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State Economic Snapshots

This monthly report provides a snapshot of the status of the economic recovery in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. This month's snapshots include state-level data on jobs, unemployment and earnings through October 2015. [Individual state reports can be accessed here.](#)

Highlights

- Private-sector employment increased in 42 states and the District of Columbia in October.
- The unemployment rate fell in 32 states and the District of Columbia.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 47 states over the past year.

Private-Sector Job Gains

Private-sector employment increased in 42 states and the District of Columbia in October. The largest private-sector gains were seen in California (41,900), Florida (36,600), Ohio (36,300), New York (30,300) and Georgia (24,500). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Idaho, Alaska, Wyoming, Ohio, Arizona and Nebraska.

Over the past 12 months, 47 states and the District of Columbia gained private-sector jobs, with California (427,200), Florida (244,200), Texas (180,800), New York (168,100) and North Carolina (88,900) recording the largest increases. The largest percentage gains in private-sector employment during this period were in Idaho (4.6 percent), Utah (3.9 percent), Nevada (3.8 percent), Florida (3.6 percent) and South Carolina (3.3 percent). Nationally, in the past year, 2.7 million private-sector jobs were added, a 2.3 percent increase.

Unemployment

The unemployment rate declined in 32 states and the District of Columbia in October. The largest declines were in West Virginia (-0.4 percentage point), Kansas, Missouri, New York and South Dakota (-0.3 percentage point each). There was no change in 15 states.

Over the past 12 months, 43 states and the District of Columbia reported declines in the unemployment rate. The largest declines were in Rhode Island (-1.7 percentage points), Michigan (-1.6 percentage points), California, Indiana and Mississippi (-1.4 percentage points each).

North Dakota had the lowest unemployment rate (2.8 percent) in October, followed by Nebraska (2.9 percent), South Dakota (3.2 percent), Hawaii and New Hampshire (3.3 percent each). West Virginia (6.9 percent) had the highest unemployment rate, followed by New Mexico (6.8 percent), Nevada, the District of Columbia (6.6 percent each) and Alaska (6.4 percent). The national unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in October, down from 5.7 percent a year prior.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, increased in 47 states over the past year. The largest earnings gains were posted in Delaware (7.0 percent), Nevada (5.5 percent), Iowa (5.1 percent), Nebraska (4.8 percent) and Washington (4.7 percent). Earnings declined in three states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, real average hourly earnings increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted) in the past year. The District of Columbia (\$35.91) had the highest average hourly earnings in October, followed by Massachusetts (\$30.71), Washington (\$30.06), Connecticut (\$29.47) and New York (\$28.78).

Key Employment Sectors

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment expanded in 23 states during October. The largest increases were in Ohio (5,800), Indiana (5,400), New York (3,200), Georgia (3,100) and Wisconsin (2,500). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Maryland, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Georgia and Alaska.

Over the past 12 months, 26 states added manufacturing positions. On a percentage basis, the biggest gains were in Idaho (6.6 percent), Utah (5.4 percent), South Dakota (4.5 percent), Michigan (3.9 percent) and Kentucky (3.2 percent). Across the country, 80,000 manufacturing positions have been added in the last 12 months, a 0.7 percent increase.

Construction

Construction employment increased in 35 states during October. The largest gains were reported in New York (7,800), California (7,600), Ohio (5,800), Colorado (4,100) and Missouri (2,800). The largest percentage gains during the month were in Idaho, Montana, Rhode Island, Hawaii and Ohio.

In the past 12 months, 43 states and the District of Columbia added construction jobs. The greatest percentage gains over the past year were in Arkansas (18.1 percent), Idaho (12.2 percent), Kansas (11.7 percent), Nevada (11.2 percent) and Hawaii (9.5 percent). Nationally, over this period, construction employment increased by 233,000 positions, a 3.8 percent increase.

Professional and business services

Professional and business services employment increased in 38 states and the District of Columbia during October. The largest increases were posted in Florida (20,900), California (15,900), Virginia (8,800), New Jersey (8,600) and South Carolina (6,700). The largest percentage gains were in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Nebraska and Iowa.

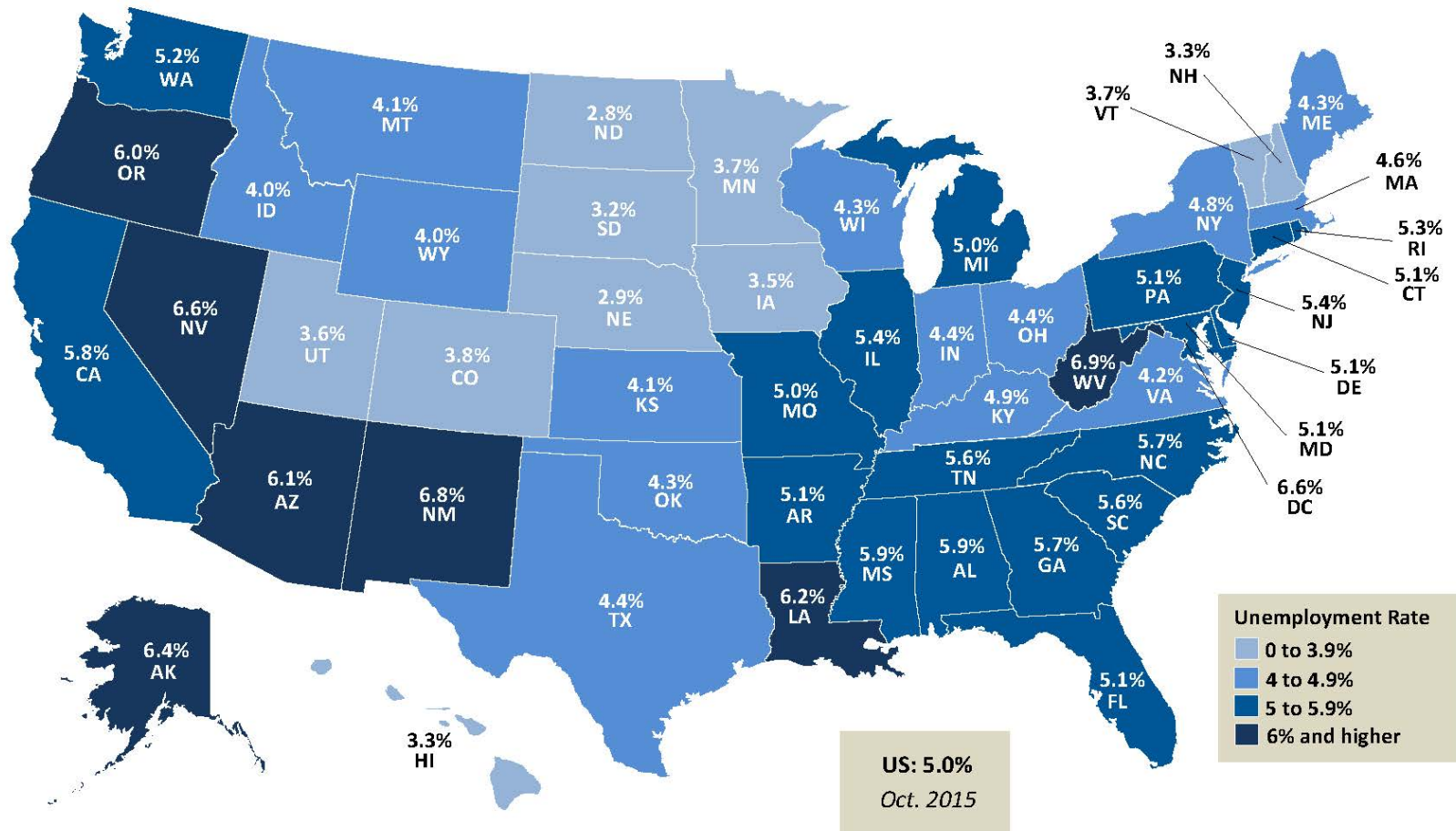
In the past year, 46 states and the District of Columbia added jobs in professional and business services. The largest percentage gains were in South Carolina (6.3 percent), Nevada (5.6 percent), California (5.3 percent), Massachusetts (5.1 percent) and Rhode Island (4.8 percent). The U.S. economy overall has added 664,000 professional and business services jobs during this time, a 3.4 percent increase.

Unemployment Rate (October 2015)	
North Dakota	2.8%
Nebraska	2.9%
South Dakota	3.2%
Hawaii	3.3%
New Hampshire	3.3%
Iowa	3.5%
Utah	3.6%
Vermont	3.7%
Minnesota	3.7%
Colorado	3.8%
Wyoming	4.0%
Idaho	4.0%
Montana	4.1%
Kansas	4.1%
Virginia	4.2%
Wisconsin	4.3%
Maine	4.3%
Oklahoma	4.3%
Texas	4.4%
Indiana	4.4%
Ohio	4.4%
Massachusetts	4.6%
New York	4.8%
Kentucky	4.9%
Michigan	5.0%
UNITED STATES	5.0%
Missouri	5.0%
Delaware	5.1%
Maryland	5.1%
Florida	5.1%
Connecticut	5.1%
Arkansas	5.1%
Pennsylvania	5.1%
Washington	5.2%
Rhode Island	5.3%
Illinois	5.4%
New Jersey	5.4%
Tennessee	5.6%
South Carolina	5.6%
North Carolina	5.7%
Georgia	5.7%
California	5.8%
Alabama	5.9%
Mississippi	5.9%
Oregon	6.0%
Arizona	6.1%
Louisiana	6.2%
Alaska	6.4%
Nevada	6.6%
District of Columbia	6.6%
New Mexico	6.8%
West Virginia	6.9%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
Data through October 2015	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	4.0%	4,692,000	8.3%	9,268,000
Alabama	-3.6%	-58,400	2.1%	31,800
Alaska	9.6%	22,600	9.0%	21,400
Arizona	-0.6%	-13,800	7.2%	149,300
Arkansas	0.7%	7,000	3.5%	33,600
California	6.8%	872,300	12.2%	1,503,700
Colorado	7.4%	145,900	10.5%	200,900
Connecticut	0.2%	2,500	3.1%	43,800
Delaware	0.3%	1,300	4.7%	17,100
District of Columbia	14.2%	66,000	13.6%	63,600
Florida	4.1%	275,900	12.4%	782,500
Georgia	3.9%	135,600	9.7%	319,700
Hawaii	1.6%	8,300	7.6%	36,100
Idaho	4.5%	24,100	11.4%	57,700
Illinois	-0.8%	-40,800	3.0%	149,600
Indiana	2.6%	65,500	8.5%	206,000
Iowa	3.5%	45,200	5.7%	70,600
Kansas	2.5%	28,000	3.5%	39,100
Kentucky	2.1%	32,700	6.8%	100,600
Louisiana	5.5%	87,100	6.2%	97,500
Maine	-1.0%	-5,100	2.1%	10,300
Maryland	2.0%	42,400	5.2%	108,100
Massachusetts	5.9%	168,700	8.5%	237,800
Michigan	2.6%	92,900	11.8%	388,700
Minnesota	3.4%	81,100	6.3%	143,900
Mississippi	-3.2%	-28,800	1.6%	14,200
Missouri	-1.0%	-24,200	1.8%	42,100
Montana	2.9%	10,400	6.8%	23,500
Nebraska	3.7%	29,800	4.9%	38,800
Nevada	-2.0%	-22,300	7.1%	73,800
New Hampshire	2.2%	12,400	4.8%	25,900
New Jersey	-0.7%	-25,700	3.1%	102,900
New Mexico	-2.6%	-16,700	0.9%	5,600
New York	8.2%	593,000	10.0%	712,800
North Carolina	2.6%	89,600	8.5%	277,100
North Dakota	31.6%	90,600	30.1%	87,300
Ohio	1.0%	44,600	5.9%	259,900
Oklahoma	3.4%	43,200	4.5%	56,600
Oregon	2.5%	36,300	9.2%	124,600
Pennsylvania	1.8%	93,000	4.2%	206,900
Rhode Island	0.0%	0	4.6%	18,500
South Carolina	3.9%	62,700	10.3%	155,300
South Dakota	6.3%	21,100	6.5%	21,600
Tennessee	3.3%	79,400	8.9%	201,900
Texas	14.1%	1,236,100	14.8%	1,290,000
Utah	9.2%	96,800	14.8%	148,500
Vermont	0.6%	1,500	3.6%	9,000
Virginia	0.9%	28,400	3.7%	112,500
Washington	6.9%	170,400	10.2%	243,700
West Virginia	-2.9%	-17,900	-2.0%	-12,100
Wisconsin	1.2%	29,600	4.4%	104,500
Wyoming	-1.7%	-3,800	-1.3%	-2,900

