

Florida

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“This past spring, we worked with the Legislature to eliminate the sales tax companies pay when purchasing manufacturing equipment. With Florida’s incredible work force, our 15 seaports, and our strong business climate, manufacturers will be more compelled to move to the Sunshine State so they grow jobs and succeed.”

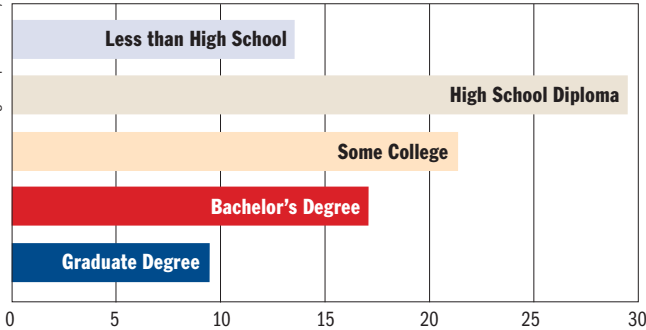
— Gov. Rick Scott, marking National Manufacturing Day on October 4th, 2013

Governor: Rick Scott (R) eflorida.com

Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2013: 19,393,508 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 4.27% Median household income: \$52,581 Median age: 41.1

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	4 (\$672,287*)
Business Tax Climate	5
Small Business Policy	5
Career Readiness Certificates	5 (113,634)
High School Graduation	34
Health	33

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

The Florida Legislature passed legislation to eliminate the sales tax that manufacturers pay when purchasing equipment in Florida. Other measures passed in 2013 include a bill establishing a standardized framework for local public-private partnerships to facilitate the construction of public-purpose projects.

- HB 357 Manufacturing Development directs the Manufacturing Competitiveness

Act and directs the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to create a model ordinance for local governments to use as a guide to establish local manufacturing development programs.

- HB 553 Workers' Compensation System Administration enhances the administration of Florida's workers' compensation system.