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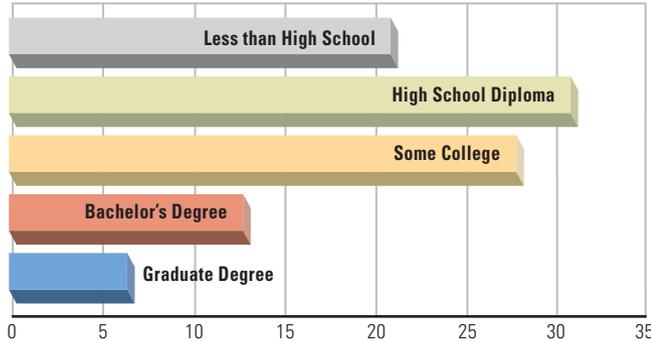
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**Governor:** Haley Barbour (R) [mississippi.org](http://mississippi.org)

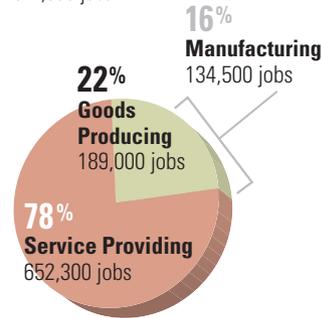
**Population 2010:** 2,959,199 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 2.29% **Median household income:** \$42,419

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

841,300 jobs



## 2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **50**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T29**

Manufacturing Value-Added: **39**

Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **32**

Industry Investment in R&D: **47**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$12.67**

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

## Legislative Update

In April, Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation to reform Mississippi's unemployment tax system. The bill reduces the tax burden on employers

while ensuring the continued solvency of the unemployment insurance trust fund.