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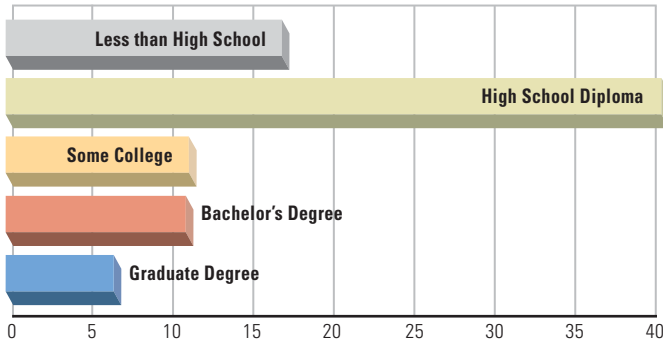
“Companies big and small are recognizing the work force available if they set up shop here in West Virginia ... More than 6,000 new jobs have been announced since I became your governor. These jobs will do more than ensure our state’s future success; they will provide stability and security for West Virginians and their families.”

— Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, Sept. 3, 2012, commenting on the West Virginia work force

Governor: Earl Tomblin (D) wvdo.org

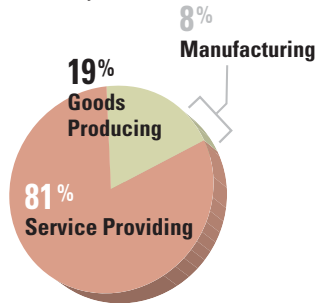
Population 2011: 1,855,364 Population growth forecast 2012-2017: 0.88% Median household income: \$41,821

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

751,400 jobs



Mature firm tax index rank: **48**

New firm tax index rank: **33**

Manufacturing Capex
 2011 (39): **\$712,304**

Manufacturing Capex
 on buildings and other
 structures (38): **\$115,203**

Avg. industrial retail electricity
 price (cents/kwh): **6.5**

Avg. annual pay in mfg.: **\$57,757**

Median age: **41.4**

Right-to-work state? **NO**

Legislative Update

- Gov. Tomblin signed House Bill 4086, which enhances state efforts to recruit an ethane steam cracker. “By signing House Bill 4086 into law, we establish tax relief for ethane cracker development. This legislation, coupled with the landmark Horizontal Well Act, relating to Marcellus Shale Development, sends a clear message to investors that we remain

committed to rebuilding our manufacturing base,” said Gov. Tomblin.

- Gov. Tomblin signed comprehensive mine safety reforms into law in West Virginia. House Bill 4351 includes many safety improvements aimed toward preventing coal mine disaster injuries and fatalities.