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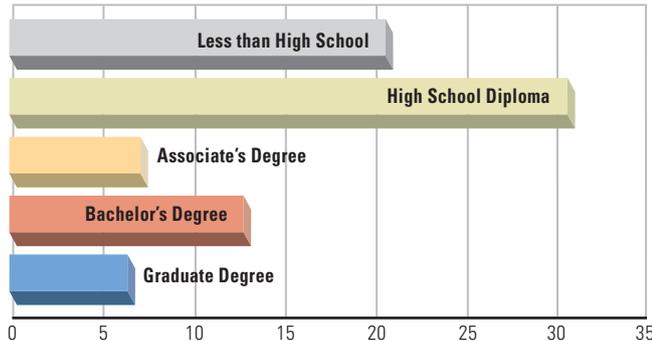
*"This entire campaign, I've stayed focused on proposing ideas to make Mississippi the most job-friendly state in America, and I meant it. This goal can be achieved by keeping taxes low, strengthening education and work force training, and removing the unnecessary regulations that burden our existing businesses and discourage new industries from opening their doors here." — Incoming Gov. Phil Bryant, Nov. 9, 2011*

**Governor:** Phil Bryant (R)

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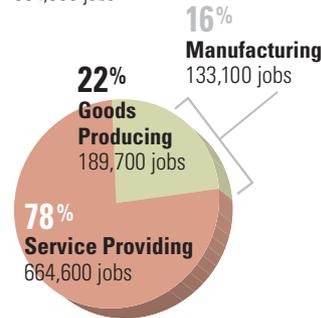
**Population 2011:** 2,977,814 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 2.18% **Median household income:** \$42,869

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

854,300 jobs



Property tax rank: **31**  
 Top corporate tax rate: **5**  
 Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **14**  
 Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **31**  
 Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$19.38**  
 Ranked by low price: **26**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$12.81**  
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

## Legislative Update

- House Bill 403 was passed and signed into law in January, authorizing tax breaks and a state-backed \$75-million loan to a solar panel manufacturer investing in a new facility in Hattisburg.
- Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation allowing the state to expand energy production and attract related investment and jobs in oil and natural gas production. Senate Bill 2723 establishes standards by which

the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board will oversee and monitor geologic carbon dioxide sequestration, which is used in enhanced recovery of oil and natural gas. The legislation was supported by the Mississippi Energy Policy Institute, a nonprofit organization created by Gov. Barbour to explore ways to enhance the state's energy offerings.