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“Developing our geothermal resources has the exciting potential to provide a firm, reliable and ‘green’ source of alternative energy for Idaho.”

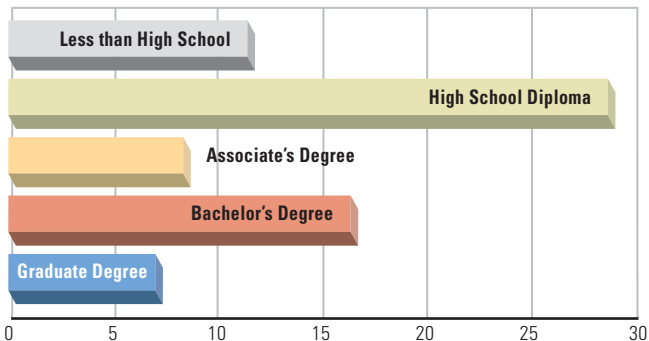
— Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter

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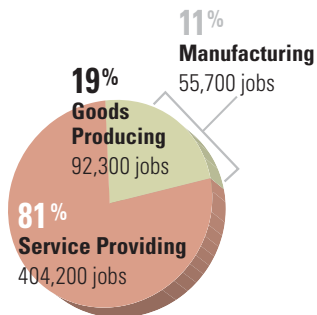
Population 2011: 1,581,437 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 8.0% **Median household income:** \$52,749

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

496,500 jobs



Property tax rank: **2**
 Top corporate tax rate: **7.6**
 Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **22**
 Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **29**
 Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$15.16**
 Ranked by low price: **6**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$13.61**
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

Legislative Update

- Passed several bills aimed at removing barriers to geothermal energy development on state lands.
- A bill that would have given state and local governments jurisdiction to expedite permit applications for renewable energy projects was held in a Senate committee and did not pass.
- A House bill which would have extended the sales tax rebate for equip-

ment used to generate renewable electricity, was rejected by a one-vote margin in the state Senate just prior to the end of the 2011 session. The bill would have allowed wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, low-impact hydro and landfill gas powered facilities that are in production before December 31, 2014, to receive a rebate of sales tax paid on their qualifying equipment.