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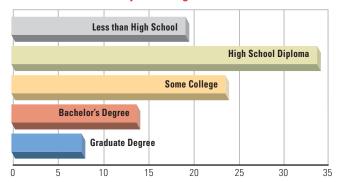




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Population 2010: 4,544,284 Population growth forecast 2010-2014: 4.09% Median household income: \$48,948

### **Work Force Education by Percentage**



## **Private Sector Employment**

1.543.600 iobs Manufacturing 21% 139,900 jobs Goods **Producing** 319,000 jobs Service Providing 1,224,600 jobs

## 2010 New Economy **Index Rankings**

Overall: 43

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: T41 Manufacturing Value-Added: 6 **Export Focus of Manufacturing** 

and Services: 5 Industry Investment in R&D: 48

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: \$16.40 Right-to-work state? YES

#### **Legislative Update**

• In addition to bills that recreate the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Department of Economic Development, Gov. Bobby Jindal signed other bills into law. These include HB 1346 that will allow use of up to 10 percent of the deposits made annually to the Artificial Reef Development Fund to assist shrimpers and shrimp processors in participating in a

new certification program being developed by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Artificial reefs are in and around where the shrimping industry operates and under this new law a portion of the funds associated with the Louisiana Artificial Reef Program will be allowed for use in supporting the Louisiana wild-caught shrimp industry.

