

# The Best and Worst Places to Practice Law

SmartAsset has published the results of a **study** designed to rank states from best to worst to practice law.

Criteria include the number of lawyers per 1,000 workers, average annual income, five-year earnings and job growth, median home value and the percentage of law offices relative to total establishments.

Illinois tops the list, with Idaho and Maine tied at the bottom. Delaware and North Dakota were excluded because of insufficient data.

In 2018, Illinois lawyers earned an average of \$152,980, according to the study. The average for Idaho was \$99,360.

**Read the SmartAsset article.**