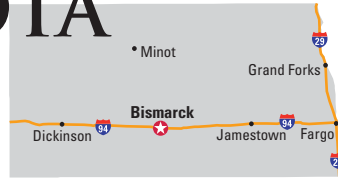


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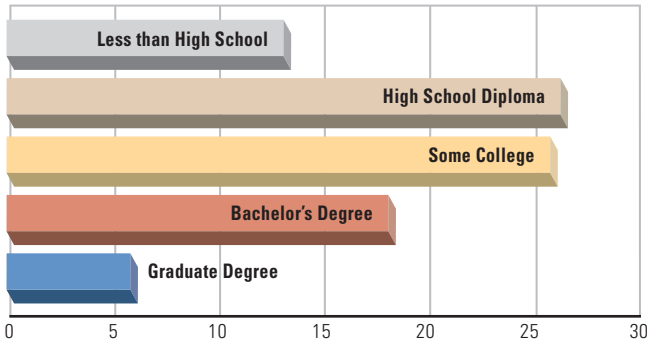
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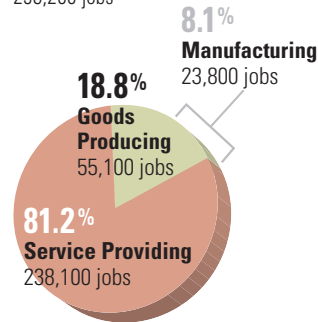
Population 2009: 640,381 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 0.91% **Median household income:** \$44,116

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

293,200 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **7,800**
 Percent of Total State Employment: **2.7**

Production Occupations
 Total Employment: **22,850**
 Median Hourly Wage: **\$14.34**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight:
 N.D. Dept. of Commerce
\$36.7 million

Legislative Update

- The \$185-million N.D. Commerce Dept. budget bill includes a 50-percent increase in Workforce Enhancement grants, \$2.5 million to support innovation and entrepreneurship, an extended Property Tax Reduction and Sales and Use Tax Exemption for wind power, as well as an extended Income Tax Credit for the installation of any renewable Energy Device, including geothermal, solar, wind and biomass; \$3 million for the Renew-

able Energy Fund; \$17 million for agriculture research infrastructure, including \$11.4 million for Phase II of the NDSU Research Greenhouse; \$2.6 million for a beef research facility, and \$2.9 million for improvements to Research Extension Centers. The legislation also provides \$20 million for Centers of Excellence grants, including \$10 million for enhancement grants at UND and NDSU.