



VERMONT

Gross State Product: \$33 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



What did Vermont do right?

The state has almost 40 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported almost 270 apprenticeship graduates in fiscal year 2018 — an impressive number in light of its small population. It also passed a law preempting local rules on ridesharing.



What can Vermont do better?

It can eliminate some of the restrictions placed on self-driving vehicle development, such as requiring that testers hold permits and take part in traffic committee hearings prior to conducting any tests. The state can also increase the percentage of households with access to high-speed internet (55%).

Technology

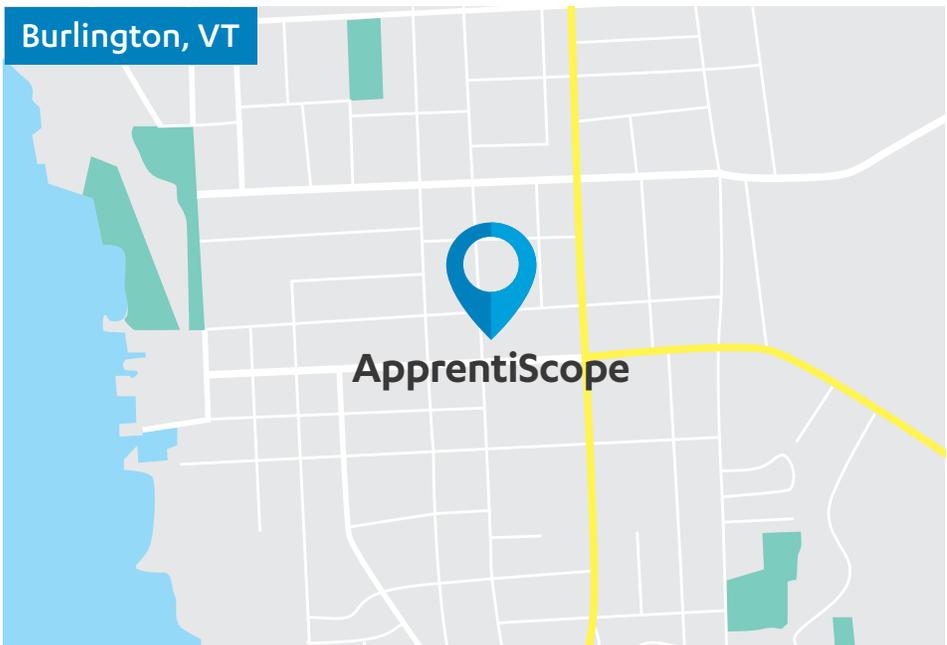
Short-Term Rentals	B
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	A-
Self-Driving Vehicles	D
Drones	A
Fast Internet	D+

Society

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

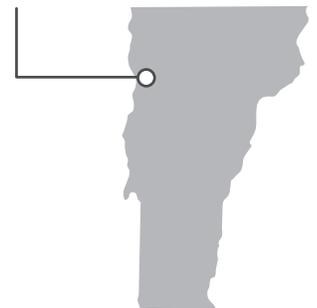
Economy

Attracts Investment	C-
Entrepreneurial Activity	B+
Tax Friendly	C



ApprentiScope eases the burden on businesses sponsoring apprentices by providing management tools to help track classroom learning modules, on-the-job training and other elements of registered apprenticeships.

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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.



Drones

The state has no laws that restrict drone activity.



Grants Advanced Degrees

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



Tech Workforce

The state has an impressive 38 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported 269 apprenticeship graduates in recent data.



Self-Driving Vehicles

In order to conduct tests of SDVs on public roads with a driver present, developers must obtain a permit and take part in a traffic committee hearing and, even then, localities can revoke permission to test on their highways at any time.



Entrepreneurial Activity

Small businesses in the state create approximately 382 jobs per 10,000 people.



Short-Term Rentals

STRs operate but lack a statewide legal framework.

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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