



**The ASA Report:  
The Policy  
Environment  
in the States**

**Class Ranking –  
Retainage Limitation  
Policies**

This chart ranks all U.S. states and the District of Columbia on retainage limitation policies in place in 2006.

Retainage, a.k.a. “retention,” is a construction owner’s or higher-tier contractor’s practice of holding a pre-determined percentage or sum from each progress payment to the next-lower tier of contractors or suppliers, and releasing the amounts retained only when a milestone such as “substantial completion” is reached.

The rankings are based on each state’s score for retainage limitation policies on a scale of 0 to 100, as calculated by ASA. The scoring included retainage policies pertaining to private and to public work. Letter grades were assigned according to the following scale:

<i>Grading Scale</i>	
100 - 91 .....	<b>A</b>
90 - 81 .....	<b>B</b>
80 - 71 .....	<b>C</b>
70 - 61 .....	<b>D</b>
60 - 0 .....	<b>F</b>

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<b>2005 Class Rank</b>	<b>2006 Class Rank</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2005 Score</b>	<b>2006 Score</b>	<b>2006 Grade</b>
1	1	New Mexico	82	82	B
2	2	Arizona	81	81	B
3	3	Connecticut	76	76	C
4	4	Utah	67	67	D
5	5	Missouri	64	64	D
6	6	Oregon	50	50	F
7	7	New Jersey	49	49	F
8	8	North Dakota	47	47	F
8	8	Tennessee	47	47	F
10	10	Kansas	44	44	F
11	11	Idaho	43	43	F
11	11	Washington	43	43	F
13	13	Montana	42	42	F
14	14	Virginia	41	41	F
15	15	Maryland	40	40	F
16	16	Oklahoma	39	39	F
17	17	Alabama	37	37	F
17	17	Louisiana	37	37	F
17	17	Maine	37	37	F
17	17	New York	37	37	F
21	21	Florida	36	36	F
21	21	Delaware	36	36	F
21	21	Nevada	36	36	F
24	24	Georgia	35	35	F
24	24	Pennsylvania	35	35	F
26	26	Minnesota	34	34	F
27	27	North Carolina	32	32	F
27	27	South Dakota	32	32	F
29	29	Indiana	31	31	F
29	29	Mississippi	31	31	F
31	31	Illinois	30	30	F
31	31	Ohio	30	30	F
33	33	Iowa	29	29	F
33	33	Michigan	29	29	F
35	35	South Carolina	28	28	F
36	36	Arkansas	26	26	F
37	37	Rhode Island	24	24	F
38	38	Massachusetts	22	22	F
39	39	California	21	21	F
39	39	Texas	21	21	F
39	39	Wisconsin	21	21	F
42	42	Colorado	20	20	F
43	43	Hawaii	19	19	F
44	44	Alaska	18	18	F
45	45	Nebraska	17	17	F
46	46	Kentucky	15	15	F
47	47	Vermont	12	12	F
48	48	New Hampshire	10	10	F
48	48	West Virginia	10	10	F
48	48	Wyoming	10	10	F
51	51	District of Columbia	0	0	F