

Massachusetts

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“Business creates jobs, not government. In my private sector experience, what business wants first from government is a light touch on regulation and taxes.

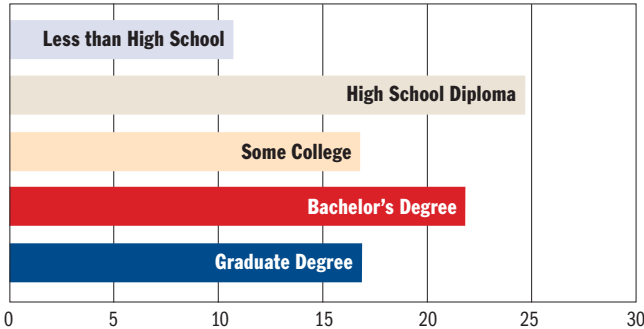
Governor Deval L. Patrick, Dec. 5, 2013

Governor: Deval Patrick (D) mass.gov/hed

Right-to-work state: No

Population 2012: 6,661,658 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017:** 3.74% **Median household income:** \$71,575 **Median age:** 39.2

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	12 (\$353,717*)
Business Tax Climate	25
Small Business Policy	38
Career Readiness Certificates	43 (197)
High School Graduation	14
Health	4

** Real GDP in US millions*

Legislative Update

- The Legislature in July overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of an \$800-million transportation finance bill, meaning the gas tax increased from 21 cents per gallon to 24 cents. The bill also called for a \$1 per pack charge on cigarettes and a tax on computer software services.
- A state measure allows the city of Springfield to convey a portion of Hubbard Park

to UniFirst Corp., an abutter, for the expansion of its parking lot. In exchange, among other conditions, the company will pay \$200,000, as well as an additional \$80,000 to defray, in part, the cost of improvements to Solutia Park, a parcel of land containing approximately 20 acres, to be donated by Solutia to the city of Springfield to be held by the city as replacement park property.