



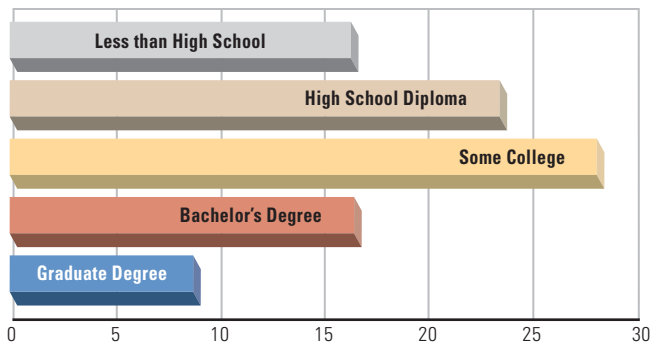
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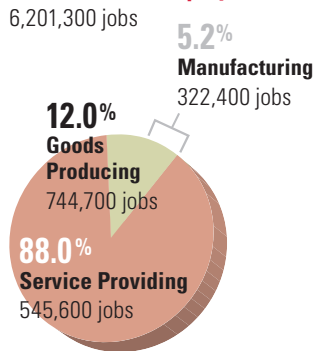


Governor: Charlie Crist (R) www.eflorida.com
Population 2009: 18,411,048 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 8.71% **Median household income:** \$48,934

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **245,800**
Percent of Total State Employment: **3.4**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$12.94**
Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation **\$45.6 million**

Legislative Update

- The proposed 61-mile SunRail commuter rail project was defeated in regular session, but was under renewed consideration during a special session in early December 2009, thanks to federal funding support.
- Progress Energy Florida's site request for construction of a nuclear facility in Levy County was approved by the state siting board in August.
- A growth management reform bill aiming to increase development in

urban infill areas allows for expedited comprehensive plan reviews and for developers' exemption from paying concurrency fees for related infrastructure improvements. Project permits with an expiration date between Sept. 1, 2008, and Jan. 2, 2010, can be extended and renewed for two years, and qualified large-scale projects are exempt from going through the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process.



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