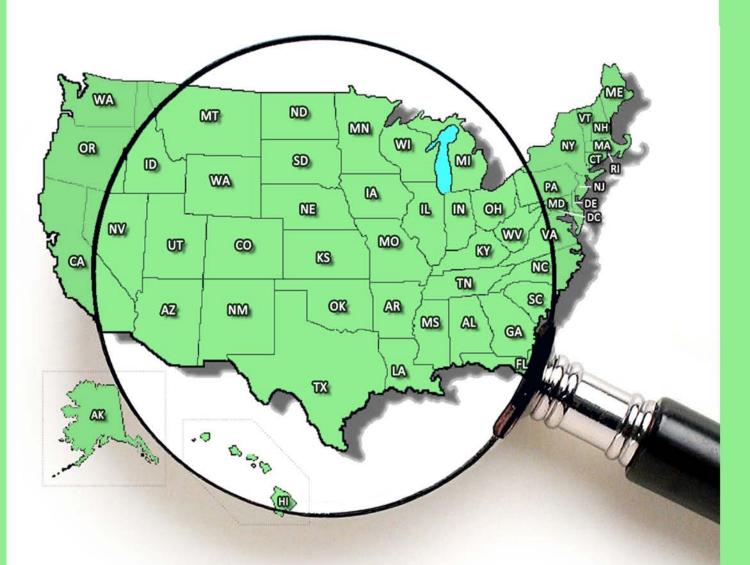
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## **Executive Summary**

This is the 12th edition of state-by-state snapshots issued by the Joint Economic Committee during the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress and includes data through November 2011.

This month's report shows broad private-sector job creation in November, with 3 of every 5 states experiencing gains. Nationally, 140,000 private-sector positions were added in November, after a gain of 117,000 private-sector jobs in October. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of states (86 percent) experienced a decline in their unemployment rate during November, corresponding to the previously announced drop in the national unemployment rate, from 9.0 to 8.6 percent.

Overall, the economic picture has brightened in the fourth quarter (October–December). November's ISM reading of 52.7 percent marked the 28th consecutive month of expansion in the manufacturing sector. Retail sales showed modest growth, recording a gain of 0.2 percent in November, following a 0.6 percent gain in October. However, industrial production slipped by 0.2 percent in November, after a gain of 0.7 percent in October. Manufacturing output also declined, dropping by 0.4 percent during the month, with a 3.4 percent drop in the production of motor vehicles and parts contributing to the decline.

Against this national backdrop, this report highlights progress at the state level in creating private-sector jobs and reducing unemployment and tracks the employment gains in key sectors, including manufacturing and professional and business services. Report highlights include:

Thirty states and the District of Columbia added private-sector jobs in November. New York had the largest private-sector gains (34,400), followed by Texas (22,700) and South Carolina (17,200). These 3 states accounted for more than half (53 percent) of the private-sector gains in November. Four other states – Georgia (14,600), Florida (12,100), New Jersey (10,400) and Washington (10,300) – had gains exceeding 10,000 new private-sector positions. In the past 12 months, 7 states – Texas (289,900), California (208,800), Florida (110,400), New York (92,800), Ohio (83,300), Pennsylvania (71,600) and Michigan (70,200) – have each added more than 70,000 private-sector jobs. Only Delaware lost private-sector positions over the past 12 months. From November 2010 - November 2011, North Dakota (6.1 percent), Texas (3.4 percent) and

Oklahoma (3.4 percent) had the largest percentage gains in private-sector employment.

- Forty-three states and the District of Columbia saw their unemployment rates decline in November, with thirty states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant decreases. Michigan (-0.8 percentage point) experienced the largest decrease, followed by Alabama, Minnesota, South Carolina and Utah (-0.6 percentage point each). In the past 12 months, New Mexico (-2.1 percentage points) posted the largest decline in unemployment rate. Thirteen other states also recorded statistically significant declines – Florida (-1.9 percentage points), West Virginia (-1.7 percentage points), Michigan (-1.6 percentage points), Oregon (-1.5 percentage points), Missouri (-1.4 percentage points), Massachusetts (-1.3 percentage points), California (-1.2 percentage points), Idaho, Minnesota, Ohio, Utah (-1.1 percentage points each), Colorado (-0.9 percentage point) and Delaware (-0.8 percentage point). Nevada (13.0 percent) and California (11.3 percent) had the highest unemployment rates in November. The national unemployment rate during the month was 8.6 percent, down from 9.8 percent a year earlier.
- Manufacturing employment expanded in 20 states in November. The largest gains were in Ohio (4,400), followed by Texas (3,900) and Arkansas (1,400). Nationally, manufacturing employment has been flat for the past four months, adding a combined 6,000 jobs during that time. Even with the recent slowing in manufacturing employment growth, the United States has added 210,000 manufacturing jobs in the past twelve months. Eight states Texas (25,200), Michigan (21,000), Ohio (15,400), Washington (11,900), Missouri (11,500), Illinois (10,800), South Carolina (10,800) and Oklahoma (10,400) have each added more than 10,000 manufacturing positions during the past year.
- Thirty states and the District of Columbia added jobs in the professional and business services sector in November. Georgia (5,800), New York (5,600) and Tennessee (4,900) posted the largest increases. In the past year, 44 states and the District of Columbia have added professional and business services jobs, with Texas, California and New York recording the largest gains. In total, more than half a million jobs in the professional and business services sector have been added in the past 12 months.
- Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia added jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector during November. New York (7,400), Texas (5,600) and Georgia

(4,500) saw the largest gains. In the past 12 months, 35 states and the District of Columbia have added leisure and hospitality jobs. During this period, 253,000 leisure and hospitality jobs have been added.

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## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Alabama**

#### Jobs

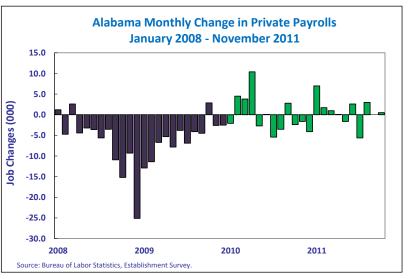
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Alabama, private sector employment fell by 9.4 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.4 percent.
- In Alabama, employees in the construction, professional and business services, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Alabama have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; other services; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alabama was 8.7 percent in November 2011, up 4.9 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.4 percent in December 2009.
- 188,000 Alabama residents were counted among the unemployed in Alabama during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Alabama was \$30,086.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$29,689.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Alabama, home prices saw a decrease of 3.7 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 2.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Alabama was \$128,969 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.0 percent of all mortgages, including 7.1 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Alabama.
- Housing starts in Alabama totaled 12,470 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 16.2 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Alabama, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

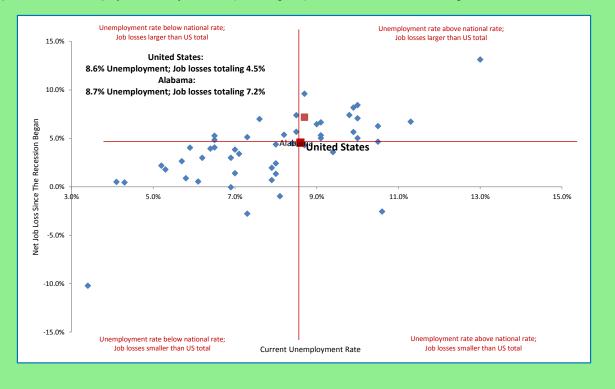
\* For Alabama-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Alabama office: http://www2.dir.state.al.us/

## How Does Alabama Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Alabama to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Alabama since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Alabama.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Alabama	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.4%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.1%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.7%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.7%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	10.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 44,388	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 40,976	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.5%	12.5%
	2010	17.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	12.0%	15.3%
	2010	15.4%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Alaska**

#### Jobs

- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Alaska, private sector employment fell by 0.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.0 percent.
- In Alaska, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Alaska have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; leisure and hospitality; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alaska was 7.3 percent in November 2011, up 1.1 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.2 percent in March 2010.
- 27,000 Alaska residents were counted among the unemployed in Alaska during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Alaska was \$38,948.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, down from \$39,385.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Alaska, home prices saw an increase of 2.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 0.8 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Alaska was \$241,750 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 0.9 percent of all mortgages, including 4.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Alaska.
- Housing starts in Alaska totaled 650 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 32.3 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Alaska, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

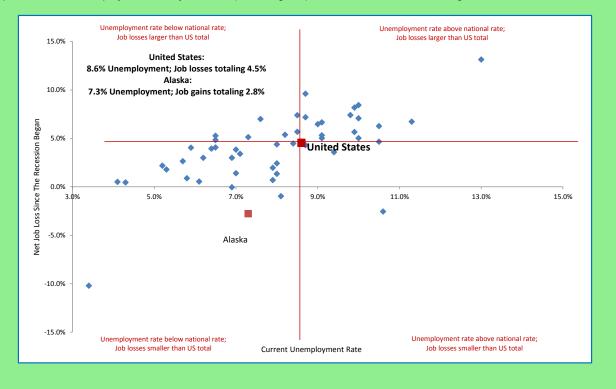
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Alaska since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Alaska.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Alaska	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	6.7%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.2%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.3%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	14.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 66,241	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 58,198	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	7.6%	12.5%
	2010	12.4%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	18.2%	15.3%
	2010	18.0%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Arizona**

#### Jobs

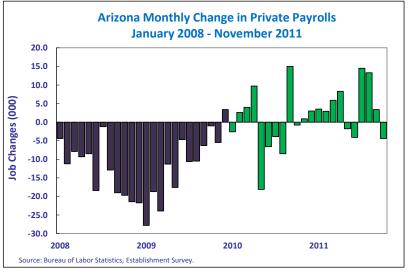
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Arizona, private sector employment fell by 12.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.2 percent.
- In Arizona, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Arizona have experienced the greatest employment increases: education and health services; leisure and hospitality; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arizona was 8.7 percent in November 2011, up 4.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.4 percent in December 2009.
- 275,000 Arizona residents were counted among the unemployed in Arizona during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Arizona was \$31,260.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,711.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Arizona, home prices saw a decrease of 8.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 8.5 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Arizona was \$147,669 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.9 percent of all mortgages, including 11.4 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Arizona.
- Housing starts in Arizona totaled 12,280 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 26.3 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Arizona, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

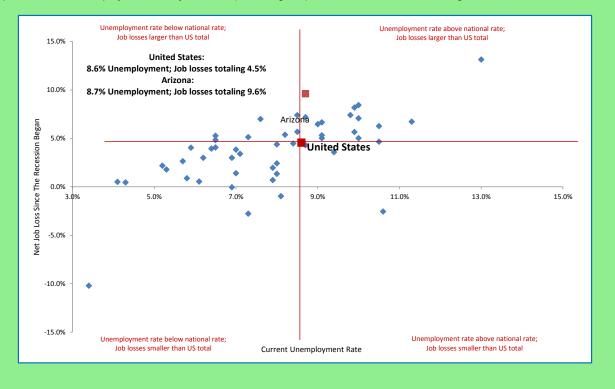
\* For Arizona-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Arizona office: http://www.workforce.az.gov/

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Arizona since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Arizona.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Arizona	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.4%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.4%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.7%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	11.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 49,649	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 47,279	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.3%	12.5%
	2010	18.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	18.3%	15.3%
	2010	19.1%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Arkansas**

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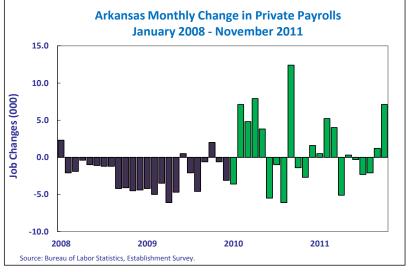
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Arkansas, private sector employment fell by 6.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.6 percent.
- In Arkansas, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Arkansas have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and mining.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arkansas was 8.0 percent in November 2011, up 2.9 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.3 percent in September 2011.
- 109,000 Arkansas residents were counted among the unemployed in Arkansas during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Arkansas was \$29,190.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$29,022.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Arkansas, home prices saw a decrease of 0.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.5 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Arkansas was \$120,560 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.9 percent of all mortgages, including 5.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Arkansas.
- Housing starts in Arkansas totaled 6,680 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 39.5 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Arkansas, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

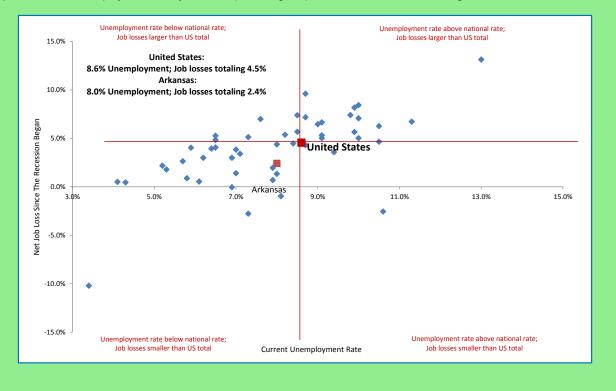
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Arkansas since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Arkansas.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Arkansas	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.0%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.8%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	11.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.7%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 42,898	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 38,571	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	13.8%	12.5%
	2010	15.5%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	16.1%	15.3%
	2010	18.7%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: California**

#### Jobs

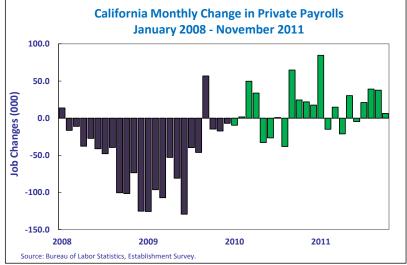
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In California, private sector employment fell by 9.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.9 percent.
- In California, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and financial activities sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in California have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in California was 11.3 percent in November 2011, up 5.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 12.5 percent in December 2010.
- 2,058,000 California residents were counted among the unemployed in California during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in California was \$38,757.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,482.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In California, home prices saw a decrease of 6.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 6.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in California was \$330,037 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.7 percent of all mortgages, including 11.5 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in California.
- Housing starts in California totaled 40,810 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 13.6 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes California, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

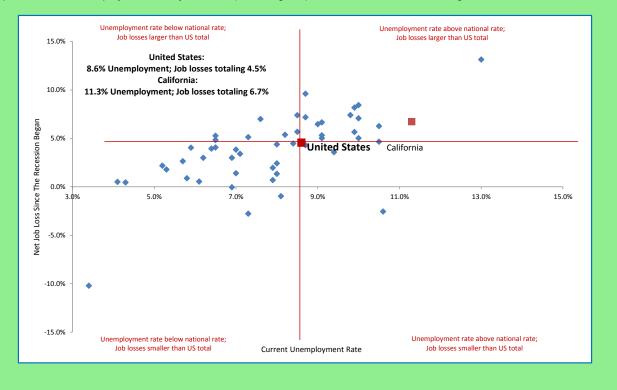
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## How Does California Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare California to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within California since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in California.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		California	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	8.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	12.2%	9.9%
	November 2010	12.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	11.3%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	7.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.8%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	12.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 58,608	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 54,459	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	12.7%	12.5%
	2010	16.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	18.2%	15.3%
	2010	19.4%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Colorado**

