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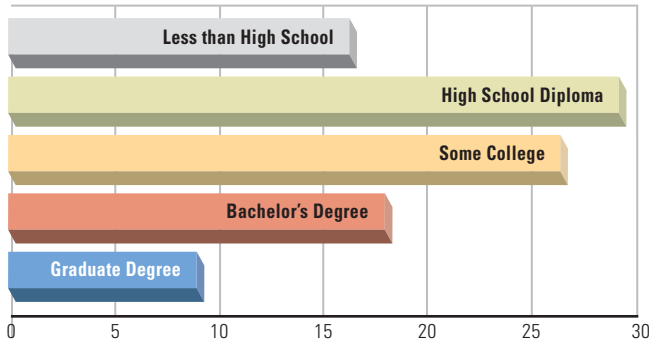


Governor: Nathan Deal (R)

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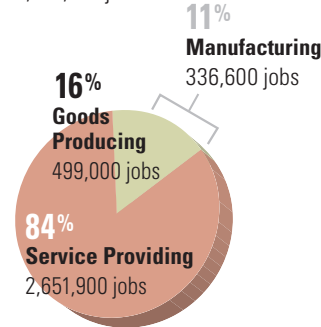
Population 2010: 9,894,543 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 7.02% **Median household income:** \$52,162

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

3,150,900 jobs



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall Ranking: **19**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T36**

Manufacturing Value-Added: **18**

Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **17**

Industry Investment in R&D: **31**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.03**

Right-to-work state? **YES**

Legislative Update

- A new law creates an "angel investor" tax credit for investments made during the early-stage development of innovative companies, encouraging a higher percentage of high-tech startups to remain in the state.
- A referendum was placed on the August 2012 ballot through which 12 designated regions will be asked to support a one-cent sales tax for

transportation improvements.

- No vote was taken on a proposal to cap the sales tax on energy used by certain manufacturing and processing plants, an exemption that is currently offered by other Southeastern states. The proposal will be considered by the new Special Tax Council.