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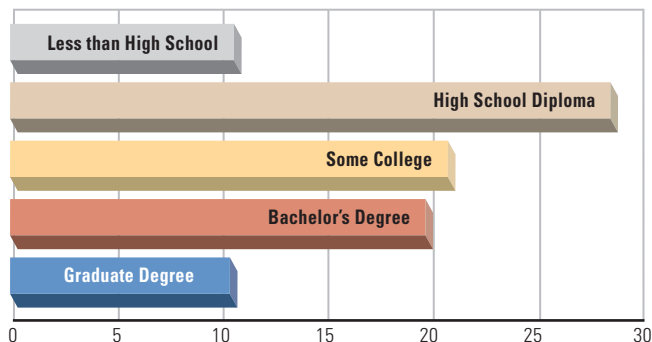


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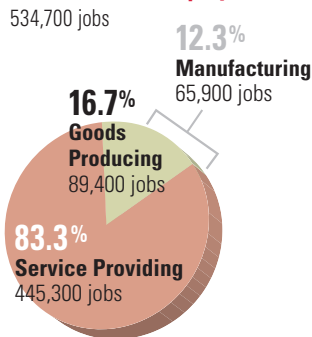
Governor: John Lynch (D) nheconomy.com

Population 2009: 1,320,737 Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 3.79% Median household income: \$62,536

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **37,500**
 Percent of Total State Employment: **6.6**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.66**
 Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: North Country Council (northern N.H.) **\$4.2 million**

Did You Know?

- Ninety-two percent of New Hampshire's population aged 25 and older holds a high school diploma or higher degree, the fourth most in the U.S.
- New Hampshire has the second highest per capita percentage of high-tech workers in the U.S.
- New Hampshire has been ranked as the Most Livable State by CQ Press for five consecutive years.
- The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) was recently awarded \$3.5 million by the Office of Energy and Planning's State Energy Program, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to develop

and implement a low-interest loan and grant program to help finance energy improvements in buildings owned by small, medium, and large businesses and non-profit organizations statewide.

- New Hampshire exports reached a record all-time high of \$3.7 billion in 2008, representing an increase of over 28 percent from 2007, when the previous record was established. The Granite State is currently the 8th fastest growing state in the U.S. for exports and is the fastest growing state in the Northeast.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2009

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Mascoma Corp.	Lebanon	Grafton	HQ	N	Biofuels	\$60	
FW Webb	Concord	Merrimack	DW/OF	N	HVAC Equipment		
Nanocom Technologies Inc.	Concord	Merrimack	MF	E	Aerospace parts		

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded



Legislative Update

- According to the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, "lawmakers cobbled together a budget using motor vehicle fee increases, another cigarette tax increase, a new tax on LLC distributions and a rooms and meals tax increase." Among the measures fended off by the business community until 2010 was a suspension of the business enterprise tax credit against the state's business profits tax.
- Like the federal law it strengthens, the New Hampshire WARN Act requires businesses to give workers 60 days advance notice of a closing or mass layoff. The act applies to businesses with 75 or more employees. Federal law requires a warning to be issued for businesses with 100 or more employees.
- Gov. John Lynch has issued an executive order creating a Gaming Study Commission to conduct a review of various models for expanded gaming in New Hampshire.

Business in New Hampshire

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Competitive cost of business
Lowest tax burden in U.S.
Affordable land and buildings
Accessible state government
Close to major northeast markets

It's hard to find a downside to doing business in New Hampshire. Our state boasts a co-operative, business focused government; an extremely skilled workforce and one of the most envious tax structures in the country. And PSNH can be a valuable partner by providing some of the lowest, most reliable electric power in the region, as well as assistance with important business issues like site selection, environmental analysis, and energy efficiency studies. We can even put you in touch with the people who will help your business prosper in our state, like government officials, policy makers and community leaders. If this sounds good to you, talk with us. Call Pat McDermott, PSNH Economic and Community Development Manager, at 800.490.7764.

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