Current Unemployment Rates Across States

October 2015 (Released November 20th)



Source: JEC Democratic staff based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (state data update next on December 18, 2015)



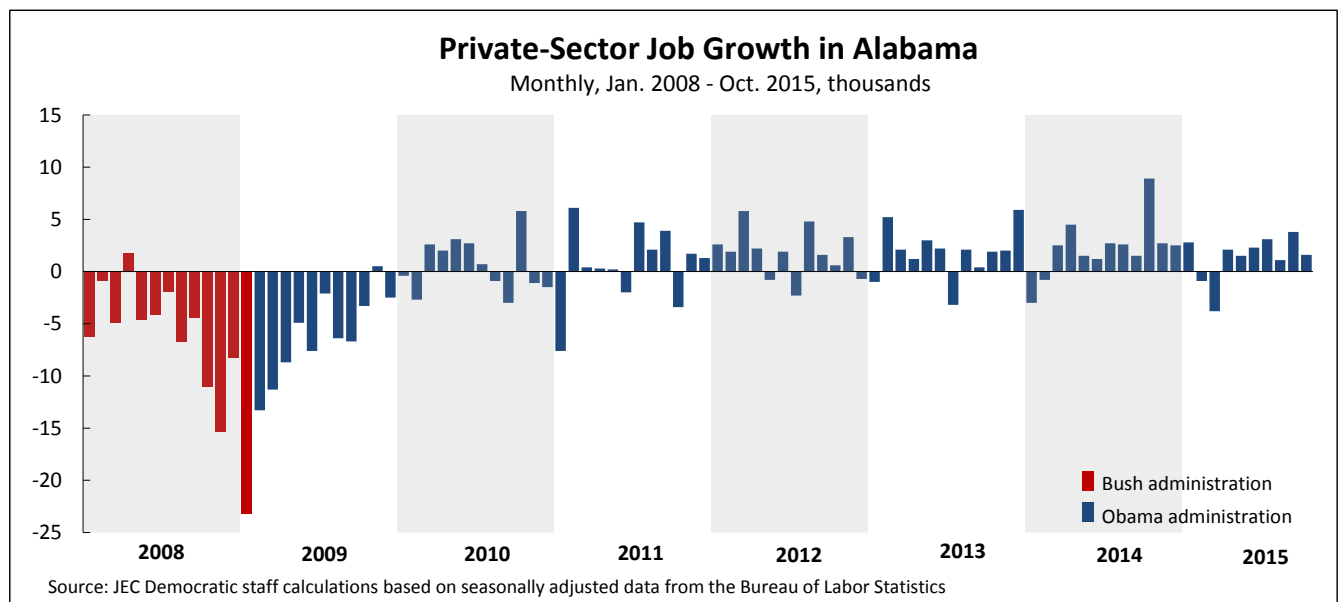


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALABAMA

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through October 2015**
Last updated on November 20th; Data update next on December 18th*

JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Alabama grew by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, Alabama businesses have added 18,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 29,500 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alabama businesses have added 101,200 jobs (an increase of 6.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 15.8 percent (26,400 jobs), professional and business services at 12.6 percent (25,600 jobs) and education and health services at 8.8 percent (18,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alabama was 5.9 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.9 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in November 2009.
- There were 127,200 Alabama residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alabama were \$21.17. The average workweek was 35.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$760.00.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alabama	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	18,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	101,200	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.9%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.1%	11.7%
	2013	13.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Alabama grew by 0.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Alabama GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Alabama increased by 5.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Alabama broke ground on 12,890 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,621 units. That marks an increase of 13.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Alabama, goods exports totaled \$1.8 billion in September and \$18.8 billion over the past year, up 4.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 46.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

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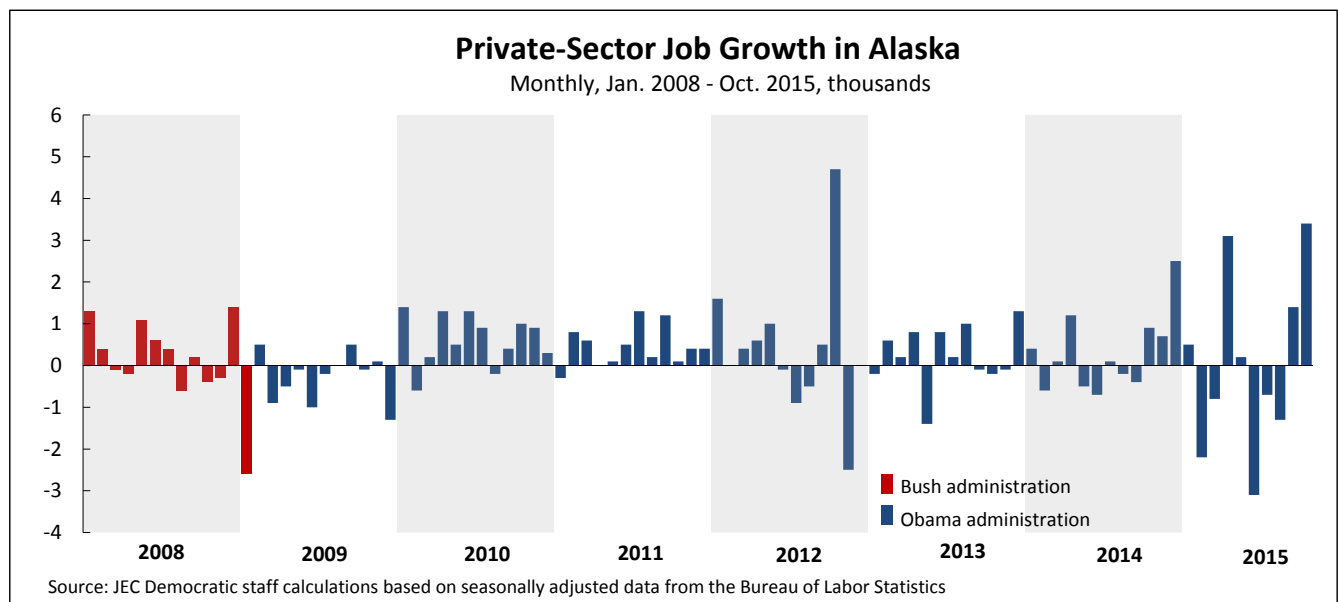


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALASKA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Alaska grew by 3,400 jobs. Over the past year, Alaska businesses have added 3,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 1,500 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alaska businesses have added 23,600 jobs (an increase of 10.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 17.0 percent (2,500 jobs), education and health services at 16.3 percent (6,700 jobs) and construction at 13.3 percent (2,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alaska was 6.4 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 1.4 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 1.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in April 2010.
- There were 23,300 Alaska residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alaska were \$28.18. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$972.21.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alaska	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	3,700	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	23,600	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.7%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$67,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$71,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	17.2%	11.7%
	2013	18.5%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Alaska fell by 1.3 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Alaska GDP growth has averaged -0.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Alaska increased by 5.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.6 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2009.
- ❑ In September 2015, builders in Alaska broke ground on 1,540 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,190 units. That marks an increase of 7.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Alaska, goods exports totaled \$773 million in September and \$4.9 billion over the past year, up 5.8 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 44.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARIZONA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Arizona grew by 17,200 jobs. Over the past year, Arizona businesses have added 59,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 49,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arizona businesses have added 271,700 jobs (an increase of 13.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: information services at 21.0 percent (7,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 19.7 percent (49,600 jobs) and financial activities at 18.9 percent (31,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arizona was 6.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.1 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in December 2009.
- There were 193,000 Arizona residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arizona were \$23.37. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$803.93.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Arizona	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	59,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	271,700	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	21.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	17.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Arizona grew by 1.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Arizona GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Arizona increased by 6.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 54.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Arizona broke ground on 33,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 30,265 units. That marks an increase of 15.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Arizona, goods exports totaled \$1.8 billion in September and \$22.1 billion over the past year, up 17.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 51.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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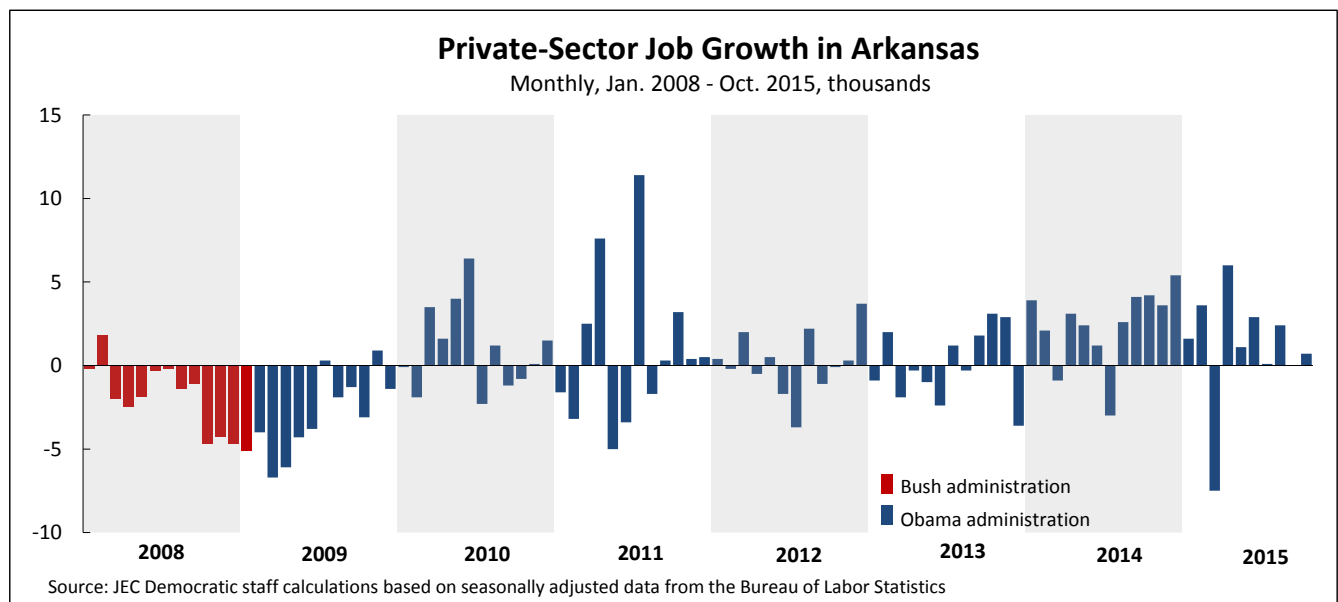


