

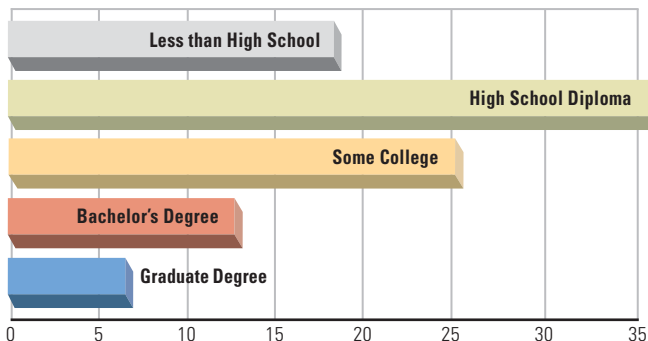


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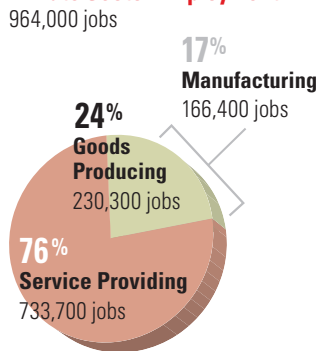
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**Governor: Mike Beebe (D)**      **arkansasedc.com**  
**Population 2010: 2,900,829**    **Population growth forecast 2010-2014: 4.01%**    **Median household income: \$44,136**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment



## 2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall Ranking: **48**  
 Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T47**  
 Manufacturing Value-Added: **42**  
 Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **39**  
 Industry Investment in R&D: **46**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$12.49**  
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

## Did You Know?

- Arkansas taxpayers may receive an income tax credit for the purchase of equipment used exclusively for reduction, reuse or recycling of solid waste material for commercial purposes, whether or not for profit, and the cost of installation of such equipment by outside contractors. Taxpayers receiving credit under this Act for the purchase of machinery and equipment shall not be entitled to any other state or local tax credit or deduction based on the purchase of the machinery or equipment, except normal depreciation.
- The amount of the tax credit shall equal 30 percent of the cost of eligible equipment and installation costs. Credits may be carried over a maximum of three consecutive years following the taxable year in which the credits accrued. Eligibility is determined by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Such equipment must be used in the collection, separation, processing, modification, conversion, treatment or manufacturing of products containing at least 50 percent recovered materials of which at least 10 percent is post-consumer waste.



- Capital
- Main Highways
- Int'l Airport
- Ports

## Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2010

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Awesome Products	West Memphis	Crittenden	MF/DW	E	Cleaning Products	\$40	200
Kimberly-Clark	Conway	Faulkner	MF	E	Sanitary Products	25	40
Saint Jean Industries	Heber Springs	Cleburne	MF	E	Auto Parts	14	250
FutureFuel Chemical Co.	Batesville	Independence	MF	N	Anode Material for Lithium-ion Batteries	12	
Delta Group Electronics	Fayetteville	Washington	MF	E	Circuit Boards	5	75
Metal Sales Manufacturing Co.	Fort Smith	Sebastian	MF	N	Metal Buildings		

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

## Legislative Update

- The Arkansas Legislature held its first-ever "Fiscal Session" during 2010 to approve the state budget. No major economic development bills were passed.
- Gov. Mike Beebe plans to ask the Legislature for a half-cent reduction in the state sales tax on groceries. That follows a \$500-million reduction in the tax over the past four years.
- Beebe's budget plan also includes a 2-percent increase in per-pupil funding for K-12 education, as well as an additional \$7 million for the state's four-year, two-year and technical institutions of higher education.
- Bills filed for the 2011 session which convenes on Jan. 10 include a proposal to eliminate the 4.9-percent state capital gains tax on profits earned on new investments in Arkansas-based companies.

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