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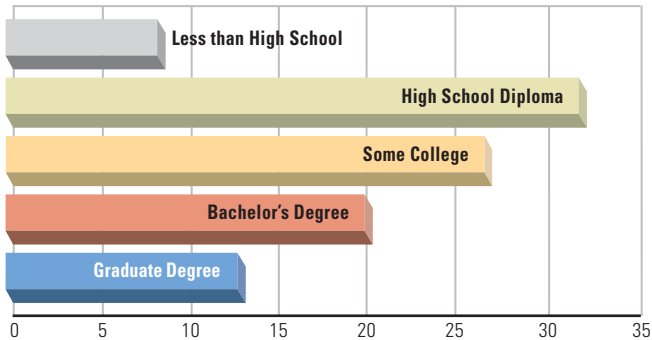
***"This is great news once again for Vermont, proving that our state remains the best place to live, raise your family, work and play."***

— Gov. Peter Shumlin, Dec. 11, 2012, announcing that Vermont had been ranked as the healthiest state for the fourth year in a row by the United Health Foundation

**Governor: Peter Shumlin (D) [accd.vermont.gov](http://accd.vermont.gov)**

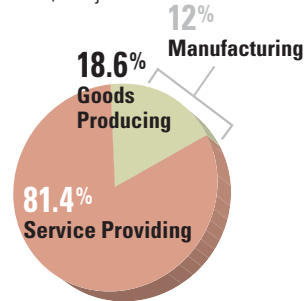
**Population 2011: 62,6431 Population growth forecast 2012-2017: 0.58% Median household income: \$51,862**

### Work Force Education by Percentage



### Private Sector Employment

304,900 jobs



Mature firm tax index rank: **31**

New firm tax index rank: **12**

Manufacturing Capex  
2011 (44): **\$377,033**

Manufacturing Capex  
on buildings and other  
structures (46): **\$41,380**

Avg. industrial retail electricity  
price (cents/kwh): **9.83**

Avg. annual pay in mfg.: **\$49,366**

Median age: **42.0**

Right-to-work state? **NO**

### Legislative Update

- On Sept. 4, 2012, Gov. Shumlin said he would ask lawmakers to allow both Barre and South Burlington to qualify for the Tax Increment Financing program. Legislative action was needed because a statutory cap of six TIF districts was enacted under new TIF rules adopted in 2006.
- On Feb. 6, Gov. Shumlin announced a plan to allow businesses with more than 50 employers to remain outside the state-mandated Health Insurance Exchange until 2016. "Vermont is creating the first single-payer plan in America that will make health a right and not a privilege, contain costs and make Vermont the affordable health care state," he said.