



**“This is yet another sign of all of the benefits of doing business in Montana. This report shows that in addition to the highly trained workforce, and unmatched quality of life, Montana also offers new and existing businesses a climate that will allow them to thrive.”**

—Gov. Steve Bullock, Oct. 28, 2014, commenting on Montana’s sixth-place ranking in the Tax Foundation’s State Business Tax Climate Index

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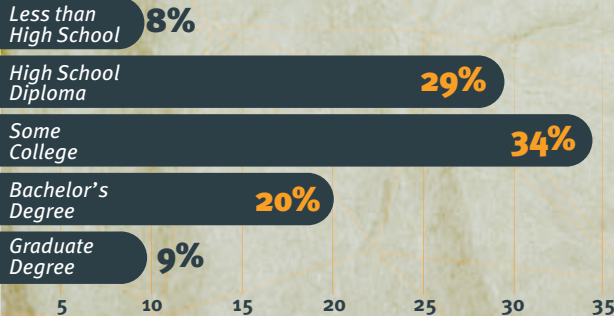
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# Montana

Pop. (2014): 1,020,003 Pop. growth 2014–2019: 3.1%  
Median household income: \$50,819 Median age: 40  
Right-to-work state: No

## Workforce Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	48 (\$39,846*)
Business Tax Climate.....	6
Small Business Policy.....	33
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	27 (1,283)
High School Graduation.....	15 (86%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	46

\*Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

- The Montana Legislature did not meet in 2014.
- On Nov. 17th, Gov. Steve Bullock released his budget proposal for the 2017 biennium. Key components include \$300 million in grants and bonds for infrastructure, including \$45 million in grants to Eastern Montana communities impacted by oil and gas

development; and an apprenticeship tax credit for businesses that allow Montanans to earn while they learn valuable career skills.