



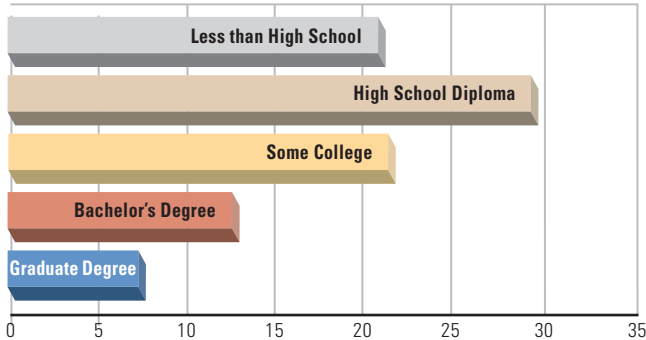
# ARKANSAS

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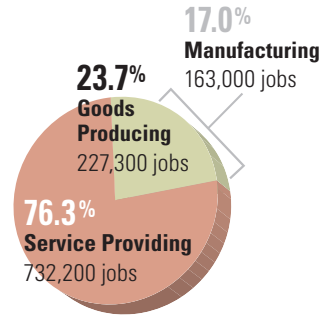
**Governor: Mike Beebe (D) arkansasedc.com**  
**Population 2009: 2,848,591 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 4.68% Median household income: \$41,370**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

959,500 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **34,500**  
Percent of Total State Employment: **3.4**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$12.16**  
Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Arkansas Dept. of Economic Development **\$49.7 million**

## Legislative Update

- Effective July 1, 2009, the sales tax rate on energy used in manufacturing was reduced to 3.125 percent.
- New rules for the state's Consolidated Incentive Act were passed, including a lowering of the equity investment threshold and consistent treatment of tax credits for R&D investment.
- Newly defined incentives for wind energy companies were passed.
- New film production incentives provide for a 15-percent rebate on qualified expenditures.
- Eight two-year colleges comprising the Arkansas Aerospace Training Consortium are using a combination of public and private funds totaling more than \$5 million to construct and equip an aerospace training facility at Rich Mountain Community College in Mena.