#### Jobs

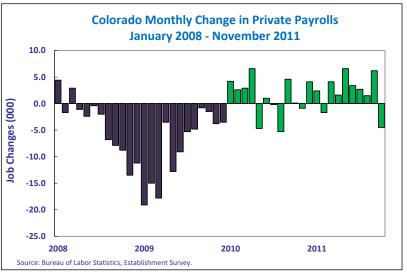
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Colorado, private sector employment fell by 7.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.9 percent.
- In Colorado, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Colorado have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; leisure and hospitality; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Colorado was 8.0 percent in November 2011, up 4.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.3 percent in February 2011.
- 216,000 Colorado residents were counted among the unemployed in Colorado during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Colorado was \$38,309.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,399.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Colorado, home prices saw a decrease of 1.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Colorado was \$217,558 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.1 percent of all mortgages, including 7.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Colorado.
- Housing starts in Colorado totaled 17,500 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 6.7 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Colorado, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

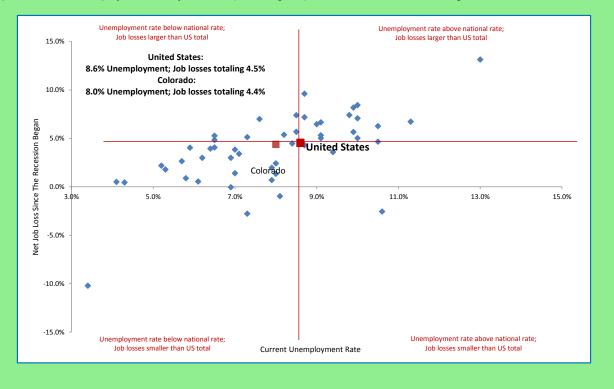
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## How Does Colorado Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Colorado to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Colorado since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Colorado.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Colorado	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	5.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.8%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.9%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 64,293	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 60,442	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	9.8%	12.5%
	2010	12.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	16.4%	15.3%
	2010	13.0%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Connecticut**

#### Jobs

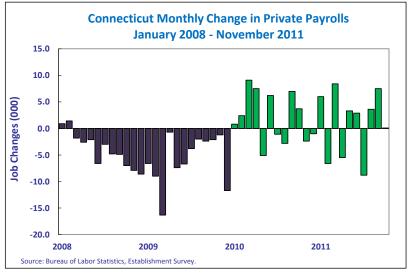
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Connecticut, private sector employment fell by 7.4 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.7 percent.
- In Connecticut, employees in the construction, information services, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Connecticut have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Connecticut was 8.4 percent in November 2011, up 3.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.2 percent in April 2010.
- 159,000 Connecticut residents were counted among the unemployed in Connecticut during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Connecticut was \$50,274.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$48,528.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Connecticut, home prices saw a decrease of 4.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 3.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Connecticut was \$266,845 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.8 percent of all mortgages, including 18.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Connecticut.
- Housing starts in Connecticut totaled 2,280 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 48.1 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Connecticut, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

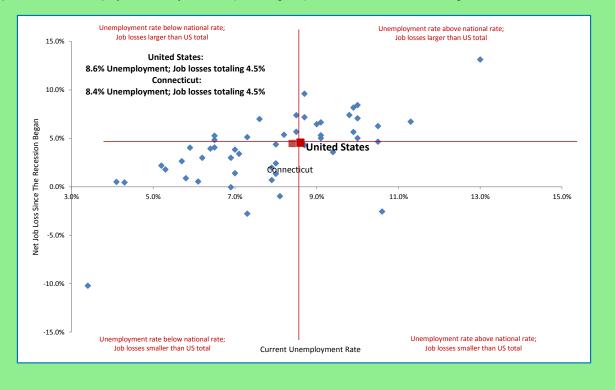
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Connecticut since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Connecticut.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Connecticut	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.4%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.1%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.4%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	8.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.2%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	15.5%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 67,448	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 66,452	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	8.9%	12.5%
	2010	8.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	9.4%	15.3%
	2010	11.0%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Delaware**

#### Jobs

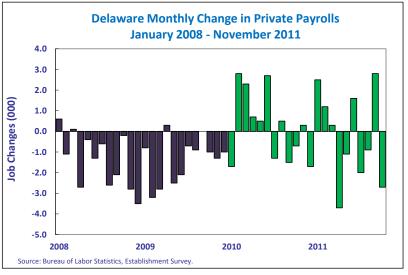
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Delaware, private sector employment fell by 9.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 0.8 percent.
- In Delaware, employees in the construction, trade, transportation and utilities, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Delaware have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; education and health services; and other services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Delaware was 7.6 percent in November 2011, up 3.7 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.8 percent in January 2010.
- 33,000 Delaware residents were counted among the unemployed in Delaware during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Delaware was \$36,097.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$35,086.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Delaware, home prices saw a decrease of 5.4 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 5.5 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Delaware was \$216,902 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.0 percent of all mortgages, including 14.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Delaware.
- Housing starts in Delaware totaled 2,920 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 11.5 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Delaware, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

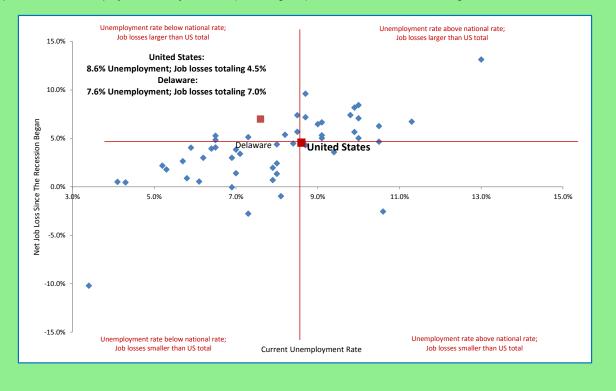
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## How Does Delaware Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Delaware since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Delaware.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Delaware	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	6.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.5%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.6%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.3%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 57,404	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 55,269	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	9.3%	12.5%
	2010	12.1%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	11.2%	15.3%
	2010	11.3%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: The District Of Columbia**

## Jobs

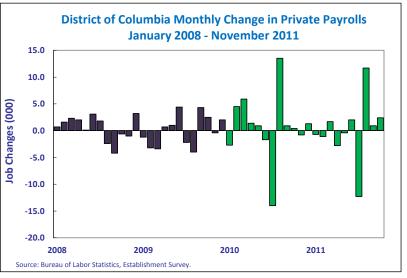
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In the District of Columbia, private sector employment fell by 1.4 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.9 percent.
- In the District of Columbia, employees in the information services, financial activities, and construction sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in the District of Columbia have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; construction; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia was 10.6 percent in November 2011, up 5.1 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.2 percent in September
- 36,000 District of Columbia residents were counted among the unemployed in District of Columbia during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in the District of Columbia was \$62,913.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$61,261.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In District of Columbia, home prices saw an increase of 2.4 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 1.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in the District of Columbia was \$404,380 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.1 percent of all mortgages, including 12.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in the District of Columbia.
- Housing starts in the District of Columbia totaled 3,140 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 11.3 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes the District of Columbia, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

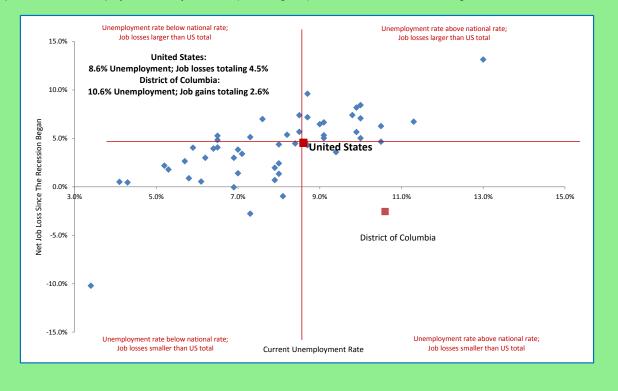
\* For District of Columbia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the District of Columbia office: http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1233,q,538030.asp

## How Does The District Of Columbia Compare To The States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare the District of Columbia to the states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within the District of Columbia since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in the District of Columbia.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### DISTRICT QUICK FACTS

		District of Columbia	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	7.7%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.3%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.7%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.6%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	6.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 53,401	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 55,528	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	18.0%	12.5%
	2010	19.9%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	9.5%	15.3%
	2010	12.5%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Florida**

## Jobs

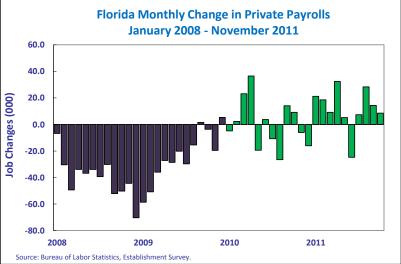
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Florida, private sector employment fell by 11.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.4 percent.
- In Florida, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Florida have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; education and health services; and professional and business services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Florida was 10.0 percent in November 2011, up 5.3 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 12.0 percent in December 2010.
- 926,000 Florida residents were counted among the unemployed in Florida during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Florida was \$34,499.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$33,822.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Florida, home prices saw a decrease of 3.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 3.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Florida was \$144,501 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 14.5 percent of all mortgages, including 33.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Florida.
- Housing starts in Florida totaled 44,710 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 4.2 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Florida, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

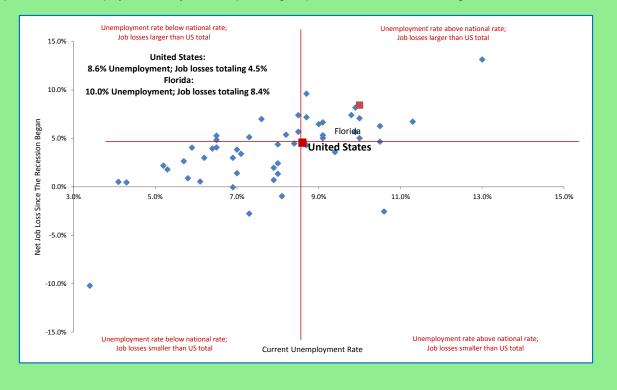
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## How Does Florida Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Florida since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Florida.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Florida	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	7.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	11.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.9%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.7%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 48,155	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 44,243	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	12.5%	12.5%
	2010	16.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	20.2%	15.3%
	2010	20.8%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Georgia**

## Jobs

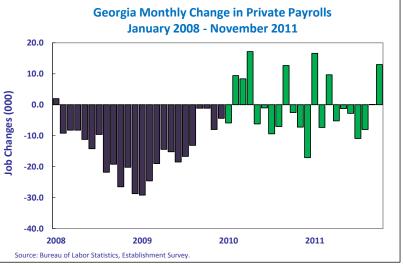
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Georgia, private sector employment fell by 9.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.0 percent.
- In Georgia, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Georgia have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Georgia was 9.9 percent in November 2011, up 4.7 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.4 percent in December 2010.
- 468,000 Georgia residents were counted among the unemployed in Georgia during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Georgia was \$31,418.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,956.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Georgia, home prices saw a decrease of 7.3 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 7.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Georgia was \$129,446 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.2 percent of all mortgages, including 9.4 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Georgia.
- Housing starts in Georgia totaled 21,720 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 12.0 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Georgia, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

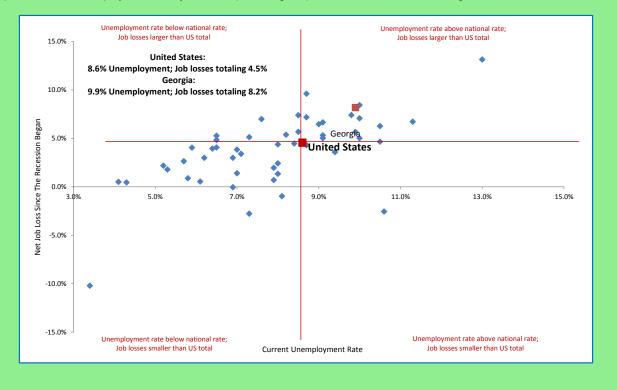
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## How Does Georgia Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Georgia to other states using two metrics.

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#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Georgia	United States
Unemployment Rates N	November 2008	7.6%	6.8%
Ν	November 2009	10.4%	9.9%
Ν	November 2010	10.4%	9.8%
Ν	November 2011	9.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	9.7%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate 2	2010	8.7%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate 2	2010	15.5%	11.5%
Median Household Income2	2007	\$ 51,149	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$) 2	2010	\$ 44,108	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	13.6%	12.5%
2	2010	18.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance2	2007	17.5%	15.3%
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## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Hawaii**

#### Jobs

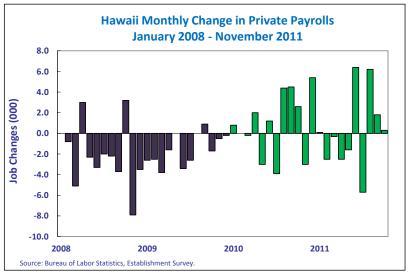
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Hawaii, private sector employment fell by 8.3 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.6 percent.
- In Hawaii, employees in the construction, trade, transportation and utilities, and leisure and hospitality sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Hawaii have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Hawaii was 6.5 percent in November 2011, up 3.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.0 percent in November 2009.
- 42,000 Hawaii residents were counted among the unemployed in Hawaii during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Hawaii was \$37,379.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$36,910.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Hawaii, home prices saw a decrease of 1.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Hawaii was \$499,837 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.7 percent of all mortgages, including 18.5 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Hawaii.
- Housing starts in Hawaii totaled 2,320 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 76.8 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Hawaii, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

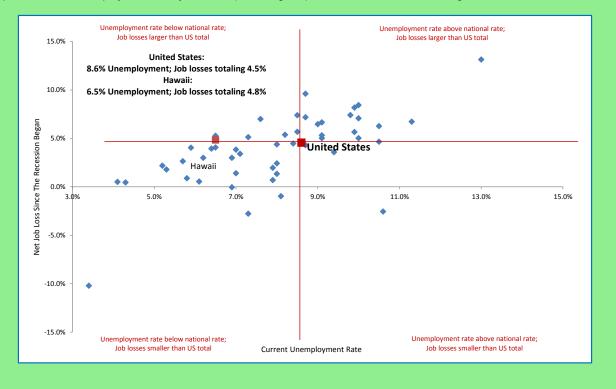
\* For Hawaii-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Hawaii office: http://hawaii.gov/labor/

## How Does Hawaii Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Hawaii to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Hawaii since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Hawaii.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Hawaii	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.0%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	11.4%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	5.5%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.0%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 67,323	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 58,507	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	7.5%	12.5%
	2010	12.1%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	7.5%	15.3%
	2010	7.7%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Idaho**

