



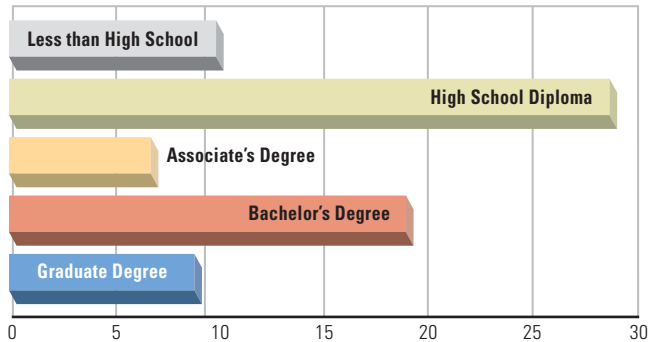
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"HB 2134 helps ensure certainty of benefits for legitimately injured workers while also offering protection from litigation for employers. It provides cost-certainty for employers, allowing them to invest in job creation." — Gov. Sam Brownback

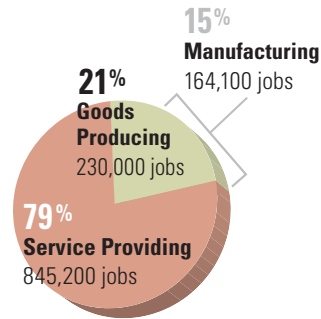
Governor: Sam Brownback (R) **thinkbigks.com**
Population 2011: 2,864,792 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 2.96% **Median household income:** \$56,250

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

1,075,200 jobs



Property tax rank: **41**
Top corporate tax rate: **7.0**
Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **44**
Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **43**
Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$17.89**
Ranked by low price: **22**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$14.44**
Right-to-work state? **YES**

Legislative Update

- Senate Bill 193 will expand the Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) program and make several changes in High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) tax credits, including extending the carry-forward period from 10 to 16 years.
- Senate Bill 196 will establish a new state income tax deduction known as "expensing" for certain qualified investments; repeal or phase out a

- number of existing state income tax credit and sales tax exemptions; repeal the Kansas Economic Opportunity Initiative Fund (KEOIF); and create a new fund, the Job Creation Program Fund (JCPF).
- Workers' comp bill HB 2134 enacts various reforms, including ending payment of unwarranted claims by raising the threshold required for an incident to be compensable under the Workers Comp. Act.