

Connecticut:

As opposed to its neighbors who have known hard times during the 1970s and the 1980 recession, this state has continued to prosper with its large defense industry. The increases forecast in military spending make economic planners see further growth ahead. The only limit to this growth could be shortages of skilled workers, a problem which started to manifest itself in 1980.

New Jersey:

This state faced a problem of its own during the 1970s, namely the decline of its six major cities. This will continue to be a major concern in the early 80s. This decade will be an uneasy period with a continuation in the shift from a manufacturing to a service economy. State economists and planners will have to attract new industries and expedite an economic recovery and economic development plan if the acute unemployment problem is to be solved.