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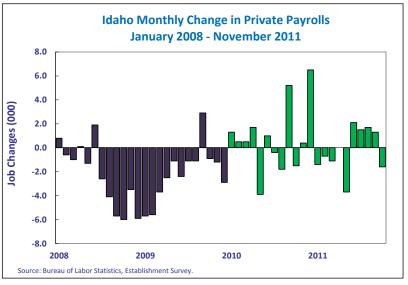
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Idaho, private sector employment fell by 9.7 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.5 percent.
- In Idaho, employees in the mining, construction, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Idaho have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Idaho was 8.5 percent in November 2011, up 5.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.7 percent in March 2011.
- 65,000 Idaho residents were counted among the unemployed in Idaho during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Idaho was \$29,076.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$28,223.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Idaho, home prices saw a decrease of 6.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 5.0 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Idaho was \$140,436 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.8 percent of all mortgages, including 10.4 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Idaho.
- Housing starts in Idaho totaled 4,450 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 34.3 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Idaho, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

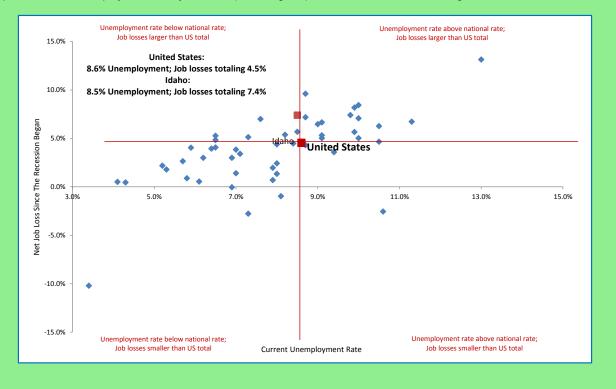
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## How Does Idaho Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Idaho to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Idaho since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Idaho.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Idaho	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.9%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	11.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.9%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.9%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 51,720	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 47,014	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.9%	12.5%
	2010	14.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	13.9%	15.3%
	2010	19.2%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Illinois**

## Jobs

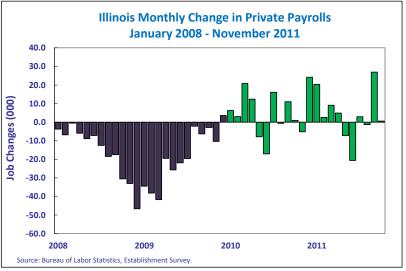
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Illinois, private sector employment fell by 7.9 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.3 percent.
- In Illinois, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Illinois have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Illinois was 10.0 percent in November 2011, up 4.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- 661,000 Illinois residents were counted among the unemployed in Illinois during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Illinois was \$38,589.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,266.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Illinois, home prices saw a decrease of 9.4 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 8.8 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Illinois was \$152,387 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 7.3 percent of all mortgages, including 21.0 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Illinois.
- Housing starts in Illinois totaled 15,670 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 74.7 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Illinois, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

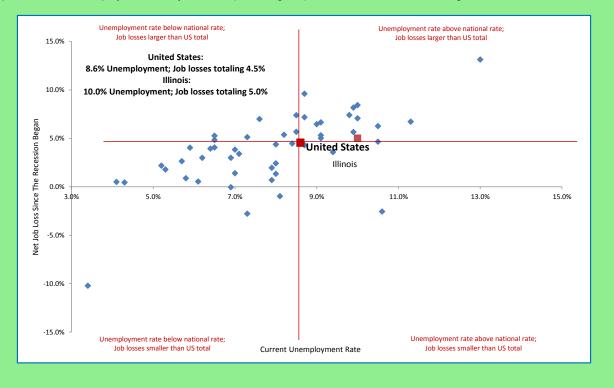
\* For Illinois-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Illinois office: http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/pressreleases.htm

## How Does Illinois Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Illinois since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Illinois.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### **STATE QUICK FACTS**

		Illinois	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	7.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.0%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	7.7%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.8%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 55,213	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 50,761	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	10.0%	12.5%
	2010	14.1%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	13.4%	15.3%
	2010	14.8%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Indiana**

## Jobs

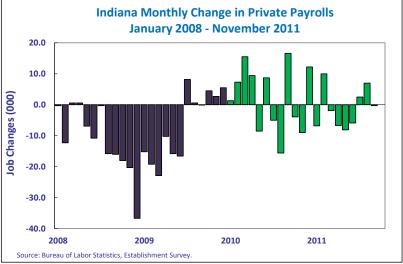
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Indiana, private sector employment fell by 8.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.6 percent.
- In Indiana, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Indiana have experienced the greatest employment increases: construction; professional and business services; and mining.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Indiana was 9.0 percent in November 2011, up 4.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.9 percent in June 2009.
- 285,000 Indiana residents were counted among the unemployed in Indiana during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Indiana was \$30,972.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,297.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Indiana, home prices saw an increase of 0.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 0.8 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Indiana was \$113,416 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.9 percent of all mortgages, including 13.1 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Indiana.
- Housing starts in Indiana totaled 8,860 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 28.5 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Indiana, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

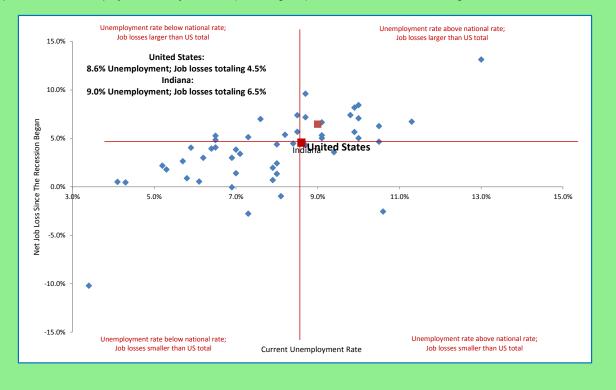
\* For Indiana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Indiana office: http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/

## How Does Indiana Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Indiana since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Indiana.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Indiana	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	23.6%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 49,900	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 46,322	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	11.8%	12.5%
	2010	16.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	11.4%	15.3%
	2010	13.4%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Iowa**

# Jobs

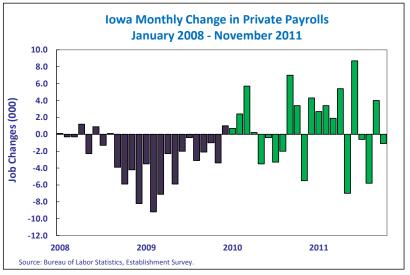
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In lowa, private sector employment fell by 5.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.8 percent.
- In lowa, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in lowa have experienced the greatest employment increases: manufacturing; professional and business services; and construction.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Iowa was 5.7 percent in November 2011, up 1.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 6.2 percent in November 2010.
- 95,000 lowa residents were counted among the unemployed in lowa during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Iowa was \$34,944.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$33,814.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Iowa, home prices were unchanged in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.3 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Iowa was \$118,036 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.8 percent of all mortgages, including 12.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Iowa.
- Housing starts in lowa totaled 6,800 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 15.4 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes lowa, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

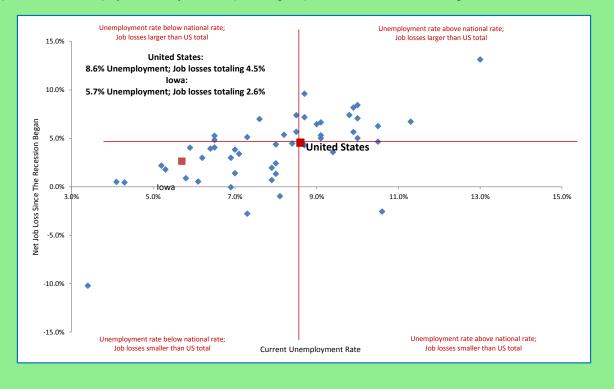
\* For lowa-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the lowa office: http://www.iowaworkforce.org/

# How Does Iowa Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare lowa to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Iowa since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Iowa.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		lowa	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	4.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	6.0%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.2%	9.8%
	November 2011	5.7%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.9%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 51,430	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 49,177	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	8.9%	12.5%
	2010	10.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	9.3%	15.3%
	2010	12.3%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Kansas**

## Jobs

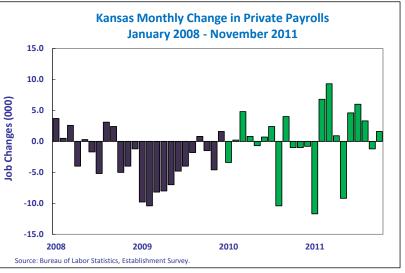
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Kansas, private sector employment fell by 6.4 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.2 percent.
- In Kansas, employees in the mining, information services, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Kansas have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and manufacturing.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.5 percent in November 2011, up 2.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.6 percent in August 2009.
- 98,000 Kansas residents were counted among the unemployed in Kansas during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Kansas was \$35,352.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$34,702.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Kansas, home prices saw an increase of 2.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 0.3 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Kansas was \$118,687 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.4 percent of all mortgages, including 7.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Kansas.
- Housing starts in Kansas totaled 3,580 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 43.4 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Kansas, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

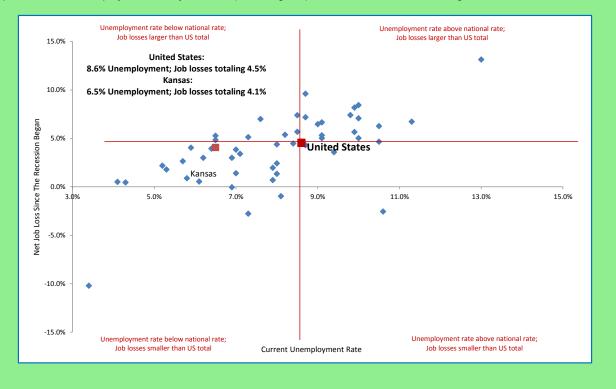
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# How Does Kansas Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Kansas to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Kansas since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Kansas.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Kansas	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	5.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.3%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.9%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	17.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 50,998	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 46,229	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	11.7%	12.5%
	2010	14.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	12.7%	15.3%
	2010	12.7%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Kentucky**

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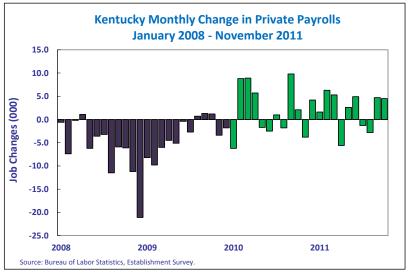
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Kentucky, private sector employment fell by 8.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.7 percent.
- In Kentucky, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Kentucky have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and mining.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kentucky was 9.4 percent in November 2011, up 3.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.1 percent in August 2009.
- 197,000 Kentucky residents were counted among the unemployed in Kentucky during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Kentucky was \$29,280.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$29,145.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Kentucky, home prices saw a decrease of 2.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Kentucky was \$130,344 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.9 percent of all mortgages, including 12.7 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Kentucky.
- Housing starts in Kentucky totaled 8,360 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 3.2 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Kentucky, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

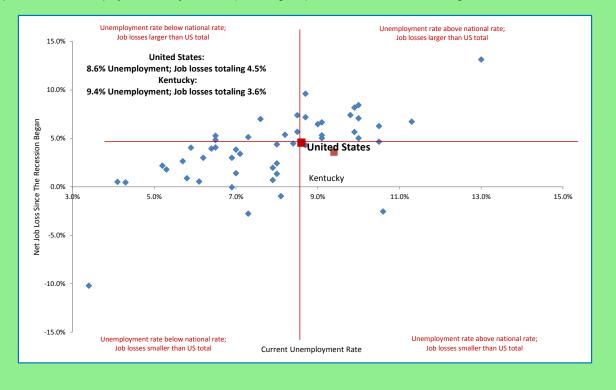
\* For Kentucky-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kentucky office: http://www.workforcekentucky.ky.gov/

# How Does Kentucky Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Kentucky to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Kentucky since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Kentucky.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Kentucky	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.9%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	10.2%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.4%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.3%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 41,486	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 41,236	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	15.5%	12.5%
	2010	17.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	13.6%	15.3%
	2010	14.9%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Louisiana**

## Jobs

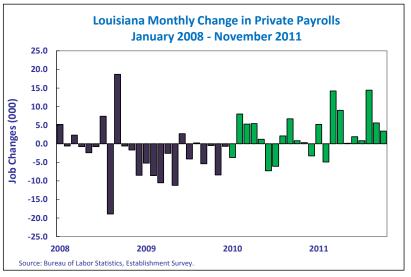
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Louisiana, private sector employment fell by 4.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 4.6 percent.
- In Louisiana, employees in the information services, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Louisiana have experienced the greatest employment increases: information services; mining; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Louisiana was 6.9 percent in November 2011, up 3.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.2 percent in May 2011.
- 141,000 Louisiana residents were counted among the unemployed in Louisiana during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Louisiana was \$33,442.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,719.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Louisiana, home prices saw a decrease of 2.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Louisiana was \$152,413 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.5 percent of all mortgages, including 12.0 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Louisiana.
- Housing starts in Louisiana totaled 12,320 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 9.3 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Louisiana, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

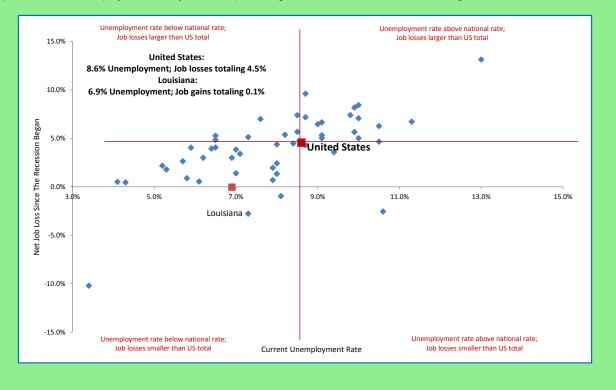
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# How Does Louisiana Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Louisiana since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Louisiana.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Louisiana	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	5.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.7%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	4.5%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	2.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 43,443	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 39,443	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	16.1%	12.5%
	2010	21.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	18.5%	15.3%
	2010	20.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Maine**

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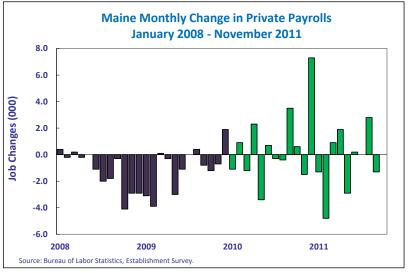
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Maine, private sector employment fell by 5.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.6 percent.
- In Maine, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Maine have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; education and health services; and construction.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maine was 7.0 percent in November 2011, up 2.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.4 percent in February 2010.
- 49,000 Maine residents were counted among the unemployed in Maine during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Maine was \$33,138.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,958.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Maine, home prices saw a decrease of 1.0 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 1.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Maine was \$175,175 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 5.7 percent of all mortgages, including 18.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Maine.
- Housing starts in Maine totaled 2,770 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 38.5 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Maine, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

