

# Maine

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**“Liberal politicians kowtow to unions, social-justice organizations and environmental extremists, but I answer only to hard-working Mainers and their families.”**

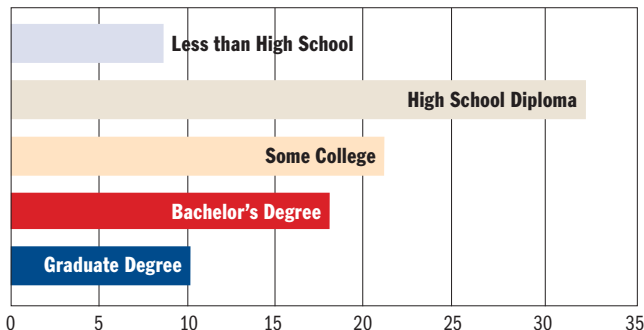
— Gov. Paul R. LePage, Sept. 27, 2013

**Governor: Paul R. LePage (R) [econdevmaine.com](http://econdevmaine.com)**

**Right-to-work state: No**

**Population 2012: 1,334,617 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017: 2.16% Median household income: \$51,807 Median age: 43.9**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

<b>GDP</b> .....	43 (\$45,986*)
<b>Business Tax Climate</b> .....	29
<b>Small Business Policy</b> .....	44
<b>Career Readiness Certificates</b> .....	50 (20)
<b>High School Graduation</b> .....	9
<b>Health</b> .....	16

\* Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

- In November, voters in Maine approved five bond measures, including \$100 million for transportation needs.
- A new law clarifies that the maximum investment for projects in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program is \$40 million, and that such projects must create or retain more than 200 jobs.
- A new law extends the exemption for aircraft and aircraft parts from Maine's sales and use tax until June 30, 2033.
- An act requiring a livable wage to be paid at projects in Maine's Pine Tree Zones was not enacted. Gov. LePage vetoed an act to adjust Maine's minimum wage annually based on cost-of-living changes.