



# MINNESOTA

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**Governor:** Mark Dayton (D) **www.PositivelyMinnesota.com**  
**Population 2010:** 5,285,754 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 3.64% **Median household income:** \$62,496

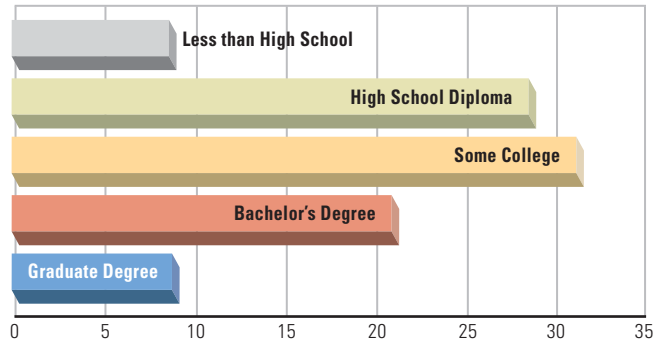
## 2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **13**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T22**  
Manufacturing Value-Added: **22**  
Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **24**  
Industry Investment in R&D: **7**

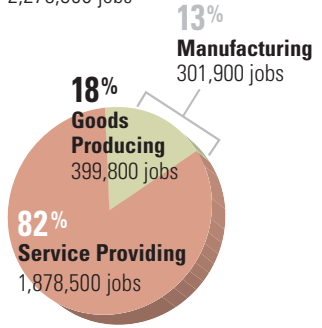
Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$15.61**  
Right-to-work state? **NO**

### Work Force Education by Percentage



### Private Sector Employment

2,278,300 jobs



### Legislative Update

From the Government Relations practice of Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis:

- **Bonding Bill Adopted.** In addition to finding a budget solution, the legislature passed a \$1-billion bonding bill during the first six weeks of the session. Pawlenty line-item vetoed the bill down to \$680 million.
- **Jobs and Job Creation a Focus for the Session.** In addition to the

bonding bill, the Legislature passed a jobs bill (Chapter 216) creating an angel investor tax credit that will make \$50 million available over the next five years for startup companies, provide tax breaks for historic restoration of buildings, offer various incentives for energy conservation initiatives, and authorize subsidies for renovation of the Ford plant in St. Paul and expansion of the Mall of America.