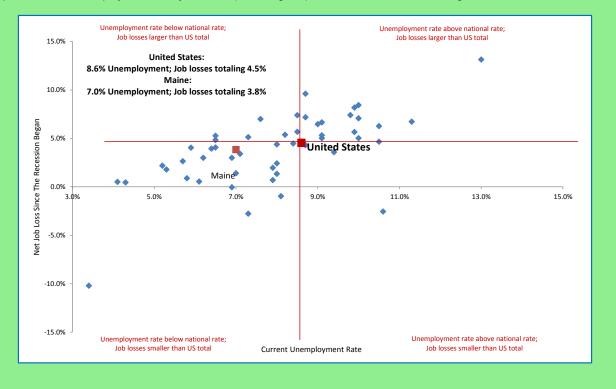
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Maine since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Maine.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Maine	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	6.4%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.3%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	12.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.7%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 50,363	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 48,133	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	10.9%	12.5%
	2010	12.5%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	8.8%	15.3%
	2010	9.4%	16.3%

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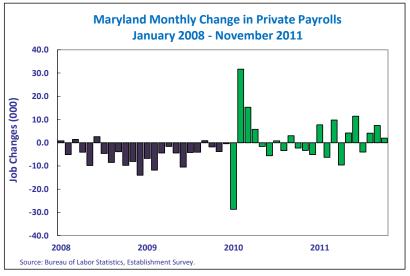
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Maryland, private sector employment fell by 7.3 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.1 percent.
- In Maryland, employees in the construction, information services, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Maryland have experienced the greatest employment increases: other services; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maryland was 6.9 percent in November 2011, up 3.3 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.7 percent in January 2010.
- 207,000 Maryland residents were counted among the unemployed in Maryland during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Maryland was \$44,431.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$43,465.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Maryland, home prices saw a decrease of 0.8 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Maryland was \$256,411 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.7 percent of all mortgages, including 12.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Maryland.
- Housing starts in Maryland totaled 10,140 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 2.5 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Maryland, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

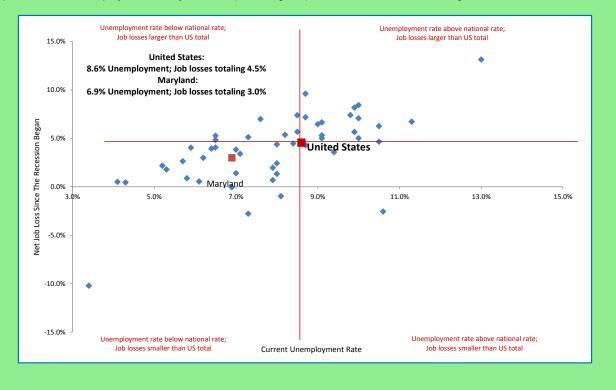
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States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Maryland	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.8%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	5.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	3.7%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 69,014	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 64,025	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	8.8%	12.5%
	2010	10.8%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	13.7%	15.3%
	2010	13.1%	16.3%

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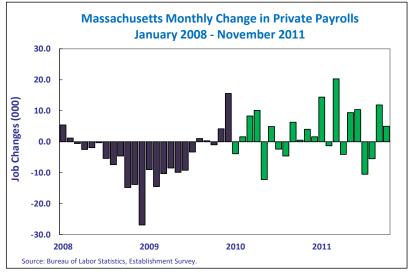
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Massachusetts, private sector employment fell by 4.3 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.6 percent.
- In Massachusetts, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Massachusetts have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 7.0 percent in November 2011, up 2.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.8 percent in February 2010.
- 244,000 Massachusetts residents were counted among the unemployed in Massachusetts during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Massachusetts was \$46,783.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$45,286.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Massachusetts, home prices saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Massachusetts was \$306,363 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.9 percent of all mortgages, including 12.5 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Massachusetts.
- Housing starts in Massachusetts totaled 10,070 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 108.5 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Massachusetts, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

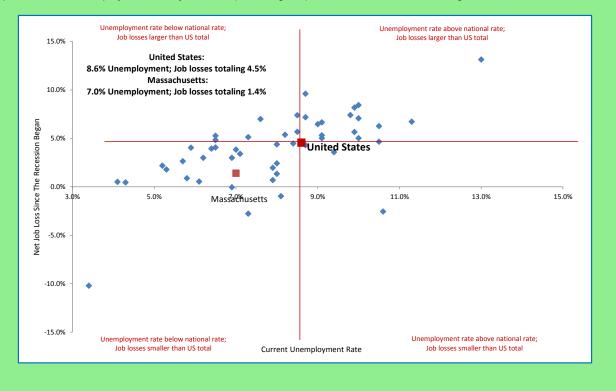
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		Massachusetts	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.8%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.3%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	7.8%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 61,477	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 61,333	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	11.2%	12.5%
	2010	10.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	5.4%	15.3%
	2010	5.6%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Michigan**

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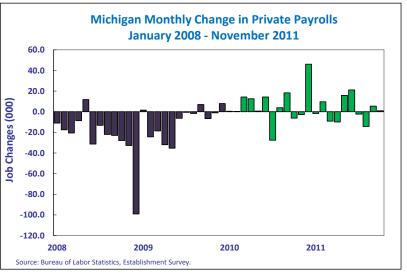
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Michigan, private sector employment fell by 10.9 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.6 percent.
- In Michigan, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Michigan have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and manufacturing.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Michigan was 9.8 percent in November 2011, up 2.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 14.1 percent in September 2009.
- 457,000 Michigan residents were counted among the unemployed in Michigan during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Michigan was \$31,855.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,458.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Michigan, home prices saw a decrease of 1.4 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 2.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Michigan was \$96,398 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.3 percent of all mortgages, including 8.0 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Michigan.
- Housing starts in Michigan totaled 8,760 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 11.5 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Michigan, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

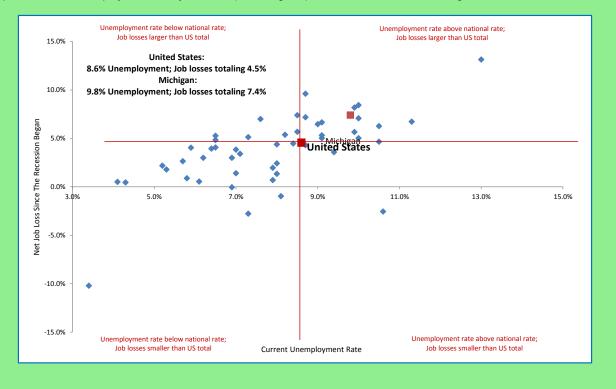
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Michigan since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Michigan.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### **STATE QUICK FACTS**

		Michigan	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	9.9%	6.8%
	November 2009	13.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	11.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.8%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	9.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	16.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	29.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 51,916	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 46,441	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	10.8%	12.5%
	2010	15.5%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	11.6%	15.3%
	2010	13.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Minnesota**

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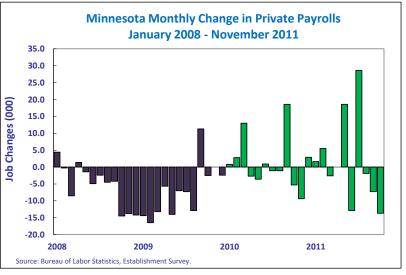
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Minnesota, private sector employment fell by 6.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.8 percent.
- In Minnesota, employees in the mining, construction, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Minnesota have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 5.9 percent in November 2011, up 1.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.5 percent in June 2009.
- 176,000 Minnesota residents were counted among the unemployed in Minnesota during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Minnesota was \$39,322.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,482.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Minnesota, home prices saw a decrease of 7.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 8.9 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Minnesota was \$164,105 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.7 percent of all mortgages, including 11.4 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Minnesota.
- Housing starts in Minnesota totaled 8,640 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 6.9 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Minnesota, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

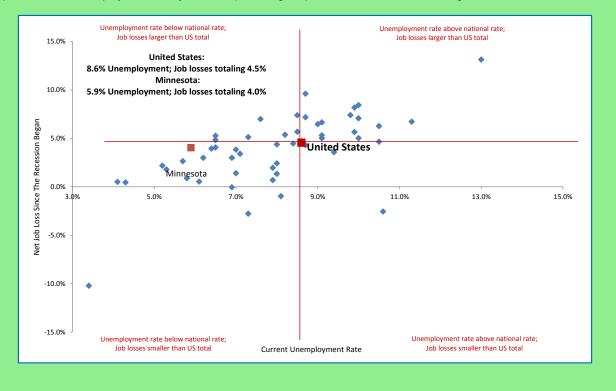
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Minnesota since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Minnesota.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Minnesota	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.0%	9.8%
	November 2011	5.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.4%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	22.9%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 61,051	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 52,554	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.3%	12.5%
	2010	10.5%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	8.3%	15.3%
	2010	9.8%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Mississippi**

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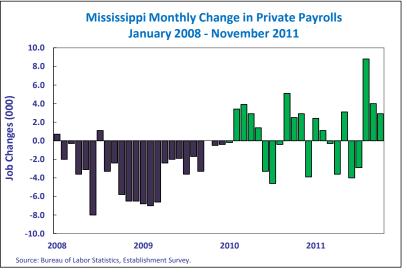
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Mississippi, private sector employment fell by 8.7 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.8 percent.
- In Mississippi, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Mississippi have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; mining; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Mississippi was 10.5 percent in November 2011, up 4.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.0 percent in February 2010.
- 142,000 Mississippi residents were counted among the unemployed in Mississippi during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Mississippi was \$27,930.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$27,249.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Mississippi, home prices saw an increase of 2.0 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 2.2 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Mississippi was \$126,484 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.3 percent of all mortgages, including 9.5 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Mississippi.
- Housing starts in Mississippi totaled 4,120 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 8.4 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Mississippi, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

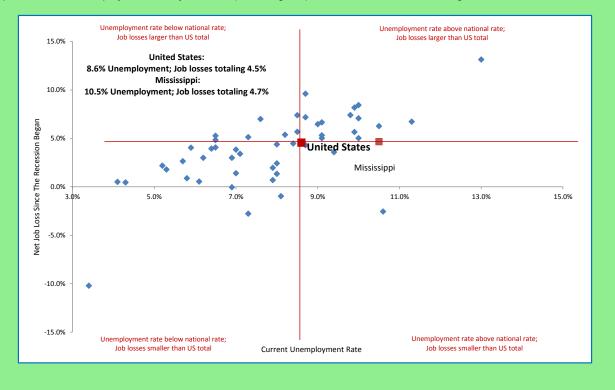
\* For Mississippi-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Mississippi office: http://mdes.ms.gov/Home/LMI/LMIPublications/publicationmain.html

# How Does Mississippi Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Mississippi to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Mississippi since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Mississippi.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Mississippi	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	10.2%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	9.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.2%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 39,201	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 37,985	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	22.6%	12.5%
	2010	22.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	18.8%	15.3%
	2010	21.1%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Missouri**

## Jobs

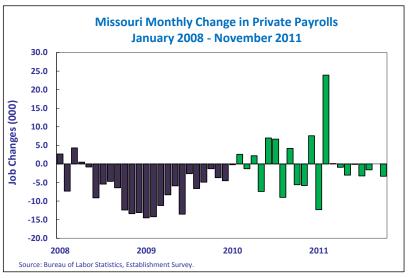
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Missouri, private sector employment fell by 7.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 0.4 percent.
- In Missouri, employees in the mining, construction, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Missouri have experienced the greatest employment increases: manufacturing; mining; and professional and business services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Missouri was 8.2 percent in November 2011, up 2.9 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.7 percent in January 2010.
- 250,000 Missouri residents were counted among the unemployed in Missouri during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Missouri was \$33,325.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,961.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Missouri, home prices saw a decrease of 3.7 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 3.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Missouri was \$123,754 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.0 percent of all mortgages, including 7.1 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Missouri.
- Housing starts in Missouri totaled 6,320 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 2.0 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Missouri, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

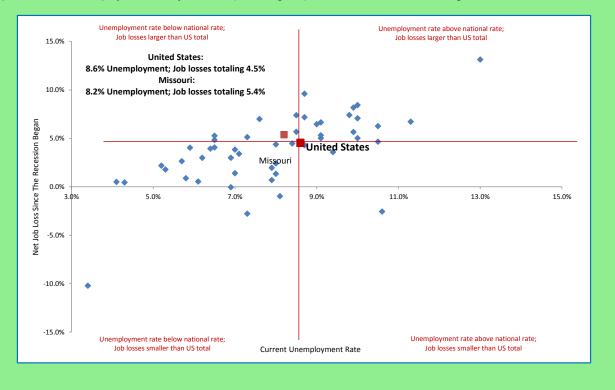
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# How Does Missouri Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Missouri since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Missouri.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Missouri	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	7.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	9.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.2%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.9%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.7%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 48,377	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 46,184	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	12.8%	12.5%
	2010	14.8%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	12.6%	15.3%
	2010	14.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Montana**

## Jobs

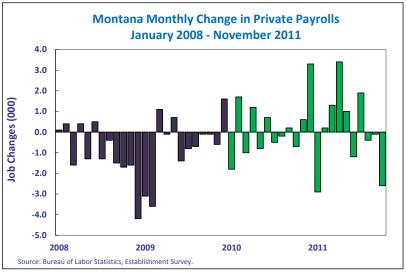
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Montana, private sector employment fell by 6.9 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.9 percent.
- In Montana, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Montana have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; leisure and hospitality; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Montana was 7.1 percent in November 2011, up 3.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.8 percent in August 2011.
- 36,000 Montana residents were counted among the unemployed in Montana during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Montana was \$31,819.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,742.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Montana, home prices saw a decrease of 0.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.9 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Montana was \$178,188 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.8 percent of all mortgages, including 11.7 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Montana.
- Housing starts in Montana totaled 4,630 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 93.7 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Montana, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

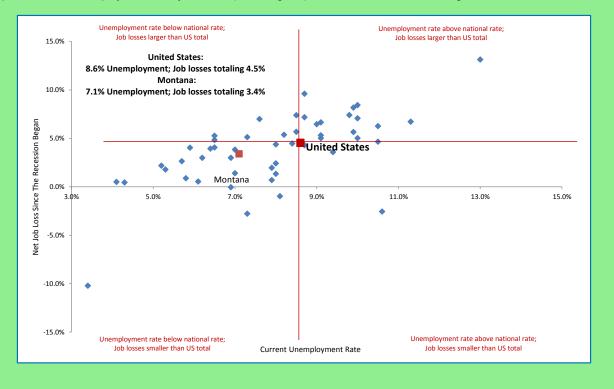
\* For Montana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Montana office: http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org/cgi/databrowsing/?PAGEID=4&SUBID=190