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARKANSAS

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Arkansas grew by 700 jobs. Over the past year, Arkansas businesses have added 19,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 19,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arkansas businesses have added 67,000 jobs (an increase of 7.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 20.1 percent (23,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 14.4 percent (14,100 jobs) and construction at 12.4 percent (5,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arkansas was 5.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in May 2011.
- There were 68,500 Arkansas residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arkansas were \$19.63. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$679.20.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Arkansas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	19,900	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	67,000	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$44,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$46,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	18.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	14.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.8%	11.7%
	2013	16.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Arkansas grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Arkansas GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, the same as the national average annual growth rate over that period.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Arkansas increased by 2.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Arkansas broke ground on 7,570 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,878 units. That marks an increase of 37.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Arkansas, goods exports totaled \$460 million in September and \$6.1 billion over the past year, down 0.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 11.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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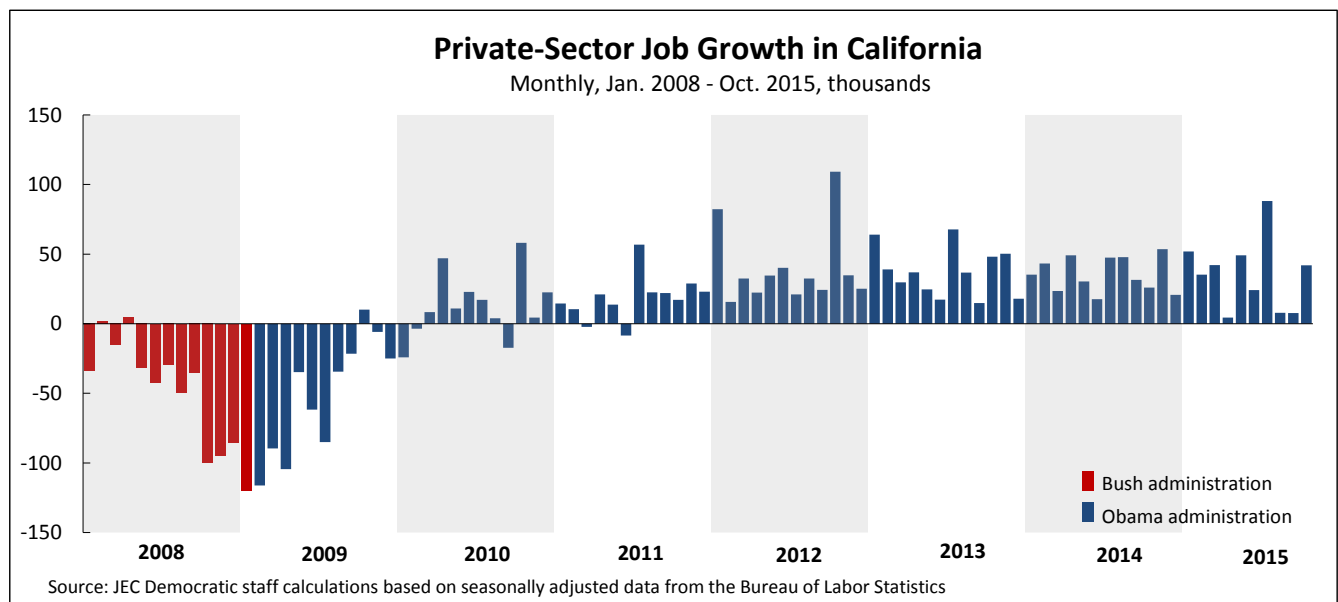


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CALIFORNIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in California grew by 41,900 jobs. Over the past year, California businesses have added 427,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 420,700 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, California businesses have added 2,099,600 jobs (an increase of 18.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 30.4 percent (171,300 jobs), professional and business services at 27.0 percent (552,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 24.8 percent (367,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in California was 5.8 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.8 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.4 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 12.2 percent in October 2010.
- There were 1,094,700 California residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in California were \$28.15. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$968.36.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		California	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	427,200	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	2,099,600	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.8%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	12.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$63,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	15.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.4%	11.7%
	2013	17.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in California grew by 2.8 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual California GDP growth has averaged 2.0 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in California increased by 7.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 49.3 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in California broke ground on 107,770 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 97,184 units. That marks an increase of 23.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In California, goods exports totaled \$14.1 billion in September and \$165.0 billion over the past year, up 2.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the California economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional California-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the California office: <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>

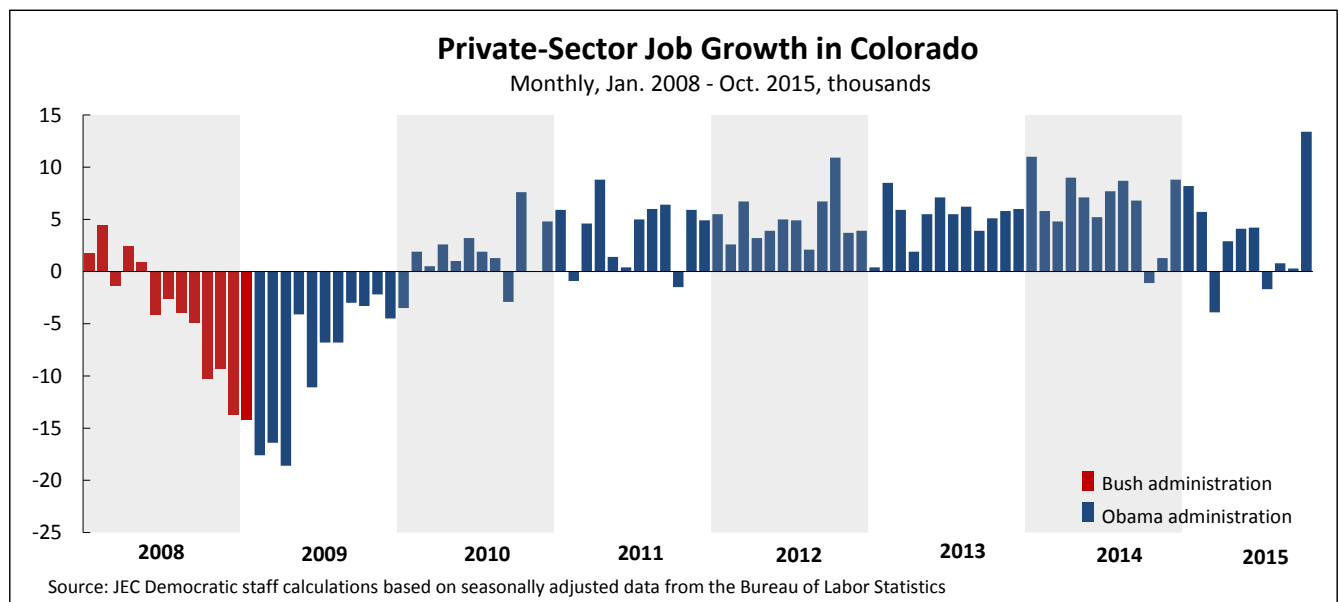


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: COLORADO

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Colorado grew by 13,400 jobs. Over the past year, Colorado businesses have added 44,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 76,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Colorado businesses have added 296,900 jobs (an increase of 16.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 49.4 percent (11,400 jobs), construction at 31.0 percent (36,600 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 22.3 percent (58,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Colorado was 3.8 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in October 2010.
- There were 105,800 Colorado residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Colorado were \$27.11. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$921.74.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Colorado	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	44,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	296,900	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.8%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.4%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$69,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.3%	11.7%
	2013	14.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Colorado grew by 4.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Colorado GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Colorado increased by 10.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 38.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Colorado broke ground on 37,030 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 29,087 units. That marks an increase of 2.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Colorado, goods exports totaled \$638 million in September and \$8.0 billion over the past year, up 3.4 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 32.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Colorado-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Colorado office: <http://www.colmigateway.com/default.asp>

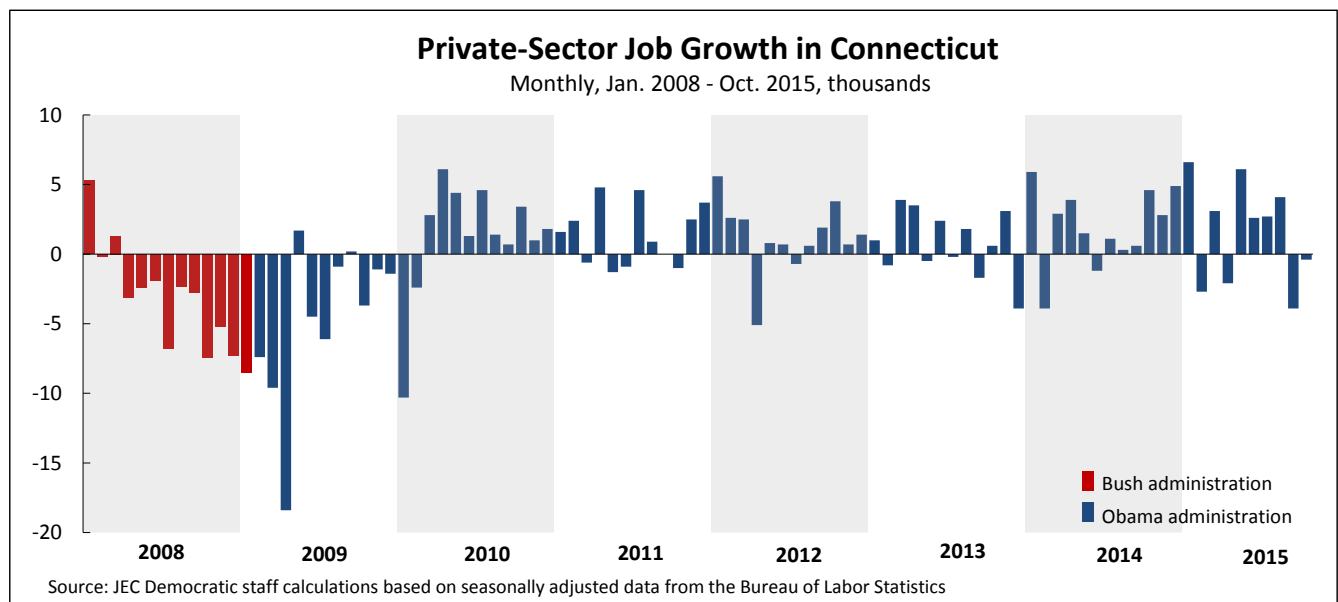


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CONNECTICUT

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Connecticut fell by 400 jobs. Over the past year, Connecticut businesses have added 23,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 14,900 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Connecticut businesses have added 107,700 jobs (an increase of 8.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 20.9 percent (27,300 jobs), construction at 16.8 percent (8,200 jobs) and professional and business services at 15.0 percent (28,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Connecticut was 5.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in February 2011.
- There were 97,000 Connecticut residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Connecticut were \$29.47. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$993.14.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Connecticut	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	23,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	107,700	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$70,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$73,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	8.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	6.9%	11.7%
	2013	9.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Connecticut grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Connecticut GDP growth has averaged 0.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Connecticut increased by 1.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 4.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in Connecticut broke ground on 6,680 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,698 units. That marks a decrease of 9.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Connecticut, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in September and \$14.8 billion over the past year, up 1.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 1.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Connecticut economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Connecticut-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Connecticut office: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/>

