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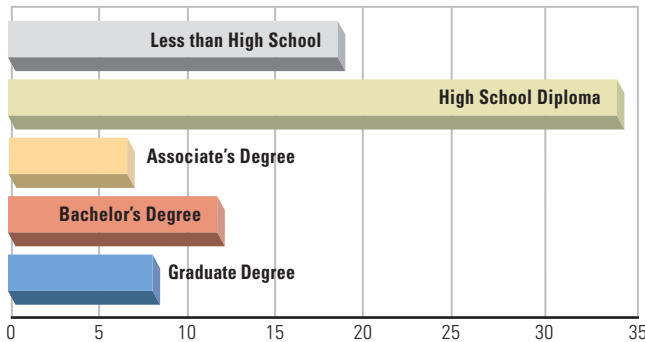
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"HB 310 allows us to provide additional time to several promising economic development projects that have been delayed by the challenging credit crisis our country has faced during the economic recession."

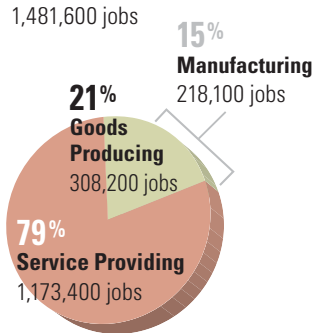
— Gov. Steve Beshear

Governor: Steve Beshear (D) **thinkkentucky.com**
Population 2011: 4,373,097 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 3.17% **Median household income:** \$47,315

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Property tax rank: **20**
 Top corporate tax rate: **6.0**
 Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **36**
 Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **15**
 Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$14.40**
 Ranked by low price: **5**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$14.73**
 Right-to-work state? **NO**

Legislative Update

- HB 310 amends and expands Kentucky's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program. It extends the window of time Signature TIF projects that received approval prior to Jan. 1, 2008, have to activate, increasing that time from five years to 10 years after the commencement date. The bill also expands the TIF program to include mixed-use development projects located in a research park owned by a public university and to include projects located within three miles of a military base that houses, deploys or employs at least 25,000 military personnel, their families, military retirees or civilian employees.
- Senate Bill 8 created The Kentucky Business One Stop – onestop.ky.gov – an interactive Web portal designed to provide faster, friendlier, more reliable and cost-effective state government services. The website will be particularly helpful for those starting small businesses, which represent some 90 percent of the businesses in the state. It features a link to the Secretary of State's office allowing citizens to register a new business online and provides a convenient way to communicate and interact with the Department of Revenue. Information is also provided on the website concerning economic development incentives.

Did You Know?

- Kentucky climbed six places to No. 25 on Forbes' annual Best States for Business list, released in November. Kentucky's ranking ties only one other state for the largest increase over a four-year period, jumping 19 spots since 2008. The annual ranking takes into account a variety of factors, including business costs, growth prospects, labor supply, regulatory environment, current economic climate and quality of life measures.
- Governor Steve Beshear announced in June that during his first administration (the governor began his second term in December 2011) the Commonwealth generated \$7.45 million in revenue by selling surplus state-owned real estate, part of his ongoing Smart Government Initiative (SGI). The administration sold 12 properties in six counties, along with various right-of-way sales, to reach the almost \$7.5 million in revenue.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2011

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Wausau Paper	Harrodsburg	Mercer	MF	E	Paper Products	\$220	76
General Motors	Bowling Green	Warren	MF	E	Automobiles	131	250
UFLEX Ltd.	Elizabethtown	Hardin	MF	N	PET Film (Phase 1)	90	125
Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas	Berea	Madison	MF	N	Auto Parts	74	130
Wild Turkey Distillery	Lawrenceburg	Anderson	MF	E	Distillery	50	
Calgon Carbon Corp.	Catlettsburg	Boyd	MF	E	Chemicals	40	35
Rio Tinto/Alcan	Sebree	Webster	MF	E	Aluminum	37	
North American Stainless	Ghent	Carroll	MF	E	Rolled Steel	30	10
Lockheed Martin	Lexington	Fayette	MF	E	Search Equipment	26	224
Asahi Bluegrass Forge Corp.	Richmond	Madison	MF	E	Industrial Machinery	20	50
Akebono Brake	Glasgow	Barren	MF	E	Brakes	20	224
NHK of America Suspension Components	Bowling Green	Warren	MF	E	Springs	20	108
Tempur-Pedic	Lexington	Fayette	HQ	E	Bedding	18	65

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded

Target Industries: Advanced Manufacturing; Automotive; Distribution & Logistics; Food & Beverage; Healthcare



The horsepower in Kentucky is as strong as ever.

As companies look for ways to produce better products for less, they increasingly look to Kentucky. Why? We offer some of the nation's lowest industrial electricity costs, a competitive tax structure, and an ideal location within 600 miles of two-thirds of America's population.

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