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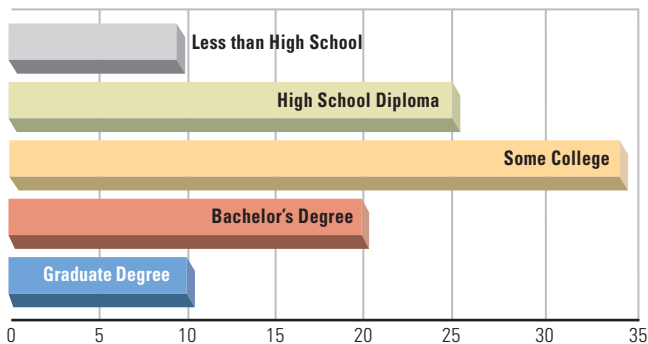
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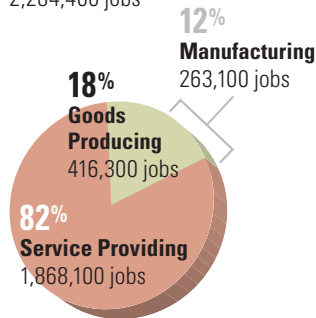
Population 2010: 6,714,052 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014:** 7.45% **Median household income:** \$60,070

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

2,284,400 jobs



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **2**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **15**
Manufacturing Value-Added: **1**
Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **3**
Industry Investment in R&D: **4**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$16.56**
Right-to-work state? **NO**

Legislative Update

- The Opportunity Express bill requires that community and technical colleges give priority in awarding worker retraining funds to programs in aerospace, health care, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy and other strategic industry clusters.
- A new measure extends a sales tax incentive in 19 rural counties where unemployment averages 14 percent.
- A new law provides a retail sales and use tax exemption for server equipment and power infrastructure required to operate the equipment for computer data centers. The exemption expires April 1, 2018.
- Aircraft repair employers now are entitled to the same tax incentive rate that other commercial aerospace employers receive through 2024.
- A new laws extends tax incentives to aluminum companies until 2017.