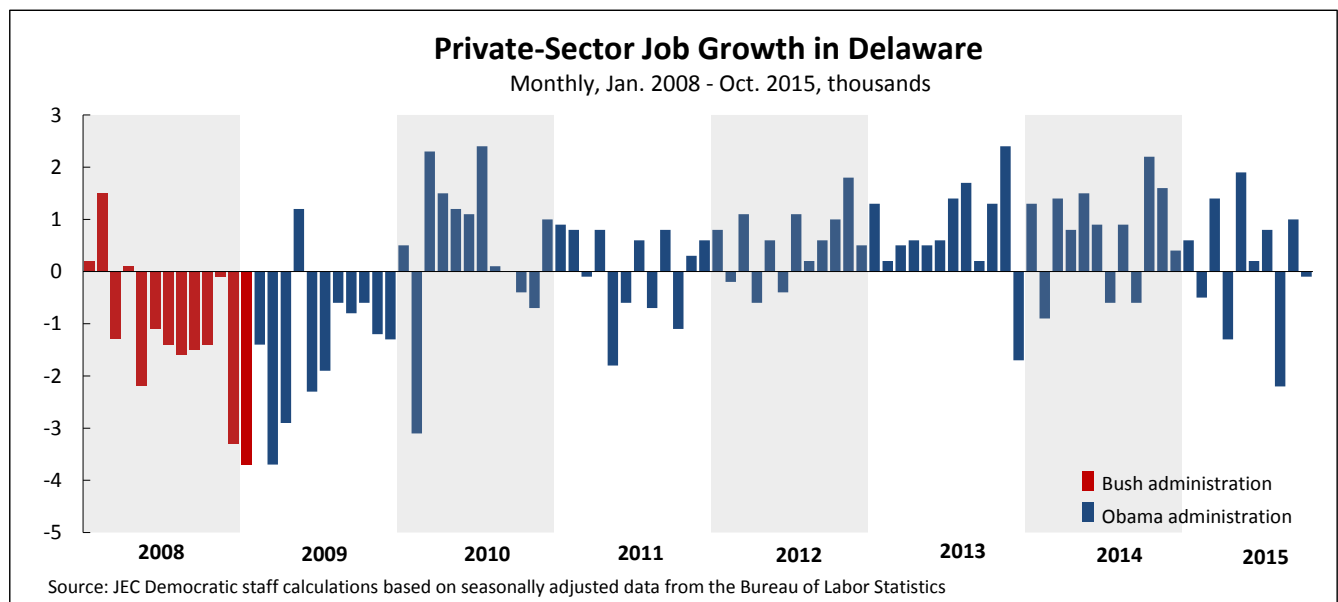


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: DELAWARE

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Delaware fell by 100 jobs. Over the past year, Delaware businesses have added 3,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Delaware businesses have added 35,200 jobs (an increase of 10.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 18.9 percent (7,800 jobs), education and health services at 16.6 percent (10,600 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 16.1 percent (3,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Delaware was 5.1 percent in October 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in February 2010.
- There were 23,600 Delaware residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Delaware were \$23.32. The average workweek was 32.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$762.56.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 7.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Delaware	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	3,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	35,200	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.4%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$57,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$62,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	9.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.8%	11.7%
	2013	9.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Delaware grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Delaware GDP growth has averaged 0.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Delaware increased by 1.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in Delaware broke ground on 5,450 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 5,498 units. That marks an increase of 21.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Delaware, goods exports totaled \$467 million in September and \$5.1 billion over the past year, up 6.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 13.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Delaware economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Delaware-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Delaware office:

<http://www.delawareworks.com/oolmi/Information/Publications.aspx>

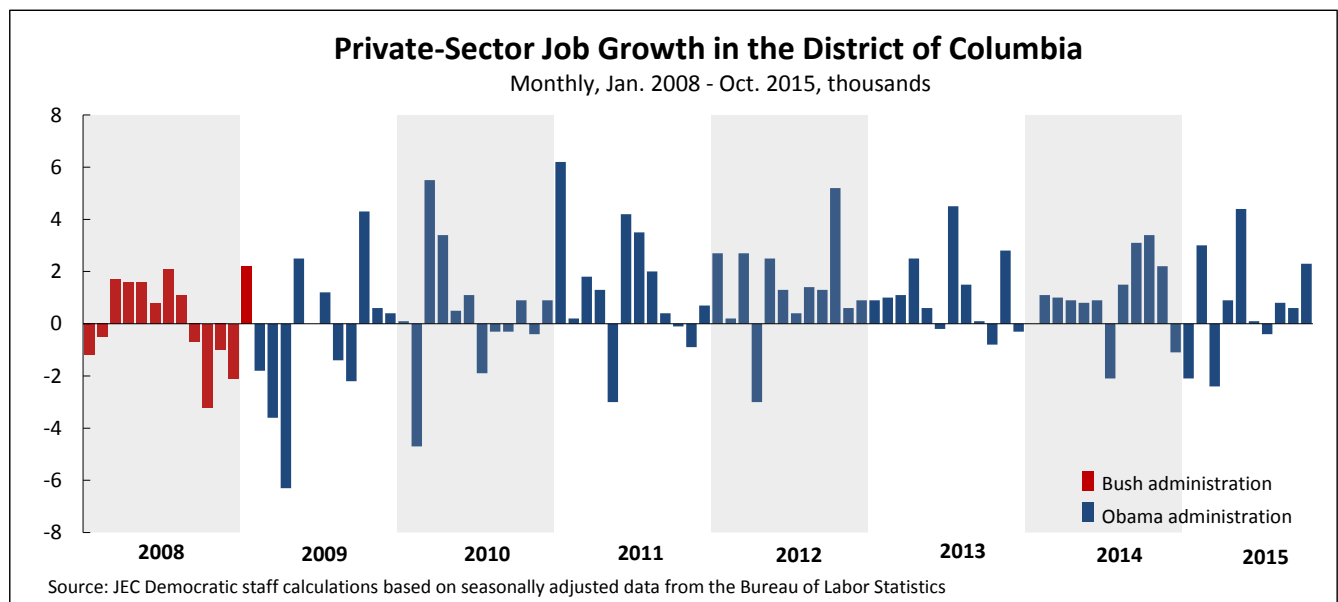


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in the District of Columbia grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, District of Columbia businesses have added 8,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 13,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, District of Columbia businesses have added 74,500 jobs (an increase of 16.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The DC sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: logging, mining and construction at 53.7 percent (5,100 jobs), education and health services at 23.3 percent (24,600 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 19.2 percent (5,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia was 6.6 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.6 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 3.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in July 2011.
- There were 25,500 District of Columbia residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in the District of Columbia were \$35.91. The average workweek was 35.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1,267.62.
- Adjusting for inflation, DC average hourly earnings have fallen by 7.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA QUICK FACTS

		District	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	8,300	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	74,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.7%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$68,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$58,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	19.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	18.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.3%	11.7%
	2013	6.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in the District of Columbia grew by 1.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual District of Columbia GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in the District of Columbia increased by 6.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 50.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2009.
- In September 2015, builders in the District of Columbia broke ground on 5,410 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,958 units. That marks a decrease of 4.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In the District of Columbia, goods exports totaled \$423 million in September and \$1.0 billion over the past year, down 21.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are down 12.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the District of Columbia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional District of Columbia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the District of Columbia office:

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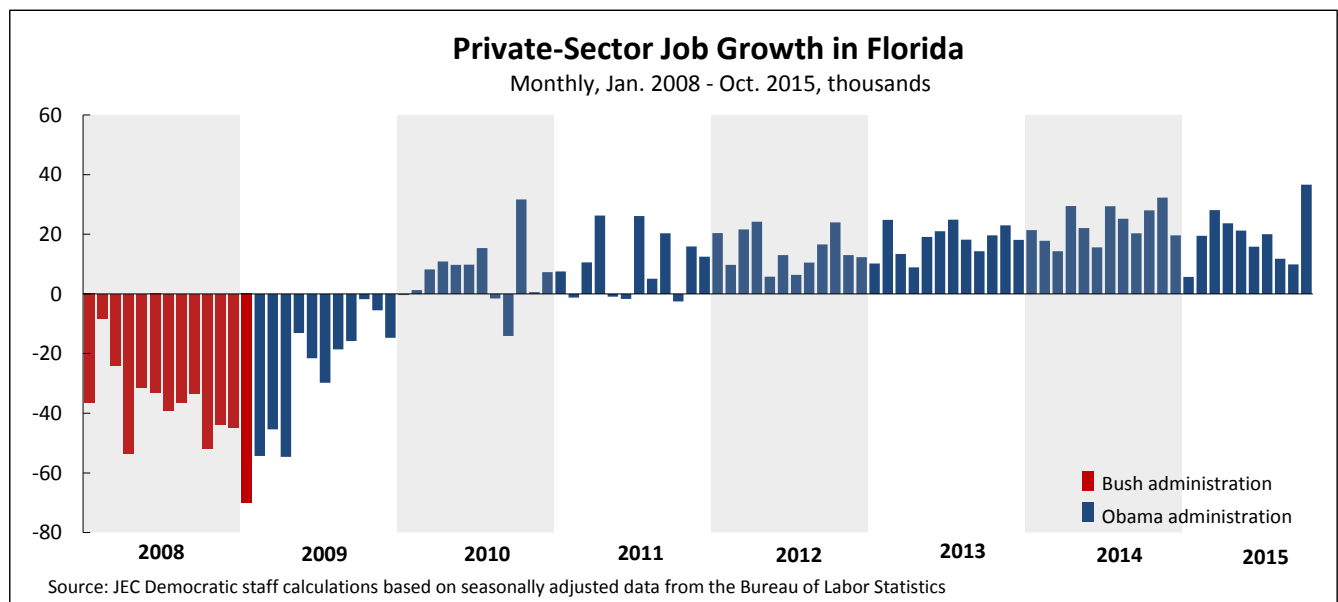


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: FLORIDA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Florida grew by 36,600 jobs. Over the past year, Florida businesses have added 244,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 264,700 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Florida businesses have added 1,056,800 jobs (an increase of 17.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 25.3 percent (233,100 jobs), professional and business services at 24.2 percent (239,900 jobs) and construction at 19.4 percent (69,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Florida was 5.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 492,100 Florida residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Florida were \$22.93. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$779.62.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Florida	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	244,200	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,056,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	16.6%	11.7%
	2013	20.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Florida grew by 2.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Florida GDP growth has averaged 1.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Florida increased by 9.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 42.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Florida broke ground on 139,380 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 98,321 units. That marks an increase of 18.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Florida, goods exports totaled \$4.1 billion in September and \$54.2 billion over the past year, up 1.0 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 10.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Florida economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Florida-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Florida office: <http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information-press-releases/monthly-press-releases>

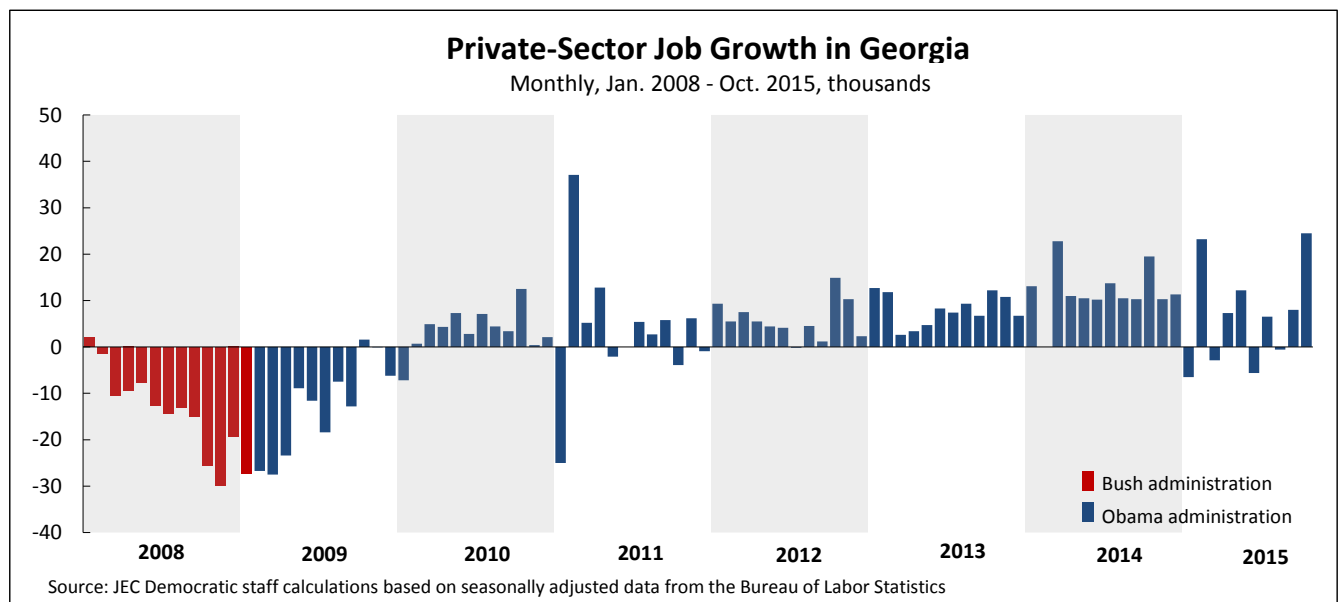


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: GEORGIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Georgia grew by 24,500 jobs. Over the past year, Georgia businesses have added 87,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 139,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Georgia businesses have added 467,700 jobs (an increase of 14.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 26.1 percent (134,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 22.5 percent (83,500 jobs) and education and health services at 16.0 percent (75,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Georgia was 5.7 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in December 2010.
- There were 269,000 Georgia residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Georgia were \$23.93. The average workweek was 35.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$837.55.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Georgia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	87,700	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	467,700	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.7%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.8%	11.7%
	2013	18.8%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Georgia grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Georgia GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Georgia increased by 7.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 33.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Georgia broke ground on 37,960 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 40,383 units. That marks an increase of 16.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Georgia, goods exports totaled \$3.4 billion in September and \$37.7 billion over the past year, up 5.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 51.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Georgia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Georgia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Georgia office: <http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/>

