



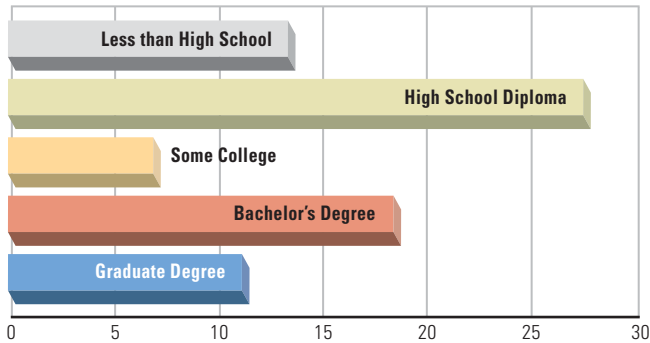
# ILLINOIS

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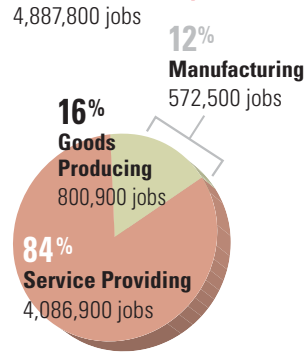
*"Creating jobs for Illinois workers is our number one priority. This investment package [for expansion of the Ford Chicago Plant] not only will help create 1,200 new jobs and boost the local economy, but it will ensure the next generation of Ford vehicles are built by Illinois workers — the best workers in the world." — Gov. Pat Quinn*

**Governor:** Pat Quinn (D) **illinoisbiz.biz**  
**Population 2011:** 12,850,523 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 1.74% **Median household income:** \$63,498

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment



Property tax rank: **39**  
Top corporate tax rate: **9.5**  
Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **42**  
Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **3**  
Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$20.06**  
Ranked by low price: **32**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$14.77**  
Right-to-work state? **NO**

## Legislative Update

- A \$371-million tax break aimed at keeping Sears Holdings and Chicago's financial exchanges in the state passed the Legislature on Dec. 13. The Tax Reform & Economic Growth proposal will also increase the Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to 7.5 percent of the federal EITC in 2012 and to 10 percent of federal EITC in 2013.
- Workers' compensation reform was passed, including a limitation on

carpal tunnel claims. It also contains a provision that cuts medical fees by 30 percent.

- The state's unemployment insurance program was reformed with expected savings of \$400 million to Illinois businesses.
- The state's biodiesel tax credit was extended for five years, until 2018. The tax credit was previously due to expire at the end of 2013.