



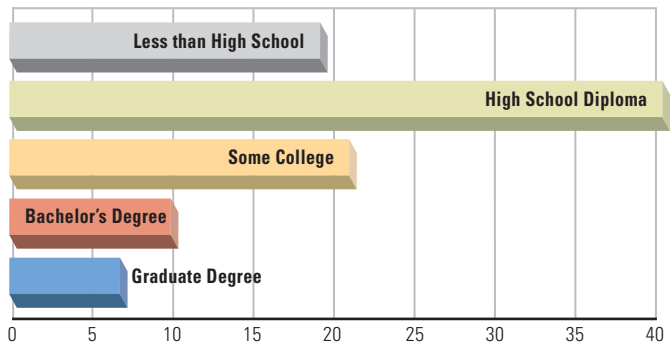
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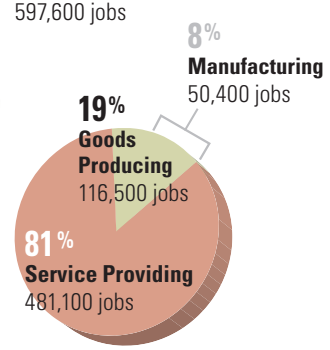


Governor: Earl Tomblin (D) **wvdo.org**
Population 2010: 1,822,752 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 1.51% **Median household income:** \$40,000

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **49**
Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **45**
Manufacturing Value-Added: **40**
Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **33**
Industry Investment in R&D: **43**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.56**
Right-to-work state? **NO**

Legislative Update

- A new tax credit is allowed for anyone who develops a patent in the state of West Virginia that is used in manufacturing process or product and has an agreement with West Virginia University or Marshall University pertaining to the development of the patent. Second, a tax credit is allowed for any person that uses a patent developed in West Virginia directly in a manufacturing process or product.
- A new business court system will handle complex cases involving highly technical commercial issues.
- A new law creates a new section of code that provides special rates for energy intensive industrial consumers of electricity. "Energy intensive industrial consumer" refers to an industrial facility, plant or enterprise that has a contract demand of at least 50,000 kilowatts of electric power.