



CONNECTICUT

Gross State Product: \$276 billion | 5G Welcome: YES



What did Connecticut do right?

It earns a spot in the top five states in the Grants Advanced Degrees category, with 17% of its population over age 25 holding a graduate degree. It also ranks as one of the top states in Attracts Investment, with a remarkable \$2,235 per capita in R&D spending. In addition, ridesharing is legal statewide and e-scooters are defined at the state level.



What can Connecticut do better?

The state could lower its corporate tax rate to make itself friendlier to innovators. It could also improve its electronics recycling program, which is one of the most expensive in the country.

Technology

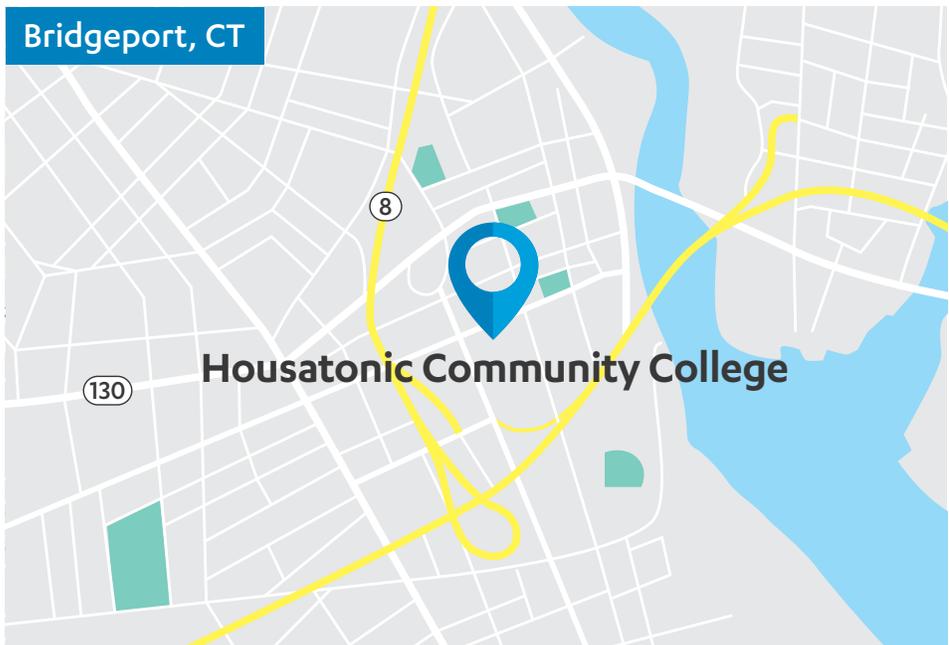
Short-Term Rentals	B
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	A
Self-Driving Vehicles	C
Drones	B+
Fast Internet	A-

Society

Best & Brightest	C
Grants Advanced Degrees	A
Tech Workforce	C+
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	C-

Economy

Attracts Investment	B+
Entrepreneurial Activity	B-
Tax Friendly	C-



Housatonic Community College has launched an Advanced Manufacturing Center to help Connecticut employers find skilled workers. Students can train for careers in several desirable fields, including aerospace, power systems, biomedical technology and more.



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.



Grants Advanced Degrees

Seventeen percent of people over age 25 hold an advanced degree.



Attracts Investment

Per capita, it spends \$2,235.59 on R&D and has \$97.69 in venture capital.



Fast Internet

The state has policies in place to welcome 5G connectivity, 65% of its households have high-speed fixed broadband and 79% of households have moderate-speed broadband.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide, but although with some unnecessary restrictions. E-scooters are defined at the state level.



Short-Term Rentals

STRs operate but lack a statewide legal framework.



Drones

The state has enacted legislation to preempt municipalities from regulating commercial drone usage, but it does not address private and hobbyist operation.

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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