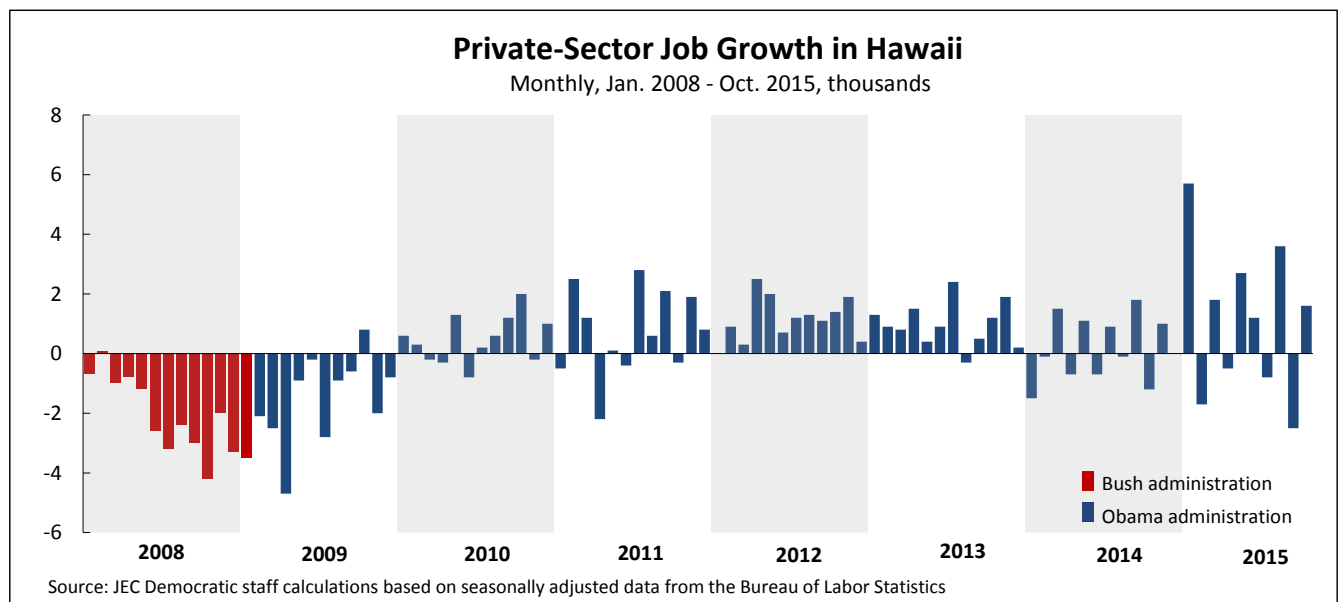


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: HAWAII

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Hawaii grew by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, Hawaii businesses have added 12,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Hawaii businesses have added 51,900 jobs (an increase of 11.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: logging, mining and construction at 18.4 percent (5,400 jobs), professional and business services at 17.9 percent (12,700 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.0 percent (15,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Hawaii was 3.3 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in October 2009.
- There were 22,500 Hawaii residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Hawaii were \$24.60. The average workweek was 32.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$799.50.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Hawaii	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	12,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	51,900	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.1%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$71,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$73,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.7%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.3%	11.7%
	2013	6.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Hawaii grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Hawaii GDP growth has averaged 1.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Hawaii increased by 9.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 37.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Hawaii broke ground on 2,350 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 5,384 units. That marks an increase of 100.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Hawaii, goods exports totaled \$69 million in September and \$1.8 billion over the past year, up 78.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 209.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

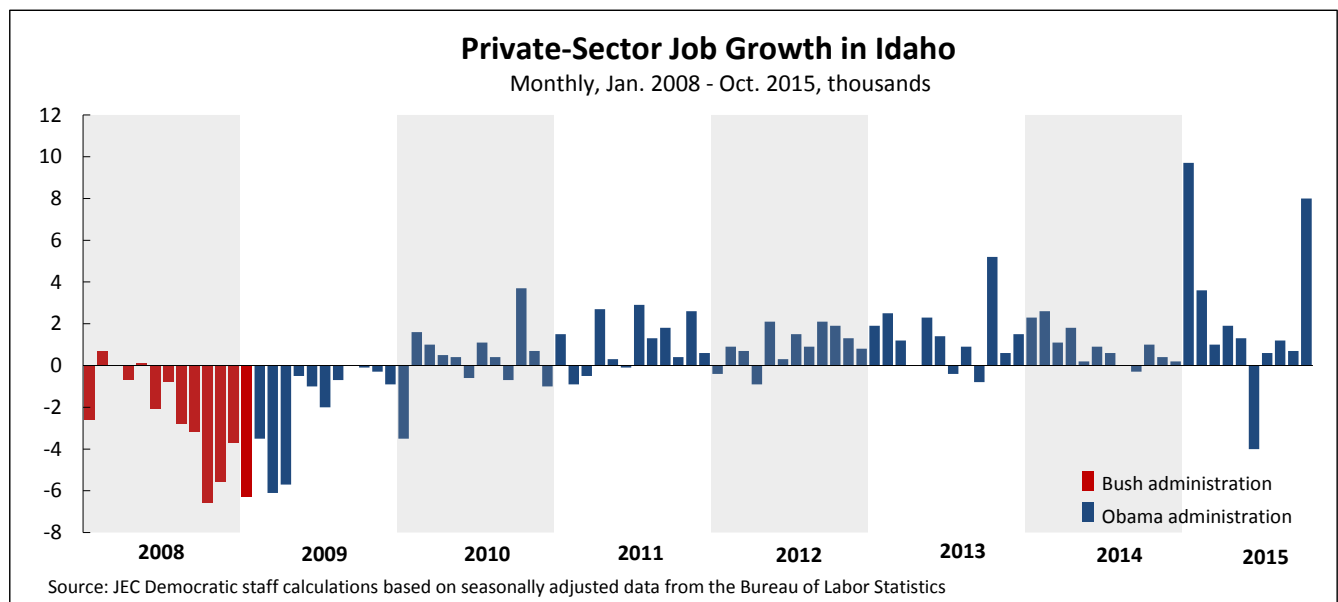


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IDAHO

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Idaho grew by 8,000 jobs. Over the past year, Idaho businesses have added 24,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 12,300 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Idaho businesses have added 80,400 jobs (an increase of 16.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 26.5 percent (8,500 jobs), financial activities at 21.0 percent (6,100 jobs) and manufacturing at 19.6 percent (10,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Idaho was 4.0 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.0 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.7 percent in July 2009.
- There were 32,400 Idaho residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Idaho were \$22.22. The average workweek was 33.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$735.48.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.3 percent over the past year, as have real average hourly earnings nationally (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Idaho	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	24,600	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	80,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.0%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	16.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Idaho grew by 2.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Idaho GDP growth has averaged 1.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Idaho increased by 6.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 34.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Idaho broke ground on 11,610 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,284 units. That marks an increase of 6.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Idaho, goods exports totaled \$361 million in September and \$4.2 billion over the past year, down 16.4 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 5.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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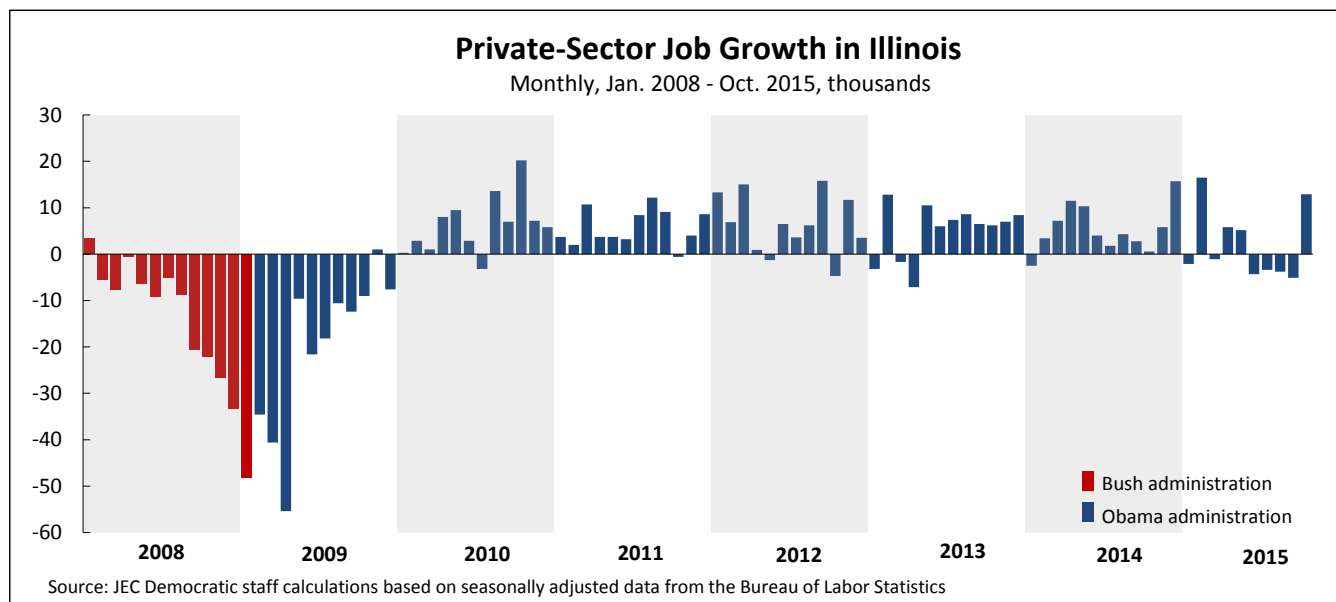


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ILLINOIS

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Illinois grew by 12,900 jobs. Over the past year, Illinois businesses have added 42,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 58,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Illinois businesses have added 365,000 jobs (an increase of 7.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.9 percent (149,200 jobs), education and health services at 10.0 percent (82,400 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 9.8 percent (50,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Illinois was 5.4 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.4 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 353,400 Illinois residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Illinois were \$25.89. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$890.62.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Illinois	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	42,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	365,000	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$54,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	13.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	2013	12.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Illinois grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Illinois GDP growth has averaged 1.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Illinois increased by 3.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.2 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Illinois broke ground on 12,030 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,358 units. That marks a decrease of 5.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Illinois, goods exports totaled \$5.2 billion in September and \$62.7 billion over the past year, down 1.6 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 44.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Illinois-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Illinois office: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=3528>

