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**Mississippi Dev. Authority**  
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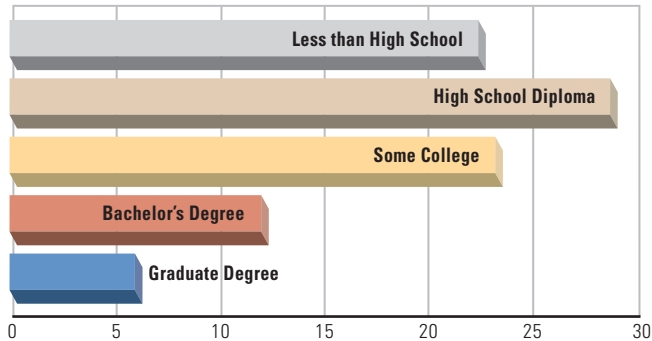
**Governor: Haley Barbour (R)** [mississippi.org](http://mississippi.org)  
**Population 2009: 2,925,576** **Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 2.17%** **Median household income: \$40,289**

Employment by  
 Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of  
 Foreign Firms in 2007: **24,500**  
 Percent of Total State  
 Employment: **2.6**

Median Hourly Wage for  
 Production Occupations: **\$12.61**  
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

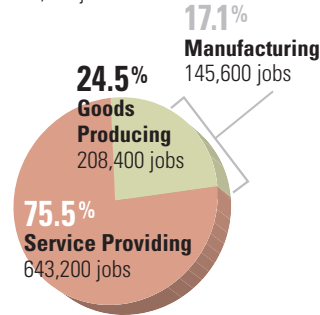
U.S. Recovery Act Highlight:  
 Mississippi Dev. Authority  
**\$51.3 million**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

851,600 jobs



## Legislative Update

- The senate upheld a veto by Gov. Barbour of an eminent domain bill which the governor said would hurt economic development. The bill would have restricted the use of eminent domain for major economic development projects.

- House Bill 1467 extends the sales tax incentives of the Mississippi Tourism Rebate Program to casino developers that build non-gambling-related amenities such as theme parks, water parks, golf courses, hotels, spas, convention facilities and other non-gambling attractions.