



“We don’t have a resource problem in Alaska. We have a distribution problem. I am steadfastly committed to developing that distribution system, to bring Alaska’s natural gas to Alaskans and to the lucrative world markets.”

—Gov. Bill Walker at his Dec. 1, 2014, swearing-in ceremony

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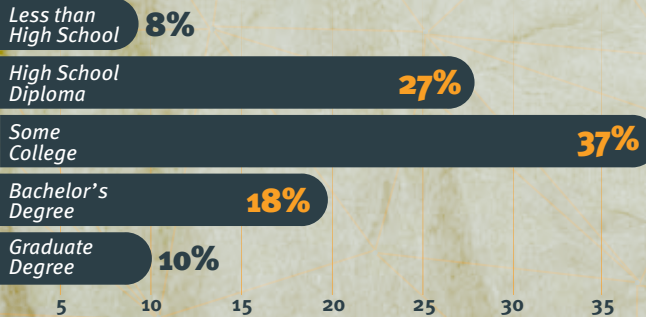
Alaska

Pop. (2014): 737,286 Pop. growth 2014–2019: 4.74%

Median household income: \$76,422 Median age: 33.8

Right-to-work state: No

Workforce Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	43 (\$51,542*)
Business Tax Climate.....	4
Small Business Policy.....	18
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	2 (37,447)
High School Graduation.....	30 (79%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	40

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- Voters decided to raise the state’s minimum wage to \$9.75 an hour in the November 2014 election. More than 600,000 Alaskan workers will receive raises in 2016.

- The legal marijuana industry can now take root in Alaska. By a slim majority, the recreational use of marijuana was legalized in November. Marijuana growing and selling will be fully regulated and taxed beginning February 24, 2015.