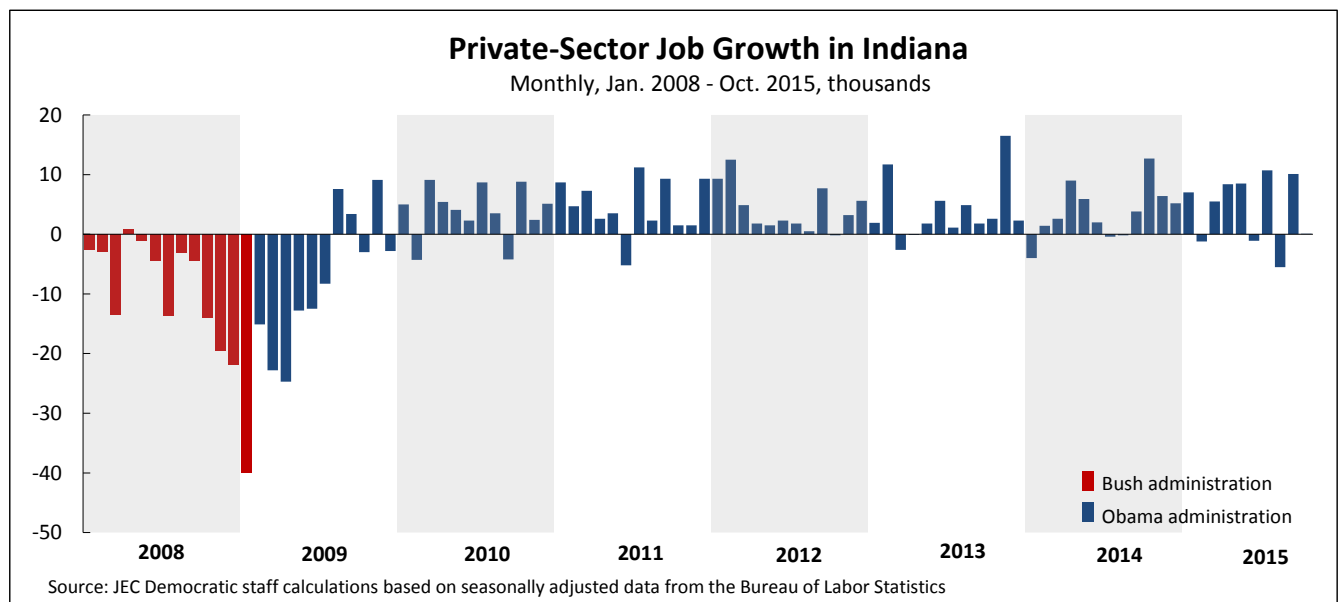


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: INDIANA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Indiana grew by 100 jobs. Over the past year, Indiana businesses have added 54,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 51,600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Indiana businesses have added 287,200 jobs (an increase of 12.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 21.1 percent (56,400 jobs), manufacturing at 19.7 percent (86,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 11.5 percent (31,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Indiana was 4.4 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.4 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in February 2010.
- There were 144,000 Indiana residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Indiana were \$22.87. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$798.16.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Indiana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	54,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	287,200	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$48,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.9%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Indiana grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Indiana GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, the same as the national average annual growth rate over that period.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Indiana increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Indiana broke ground on 14,740 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,770 units. That marks a decrease of 15.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Indiana, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in September and \$33.1 billion over the past year, up 2.0 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 39.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

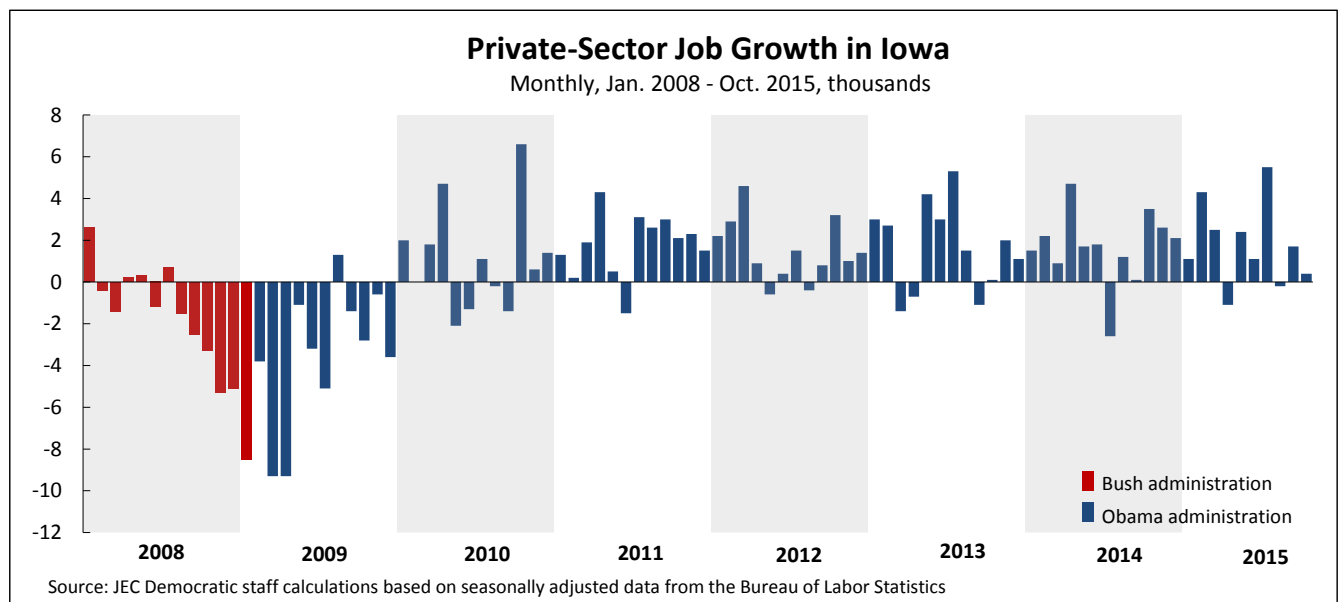


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IOWA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Iowa grew by 400 jobs. Over the past year, Iowa businesses have added 22,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 18,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Iowa businesses have added 107,500 jobs (an increase of 8.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 30.8 percent (19,000 jobs), professional and business services at 19.6 percent (23,400 jobs) and other services at 10.0 percent (5,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Iowa was 3.5 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in August 2009.
- There were 60,300 Iowa residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Iowa were \$23.19. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$809.33.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Iowa	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	22,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	107,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.5%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$57,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	6.2%	11.7%
	2013	8.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Iowa grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Iowa GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Iowa increased by 3.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Iowa broke ground on 9,930 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,153 units. That marks a decrease of 17.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Iowa, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in September and \$13.3 billion over the past year, down 3.4 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 41.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Iowa-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Iowa office: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/>

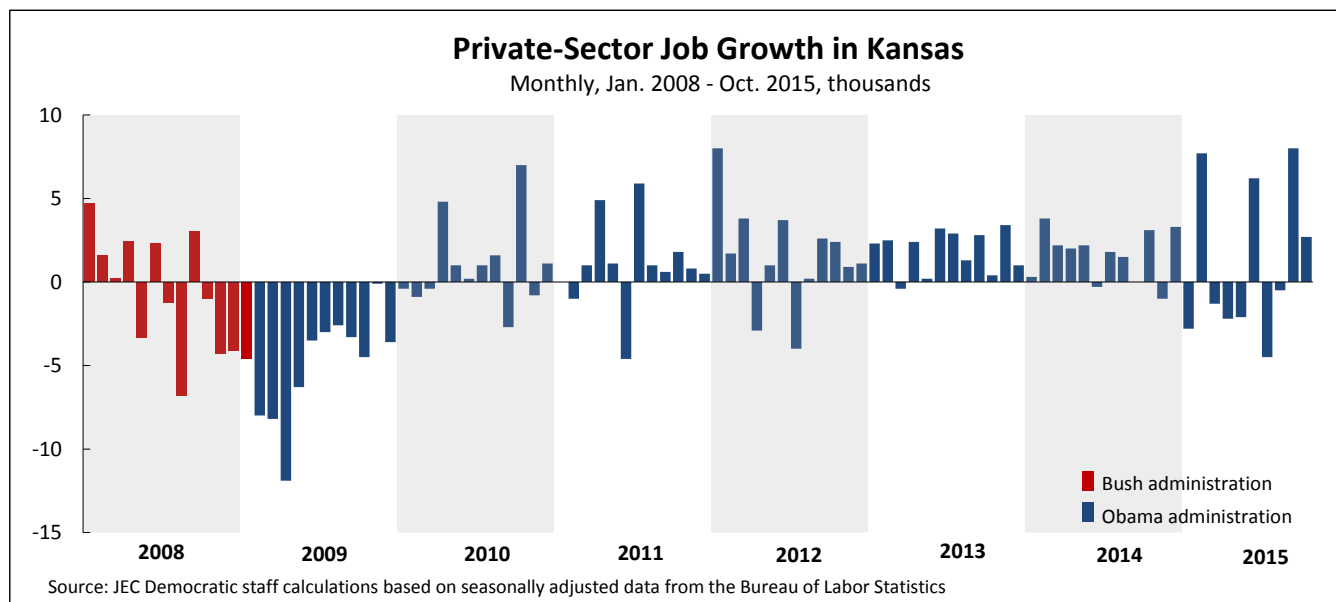


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Kansas grew by 2,700 jobs. Over the past year, Kansas businesses have added 13,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 21,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kansas businesses have added 95,400 jobs (an increase of 9.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 26.6 percent (13,900 jobs), professional and business services at 21.8 percent (31,100 jobs) and mining and logging at 17.1 percent (1,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in September 2009.
- There were 61,800 Kansas residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kansas were \$22.58. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$772.24.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kansas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	13,500	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	95,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.2%	11.7%
	2013	12.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Kansas grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Kansas GDP growth has averaged 1.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Kansas increased by 2.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Kansas broke ground on 7,220 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,093 units. That marks an increase of 15.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Kansas, goods exports totaled \$870 million in September and \$10.7 billion over the past year, down 8.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 15.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Kansas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kansas office: <http://www.dol.ks.gov/lmis/Default.aspx>

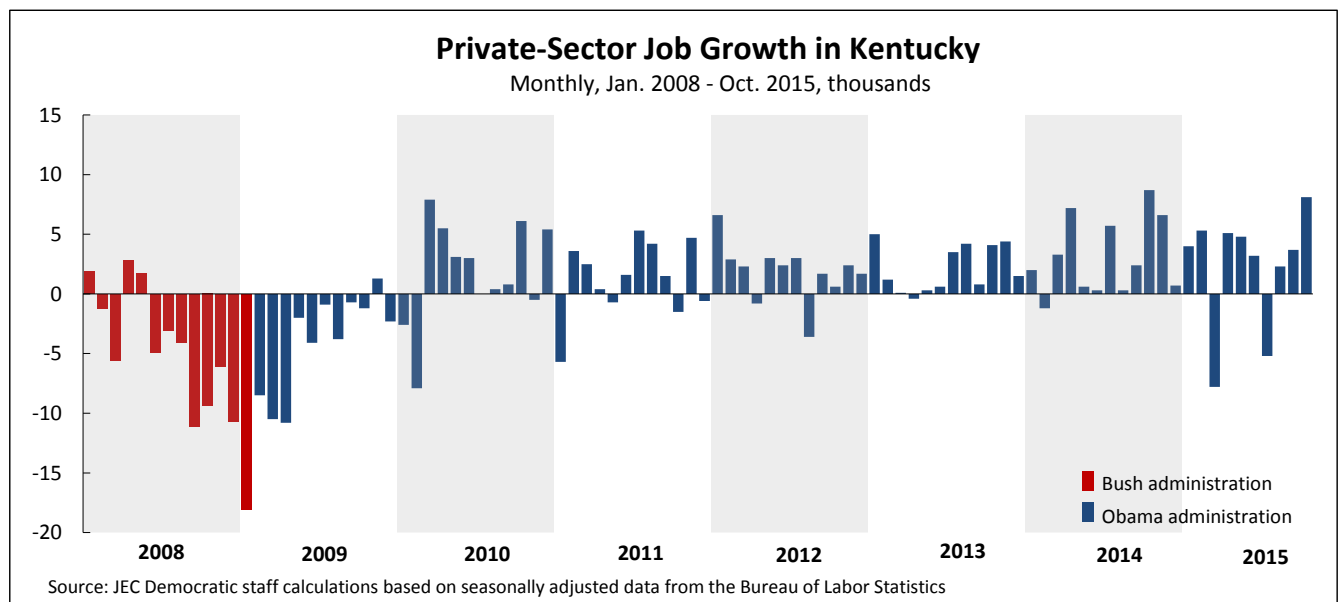


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KENTUCKY

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Kentucky grew by 8,100 jobs. Over the past year, Kentucky businesses have added 30,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 35,200 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kentucky businesses have added 154,600 jobs (an increase of 10.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 23.1 percent (40,400 jobs), manufacturing at 20.0 percent (40,700 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 14.6 percent (24,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kentucky was 4.9 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 93,800 Kentucky residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kentucky were \$21.15. The average workweek was 35.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$750.83.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kentucky	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	30,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	154,600	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.9%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$45,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	14.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Kentucky grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Kentucky GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, the same as the national average annual growth rate over that period.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Kentucky increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Kentucky broke ground on 13,040 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,190 units. That marks a decrease of 0.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Kentucky, goods exports totaled \$2.4 billion in September and \$27.7 billion over the past year, up 11.6 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 51.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Kentucky economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

