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George Gervais, Commissioner

"China is the world's fastest growing economy, and for Maine companies looking to develop new exports, we have seen firsthand there is huge potential here."

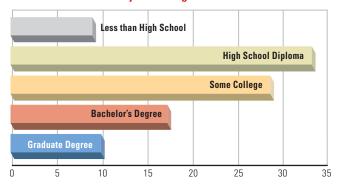
— Gov. Paul LePage, Sept. 14, 2012, during a week-long trade mission

Governor: Paul LePage (R)

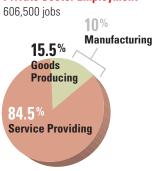
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Population 2011: 1,328,188 Population growth forecast 2012-2017: 0.88% Median household income: \$49,693

## **Work Force Education by Percentage**



## **Private Sector Employment**



Mature firm tax index rank: 27

New firm tax index rank: 20

Manufacturing Capex

2011 (40): \$644,424

Manufacturing Capex on buildings and other structures (40): \$100,862

Avg. industrial retail electricity price (cents/kwh): 7.48

Avg. annual pay in mfg.: \$46,427

Median age: 43.2 Right-to-work state? NO

## **Legislative Update**

- A 2012 summary by the law firm Pierce Atwood notes the signing of the "Act to Implement a Coordinated Strategy to Attract New Businesses, Expand Existing Businesses and Develop a Consistent and Recognizable Maine Brand "
- A bond measure passed in in November provides \$41 million to projects to repair highways and bridges, \$3 million for dredging in Searsport,

\$2 million for the port at Mack Point, \$1.5 million for the Industrial Rail Access Program and \$1.5 million for warehousing at the port of Eastport. It makes the state eligible for \$105.6 million in federal and other matching funds. A bond measure that would have provided up to \$11.3 million toward a new biosafety lab at the University of Maine and new technology for the Maine Community College system failed by a narrow margin.