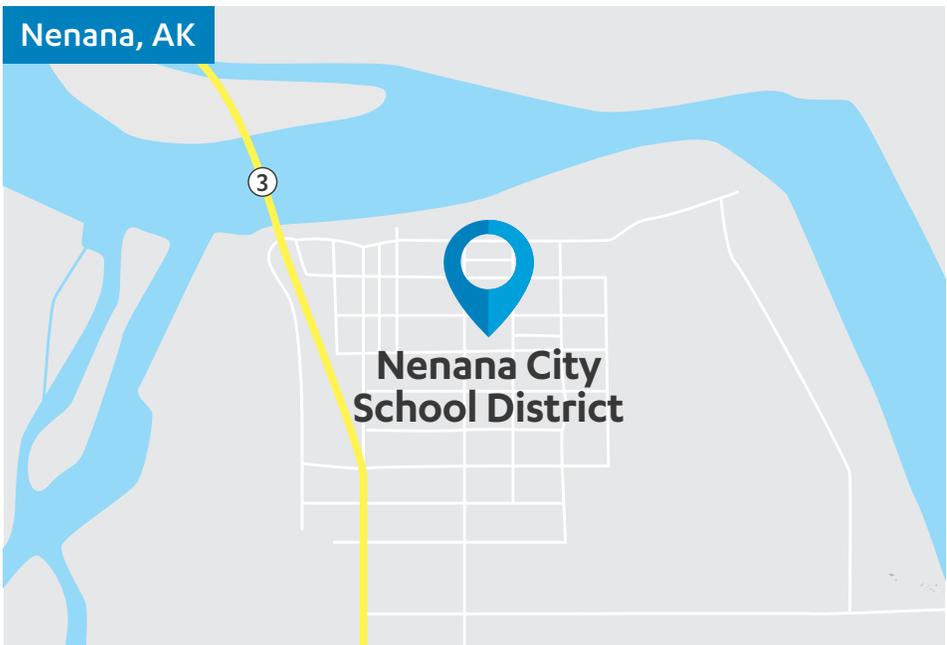
Short-Term Rentals	B
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	B
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	A
Fast Internet	D+

Society

Best & Brightest	D
Grants Advanced Degrees	B-
Tech Workforce	B+
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	B

Economy

Attracts Investment	F
Entrepreneurial Activity	B+
Tax Friendly	A+



Amazon gave a boost to computer science education in Alaska's Nenana City School District with the company's Future Engineer program. The initiative funds digital curriculum for students as well as training and development for computer science teachers.



Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



Tech Workforce

It has approximately 29 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported 327 apprenticeship graduates in recent data.



Tax Friendly

At 9.4%, its corporate tax rate is high, but most of its tax policies are business-friendly.



Entrepreneurial Activity

Small businesses in the state create approximately 397 jobs per 10,000 people.



Self-Driving Vehicles

The state has no laws that restrict testing, development or deployment of SDVs.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is active statewide with municipal restrictions. E-scooters are not present in the state.



Drones

The state has no laws that restrict drone activity.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at CTA.tech/scorecard.

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