



RHODE ISLAND

Gross State Product: \$61 billion | SG Welcome: YES



What did Rhode Island do right?

It has no laws that limit the testing and development of self-driving vehicles statewide. It also has fast internet service, with nearly 80% of its households possessing high-speed fixed broadband.



What can Rhode Island do better?

It can repeal duplicative privacy laws to improve its Drones grade. Additionally, the state can improve its Best & Brightest grade by passing a “right-to-work” law and boost its Tax Friendliness grade by instituting more business-friendly tax policies.

Technology

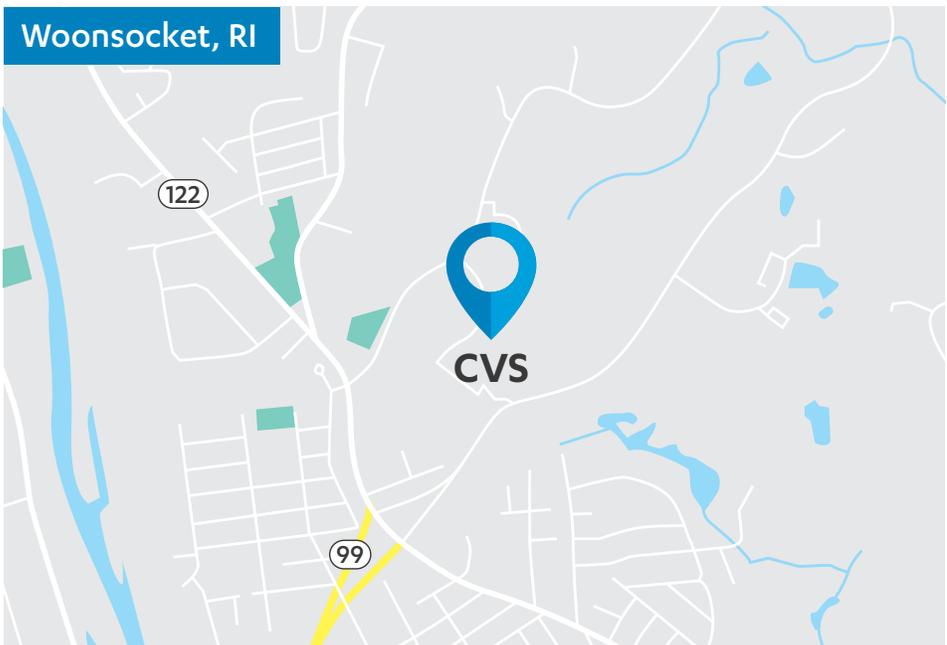
Short-Term Rentals	B+
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	B+
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	D
Fast Internet	A-

Society

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

Economy

Attracts Investment	B
Entrepreneurial Activity	B
Tax Friendly	C+



Since 2005, when CVS Health launched its registered apprenticeship program, the Rhode Island-based company has trained more than 1,500 workers in a range of roles. In 2017 the company committed to hiring 5,000 apprentices by 2022.



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.



Fast Internet

The state has policies in place to welcome 5G connectivity, 76% of its households have high-speed fixed broadband and 84% of households have moderate-speed broadband.



Short-Term Rentals

Short-term rentals operate, but lack a statewide legal framework. Providence passed a reasonable STR law.



Self-Driving Vehicles

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



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide, but e-scooters are subject to municipal regulations.



Grants Advanced Degrees

More than 13% of people over age 25 hold an advanced degree.



Entrepreneurial Activity

Small businesses in the state create approximately 358 jobs per 10,000 people.

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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