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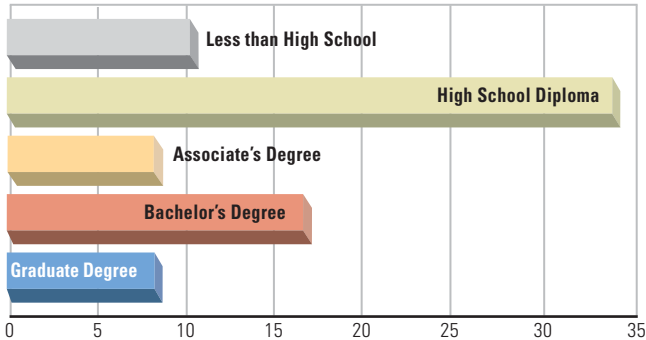
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*"We have heard from companies that say they like the fact that the leadership here is not afraid to take on challenges."*

— Gov. Scott Walker, Site Selection magazine, July 2011

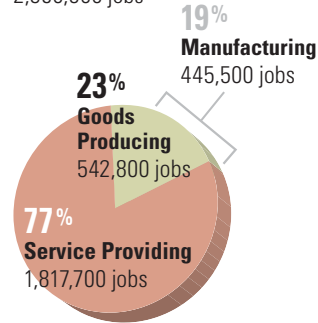
**Governor:** Scott Walker (R) **commerce.state.wi.us**  
**Population 2011:** 5,709,691 **Population growth forecast 2011-2015:** 2.63% **Median household income:** \$59,342

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

2,360,500 jobs



Property tax rank: **30**  
Top corporate tax rate: **7.9**  
Unemployment insurance burden rank by least percent of taxable wages: **37**  
Worker's comp rank by lowest index: **19**  
Industrial power prices (per million BTU): **\$19.74**  
Ranked by low price: **29**

Median hourly wage for production occupations: **\$15.72**  
Right-to-work state? **NO**

## Legislative Update

A major provision of the budget signed into law in June by Gov. Scott Walker was the elimination of the Department of Commerce, whose economic development role is now filled by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). Among many measures highlighted by the end-of-session summary from Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce were: a manufacturers tax credit that nearly eliminates income taxes paid

on income generated from manufacturing in Wisconsin; limits on property tax increases imposed by municipalities, schools, counties, and technical college districts; comprehensive collective bargaining reform that will help state and local governments control spending, and will diminish the strength and power of public employee unions in Wisconsin; and a two-year corporate income tax holiday for new businesses that locate in Wisconsin.