



“Downtown Development Districts will spur private capital investment in commercial business districts, stimulate job growth, help build a stable community of long term residents by improving housing opportunities, and strengthen our neighborhoods. By spurring economic activity in our downtowns, Delaware will attract more talented people, innovative small businesses and residents from all walks of life.”

— Gov. Markell in his weekly address, Aug. 8, 2014

Gov. Jack Markell (D)

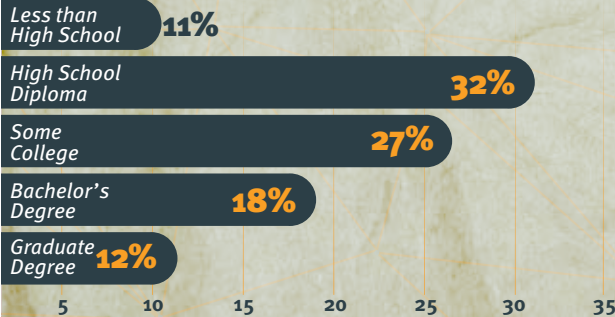
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Delaware

Pop. (2014): 929,978 **Pop. growth 2013—2018:** 3.72%
Median household income: \$68,646 **Median age:** 38.7
Right-to-work state: No

Workforce Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	41 (\$58,028*)
Business Tax Climate.....	14
Small Business Policy.....	32
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	40 (170)
High School Graduation.....	40 (77%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	37

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- The state launched the \$3-million Delaware Cyber Initiative to develop partnerships between academia, workers and the private sector to develop a skilled and innovative cybersecurity workforce.
- The legislature approved \$7 million to establish and fund Downtown Development Districts.

- The Accelerated Career Paths program creates a partnership between the Delaware Manufacturing Association, Delaware Technical and Community College and the Delaware Department of Education and allows high school juniors and seniors to earn professional manufacturing certificates at graduation.