# How Does Montana Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Montana to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Montana since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Montana.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Montana	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	6.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	12.5%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	20.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 45,906	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 41,467	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	13.0%	12.5%
	2010	14.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	15.6%	15.3%
	2010	18.1%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Nebraska**

## Jobs

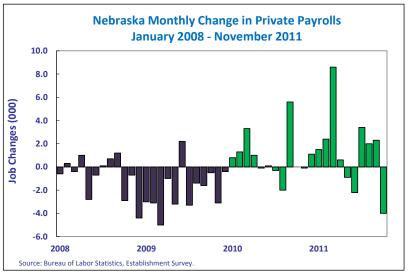
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Nebraska, private sector employment fell by 4.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.1 percent.
- In Nebraska, employees in the information services, manufacturing, and construction sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Nebraska have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; trade, transportation and utilities; and manufacturing.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nebraska was 4.1 percent in November 2011, up 1.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 5.0 percent in January 2010.
- 41,000 Nebraska residents were counted among the unemployed in Nebraska during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Nebraska was \$36,346.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$35,081.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Nebraska, home prices saw an increase of 1.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 1.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Nebraska was \$120,415 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.5 percent of all mortgages, including 7.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Nebraska.
- Housing starts in Nebraska totaled 4,480 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 32.3 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Nebraska, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

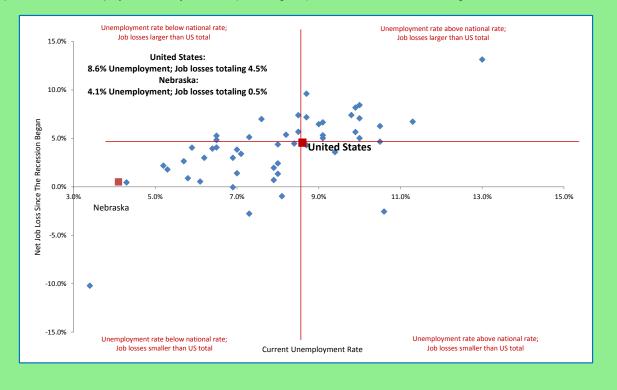
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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Nebraska since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Nebraska.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nebraska	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	3.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	5.0%	9.9%
	November 2010	4.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	4.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	10.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	4.5%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	3.7%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 51,709	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 52,728	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.9%	12.5%
	2010	10.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	13.2%	15.3%
	2010	13.3%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Nevada**

# Jobs

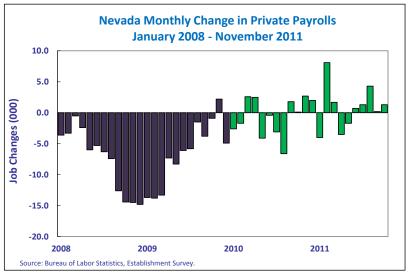
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Nevada, private sector employment fell by 14.7 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.4 percent.
- In Nevada, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Nevada have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nevada was 13.0 percent in November 2011, up 8.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 14.9 percent in December 2010.
- 172,000 Nevada residents were counted among the unemployed in Nevada during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Nevada was \$33,249.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,943.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Nevada, home prices saw a decrease of 12.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 12.0 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Nevada was \$153,364 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 7.9 percent of all mortgages, including 18.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Nevada.
- Housing starts in Nevada totaled 3,760 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 23.4 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Nevada, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

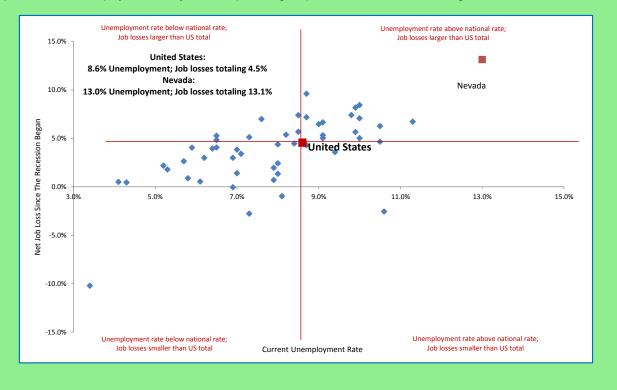
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# How Does Nevada Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Nevada since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Nevada.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Nevada	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	8.7%	6.8%
	November 2009	14.3%	9.9%
	November 2010	14.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	13.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	11.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.5%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	15.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 56,845	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 51,525	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.7%	12.5%
	2010	16.4%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	17.2%	15.3%
	2010	21.3%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: New Hampshire**

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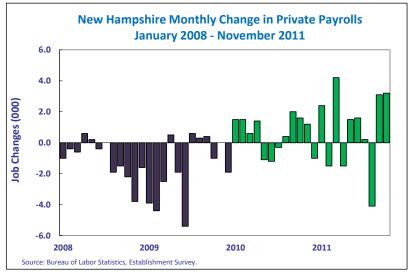
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In New Hampshire, private sector employment fell by 5.9 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.9 percent.
- In New Hampshire, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New Hampshire have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 5.2 percent in November 2011, up 1.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 6.7 percent in January 2010.
- 39,000 New Hampshire residents were counted among the unemployed in New Hampshire during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in New Hampshire was \$39,858.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$38,733.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In New Hampshire, home prices saw a decrease of 3.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 4.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in New Hampshire was \$220,625 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.4 percent of all mortgages, including 9.7 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New Hampshire.
- Housing starts in New Hampshire totaled 1,820 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 40.7 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes New Hampshire, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

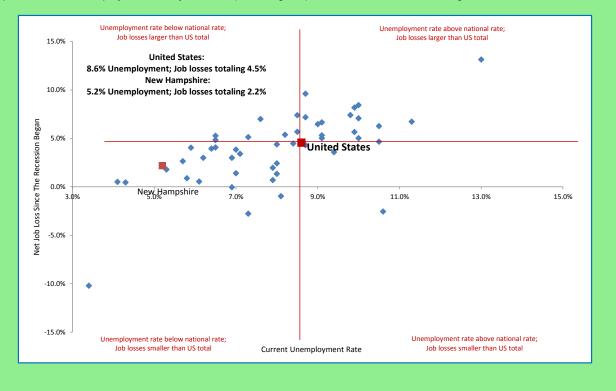
\* For New Hampshire-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Hampshire office: http://www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi/

# How Does New Hampshire Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New Hampshire to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New Hampshire since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New Hampshire.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		New Hampshire	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	4.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	6.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	5.7%	9.8%
	November 2011	5.2%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	5.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 71,060	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 66,707	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	5.8%	12.5%
	2010	6.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	10.5%	15.3%
	2010	10.3%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: New Jersey**

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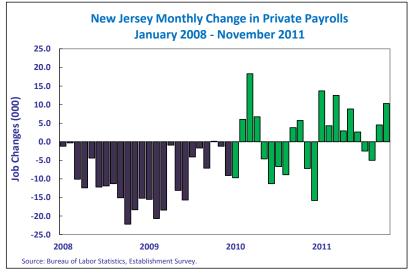
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In New Jersey, private sector employment fell by 7.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.9 percent.
- In New Jersey, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New Jersey have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; education and health services; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Jersey was 9.1 percent in November 2011, up 4.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.8 percent in January 2010.
- 413,000 New Jersey residents were counted among the unemployed in New Jersey during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in New Jersey was \$46,232.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$45,231.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

# HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In New Jersey, home prices saw a decrease of 0.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 1.0 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in New Jersey was \$282,633 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 8.1 percent of all mortgages, including 29.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New Jersey.
- Housing starts in New Jersey totaled 12,900 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 30.2 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes New Jersey, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

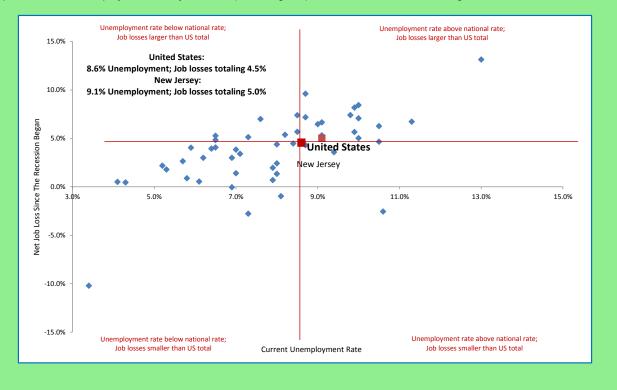
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# How Does New Jersey Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New Jersey to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New Jersey since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New Jersey.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		New Jersey	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	9.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.2%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	6.7%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 63,628	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 63,540	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	8.7%	12.5%
	2010	10.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	15.8%	15.3%
	2010	15.4%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: New Mexico**

## Jobs

- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In New Mexico, private sector employment fell by 7.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 0.9 percent.
- In New Mexico, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New Mexico have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; education and health services; and financial activities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Mexico was 6.5 percent in November 2011, up 3.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.7 percent in February 2011.
- 61,000 New Mexico residents were counted among the unemployed in New Mexico during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in New Mexico was \$30,032.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$29,476.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In New Mexico, home prices saw a decrease of 6.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 4.5 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in New Mexico was \$161,176 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.9 percent of all mortgages, including 12.7 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New Mexico.
- Housing starts in New Mexico totaled 4,040 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 6.9 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes New Mexico, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

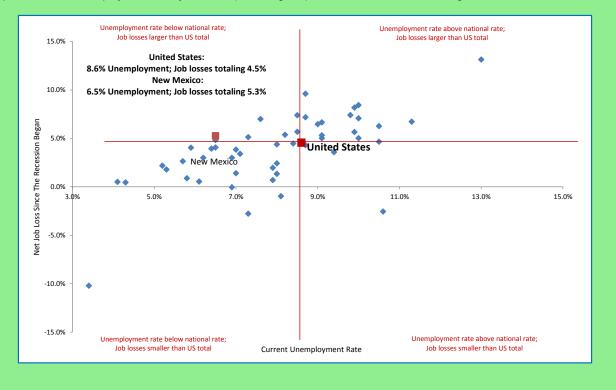
\* For New Mexico-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Mexico office: http://www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html

# How Does New Mexico Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New Mexico to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New Mexico since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New Mexico.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		New Mexico	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.4%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.8%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	14.7%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 46,643	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 45,098	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.0%	12.5%
	2010	18.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	22.5%	15.3%
	2010	21.6%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: New York**

## Jobs

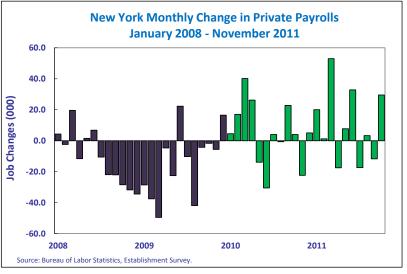
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In New York, private sector employment fell by 4.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.7 percent.
- In New York, employees in the mining, manufacturing, and construction sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New York have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

# EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New York was 8.0 percent in November 2011, up 3.3 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.9 percent in January 2010.
- 760,000 New York residents were counted among the unemployed in New York during November 2011.

# EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in New York was \$43,786.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$42,544.30 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In New York, home prices saw an increase of 3.0 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 1.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in New York was \$245,858 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 5.7 percent of all mortgages, including 21.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New York.
- Housing starts in New York totaled 19,700 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 28.5 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes New York, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

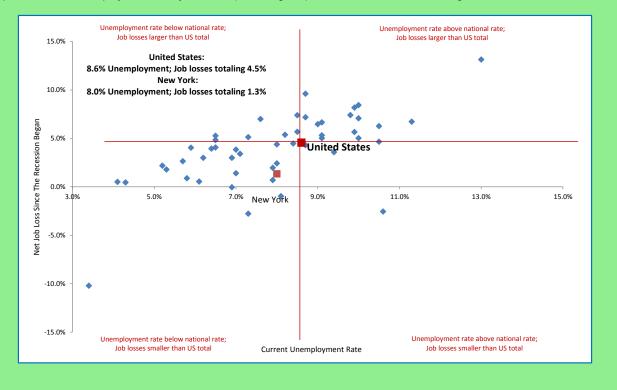
\* For New York-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New York office: http://www.labor.state.ny.us/stats/index.shtm

# How Does New York Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New York to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New York since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New York.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		New York	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.3%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	6.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.2%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	15.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 51,468	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 49,826	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.5%	12.5%
	2010	16.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	13.2%	15.3%
	2010	15.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: North Carolina**

### Jobs

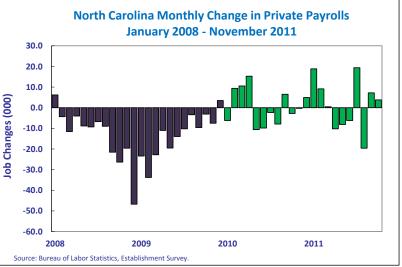
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In North Carolina, private sector employment fell by 9.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.6 percent.
- In North Carolina, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in North Carolina have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Carolina was 10.0 percent in November 2011, up 5.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.4 percent in February 2010.
- 451,000 North Carolina residents were counted among the unemployed in North Carolina during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in North Carolina was \$31,411.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$31,082.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In North Carolina, home prices saw a decrease of 0.7 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.9 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in North Carolina was \$154,481 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.1 percent of all mortgages, including 10.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in North Carolina.
- Housing starts in North Carolina totaled 32,300 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 10.3 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes North Carolina, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

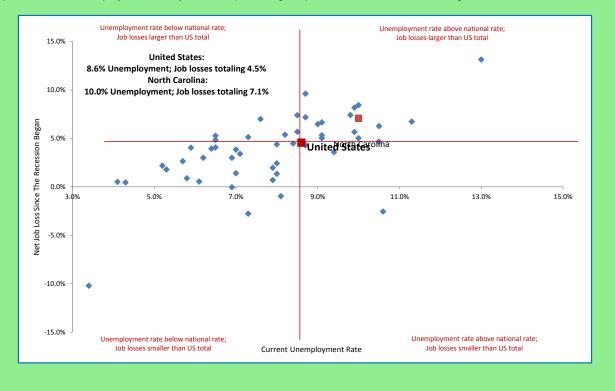
\* For North Carolina-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the North Carolina office: http://www.ncesc1.com/lmi/default.asp

## How Does North Carolina Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within North Carolina since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in North Carolina.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		North Carolina	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.2%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.8%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.0%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.5%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.2%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 45,757	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 43,753	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	15.5%	12.5%
	2010	17.4%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	16.4%	15.3%
	2010	17.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: North Dakota**

