

Vermont

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“These are projects that support local communities, provide jobs for Vermonters, and ensure we not only solve and prevent problems, but move our projects into the future and make our state a better place to live, work and play.”

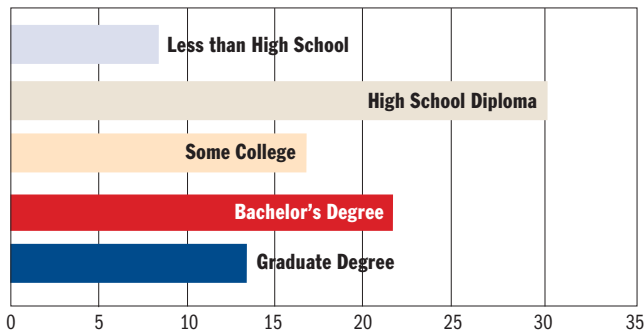
— Gov. Peter Shumlin, May 29, 2013, signing the largest capital improvements budget in the state’s history

Governor: Peter Shumlin (D) accd.vermont.gov

Right-to-work state: No

Population 2013: 628,449 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 2.23% **Median household income:** \$57,961 **Median age:** 42.4

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	50 (\$23,912*)
Business Tax Climate	45
Small Business Policy	48
Career Readiness Certificates	30 (2,010)
High School Graduation	1
Health	2

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- In June 2013, the state launched a brownfields redevelopment program, the Brownfields Economic Revitalization Alliance (BERA). The program will be jointly administered by the state’s Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Agency of Natural resources to quickly move brownfield projects through the redevelopment process.

- In May 2013, Gov. Shumlin signed wage equality legislation into law. The new law reinforces existing law requiring equal pay for equal work, prevents discrimination against a mother who nurses her child at work and permits employees to make requests for flexible work arrangements without fear of employer retaliation.