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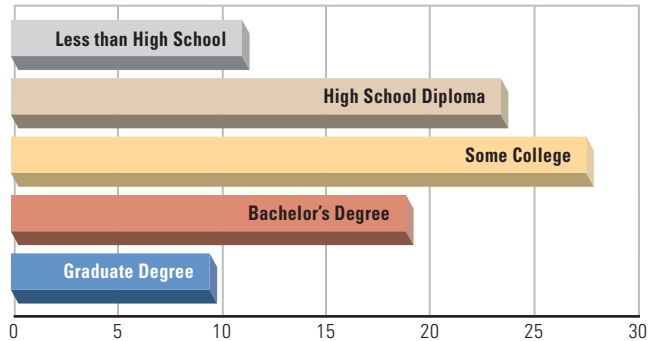
Governor: Christine Gregoire (D) www.commerce.wa.gov
Population 2009: 6,512,359 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 6.7% **Median household income:** \$57,132

Employment by
Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of
Foreign Firms in 2007: **90,100**
Percent of Total
State Employment: **3.6**

Median Hourly Wage for
Production Occupations: **\$15.99**
Right-to-work state? **NO**

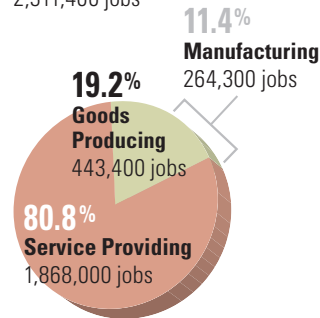
U.S. Recovery Act Highlight:
W Dept. of Community, Trade
and Economic Development
\$97.2 million

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

2,311,400 jobs



Legislative Update

- Gov. Chris Gregoire signed House Bill 1906 in February, which will give Washingtonians receiving unemployment insurance an additional \$45 a week in benefits, coming at the same time the federal government is increasing benefits by \$25 a week. The combined state and federal increases will mean \$70 more a week for Washingtonians on unemployment.
- The state economic and community development agency was renamed the Dept. of Commerce and re-tasks to maintain a focus on jobs and economic development. Restructuring recommendations were submitted to Gov. Gregoire and the legislature in November 2009.
- A measure passed ensuring that land-use planning allows major ports to thrive.