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“While Oregon’s job market is growing at its highest rate in 20 years, we must ensure that this growth occurs in all corners of our state and reaches into communities that are still struggling to recover from the recession.”

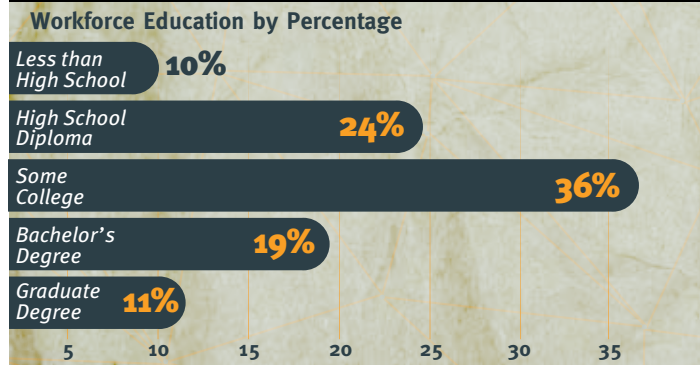
— Gov. John Kitzhaber, Nov. 2014



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Gov. John Kitzhaber (D)

**Oregon**  
 Pop. (2014): 3,948,114 Pop. growth 2014—2019: 3.17%  
 Median household income: \$56,630 Median age: 38.4  
 Right-to-work state: No



**Rankings that Matter**

GDP.....	28 (\$211,241*)
Business Tax Climate.....	12
Small Business Policy.....	44
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	18 (36,228)
High School Graduation.....	37 (78%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	35

\*Real GDP in US millions

**Legislative Update**

- Gov. Kitzhaber in February directed the state’s Dept. of Environmental Quality to move forward with full implementation of Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program. The program was passed by the legislature in 2009, but its carbon reduction measures had not yet been implemented.
- In May, Gov. Kitzhaber signed a Declaration of Cooperation with

members of the Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN): the University of Oregon and Oregon State University; the cities of Eugene, Corvallis, Springfield, and Albany; and regional businesses and agencies. The first phase of RAIN will establish venture accelerators in conjunction with the two universities.