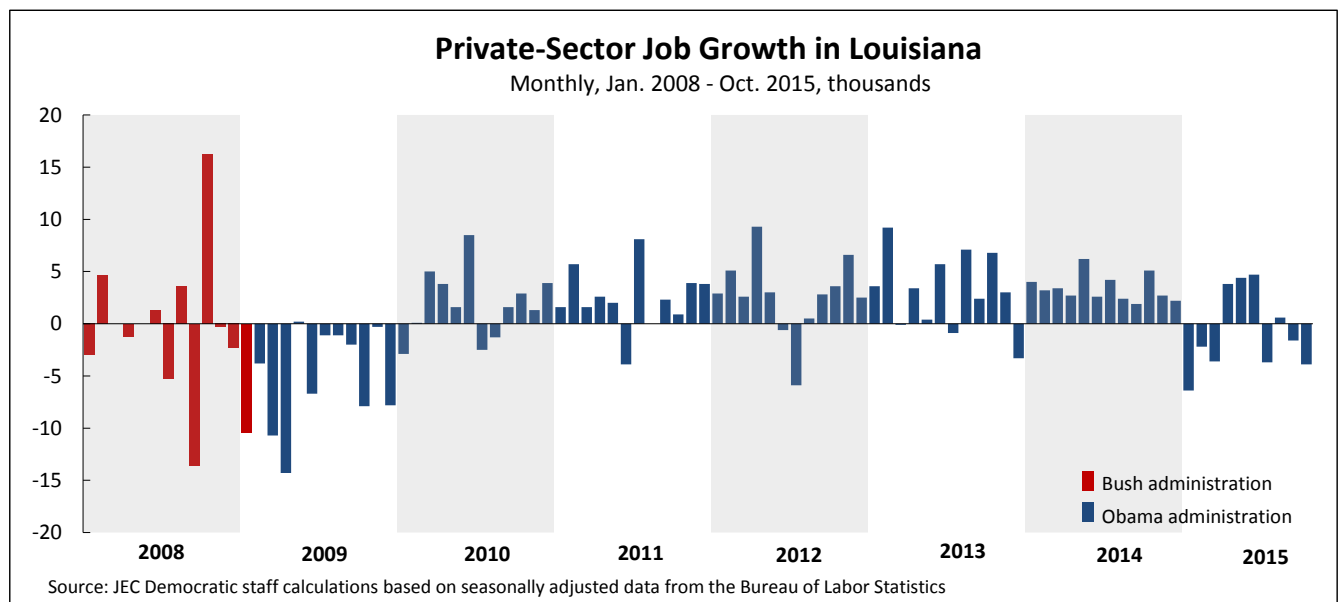


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: LOUISIANA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Louisiana fell by 3,900 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 3,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 35,400 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Louisiana businesses have added 155,800 jobs (an increase of 10.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 19.4 percent (23,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.7 percent (34,200 jobs) and professional and business services at 14.7 percent (28,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Louisiana was 6.2 percent in October 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in December 2010.
- There were 132,400 Louisiana residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Louisiana were \$22.30. The average workweek was 35.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$798.34.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Louisiana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-3,000	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	155,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.2%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.0%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	23.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.1%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.8%	11.7%
	2013	16.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Louisiana grew by 1.9 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Louisiana GDP growth has averaged 0.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Louisiana increased by 4.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Louisiana broke ground on 17,000 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,881 units. That marks an increase of 3.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Louisiana, goods exports totaled \$3.9 billion in September and \$52.5 billion over the past year, down 14.0 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 54.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Louisiana economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Louisiana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Louisiana office:

http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_MainMenu.asp

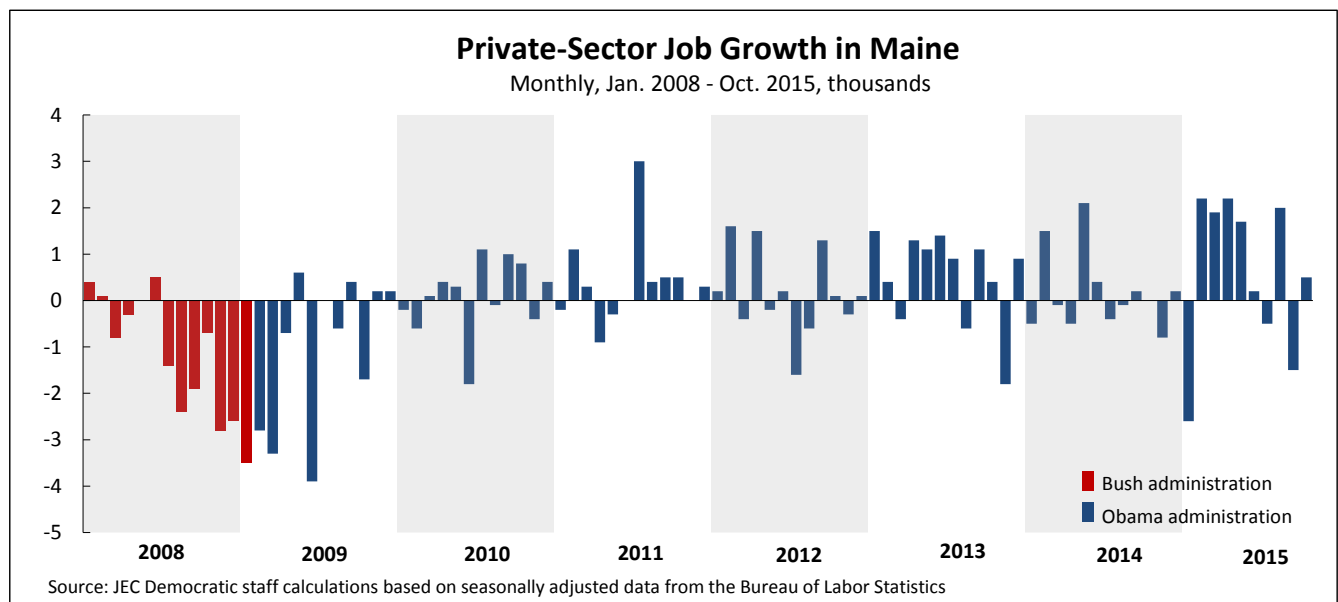


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MAINE

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Maine grew by 500 jobs. Over the past year, Maine businesses have added 5,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 1,700 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maine businesses have added 22,700 jobs (an increase of 4.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 15.2 percent (8,600 jobs), other services at 10.2 percent (2,000 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 7.7 percent (4,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maine was 4.3 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.7 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.3 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2009.
- There were 29,100 Maine residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maine were \$21.99. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$752.06.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maine	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	5,500	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	22,700	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$51,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.1%	11.7%
	2013	11.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Maine grew by 0.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Maine GDP growth has averaged 0.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Maine increased by 6.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.2 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in Maine broke ground on 5,740 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,258 units. That marks an increase of 4.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Maine, goods exports totaled \$266 million in September and \$2.6 billion over the past year, up 8.7 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 9.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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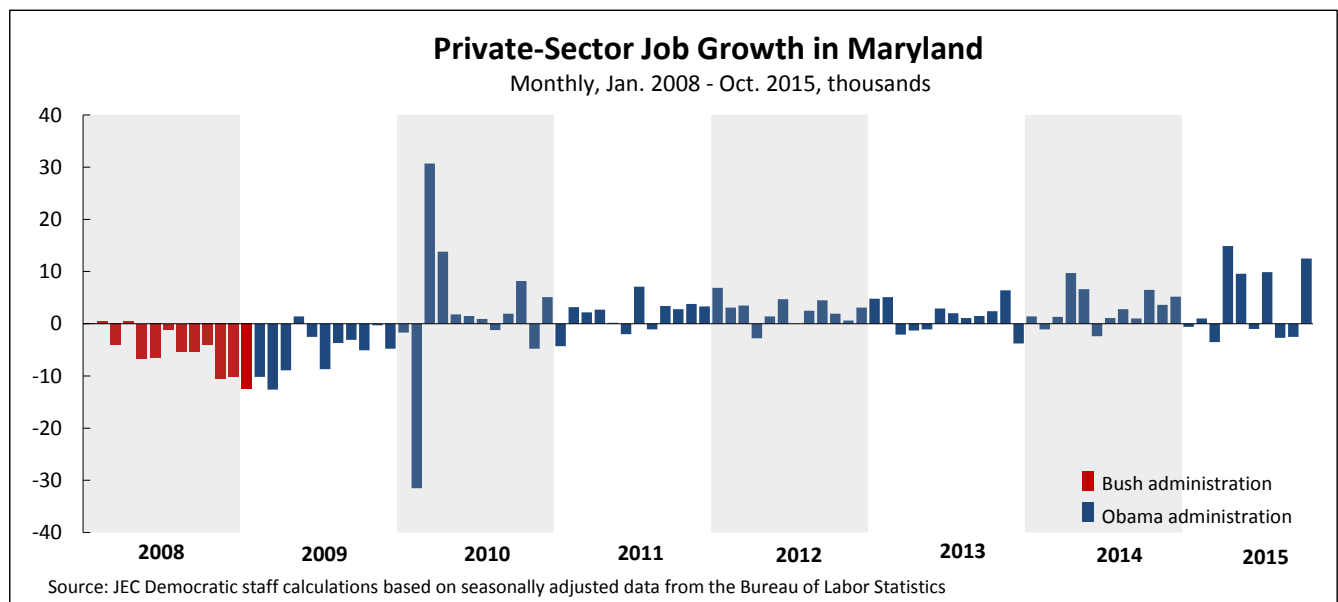


