



# WASHINGTON

Gross State Product: \$566 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



## What did Washington do right?

It has no laws restricting drone activity and established executive and legislative working groups for self-driving vehicles in 2018. It also has almost 50 tech jobs per 1,000 people and more than 2,100 apprentices graduated in fiscal year 2018.



## What can Washington do better?

It can revise its broad chemical restrictions, which pose an undue barrier to innovation. Also, the state can increase the proportion of households with access to high-speed internet (67%) and prepare for coming 5G connectivity by enacting welcoming regulations now.

### Technology

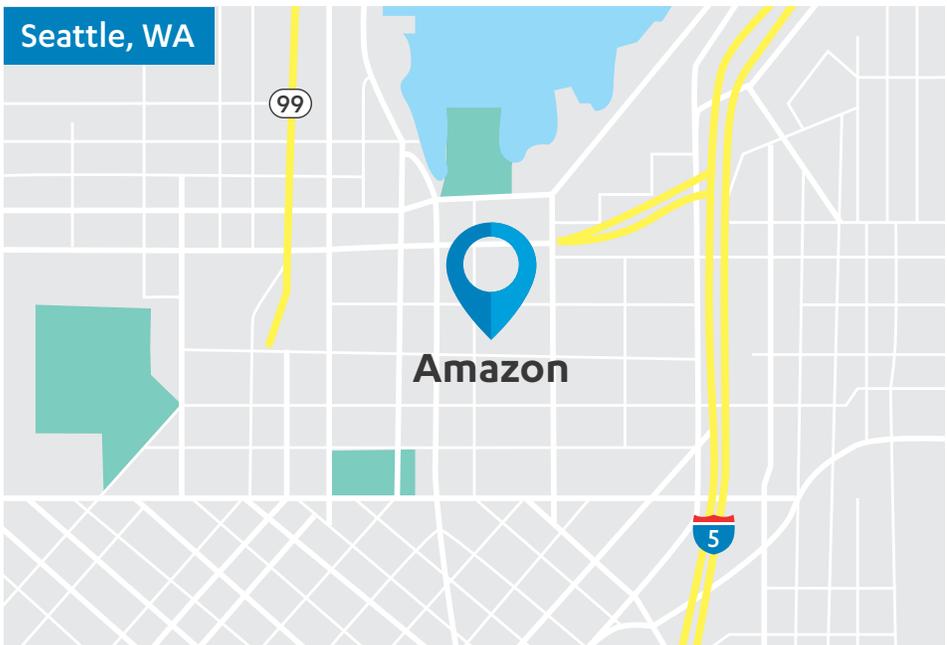
Short-Term Rentals	B
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	B+
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	A
Fast Internet	C-

### Society

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

### Economy

Attracts Investment	A-
Entrepreneurial Activity	B
Tax Friendly	B



Apprenti partners with Amazon to train apprentices from non-traditional backgrounds for careers in the tech industry. The nonprofit arose to help Seattle's tech companies meet their demand for skilled workers.



## 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 restricting drone activity.



### Attracts Investment

Per capita, the state has \$2,610.68 in R&D spending and \$285.71 in venture capital.



### Tech Workforce

It has approximately 49 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported 2,147 apprenticeship graduates in recent data.



### Self-Driving Vehicles

A 2018 bill created executive and legislative SDV working groups.



### Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide with minimally restrictive municipal rules, and state rules streamline e-scooter regulations.



### Grants Advanced Degrees

More than 12% of people over age 25 hold an advanced degree.

## 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](http://CTA.tech/scorecard).

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