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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