

# WEST VIRGINIA



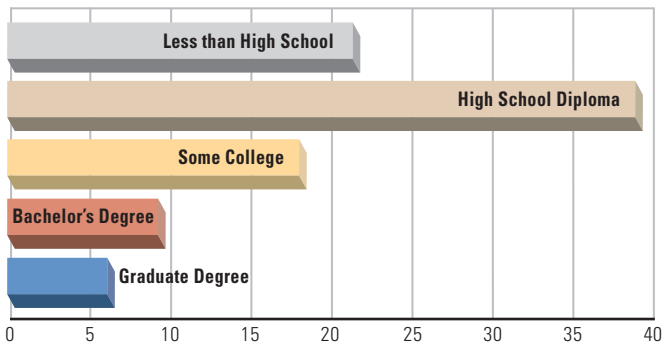
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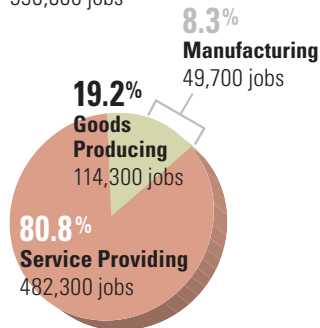
**Population 2009: 1,813,715 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 0.94% Median household income: \$37,806**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

596,600 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **21,100**  
 Percent of Total State Employment: **3.5**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.20**  
 Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: West Virginia University Research Corporation **\$9.3 million**

## Legislative Update

- The Alternative and Renewable Energy Portfolio Act mandates that electric utilities (excluding municipal utilities, rural electric cooperatives, and utilities serving fewer than 30,000 residential customers) obtain 25 percent of their electricity from alternative or renewable energy sources by 2025.
- The High-Technology Business Property Valuation Act which would make some high-tech materials and tangible personal property exempt from the consumers sales and service tax and the use tax. The bill also calls for taxing high-tech companies at their salvage value, or 5 percent of actual value. The measure is designed to encourage high-tech companies to locate "server farms" in the state.