



MISSISSIPPI

Gross State Product: \$115 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



What did Mississippi do right?

It is a “right-to work” state, and has no laws restricting drone activity or testing and development of self-driving vehicles. It also has largely business-friendly tax policies, including a 5% corporate tax rate.



What can Mississippi do better?

It can enact policies to welcome 5G connectivity and increase the percentage of households (28%) with access to high-speed fixed broadband. The state can also spend more on R&D, secure more venture capital and encourage more people to register for apprenticeships.

Technology

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

Society

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

Economy

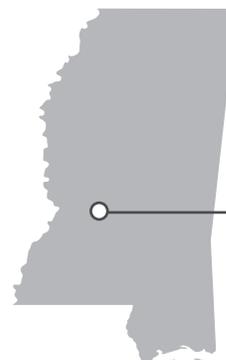
Attracts Investment	F
Entrepreneurial Activity	D+
Tax Friendly	B-

Raymond, MS



Hinds Community College

Hinds Community College will help local businesses fill jobs and cultivate the next generation of farmers with an academy that trains participants to apply new technological advances in agriculture.



HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Raymond, MS

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.



Tax Friendly

It has a corporate tax rate of 5% and its tax policies are generally business-friendly.



Drones

The state has no laws restricting drone activity.



Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies

It has no environmental rules or regulations that restrict innovation.



Self-Driving Vehicles

The state has no laws restricting the testing, development or deployment of SDVs.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide, but e-scooters are not permitted on public roads.



Best & Brightest

It is a "right-to-work" state, but lacks state legislation protecting workers from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

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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