Learn About Your State’s Economy With GDP

Activities (2018 data)

Part D: GDP Per Capita

Compare the maps and lists labeled Nominal GDP (Handout No. 1) and Real GDP Per Capita (Handout No. 2).

13. Using the nominal GDP list, which five states had the largest economies in 2018?

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14. Are those the same five states that lead the GDP per capita list? Yes or No

15. On the nominal GDP map, find Texas and Delaware. Texas covers a far greater area and has a much larger population. It’s not surprising to see that it has a much larger GDP than Delaware.

Now look at the map and list showing GDP per capita. Which state has the larger GDP per person:

Texas or Delaware? ______________________________

16. Find Alaska on the two maps. Although it is the largest U.S. state by area, Alaska has a comparatively small population. On which of these two lists does Alaska rank higher:

Nominal GDP or GDP per capita? ______________________________

17. Using the list that ranks states by GDP per capita, find your state and finish the sentences below:

For my state, ____________________________, the real GDP per capita was _____________________________. My state ranked _________ in real per capita GDP.

18. The comparable per capita figure for the United States was $56,749. Compared to the United States, my state’s GDP per capita was: higher / lower.

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19. Why might larger, more densely populated states tend to have higher **nominal GDP levels** – in other words, more economic production – than smaller or less populous states?

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20. Why might you want to consider a state’s **GDP per capita** in addition to its **nominal GDP level**?

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