

"Rich States, Poor States" fails itself: Laffer's predictions worse than coin flip

Even measured by his own standards, Arthur Laffer's economic predictions in ALEC's "Rich States, Poor States" are far off the mark



State	2007-13				Laffer Error (Difference between predicted and actual)	Economic Direction Test
	Average Performance Rank	Average Outlook Rank	Average Predicted Change	Average Actual Change		
Alabama	24	18	+5	-2	7	Fail
Alaska	14	30	-16	+5	21	Fail
Arizona	9	6	+3	-1	4	Fail
Arkansas	18	15	+4	+2	2	Match
California	38	44	-6	-3	3	Match
Colorado	17	7	+11	-3	14	Fail
Connecticut	43	38	+5	-1	6	Fail
Delaware	28	31	-4	-2	2	Match
Florida	8	10	-4	-2	2	Match
Georgia	28	9	+18	-2	20	Fail
Hawaii	20	43	-23	+4	27	Fail
Idaho	11	8	+4	+1	3	Match
Illinois	48	46	+3	0	3	Fail
Indiana	45	17	+29	+1	28	Match
Iowa	35	27	+10	+4	6	Match
Kansas	38	24	+12	0	12	Fail
Kentucky	31	40	-9	0	9	Fail
Louisiana	32	20	+15	+3	12	Match
Maine	23	45	-26	-4	22	Match
Maryland	20	28	-8	-3	5	Match
Massachusetts	41	27	+14	-2	16	Fail
Michigan	50	23	+26	0	26	Fail
Minnesota	35	40	-3	-2	1	Match
Mississippi	40	17	+21	0	21	Fail
Missouri	39	16	+25	-1	26	Fail
Montana	4	35	-30	-1	29	Match
Nebraska	28	33	-2	+4	6	Fail
Nevada	12	13	+2	+2	0	Match
New Hampshire	27	28	-3	-3	0	Match
New Jersey	42	44	-4	-2	2	Match
New Mexico	9	33	-25	-2	23	Match
New York	41	50	-8	+2	10	Fail
North Carolina	23	22	+2	+2	0	Match
North Dakota	10	11	-1	+3	4	Fail
Ohio	49	39	+7	0	7	Fail
Oklahoma	10	15	-5	-1	4	Match
Oregon	25	41	-13	+3	16	Fail
Pennsylvania	39	40	0	+2	2	Fail
Rhode Island	34	45	-13	-4	9	Match
South Carolina	24	26	-2	-1	1	Match
South Dakota	12	3	+8	-1	9	Fail
Tennessee	30	10	+23	+1	22	Match
Texas	2	14	-13	0	13	Fail
Utah	15	1	+16	+3	13	Match
Vermont	22	49	-31	-4	27	Match
Virginia	7	5	+1	-2	3	Fail
Washington	11	30	-17	0	17	Fail
West Virginia	24	32	-7	+3	10	Fail
Wisconsin	41	26	+12	-2	14	Fail
Wyoming	3	5	-2	0	2	Fail

Average: 11 27 Failed
23 Matched