

Illinois

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“We are strengthening the partnership between government and the private sector to spotlight what makes Illinois one of the best places to do business, and creating more jobs for the people of Illinois. This legislation builds on our ongoing efforts to work with private sector leaders to aggressively market and promote Illinois to businesses around the world.”

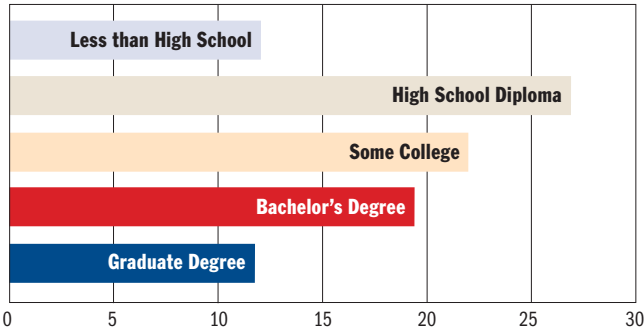
— Gov. Pat Quinn on May 30, 2013, upon signing House Bill 1544

Governor: Pat Quinn (D) illinoisbiz.biz

Right-to-work state: No

Population 2013: 12,921,102 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 3.02% **Median household income:** \$63,329 **Median age:** 36.8

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	5 (\$594,201*)
Business Tax Climate	31
Small Business Policy	35
Career Readiness Certificates	9 (85,836)
High School Graduation	20
Health	30

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- House Bill 1544 creates the Illinois Business Development Council and provides an agreed-upon structure for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to produce a state economic development plan every five years, starting July 1, 2014.
- The Illinois House of Representatives passed a historic and comprehensive pension reform that will stabilize the pension systems, eliminate the unfunded liability and preserve the pensions of state employees and teachers.