



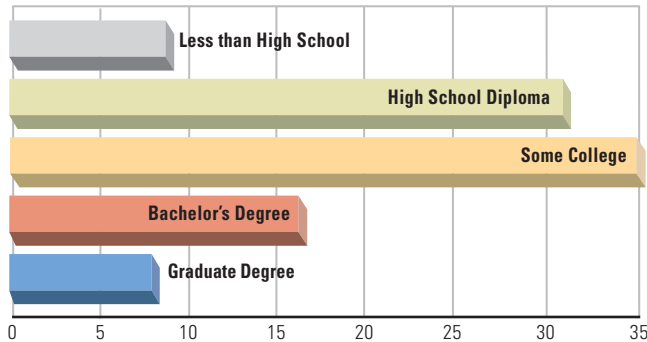
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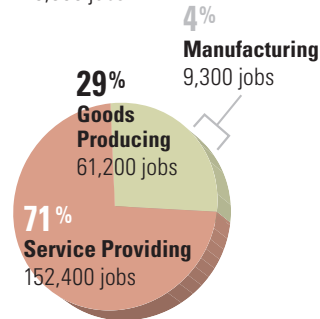
Governor: Matt Mead (R) wyomingbusiness.org
Population 2010: 549,724 **Population growth forecast 2010-2014: 10.11%** **Median household income: \$61,591**

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

213,600 jobs



2010 New Economy Index Rankings

Overall: **46**

Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: **46**
Manufacturing Value-Added: **48**
Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: **15**
Industry Investment in R&D: **50**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$19.39**

Right-to-work state? **YES**

Legislative Update

• A new law provides for a tax exemption for data center equipment when a company with a capital investment of \$5 million and physical location in Wyoming buys or rents \$2 million of equipment in a calendar year. The new law encouraged EchoStar Broadcasting Corp., a subsidiary of EchoStar Corp., to choose Cheyenne for a new multimillion-dollar data center that will border EchoStar's existing satellite facility located in Cheyenne Business Park.

- "While there were many reasons we chose to build in Cheyenne, the legislation did have an influence on our decision," said EchoStar spokesman Marc Lumpkin.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2011, a new measure provides a property tax exemption for property and property infrastructure owned by a community development organization, up until the sale or lease of said property.
- The expiration date of the state sales/use tax exemption for manufacturing equipment was extended to December 31, 2011.