



# ARKANSAS

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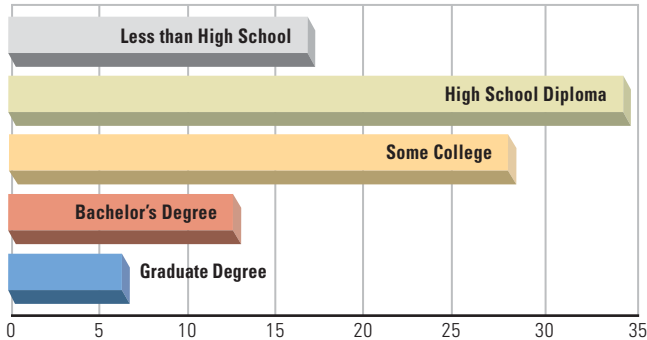
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*“Education and economic development are forever connected in our State. By identifying the needs of Arkansas employers and then training a workforce to meet those needs, we enhance our State’s stability and prosperity.”* — Gov. Mike Beebe, from his weekly radio address of September 21, 2012.

**Governor: Mike Beebe (D) arkansasedc.com**

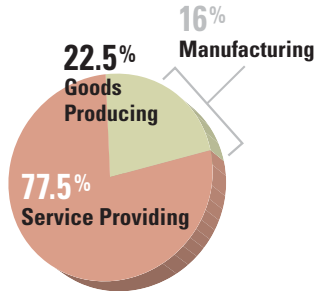
**Population 2011: 2,937,979 Population growth forecast 2012-2017: 3.4% Median household income: \$41,302**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

1,174,200 jobs



Mature firm tax index rank: **30**

New firm tax index rank: **8**

Manufacturing Capex  
2011 (29): **\$1,455,228**

Manufacturing Capex  
on buildings and other  
structures (30): **\$211,334**

Avg. industrial retail electricity  
price (cents/kwh): **6.0**

Avg. annual pay in mfg.: **\$41,010**

Median age: **37.5**

Right-to-work state? **YES**

## Legislative Update

- The House of Representatives did not meet in 2012.