### Jobs

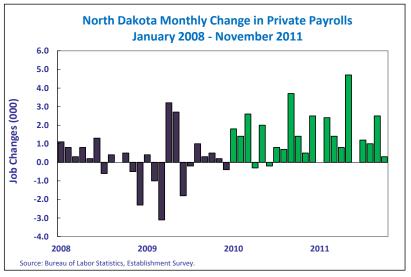
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In North Dakota, private sector employment rose by 0.9 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 10.1 percent.
- In North Dakota, employees in the manufacturing and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in North Dakota have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; construction; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Dakota was 3.4 percent in November 2011, up 0.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 4.3 percent in August 2009.
- 13,000 North Dakota residents were counted among the unemployed in North Dakota during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in North Dakota was \$40,336.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$36,397.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In North Dakota, home prices saw an increase of 1.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 2.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in North Dakota was \$133,473 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.1 percent of all mortgages, including 10.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in North Dakota.
- Housing starts in North Dakota totaled 5,540 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 0.7 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes North Dakota, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

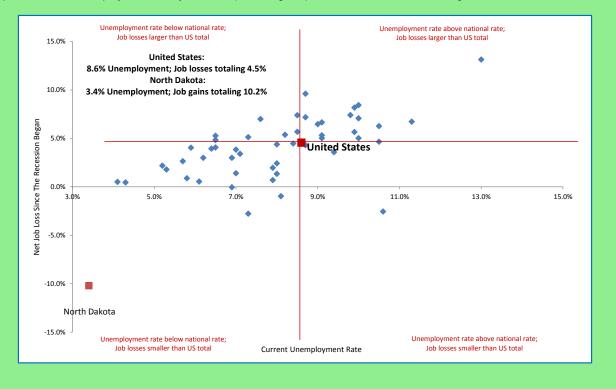
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## How Does North Dakota Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare North Dakota to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within North Dakota since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in North Dakota.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		North Dakota	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	3.5%	6.8%
	November 2009	4.2%	9.9%
	November 2010	3.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	3.4%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	2.3%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	2.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 49,639	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 51,380	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	9.3%	12.5%
	2010	12.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	10.0%	15.3%
	2010	13.1%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Ohio**

## Jobs

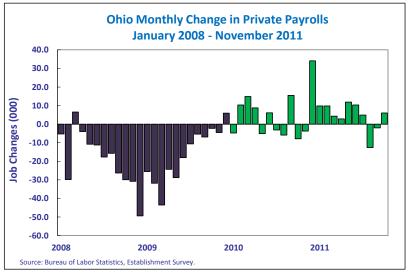
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Ohio, private sector employment fell by 8.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.8 percent.
- In Ohio, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Ohio have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; manufacturing; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Ohio was 8.5 percent in November 2011, up 2.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.6 percent in February 2010.
- 496,000 Ohio residents were counted among the unemployed in Ohio during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Ohio was \$33,027.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$31,977.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Ohio, home prices saw a decrease of 6.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 5.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Ohio was \$113,730 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.9 percent of all mortgages, including 12.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Ohio.
- Housing starts in Ohio totaled 18,590 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 73.6 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Ohio, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

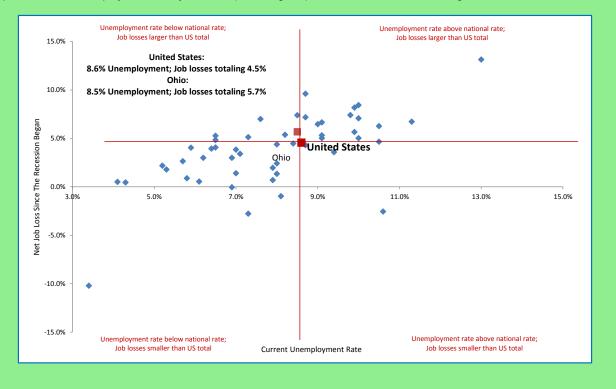
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## How Does Ohio Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Ohio to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Ohio since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Ohio.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Ohio	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	10.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	14.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 51,631	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 46,093	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	12.8%	12.5%
	2010	15.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	11.7%	15.3%
	2010	13.7%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Oklahoma**

### Jobs

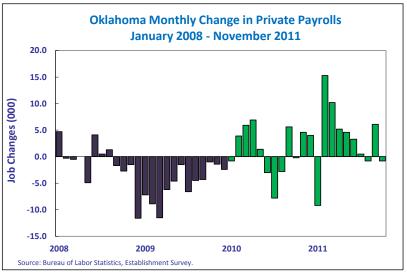
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Oklahoma, private sector employment fell by 7.1 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 4.8 percent.
- In Oklahoma, employees in the manufacturing, mining, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Oklahoma have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; manufacturing; and construction.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oklahoma was 6.1 percent in November 2011, up 2.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.3 percent in March 2010.
- 107,000 Oklahoma residents were counted among the unemployed in Oklahoma during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Oklahoma was \$32,459.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,625.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Oklahoma, home prices saw an increase of 0.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 0.1 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Oklahoma was \$118,771 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.2 percent of all mortgages, including 10.5 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Oklahoma.
- Housing starts in Oklahoma totaled 7,520 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 1.5 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Oklahoma, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

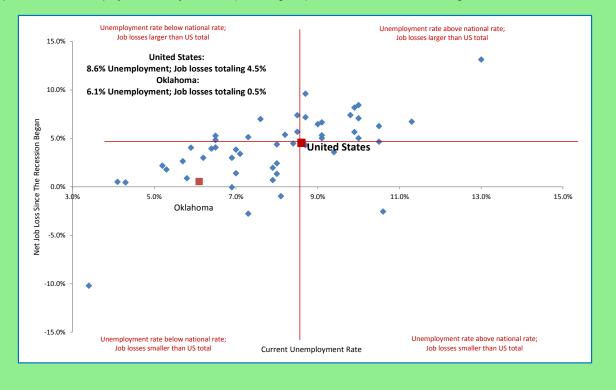
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## How Does Oklahoma Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Oklahoma to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Oklahoma since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Oklahoma.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Oklahoma	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	4.3%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.2%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.5%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.0%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 45,444	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 43,400	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	13.4%	12.5%
	2010	16.3%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	17.8%	15.3%
	2010	17.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Oregon**

### Jobs

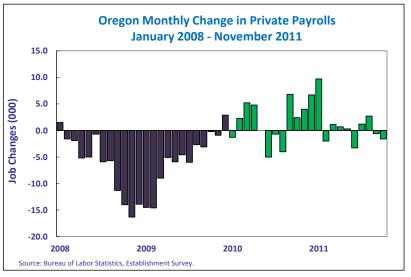
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Oregon, private sector employment fell by 10.3 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.9 percent.
- In Oregon, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Oregon have experienced the greatest employment increases: education and health services; professional and business services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

### EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oregon was 9.1 percent in November 2011, up 3.9 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.6 percent in June 2009.
- 182,000 Oregon residents were counted among the unemployed in Oregon during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Oregon was \$33,205.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,249.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Oregon, home prices saw a decrease of 3.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 3.9 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Oregon was \$206,977 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.7 percent of all mortgages, including 14.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Oregon.
- Housing starts in Oregon totaled 10,540 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 0.5 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Oregon, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

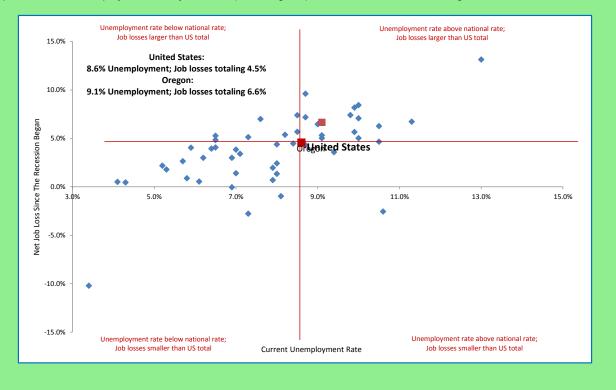
\* For Oregon-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Oregon office: http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/OlmisZine

## How Does Oregon Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Oregon to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Oregon since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Oregon.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Oregon	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	8.4%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.0%	9.9%
	November 2010	10.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.3%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.9%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 52,826	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 50,526	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	12.8%	12.5%
	2010	14.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	16.8%	15.3%
	2010	16.2%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Pennsylvania**

### Jobs

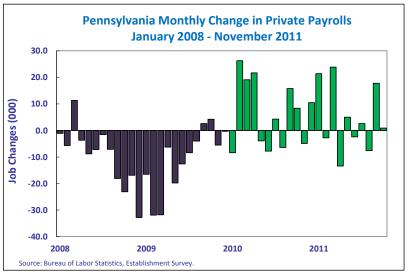
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Pennsylvania, private sector employment fell by 5.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.2 percent.
- In Pennsylvania, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Pennsylvania have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; leisure and hospitality; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was 7.9 percent in November 2011, up 3.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.8 percent in April 2010.
- 499,000 Pennsylvania residents were counted among the unemployed in Pennsylvania during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Pennsylvania was \$36,942.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$35,791.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

#### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Pennsylvania, home prices saw an increase of 0.5 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.2 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Pennsylvania was \$153,439 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.4 percent of all mortgages, including 12.0 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Pennsylvania.
- Housing starts in Pennsylvania totaled 16,820 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 4.3 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Pennsylvania, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

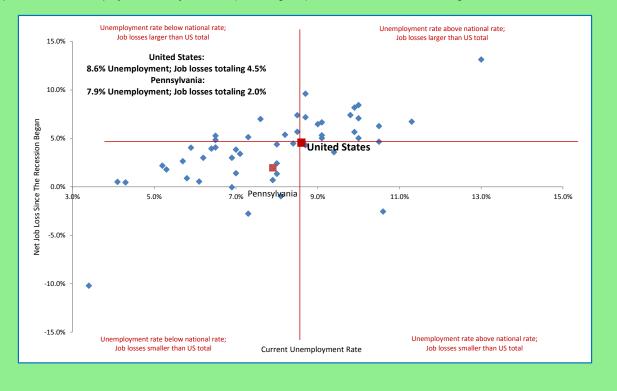
\* For Pennsylvania-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Pennsylvania office: http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us/

## How Does Pennsylvania Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Pennsylvania to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Pennsylvania since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Pennsylvania.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Pennsylvania	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	6.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.9%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.9%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.0%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 50,934	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 48,460	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	10.4%	12.5%
	2010	12.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	9.5%	15.3%
	2010	11.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Rhode Island**

### Jobs

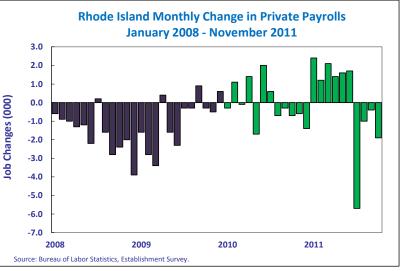
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Rhode Island, private sector employment fell by 6.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 0.8 percent.
- In Rhode Island, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and financial activities sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Rhode Island have experienced the greatest employment increases: trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; and construction.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 10.5 percent in November 2011, up 4.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.8 percent in March 2010.
- 59,000 Rhode Island residents were counted among the unemployed in Rhode Island during November 2011.

### EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Rhode Island was \$38,501.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,111.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Rhode Island, home prices saw a decrease of 6.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 5.3 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Rhode Island was \$230,354 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.3 percent of all mortgages, including 14.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Rhode Island.
- Housing starts in Rhode Island totaled 680 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 10.5 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Rhode Island, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

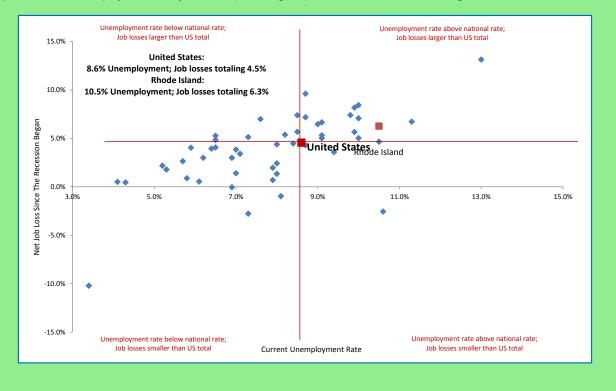
\* For Rhode Island-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Rhode Island office: http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/lfrelease.htm

## How Does Rhode Island Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Rhode Island to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Rhode Island since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Rhode Island.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Rhode Island	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	9.0%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	11.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	10.5%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	8.8%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	10.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.3%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 57,005	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 51,914	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.5%	12.5%
	2010	13.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	10.8%	15.3%
	2010	11.4%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: South Carolina**

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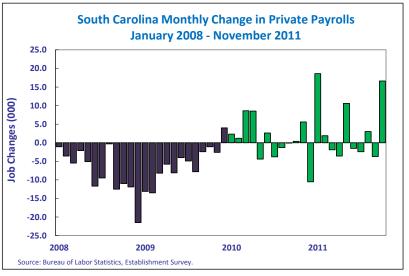
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In South Carolina, private sector employment fell by 10.1 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 4.1 percent.
- In South Carolina, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in South Carolina have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; manufacturing; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Carolina was 9.9 percent in November 2011, up 4.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.8 percent in December 2009.
- 214,000 South Carolina residents were counted among the unemployed in South Carolina during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in South Carolina was \$29,340.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$28,727.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In South Carolina, home prices saw an increase of 1.8 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.2 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in South Carolina was \$135,855 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 4.4 percent of all mortgages, including 13.0 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in South Carolina.
- Housing starts in South Carolina totaled 21,230 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 49.4 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes South Carolina, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

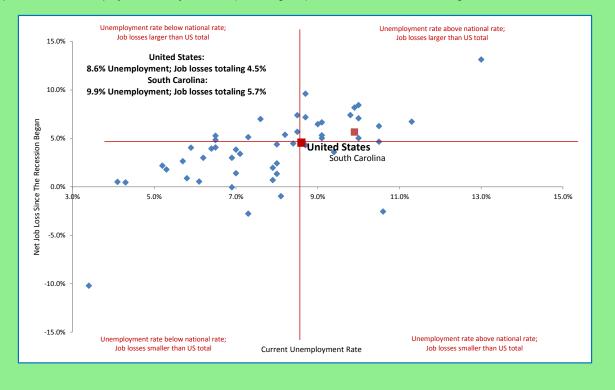
\* For South Carolina-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the South Carolina office: http://www.sces.org/lmi/news/news.asp

## How Does South Carolina Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare South Carolina to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within South Carolina since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in South Carolina.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		South Carolina	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	8.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	11.8%	9.9%
	November 2010	10.9%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.8%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.4%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 46,493	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 41,709	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.1%	12.5%
	2010	17.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	16.4%	15.3%
	2010	20.6%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: South Dakota**

