

Oregon

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“Oregon will continue to press for a national debate (on the use of coal resources and the environment) so we make a conscious decision about our energy future rather than leaving critical questions up to the whims of investors and speculators who are removed from the practical and moral implications of climate change.”

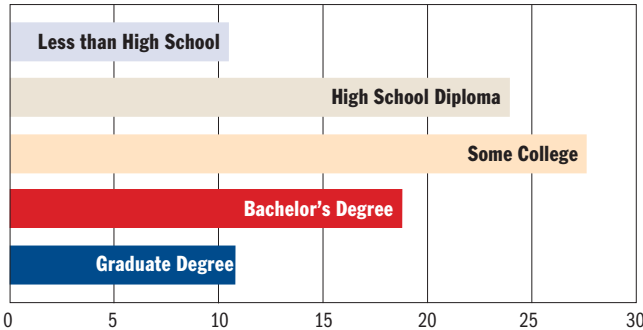
— Gov. John Kitzhaber, November 20, 2013, *Climate Solutions Annual Dinner*

Governor: John Kitzhaber (D) oregon4biz.com

Right-to-work state: No

Population 2013: 3,919,512 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 3.54% Median household income: \$54,353 Median age: 38.5

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	25 (\$187,440*)
Business Tax Climate	12
Small Business Policy	42
Career Readiness Certificates	17 (27,352)
High School Graduation	26
Health	13

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- Governor Kitzhaber was named one of *Governing* magazine's Public Officials of the Year for 2013 for his deft handling of thorny legislative issues including restructuring the state pension system. In a three-day special session of the legislature in October 2013, lawmakers reduced the tax rate from 9.9 percent to 7 percent on income from small businesses employing non-owners, essentially

creating a \$239 million tax cut. The bill also raises \$244 million for the current budget by adjusting Oregon's senior medical deduction, creating a higher tax rate for "C corporations," eliminating a personal exemption on citizens earning more than \$100,000 and raising cigarette taxes by 13 cents per pack.

- The 2013-2015 biennium included \$1 billion for statewide infrastructure projects.