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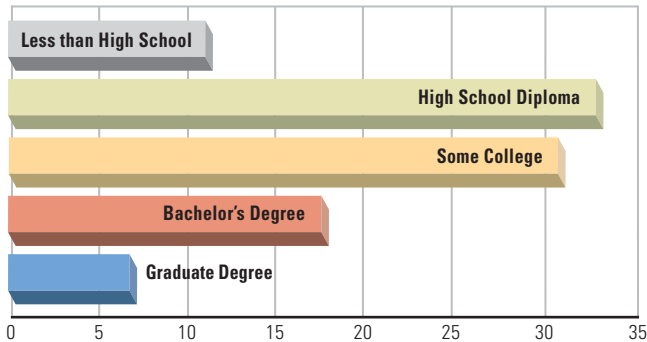
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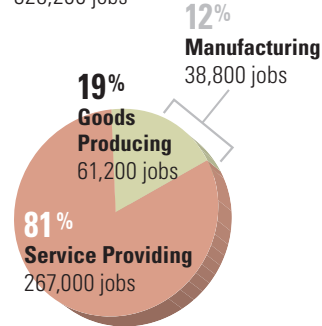
Population 2010: 816,600 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 4.9% **Median household income:** \$49,406

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

328,200 jobs



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **45**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T12**

Manufacturing Value-Added: **45**

Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **46**

Industry Investment in R&D: **42**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.23**

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

Legislative Update

- SB 195 revises the sales and use tax refunds and contractors excise tax refunds for new or expanded agricultural facilities and new or expanded business facilities and sunsets those refunds.
- A new law allows local governments to work with and get funding from the Department of Tourism and State Development to designate certified technology parks or certified sites.
- A measure to provide certain tax refunds for new or expanded wind energy facilities overrode a gubernatorial veto in March and was enrolled as law. Another act revises certain real property taxes for small renewable energy facilities (less than 5 MW).
- Voters in November added a constitutional amendment protecting the right to vote by secret ballot, a blow to "card check" legislation.