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“The defeat of our Open for Business Zones is just the latest assault by job-killing liberal politicians on our efforts to improve our state’s business climate and create careers for Mainers. The liberals have pursued their anti-business philosophy with a vengeance this session.”

—Gov. Paul R. LePage, April 11, 2014



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Gov. Paul R. LePage (R)

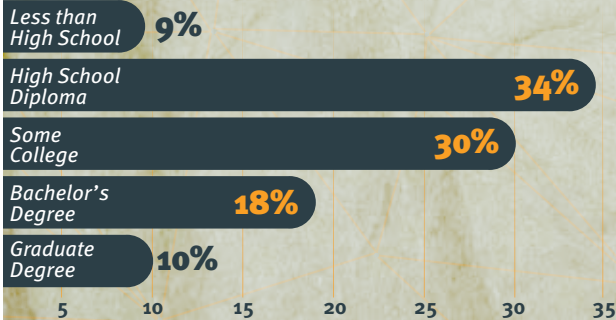
Maine

Pop. (2014): 1,333,138 Pop. growth 2014—2019: 1.28%

Median household income: \$54,464 Median age: 42.9

Right-to-work state: No

Workforce Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	44 (\$51,163*)
Business Tax Climate.....	33
Small Business Policy.....	42
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	50 (39)
High School Graduation.....	9 (87%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	44

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

Gov. Paul R. LePage signed LD 1807, the bill he submitted to replenish the state’s rainy day fund and restore fiscal responsibility to state operations. The bill was to release bonds to fund infrastructure projects, mostly for roads, highways and bridges, putting up to 25,000 Mainers to work.

In November, after winning re-election, the governor proposed eliminating Maine’s individual income tax; revenue would be replaced by broadening the sales tax base.