"Our low-tax environment, our small, responsive state government and our high quality of life make New Hampshire as attractive a state for business as any in the country. The Live Free and Start Advisory Council brings together accomplished business leaders and entrepreneurs from across the state to help us build on these advantages."

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-Gov. Maggie Hassan, July 8, 2014, announcing the Live Free and Start Advisory Council

Gov. Maggie Hassan (D)

New Hampshire

Pop. (2014): 1,327,463 **Pop. growth 2014–2019:** 2.03% Median household income: \$72,856 Median age: 41 Right-to-work state: No

Rankings that Matter

GDP	40 (\$64,118*)
Business Tax Climate	7
Small Business Policy	27
ACT Career Readiness Certificates23 (4,097)	
High School Graduation	10 (87%)
Incentives Transparency Index47	
	*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

• Gov. Hassan signed bipartisan legislation that strengthens infrastructure investment, helping to finish the expansion of I-93 and advance critical road and bridge projects across the state.

• Launched in June. Live Free and Start is an initiative between the Governor's Office, the Business Finance Authority and the Dept.

of Resources and Economic Development aimed at creating jobs in New Hampshire by making it easier for high-tech companies to start up. The advisory council will work with the initiative to develop proposals for either executive or legislative action in order to make changes to state laws and regulations.

Workforce Education by Percentage

Less than 8% Hiah School

High School Diploma Some Colleae Bachelor's 22% Degree Graduate 137 Degree 10 15 20 5 25 30



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