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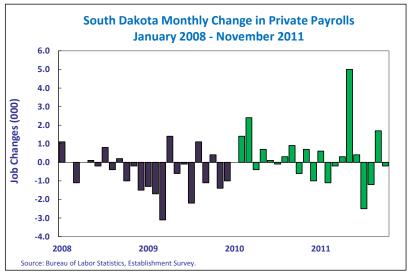
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In South Dakota, private sector employment fell by 4.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.4 percent.
- In South Dakota, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in South Dakota have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; manufacturing; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was 4.3 percent in November 2011, up 1.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 5.2 percent in February 2010.
- 19,000 South Dakota residents were counted among the unemployed in South Dakota during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in South Dakota was \$36,172.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$34,870.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In South Dakota, home prices saw an increase of 3.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 3.4 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in South Dakota was \$156,243 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.6 percent of all mortgages, including 10.6 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in South Dakota.
- Housing starts in South Dakota totaled 2,770 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 34.2 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes South Dakota, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

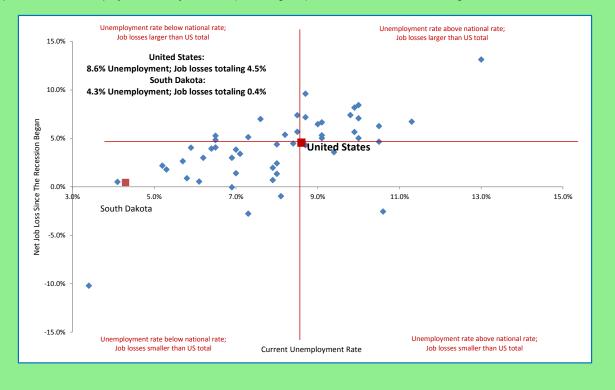
\* For South Dakota-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the South Dakota office: http://dol.sd.gov/lmic/menu\_labor\_force.aspx

## How Does South Dakota Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare South Dakota to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within South Dakota since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in South Dakota.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		South Dakota	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	3.7%	6.8%
	November 2009	5.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	4.7%	9.8%
	November 2011	4.3%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.4%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	6.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	4.5%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 48,811	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 45,669	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	9.4%	12.5%
	2010	13.2%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	10.1%	15.3%
	2010	13.0%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Tennessee**

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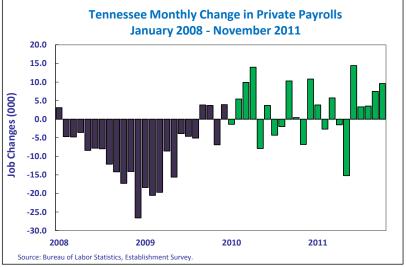
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Tennessee, private sector employment fell by 9.1 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 2.4 percent.
- In Tennessee, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Tennessee have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; construction; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 9.1 percent in November 2011, up 3.7 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.8 percent in August 2009.
- 283,000 Tennessee residents were counted among the unemployed in Tennessee during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Tennessee was \$31,754.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$30,652.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Tennessee, home prices saw a decrease of 0.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 1.0 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Tennessee was \$123,613 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.6 percent of all mortgages, including 7.3 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Tennessee.
- Housing starts in Tennessee totaled 11,880 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 46.3 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Tennessee, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

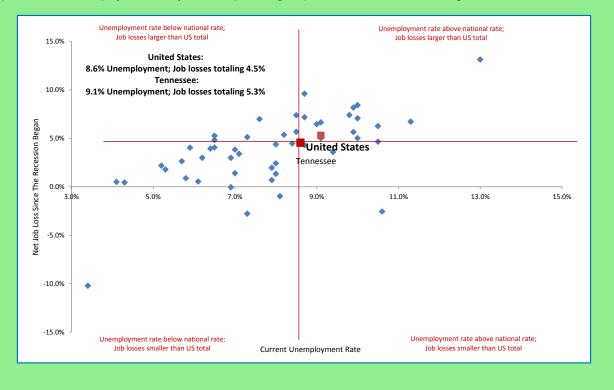
\* For Tennessee-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Tennessee office: http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/lmr/

## How Does Tennessee Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Tennessee to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Tennessee since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Tennessee.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Tennessee	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	7.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	10.5%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.4%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	10.1%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	10.4%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	20.0%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 43,319	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 38,686	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	14.8%	12.5%
:	2010	16.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	14.4%	15.3%
:	2010	14.7%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Texas**

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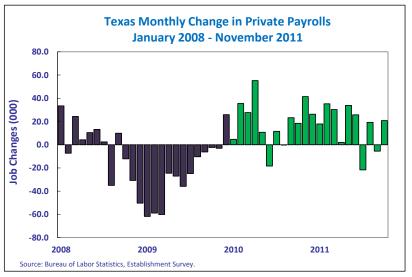
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Texas, private sector employment fell by 4.5 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 5.2 percent.
- In Texas, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Texas have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and education and health services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Texas was 8.1 percent in November 2011, up 3.7 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.5 percent in September 2011.
- 997,000 Texas residents were counted among the unemployed in Texas during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Texas was \$34,470.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$32,883.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Texas, home prices saw a decrease of 1.6 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Texas was \$134,854 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.9 percent of all mortgages, including 7.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Texas.
- Housing starts in Texas totaled 106,930 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 4.1 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Texas, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

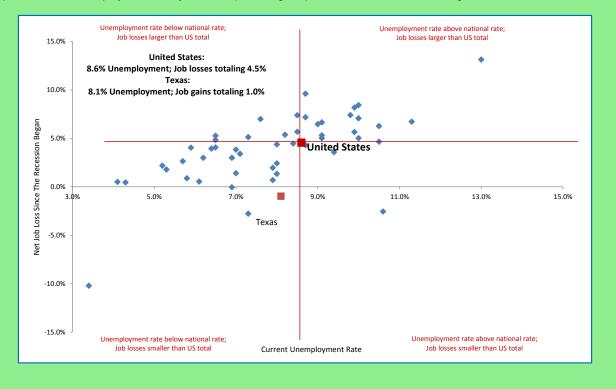
\* For Texas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Texas office: http://www.tracer2.com/?PAGEID=133

## How Does Texas Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Texas since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Texas.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Texas	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.7%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	8.3%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.1%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	8.8%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.2%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	13.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 48,427	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 47,464	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	16.5%	12.5%
	2010	18.4%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	25.2%	15.3%
	2010	24.6%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Utah**

## Jobs

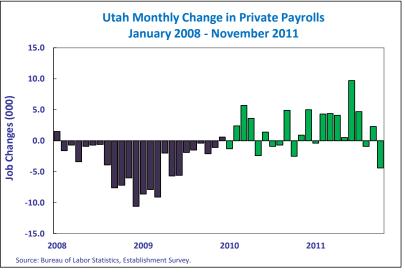
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Utah, private sector employment fell by 9.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 4.5 percent.
- In Utah, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Utah have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and manufacturing.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Utah was 6.4 percent in November 2011, up 3.4 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 8.0 percent in March 2010.
- 86,000 Utah residents were counted among the unemployed in Utah during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Utah was \$29,255.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$28,839.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Utah, home prices saw a decrease of 6.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 4.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Utah was \$194,147 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.4 percent of all mortgages, including 10.3 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Utah.
- Housing starts in Utah totaled 12,280 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 17.4 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Utah, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

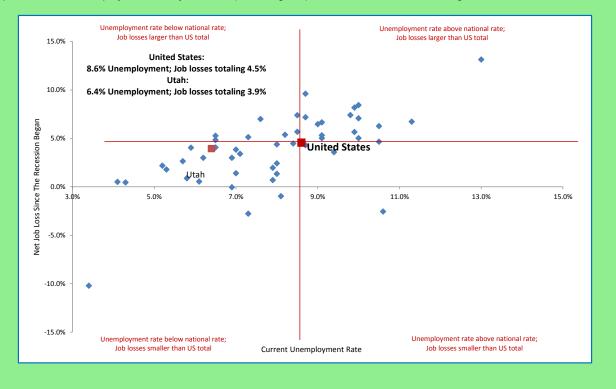
\* For Utah-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Utah office: http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/pubs/une/

## How Does Utah Compare To Other States?

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The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Utah since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Utah.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Utah	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	4.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.4%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	8.0%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	5.7%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	1.0%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 56,289	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 56,787	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.6%	12.5%
	2010	10.0%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	12.8%	15.3%
	2010	13.6%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Vermont**

## Jobs

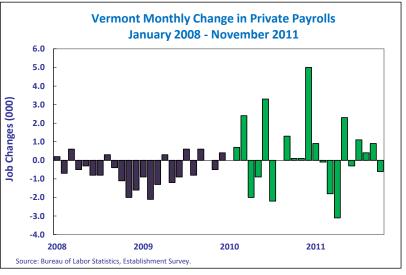
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Vermont, private sector employment fell by 5.0 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.4 percent.
- In Vermont, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Vermont have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 5.3 percent in November 2011, up 1.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.3 percent in May 2009.
- 19,000 Vermont residents were counted among the unemployed in Vermont during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Vermont was \$36,672.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$35,448.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Vermont, home prices saw an increase of 1.6 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 0.3 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Vermont was \$203,970 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.4 percent of all mortgages, including 18.4 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Vermont.
- Housing starts in Vermont totaled 980 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 38.4 percent from September.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Vermont, sales of new single-family homes totaled 22,000 units in October 2011, remaining steady from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 5.2 percent to 550,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

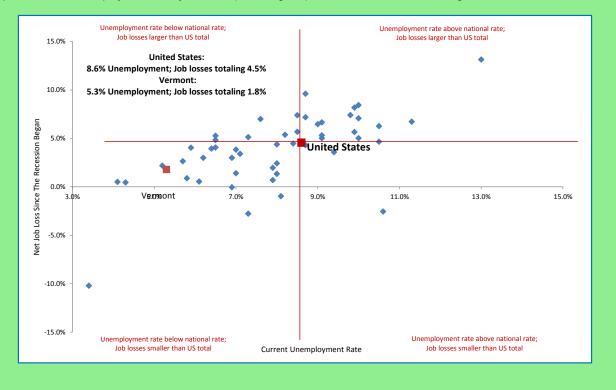
\* For Vermont-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Vermont office: http://www.vtlmi.info/

## How Does Vermont Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Vermont to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Vermont since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Vermont.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Vermont	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.2%	6.8%
	November 2009	6.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	5.8%	9.8%
	November 2011	5.3%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	9.8%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.2%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	16.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 49,833	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 55,942	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	9.9%	12.5%
	2010	10.8%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	11.2%	15.3%
	2010	9.5%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Virginia**

### Jobs

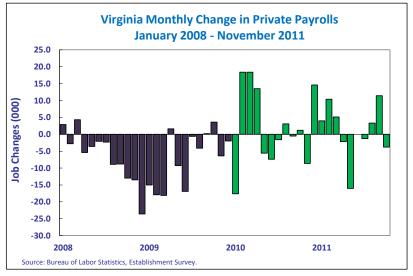
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Virginia, private sector employment fell by 6.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.7 percent.
- In Virginia, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and information services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Virginia have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and trade, transportation and utilities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Virginia was 6.2 percent in November 2011, up 2.9 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.2 percent in February 2010.
- 265,000 Virginia residents were counted among the unemployed in Virginia during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Virginia was \$39,773.90 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$39,247.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Virginia, home prices saw an increase of 0.1 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following no change year over year in September.
- The median price of single-family homes in Virginia was \$229,420 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.9 percent of all mortgages, including 8.2 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Virginia.
- Housing starts in Virginia totaled 17,780 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 13.4 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes Virginia, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

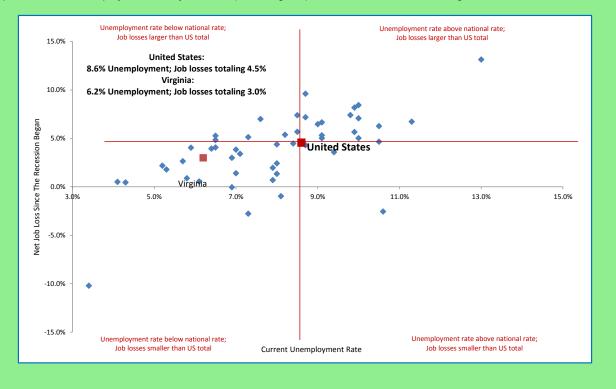
\* For Virginia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Virginia office: http://www.vawc.virginia.gov/analyzer/default.asp

## How Does Virginia Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Virginia to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Virginia since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Virginia.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Virginia	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	4.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	6.2%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	12.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	10.6%	11.5%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 62,211	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 60,363	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	8.6%	12.5%
	2010	10.7%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	14.8%	15.3%
	2010	14.1%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Washington**

### Jobs

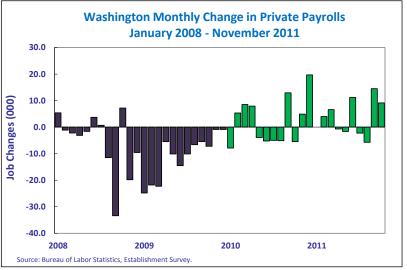
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Washington, private sector employment fell by 8.6 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.7 percent.
- In Washington, employees in the mining, construction, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Washington have experienced the greatest employment increases: professional and business services; mining; and leisure and bosnitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Washington was 8.7 percent in November 2011, up 4.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.0 percent in February 2010.
- 304,000 Washington residents were counted among the unemployed in Washington during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Washington was \$38,581.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$37,903.00 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Washington, home prices saw a decrease of 5.0 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 5.6 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Washington was \$248,555 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.2 percent of all mortgages, including 9.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Washington.
- Housing starts in Washington totaled 17,400 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 29.5 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Washington, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

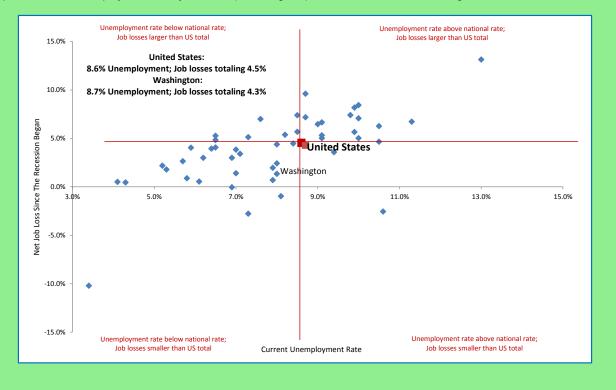
\* For Washington-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Washington office: http://www.workforceexplorer.com/

## How Does Washington Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Washington to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Washington since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Washington.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



		Washington	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	6.6%	6.8%
	November 2009	9.9%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.3%	9.8%
	November 2011	8.7%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.6%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	10.6%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.8%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 61,075	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 56,253	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	10.2%	12.5%
	2010	11.5%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	11.3%	15.3%
	2010	13.8%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: West Virginia**

