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The exodus of business from Calif. is worse than many thought.

The state lost over 261,000 manufacturing jobs in three years, according to an economic development organization, the Keystone Group. Some simply disappeared, but many went to other states or nations.

The heaviest job losses were in defense and space, computers, electronics, communications, food processing and wood processing.

Of jobs migrating to other states, New York got the most, followed by Texas, Florida and Oregon. Nevada got the most firms.

The outlook isn't much better. The Calif. Business Roundtable says 20% of business leaders have policies to restrict job growth in the state, and 40% have orders to move jobs to other states. It says business costs are 30% higher than western states' average.

S.F. is the most expensive place for a corporate headquarters in the U.S., says the Boyd Company. Santa Clara County ranks third, Orange County, fifth, L.A., sixth, San Diego, 11th, Riverside, 13th.

Companies don't have to leave the state to reduce their costs.

They can find Calif. cities with favorable business climates in the 2004 Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey. The survey cites localities with the best incentives and lowest taxes and fees on business, electricity, phones, property, sales and income.

Lowest cost: Roseville, Sutter Creek, Merced and Lake counties.

Inexpensive big cities: Moorpark, Orange, Rancho Cucamonga, Corona, Simi Valley, Escondido, Ontario and Anaheim.

Expensive big cities: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Inglewood, Oakland, Berkeley, Palmdale, Richmond, San Bernardino and Pomona.

Nationally: Cheyenne, Wyo., has the lowest business costs.

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