

# ARIZONA



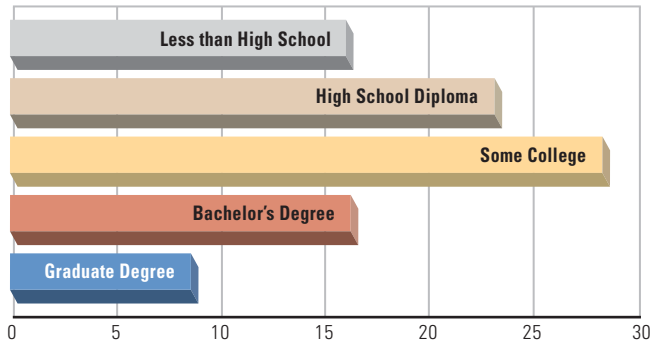
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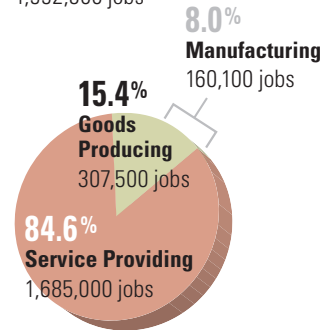
**Population 2009: 6,430,275 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 14.07% Median household income: \$50,068**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

1,992,500 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **72,300**  
 Percent of Total State Employment: **3.1**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.39**  
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight:  
 Arizona Department of Commerce  
**\$96.7 million**

## Legislative Update

- Effective Jan. 1, 2010, the Quality Jobs Through Renewable Energy Act passed provides qualifying renewable-energy employers an incentive equal to 10 percent of what they spend on building a new manufacturing operation or corporate office in the state. In November 2009, Chinese concern Suntech Power Holdings was the first to take advantage of the

law, with a 75-person manufacturing plant in Greater Phoenix.

- A 24-month moratorium on municipal development fees was signed into law in September 2009.
- Expedited plan review and fee reimbursements are now available on a graded scale from the City of Chandler for LEED-certified projects.