### Jobs

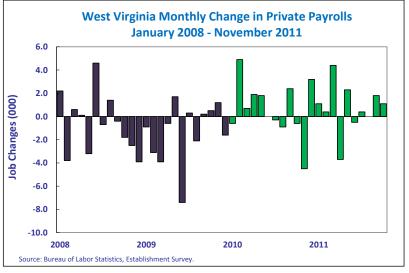
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In West Virginia, private sector employment fell by 4.7 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.1 percent.
- In West Virginia, employees in the manufacturing, construction, and trade, transportation and utilities sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in West Virginia have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and leisure and hospitality.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in West Virginia was 7.9 percent in November 2011, up 3.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.7 percent in December 2010.
- 62,000 West Virginia residents were counted among the unemployed in West Virginia during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in West Virginia was \$29,044.80 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$28,211.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In West Virginia, home prices saw an increase of 4.8 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 4.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in West Virginia was \$129,369 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 2.1 percent of all mortgages, including 7.3 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in West Virginia.
- Housing starts in West Virginia totaled 1,790 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 17.9 percent from September.
- Within the South census region, which includes West Virginia, sales of new single-family homes totaled 153,000 units in October 2011, a decrease of 9.5 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.4 percent to 1,740,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

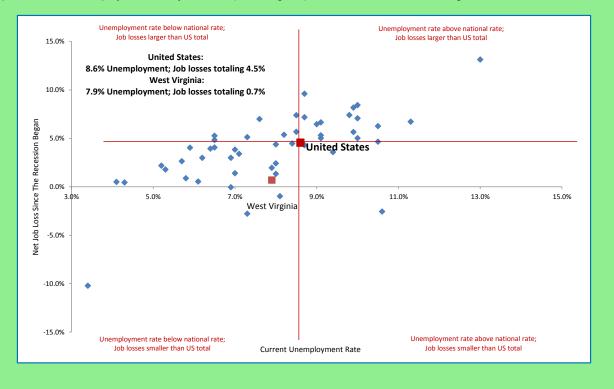
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## How Does West Virginia Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare West Virginia to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within West Virginia since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in West Virginia.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		West Virginia	United States
Unemployment Rates	. November 2008	4.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	8.6%	9.9%
	November 2010	9.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.9%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	11.2%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.6%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	4.6%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 44,261	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 42,839	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	. 2007	14.8%	12.5%
	2010	16.9%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	14.1%	15.3%
	2010	13.5%	16.3%

## **Economic Overview And Outlook: Wisconsin**

### Jobs

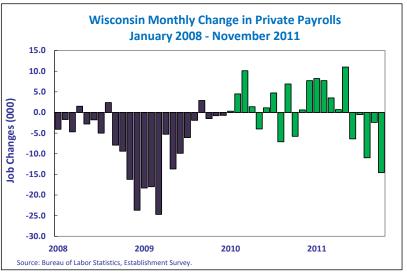
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Wisconsin, private sector employment fell by 6.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.2 percent.
- In Wisconsin, employees in the construction, mining, and manufacturing sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Wisconsin have experienced the greatest employment increases: manufacturing; leisure and hospitality; and mining.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin was 7.3 percent in November 2011, up 2.8 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.2 percent in January 2010.
- 224,000 Wisconsin residents were counted among the unemployed in Wisconsin during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Wisconsin was \$34,904.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$33,669.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Wisconsin, home prices saw a decrease of 4.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year decrease of 3.9 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Wisconsin was \$153,935 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 3.5 percent of all mortgages, including 16.1 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Wisconsin.
- Housing starts in Wisconsin totaled 11,990 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, an increase of 21.2 percent from September.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Wisconsin, sales of new single-family homes totaled 55,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 22.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 2.0 percent to 1,000,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

\* For Wisconsin-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Wisconsin office: http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/oea/

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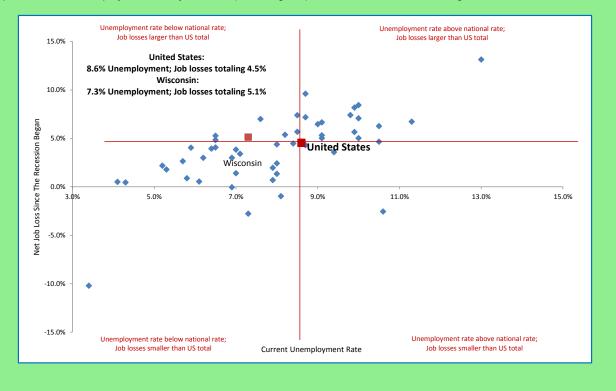
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## How Does Wisconsin Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Wisconsin to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Wisconsin since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Wisconsin.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wisconsin	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	5.9%	6.8%
	November 2009	9.1%	9.9%
	November 2010	7.6%	9.8%
	November 2011	7.3%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2010	9.7%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	9.0%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	11.1%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 53,921	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 50,522	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	11.0%	12.5%
	2010	9.9%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	8.2%	15.3%
	2010	9.4%	16.3%

# **Economic Overview And Outlook: Wyoming**

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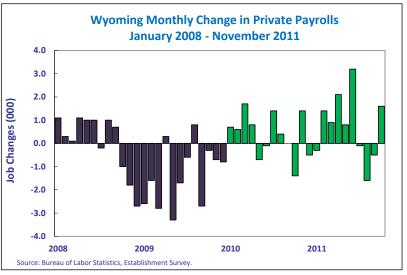
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 21 consecutive months.
- In Wyoming, private sector employment fell by 8.3 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 3.9 percent.
- In Wyoming, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Wyoming have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; professional and business services; and government.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, and health care and social assistance. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

## EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wyoming was 5.8 percent in November 2011, up 3.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.7 percent in December 2009.
- 17,000 Wyoming residents were counted among the unemployed in Wyoming during November 2011.

## EARNINGS

Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.2 percent below its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Wyoming was \$40,786.40 in the 3rd quarter of 2011, up from \$38,643.20 in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

## Housing

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 3.9 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 compared to a 3.8 percent decrease in September. In Wyoming, home prices saw an increase of 0.8 percent in October 2011 from October 2010 following September's year over year increase of 2.5 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Wyoming was \$183,202 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2011, 1.0 percent of all mortgages, including 5.8 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Wyoming.
- Housing starts in Wyoming totaled 1,340 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in October 2011, a decrease of 47.7 percent from September.
- Within the West census region, which includes Wyoming, sales of new single-family homes totaled 77,000 units in October 2011, an increase of 14.9 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.8 percent to 1,090,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from September to October 2011.

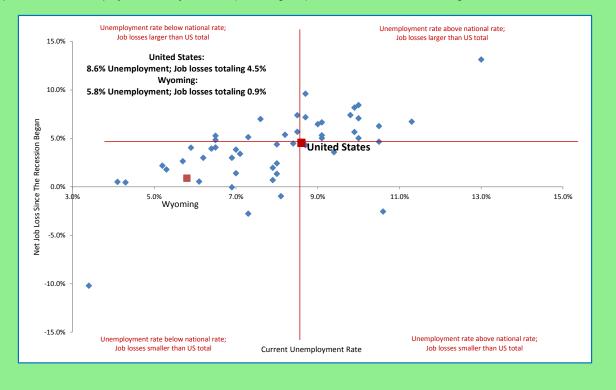
\* For Wyoming-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Wyoming office: http://wydoe.state.wy.us/lmi/bls.htm

## How Does Wyoming Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Wyoming to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Wyoming since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Wyoming.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



#### **STATE QUICK FACTS**

		Wyoming	United States
Unemployment Rates	November 2008	3.8%	6.8%
	November 2009	7.7%	9.9%
	November 2010	6.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	5.8%	8.6%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2010	12.3%	9.3%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	7.1%	8.7%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2010	8.6%	11.5%
Median Household Income	. 2007	\$ 51,257	\$ 52,823
(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 52,359	\$ 49,445
Poverty Rate	2007	10.9%	12.5%
	2010	9.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	. 2007	13.6%	15.3%
	2010	17.3%	16.3%

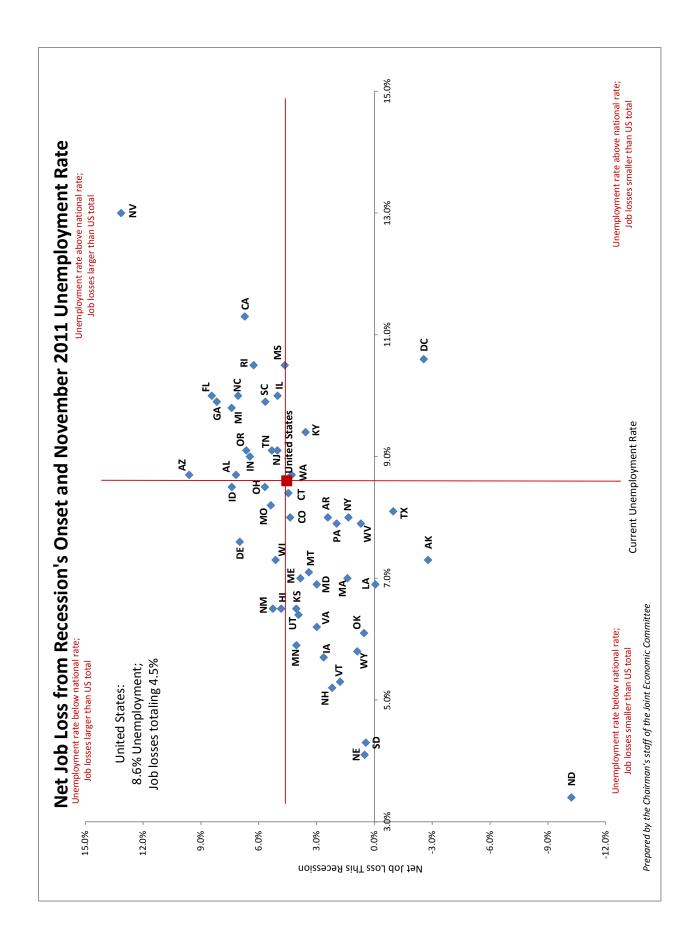
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# EXPLANATION OF NET JOB LOSS AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHART

The chart on the following page shows a comparison of the current (November 2011) unemployment rate and cumulative nonfarm job losses (as a percent of total employment) in each state and the District of Columbia versus the national average. States that appear in the upper right quadrant are experiencing unemployment rates higher than the national average and cumulative job losses greater than the national average. Most of these states were dependent on manufacturing and construction. States in the lower left quadrant are experiencing lower unemployment rates and smaller job losses than the national average.

States in the upper left quadrant experienced net job losses greater than the national average but have a current unemployment rate lower than the national average. Those states all started the recession with unemployment rates less than the national average.

Negative job losses correspond to job creation. North Dakota, Alaska, Texas, and the District of Columbia have experienced net job creation since the recession's onset. Expanded employment in the mining and logging sector has contributed to job creation in North Dakota, Alaska, and Texas. In addition, Alaska, Texas, and the District of Columbia have experienced gains in both the education and health services sector and the leisure and hospitality sector since the recession began. Despite these job gains, the unemployment rate in the District of Columbia is currently higher than the national average. The higher unemployment rate in District of Columbia is partly due to a higher unemployment rate before the recession began – the unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in November 2007, above the national average of 4.7 percent. It is likely, given the small size of the District of Columbia, that jobs created in the District of Columbia are filled by Virginia and Maryland residents.



	Number of Veterans	Overall Veterans'	Number of Post-9/11 Veterans	Number of Unemployed	Post-9/11 Veterans'	
	in the Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	in the Labor Force	Post-9/11 Veterans	Unemployment Rate	
United States	11,758,000	8.7%	1,783,000	205,000	11.5%	
Alabama	181,000	7.7%	35,000	4,000	10.8%	
Alaska	48,000	8.1%	10,000	1,000	7.8%	
Arizona	287,000	8.0%	55,000	7,000	13.2%	
Arkansas	115,000	9.7%	20,000	3,000	13.4%	
California	956,000	9.8%	139,000	17,000	12.4%	
Colorado	258,000	8.8%	37,000	4,000	11.9%	
Connecticut	124,000	9.2%	11,000	2,000	15.5%	
Delaware	38,000	6.1%	6,000	-	6.3%	
District of Columbia	14,000	7.1%	2,000	-	13.4%	
Florida	823,000	9.1%	144,000	11,000	7.7%	
Georgia	464,000	8.7%	65,000	10,000	15.5%	
Hawaii	55,000	5.5%	12,000	1,000	6.0%	
Idaho	64,000	7.9%	10,000	1,000	9.9%	
Illinois	407,000	9.8%	59,000	5,000	8.8%	
Indiana	271,000	9.0%	28,000	7,000	23.6%	
Iowa	128,000	6.4%	12,000	1,000	8.9%	
Kansas	130,000	9.9%	18,000	3,000	17.2%	
Kentucky	170,000	11.3%	21,000	2,000	9.1%	
Louisiana	187,000	4.5%	40,000	1,000	2.8%	
Maine	71,000	8.7%	7,000	1,000	13.8%	
Maryland	256,000	5.0%	42,000	2,000	3.7%	
Massachusetts	203,000	8.4%	14,000	1,000	9.4%	
Michigan	300,000	16.0%	27,000	8,000	29.4%	
Minnesota	207,000	9.4%	23,000	5,000	22.9%	
Mississippi	89,000	8.2%	11,000	1,000	13.1%	
Missouri	263,000	7.0%	42,000	3,000	6.7%	
Montana	43,000	8.0%	5,000	1,000	20.1%	
Nebraska	89,000	4.5%	14,000	1,000	3.7%	
Nevada	124,000	13.5%	25,000	4,000	15.2%	
New Hampshire	75,000	5.4%	8,000	1,000	7.1%	
New Jersey	216,000	8.0%	16,000	1,000	8.2%	
New Mexico	86,000	8.8%	12,000	2,000	14.7%	
New York	476,000	8.2% 8.5%	51,000	8,000	15.2%	
North Carolina North Dakota	404,000 33,000	2.3%	77,000 6,000	6,000	8.2%	
Ohio	474,000	2.5%	54,000	- 8,000	2.1%	
Oklahoma	200,000	6.0%	47,000	4,000	9.0%	
Oregon	163,000	8.3%	20,000	2,000	8.9%	
Pennsylvania	488,000	6.9%	60,000	8,000	13.0%	
Rhode Island	41,000	10.1%	7,000	1,000	8.3%	
South Carolina	207,000	11.8%	33,000	3,000	9.4%	
South Dakota	45,000	6.4%	6,000	-	4.5%	
Tennessee	286,000	10.4%	49,000	10,000	20.0%	
Texas	946,000	7.2%	148,000	19,000	13.1%	
Utah	86,000	5.7%	14,000	-	1.0%	
Vermont	29,000	7.2%	2,000		16.8%	
Virginia	427,000	7.0%	119,000	13,000	10.6%	
Washington	356,000	10.6%	66,000	8,000	11.89	
West Virginia	80,000	7.6%	14,000	1,000	4.6%	
Wisconsin	240,000	9.0%	32,000	4,000	11.1%	
Wyoming	35,000	7.1%	7,000	1,000	8.6%	