



# DELAWARE

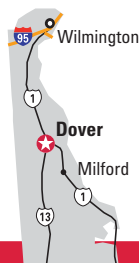
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**Governor: Jack Markell (D)**

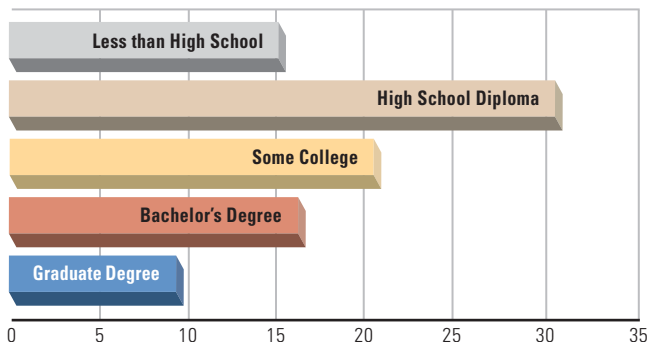
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**Population 2009:** 870,979

**Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 7.05%

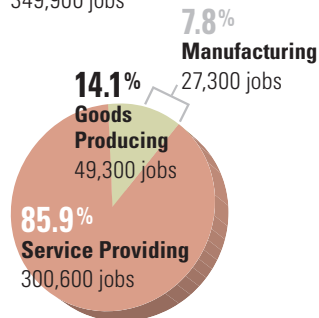
**Median household income:** \$60,047

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

349,900 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **27,800**

Percent of Total State Employment: **7.3**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.86**

Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: State of Delaware **\$49.6 million**

## Legislative Update

- More than 1,000 positions were cut from state government between the start of Gov. Markell's administration in January and early November 2009.
- The state economic development office was reorganized in summer 2009 to be less focused on clusters and more focused on the direct needs of existing and prospective businesses. One change was the appointment of an inter-agency "economic ombudsman" in order to ensure a rapid response to businesses looking to create jobs.
- Markell's "Limited Investment for Financial Traction" (LIFT) program is expected to help between 200 and 500 small businesses access as much as \$50 million a year in loans from participating banks.
- A new law aims to reduce energy consumption 15 percent by 2015, increases energy efficiency requirements through building codes, promotes zero net energy homes and offices, and require energy efficiency to be considered before new energy resources are obtained.