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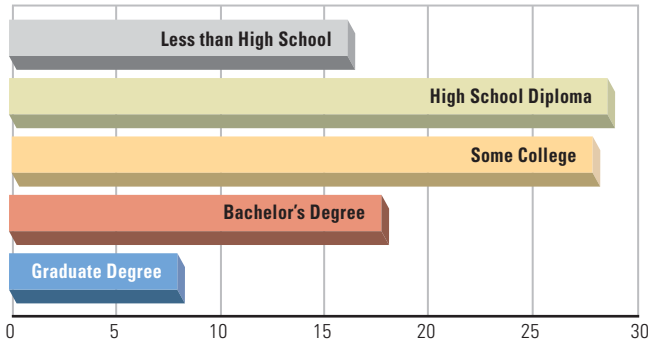
Governor: Beverly Perdue (D) **www.nccommerce.com**
Population 2010: 9,450,965 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 7.44% **Median household income:** \$49,673

2010 New Economy Index Rankings

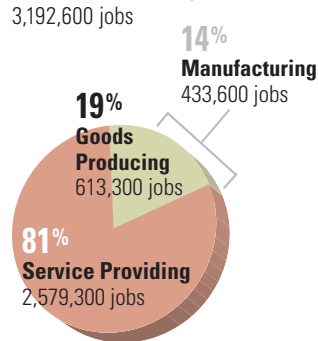
Overall: **24**
 Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **T36**
 Manufacturing Value-Added: **25**
 Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **27**
 Industry Investment in R&D: **20**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.41**
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Did You Know?

- A 2010 report from the Center for Economic Policy Research says North Carolina has the lowest unionization rate in the country, at 4.1 percent.
- As one of the 11 states (plus D.C.) named as winners of U.S. Dept. of Education "Race to the Top" funding, the state will receive \$400 million to support comprehensive education reform.
- North Carolina State University is home to the Database of State Incentives for Renewable and Efficiency (www.dsireusa.org), a comprehensive source of nationwide information on incentives and policies at the state, local, utility and federal levels. Established in 1995 and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, DSIRE is an ongoing project of the N.C. Solar Center and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council.

Legislative Update

- HB 1773, and SB 1171, the "Keeping North Carolina Competitive Act," include multiple provisions that enhance film production tax credits; create a new credit for producers of interactive digital media; modify and enhance the sales and use tax benefits for data centers; create sales and use tax benefits for certain industrial facilities; and extend the sunset for Article 3J tax credits until Jan. 1, 2014. The measure extends the sunsets for incentives involving renewable fuel facilities, biodiesel producers, interstate passenger air carriers, and professional motorsports racing teams and sanctioning bodies. It also creates incentives for eco-industrial parks.
- SB 778 clarified the application of the State Environmental Policy Act (originally passed in the 1970s to apply to public-sector building projects) to private-sector projects receiving state and local incentives was unnecessary, given already-in-place review processes.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2010

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
American Express	Greensboro	Guilford	OF	N	Data Center	\$600	150
Caterpillar	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	MF	N	Construction Equipment	426	392
Clearwater Paper Corp.	Shelby	Cleveland	MF/DW	N	Paper Towels	260	250
Siemens Energy	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	MF	E	Turbines (phase 2)	170	825
CertainTeed Gypsum	Roxboro	Person	MF	E	Wallboard	160	89
ABB Ltd.	Huntersville	Mecklenburg	MF	N	Process Control Instruments	90	100
Novo Nordisk	Clayton	Johnston	MF	E	Insulin	73	205
Celgard, LLC (#2)	Concord	Cabarrus	MF	E	Membranes for Lithium Batteries	59	209
Becton Dickinson and Co.	Four Oaks	Johnston	DW	N	Medical Devices	38	190
Celgard, LLC (#1)	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	MF	E	Membranes for Lithium Batteries	31	80

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



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