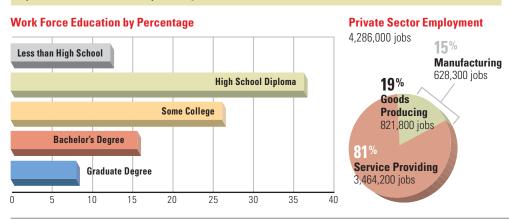


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### Population 2010: 11,152,563 Population growth forecast 2010-2014: 0.89% Median household income: \$51,503



# **Index Rankings** Overall: 25 Immigration of Domestic and Foreign Knowledge Workers: 11 Manufacturing Value-Added: 19 Export Focus of Manufacturing and Services: 26 Industry Investment in R&D: 14

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Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: \$15.25 Right-to-work state? NO

## **Did You Know?**

- Only 15 states had a lower tax burden than Ohio in fiscal 2009, according to April 2010 analysis by the Federation of Tax Administrators in Washington, D.C. That's nine places better than 2005, when Ohio embarked on a program to change the state's tax system.
- As one of the 11 states (plus D.C.) named as winners of U.S. Dept. of Education "Race to the Top" funding, the state will receive \$400 million to support comprehensive education reform.
- A policy paper developed by the Ohio Economic Development Association calls for streamlining of Ohio's incentives and work-force development programs, and the creation of an Ohio Jobs Closing Fund. It also calls for joining a \$1-billion Great Lakes angel fund for tech-based companies. And, it says, "every large manufacturer in Ohio should be fully briefed on the millions of dollars in cost savings available from the Public Utility Commission of Ohio's recently created electric incentive program."

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2010							
Company	City	County	Туре	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Lio Energy Systems LLC	Columbus	Franklin	MF	Ν	Lithium ion Batteries	\$556	1000
Middletown Coke Company LLC	Middletown	Butler	MF	E	Coke product	s 385	75
SunCoke Energy	Middleton		MF	Ν	Coal	350	
DuPont Co.	Circleville	Pickaway	MF	E	Photovoltaic Film	175	
Coca Cola	Columbus	Franklin	MF/DW	E	Soft Drinks	120	35
General Motors	Defiance	Defiance	MF	Е	Engine Blocks	115	
United States Steel Corp.	Lorain	Lorain	MF	E	Steel	94	80
TJX Companies	New Albany	Franklin	OF	Ν	Data Center	79	28
Caterpillar Logistics Services	Clayton	Montgomery	DW	Ν	Logistics	65	1000
ConAgra Foods Inc.	Troy	Miami	MF	Е	Snacks	60	200
Nissin Brake Ohio	Findlay	Hancock	MF	Е	Brakes	36	37
Sanoh America Inc.	Archbold	Fulton	MF	Е	Auto Brakes	32	28
MF = Manufacturing OF = Office	HQ = Headquarters RD	= Research & Developme	nt CC = Contact	t Center DW	/ = Distribution/Warehou	ise N = New E = Exp	anded



### **Legislative Update**

• A legislative summary published in June by Bricker & Eckler cited the Ohio General Assembly's successful passage of a renewable and advanced energy jobs bill, SB 232, which reforms the tax code for renewable and advanced energy generators utilizing technologies such as wind, solar, co-generation, advanced nuclear and clean coal. The measure exempts qualifying projects from tangible personal property taxes and real property taxes. "Under the bill, the effective tax rates for

eligible projects will drop from approximately \$100,000 to \$7,000 (the PILOT) per megawatt of energy generation from a solar facility, and from approximately \$40,000 to no more than \$9,000 (the PILOT) per megawatt of generation from a wind facility," said the summary.

 Then-Gov. Ted Strickland in June signed into law a measure implementing language for the casino constitutional amendment that won voter approval in November 2009.