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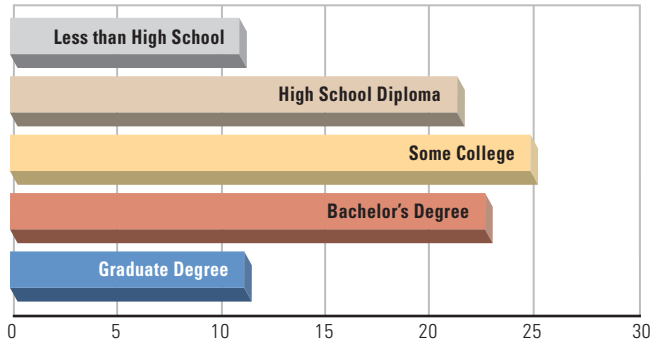
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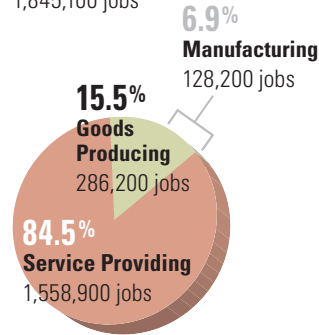
Population 2009: 4,901,164 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 7.91% **Median household income:** \$60,009

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

1,845,100 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **81,200**
Percent of Total State Employment: **4.0**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.16**
Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Colorado Dept. of Labor and Employment
\$15.2 million

Legislative Update

- A new law extends tax credits to those who convert vehicles to compressed natural gas or hybrid electric, phases out tax credits for hybrids with lower fuel economy and allows low-speed electric vehicles to operate on more roads.
- Sales tax refunds were renewed and expanded for bioscience and

clean-tech companies that purchase equipment used in R&D for new technologies and products.

- A new job creation incentive provides a corporate income-tax credit of up to half of a relocating company's annual FICA taxes on new workers, a tax credit for angel investors and a grant program for clean tech R&D.