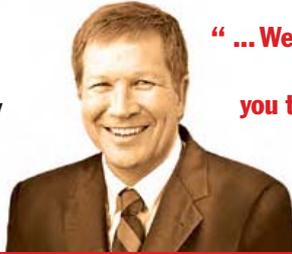


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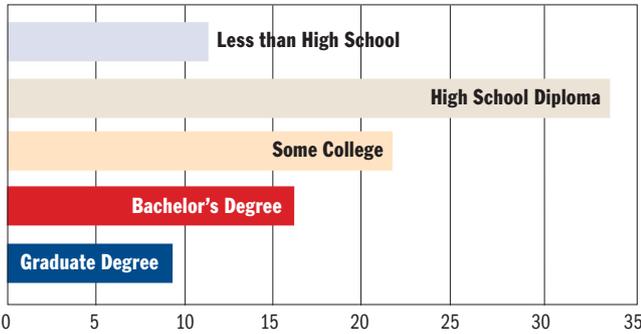
“ ... We needed to lower taxes, and we needed to make our state more competitive ... I talk to these CEOs all the time ... and when you tell them that you are reducing taxes and reducing the taxes on income, they get it. It sends a message and a signal that Ohio's open for business.”

— Gov. John Kasich, February 19, 2013, State of the State address

Governor: John Kasich (R) development.ohio.gov Right-to-work state: No

Population 2013: 11,592,793 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 2.54% Median household income: \$52,421 Median age: 39.2

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	8 (\$435,104*)
Business Tax Climate	39
Small Business Policy	9
Career Readiness Certificates	6 (104,804)
High School Graduation	29
Health	40

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- Governor John Kasich signed the FY2014-15 state budget into law in June 2013, cutting taxes by \$2.7 billion and providing \$1.5 billion in education funding. The budget also includes a plan that will add \$3 billion in federal, state and local funds into Ohio's highways.
- After neighbors Indiana and Michigan passed right-to-work legislation in 2012,

Ohio legislators also took up the issue in 2013. The legislation didn't go far, however, and the state Chamber of Commerce says that right-to-work is an issue that should be decided via statewide referendum.

- Kasich went against many of his Republican colleagues by backing and moving forward with expansion of the state's Medicaid program.

Did You Know?

- According to the third quarter 2013 report, JobsOhio, the state's non-profit economic development organization, entered into agreements with 69 companies in 2013 bringing \$1.2 billion in capital investment with the potential to create or retain over 17,500 jobs.
- Ohio is ranked eighth in the U.S. in terms of Foreign Direct Investment. Germany and Japan are the top two countries investing in Ohio. Only California has more Japanese investments than Ohio.
- Ohio enjoyed the most improved business climate in 2013 according to 736 CEOs nationwide who participated in Chief Executive Magazine's annual best and worst survey.
- In 2013, Ohio Third Frontier Commission, the state's technology-based economic development initiative, approved more than \$12.8 million to fund biomedical companies and assist technology start-ups and entrepreneurs get their businesses up and running.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2013

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Exp.	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Daisy Brand	Wooster	Wayne	MF	N	Dairy Products	\$116	89
Pepperidge Farm Inc	Williard	Huron	MF	E	Bakery Products	85	50
Discover Card	New Albany	Franklin	OF	N	Data Center	76	162
Honda	Marysville	Union	MF	E	Automobiles (NSX)	70	100
Nestle	Solon	Cuyahoga	MF	N	Pizza	53	250
Festo Corp	Mason	Warren	DW	N	Industrial Supplies	50	250
Pratt LLC	Lewisburg	Preble	MF	E	Packaging Materials	44	140
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co	Findlay	Hancock	RD	E	Tires	40	40
Cristal USA Inc	Ashtabula Twp	Ashtabula	MF	E	Titanium Products	40	25
DunnhumbyUSA	Cincinnati	Hamilton	HQ	N	Marketing Research	36	
Tekt North American Corp.	Columbus	Franklin	MF/RD	E	Auto Parts	28	100
G-TEKT North America Corp	West Jefferson	Madison	MF	E	Auto Parts	28	23
Crosstex Energy/E2	Utica	Licking	MF	N	Natural Gas Facility	25	
Honda	Marysville	Union	MF	E	Automobiles	23	50
Heidelberg Distributing Co	Moraine	Montgomery	DW	N	Beer	21	
Safelite Group Inc	Columbus	Franklin	HQ	E	Auto Glass	20	350
Constant Aviation, LLC	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	DW	E	Aviation Services	20	300
Chrysler Group	Perrysburg	Wood	MF	E	Auto Parts	20	
Timbertech Limited	Wilmington	Clinton	MF	E	Plastic Decking	19	85
lululemon USA Inc	Columbus	Franklin	DW	N	Athletic Clothing	14	170
Valeo Climate Control Corp	Hamilton	Butler	MF	E	Auto Parts	14	105
GE Mobile Water Solutions	New Philadelphia	Tuscarawas	MF	N	Mobile Water Treatment	14	50
Mitsubishi Chemical Performance Polymers Inc	Bellevue	Sandusky	MF	E	Plastic Resins	14	25
Ferguson Enterprises Inc	Celina	Mercer	DW	N	Plumbing Supplies	13	70
Verizon Wireless	Columbus	Franklin	OF	E	Data Center	12	

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expansion