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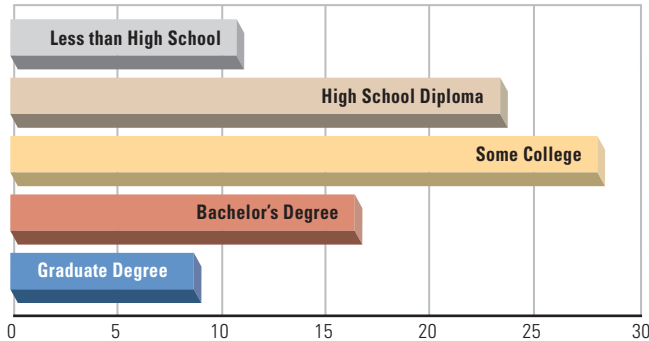


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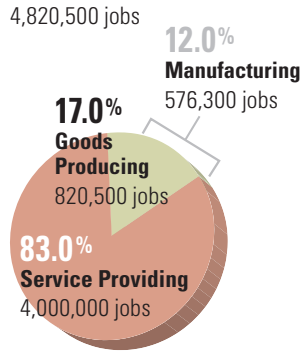


Governor: Pat Quinn (D) illinoisbiz.biz
Population 2009: 12,883,525 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 2.17% Median household income: \$59,476

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **268,100**
 Percent of Total State Employment: **5.1**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.96**
 Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity **\$315 million**

Legislative Update

- Under certain limits, a new law allows any taxing district to abate any portion of property tax if a new business first occupies a facility located on a property during the taxable year, and the facility was vacant for a period of at least 24 continuous months prior to being occupied.
- The Intermodal Facilities Promotion Act was signed into law (see p. 91).
- The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act was amended so that businesses

that intend to establish a new wind power facility in the state may be considered high-impact businesses and qualify for certain occupation tax exemptions.

- Under a new law, LEED and Green Globes certification costs have been added as valid "Redevelopment Project Costs" that can be funded by the Illinois Tax Increment Fund.

"Crossroads of the Nation"

at I-80 and I-39

The Illinois Valley Offers the Following Advantages:

- ✓ Excellent Transportation System - Interstates, Railroad, Waterway, Regional Airport
- ✓ Enterprise Zones / TIF Districts
- ✓ Superior Educational System
- ✓ Available Training
- ✓ Ample Acreage
- ✓ Competitive Utility Rates
- ✓ Abundant Natural Resources - Recreational Opportunities
- ✓ A Safe and Economical Place to Live and Conduct Business



Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development

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