

Minnesota

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“Minnesota has not been considered a ‘low tax’ state during my almost four decades of public service. And the facts show that states offering businesses and their top executives the lowest taxes usually offer the rest of their citizens the lowest incomes, the fewest public services and the highest crime rates.”

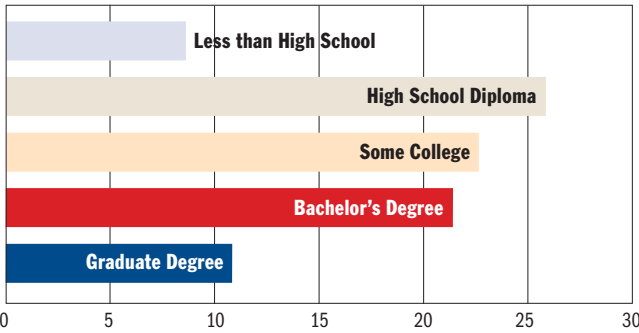
— Gov. Mark Dayton, State of the State address, Feb. 6, 2013

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Right-to-work state: No

Population 2012: 5,397,679 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017:** 3.67% **Median household income:** \$63,491 **Median age:** 37.5

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	17 (\$252,971*)
Business Tax Climate	47
Small Business Policy	45
Career Readiness Certificates	20 (15,854)
High School Graduation	10
Health	3

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- The Destination Medical Center (DMC) measure helps fund the public infrastructure required to keep pace with an estimated \$5 billion in private investment by Mayo Clinic and other private entities over the next 20 years aimed at securing Rochester's and Minnesota's position as a global medical destination.
- State officials injected \$108 million into economic development programs during

the 2013 legislative session, including \$30 million for the Minnesota Investment Fund; \$24 million for the new Minnesota Job Creation Fund; \$8.3 million for the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership; and \$6 million for the Redevelopment Grant Program. The budget froze tuition at state colleges and universities and injected an additional \$46 million into direct financial aid.

Did You Know?

- Minnesota was recently ranked eighth in the "Forbes 2013 List of the Best States for Business," and had, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, the fifth-fastest growing state economy in the nation in 2012.
- Since 2011, state government IT consolidation efforts have saved Minnesotans an estimated \$17.4 million.
- The export category that includes medical devices accounted for \$1.5 billion in manufactured exports from Minnesota in 2011.
- **Snapshot 1954:** In 1954 the Minnesota State Fair crowned Eleanor Maley Thatcher its first Princess Kay of the Milky Way. The contest, reported the St. Paul Pioneer Press in a 2013 look back, "was meant to boost the state's slumping dairy industry and was based on the success of Wisconsin's 'Alice in Dairyland' promotion." Minnesota's agricultural exports hit a record-high of \$8.2 billion in 2012, with dairy contributing \$243 million.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2013

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Exp.	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Baxter International	Brooklyn Park	Hennepin	MF	E	Medical Products	302	190
Rosemount Inc./Emerson	Shakopee	Scott	MF	N	Electronics	71	400
AGCO Corp.	Jackson	Jackson	MF	E	Farm Machinery	42	75
SaniGreen Bioenergy	South St. Paul	Dakota	MF	N	Biogas	30	20
Apogee/Viracon	Owatonna	Steele	MF	N	Glass	30	
Toro Corp.	Bloomington	Hennepin	HQ	E	Machinery	25	50
Hormel	Austin	Mower	MF	E	Processed Meat	25	20
FedEx	Maple Grove	Hennepin	DW	N	Package Delivery	20	300
Recovery Technology Solutions	Shakopee	Scott	HQ/MF	N	Asphalt Shingles	20	22
Joy Global	Virginia	St. Louis	MF	E	Mining Equipment	20	16
CertainTeed Corp.	Shakopee	Scott	MF	E	Asphalt Shingles	20	
Proto Labs	Plymouth	Hennepin	MF	N	Fabricated Metal	15	100
Imperial Plastics	Mankato	Nicollet	MF	N	Plastic Injection Molding	10	60
FORCE America	Alexandria	Douglas	MF	E	Valves	5	12
New Flyer	St. Cloud	Stearns	MF	E	Mass Transit Vehicles	3	136
Ellingson Drainage	West Concord	Dodge	HQ	E	Drainage Systems	3	20
Aveda Corp.	Blaine	Anoka	DW	E	Cosmetics	3	
A.W. Kuettel & Sons	Duluth	St. Louis	MF	N	Fabricated Metal Products	2	
August Schell Brewing	New Ulm	Brown	MF	E	Brewery	2	
TSE Inc.	Jackson	Jackson	MF	N	Medical Devices	2	
Altec Hiline	Duluth	St. Louis	MF	E	Lift Vehicles	1	85
Wal-Mart	Mankato	Nicollet	DW	N	Retail Merchandise		300
Endeavor Air	Minneapolis	Hennepin	HQ	N	Air Transportation		200
Enbridge Energy	Duluth	St. Louis	OF	E	Petroleum Pipelines		110
Valley Cartage	Lake Elmo	Washington	HQ	E	Logistics		100
Perkins Specialized Transportation	Northfield	Rice	DW	E	Logistics		40
Fast Sprayers	Windom	Cottonwood	MF	N	Agricultural Machinery		25
Zumbro River Brands	Albert Lea	Freeborn	MF	E	Food Processing		24

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expansion



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