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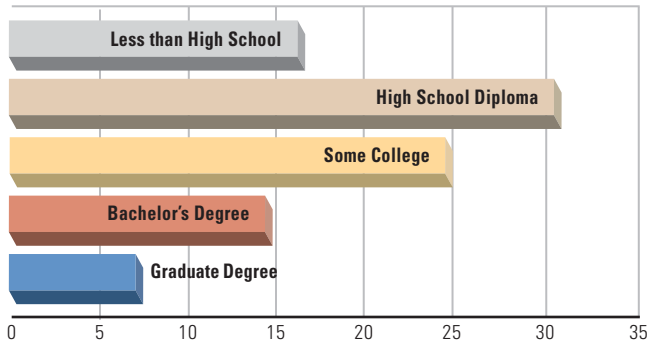
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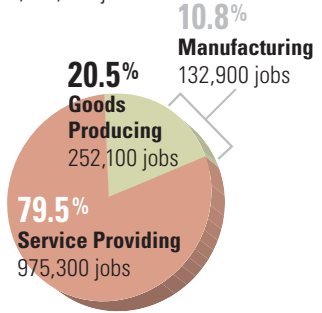
Governor: Brad Henry (R) **okcommerce.gov**
Population 2009: 3,632,399 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 3.89% **Median household income:** \$42,031

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

1,227,400 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **32,600**
Percent of Total State Employment: **2.6**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$12.94**
Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Okla. Dept. of Commerce **\$83 million**

Legislative Update

- Tort reform legislation signed into law in May 2009 by Gov. Brad Henry will help curb frivolous lawsuits and reduce costs associated with the justice system, among other things.
- Gov. Henry also signed a measure aimed at strengthening the state's Insure Oklahoma program. Launched in 2004 as part of the Governor's healthcare initiative, Insure

Oklahoma is a public-private partnership that helps small businesses purchase health insurance for their employees. HB 2026 will help increase enrollment in Insure Oklahoma at the point of healthcare service delivery. The bill allows greater flexibility in options for standard health benefit plans.