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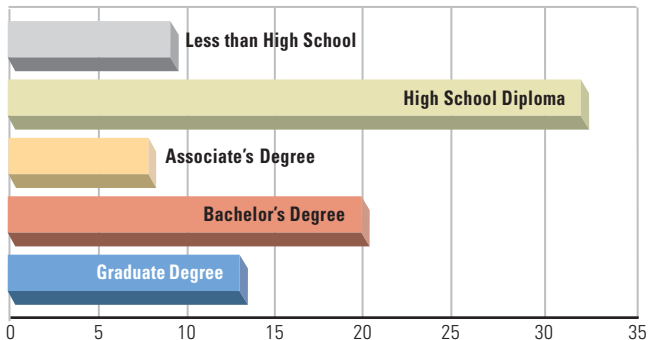
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*"As we work to put Vermonters back to work, one job at a time, let us always be mindful that government does not create jobs; entrepreneurs do."* — Gov. Peter Shumlin, inaugural address, Jan. 2011

**Governor:** Peter Shumlin (D) [thinkvermont.com](http://thinkvermont.com)

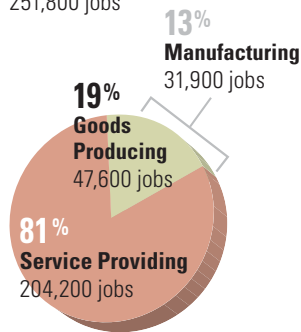
**Population 2011:** 626,009 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 1.26% **Median household income:** \$59,587

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

251,800 jobs



Property tax rank: **36**  
Top corporate tax rate: **8.5**  
Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **43**  
Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **18**  
Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$26.99**  
Ranked by low price: **39**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$14.39**  
Right-to-work state? **NO**

## Legislative Update

- As reported by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the state has moved forward with expansion of broadband connectivity, one of Gov. Shumlin's five economic development agenda items, which also include containing health care costs, work force education, providing tax fairness and credit for emerging businesses, and supporting a renaissance in Vermont

agriculture. The governor's jobs bill incorporates a study of the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive (VEGI) program to evaluate its effectiveness; and collects fees from participants in the federal EB-5 foreign investment program.