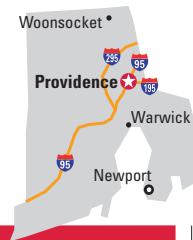


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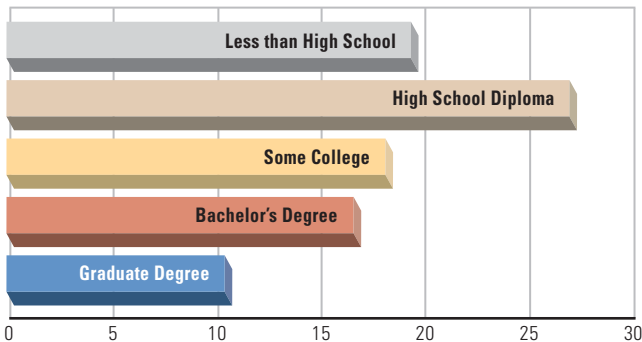


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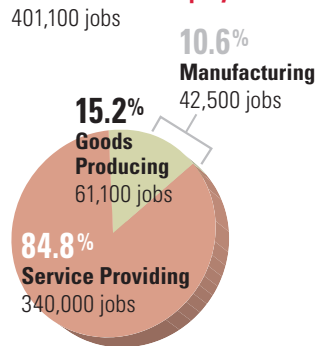


**Governor:** Donald Carcieri (R) **riedc.com**  
**Population 2009:** 1,057,425 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** -0.44% **Median household income:** \$52,301

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **25,500**  
 Percent of Total State Employment: **5.9**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.57**  
 Right-to-work state? **NO**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: RI Dept. of Labor and Training **\$13.4 million**

## Legislative Update

- Gov. Carcieri signed legislation that reconstitutes and expands the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) board of directors and defines at three years the term of employment for an EDC executive director.
- A new law increases the maximum fines against industrial polluters from \$1,000 to \$25,000 per violation, per day, by creating a penalty

- provision for non-compliance with the DEM's Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act.
- A new law requires the state's largest electric utility to enter into long-term contracts to purchase power from renewable energy producers in Rhode Island.