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MARYLAND

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Maryland grew by 12,500 jobs. Over the past year, Maryland businesses have added 46,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 29,500 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maryland businesses have added 199,800 jobs (an increase of 10.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 21.6 percent (48,100 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 16.3 percent (22,400 jobs) and professional and business services at 15.4 percent (58,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maryland was 5.1 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 161,900 Maryland residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maryland were \$27.18. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$937.71.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maryland	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	46,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	199,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$76,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$74,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.9%	11.7%
	2013	10.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Maryland grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Maryland GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Maryland increased by 0.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in Maryland broke ground on 19,570 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,184 units. That marks a decrease of 3.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Maryland, goods exports totaled \$755 million in September and \$10.1 billion over the past year, down 8.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 5.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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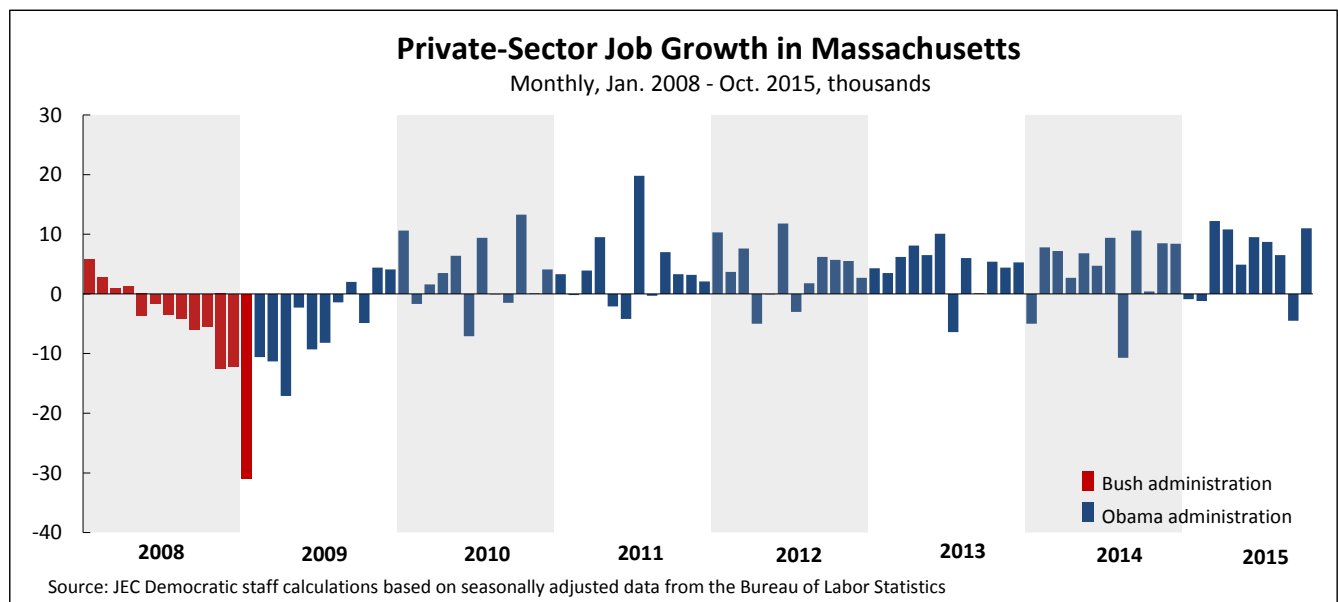


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MASSACHUSETTS

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Massachusetts grew by 11,000 jobs. Over the past year, Massachusetts businesses have added 73,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 43,600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Massachusetts businesses have added 283,500 jobs (an increase of 10.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 24.3 percent (25,900 jobs), professional and business services at 18.8 percent (86,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 16.8 percent (51,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 4.6 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.4 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 164,000 Massachusetts residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Massachusetts were \$30.71. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1,028.79.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Massachusetts	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	73,900	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	283,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.5%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$63,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	13.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.2%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	3.3%	11.7%
	2013	3.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Massachusetts grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Massachusetts GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Massachusetts increased by 3.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.9 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in Massachusetts broke ground on 26,320 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,338 units. That marks an increase of 19.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Massachusetts, goods exports totaled \$2.3 billion in September and \$24.6 billion over the past year, down 3.3 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 0.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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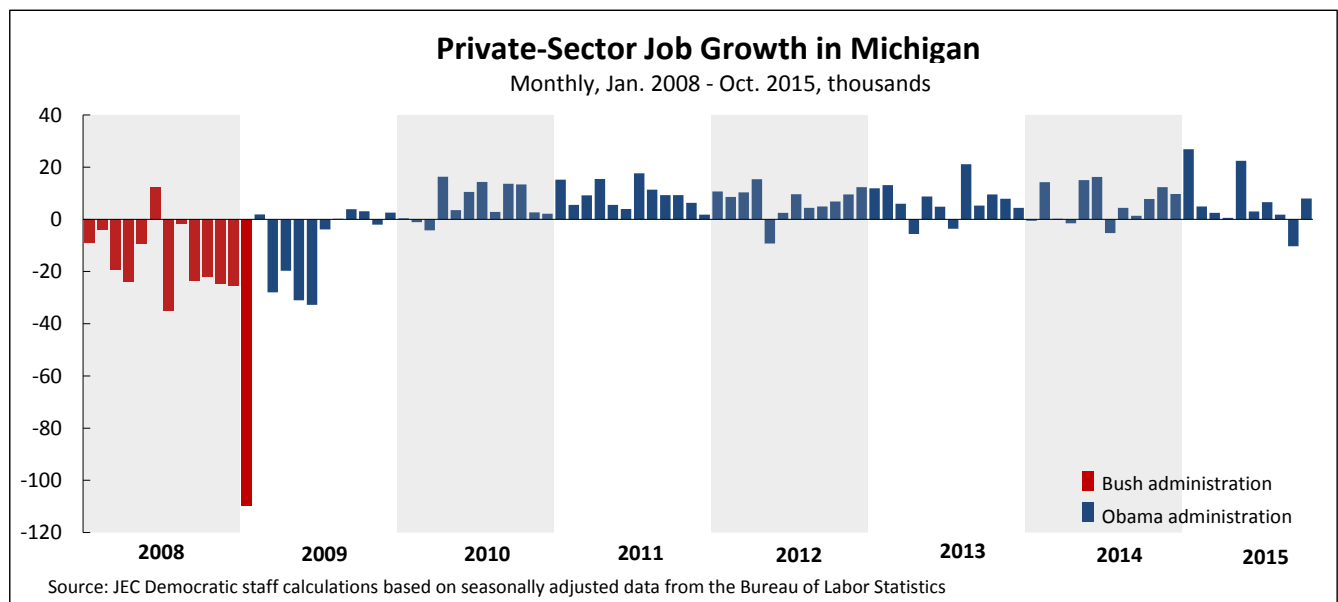


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MICHIGAN

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Michigan grew by 8,000 jobs. Over the past year, Michigan businesses have added 88,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 64,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Michigan businesses have added 495,100 jobs (an increase of 15.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 30.1 percent (139,200 jobs), professional and business services at 27.9 percent (140,400 jobs) and construction at 25.7 percent (30,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Michigan was 5.0 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.6 percentage points from one year earlier and is 9.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 14.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 238,100 Michigan residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Michigan were \$24.35. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$835.21.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Michigan	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	88,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	495,100	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.0%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	14.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$52,000	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	11.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Michigan grew by 1.9 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Michigan GDP growth has averaged 2.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Michigan increased by 7.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 34.4 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Michigan broke ground on 17,330 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,758 units. That marks an increase of 7.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Michigan, goods exports totaled \$4.2 billion in September and \$51.5 billion over the past year, down 2.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 52.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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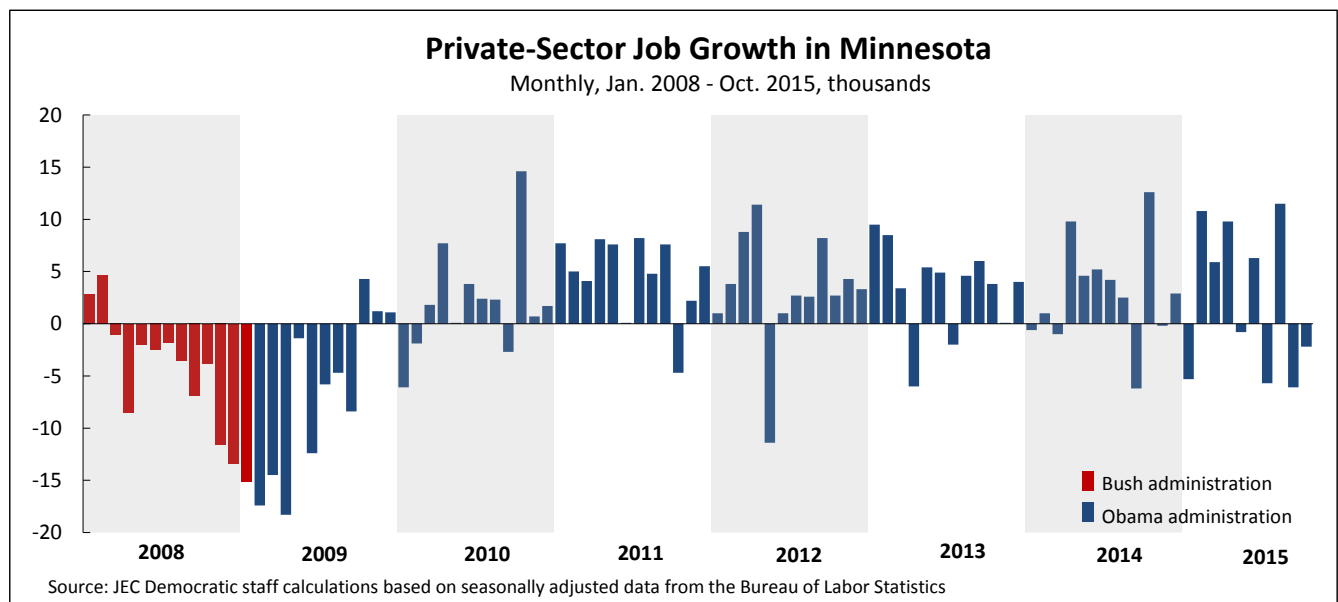


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MINNESOTA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Minnesota fell by 2,200 jobs. Over the past year, Minnesota businesses have added 26,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 36,200 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Minnesota businesses have added 228,200 jobs (an increase of 10.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 19.7 percent (17,200 jobs), professional and business services at 18.1 percent (56,300 jobs) and education and health services at 12.7 percent (57,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 3.7 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.3 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 4.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 111,000 Minnesota residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Minnesota were \$26.43. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$898.62.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Minnesota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	26,900	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	228,200	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.7%	5.0%
	October 2014	3.7%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$67,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	8.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.9%	11.7%
	2013	8.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Minnesota grew by 1.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Minnesota GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Minnesota increased by 3.9 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 22.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Minnesota broke ground on 18,410 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 17,915 units. That marks an increase of 6.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Minnesota, goods exports totaled \$1.7 billion in September and \$19.9 billion over the past year, up 1.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSISSIPPI

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Mississippi grew by 1,500 jobs. Over the past year, Mississippi businesses have added 8,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,200 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Mississippi businesses have added 50,300 jobs (an increase of 6.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 19.8 percent (17,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 10.1 percent (11,900 jobs) and information services at 7.4 percent (900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Mississippi was 5.9 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.9 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.4 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 75,000 Mississippi residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Mississippi were \$19.67. The average workweek was 34.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$682.55.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Mississippi	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	8,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	50,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.9%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$35,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$42,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	22.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	22.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.5%	11.7%
	2013	17.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Mississippi fell by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Mississippi GDP growth has averaged 0.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Mississippi increased by 3.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 9.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In September 2015, builders in Mississippi broke ground on 10,320 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 6,543 units. That marks an increase of 20.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Mississippi, goods exports totaled \$901 million in September and \$10.8 billion over the past year, down 0.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 63.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSOURI

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Missouri grew by 1,800 jobs. Over the past year, Missouri businesses have added 27,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 21,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Missouri businesses have added 133,300 jobs (an increase of 6.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 14.1 percent (44,500 jobs), education and health services at 8.4 percent (34,700 jobs) and construction at 6.8 percent (7,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Missouri was 5.0 percent in October 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from September. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 153,700 Missouri residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Missouri were \$21.99. The average workweek was 33.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$738.86.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Missouri	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	27,700	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	133,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.0%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.5%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$56,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.7%	11.7%
	2013	13.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Missouri grew by 0.9 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Missouri GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Missouri increased by 4.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Missouri broke ground on 11,010 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,554 units. That marks a decrease of 1.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Missouri, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in September and \$13.9 billion over the past year, up 15.8 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 40.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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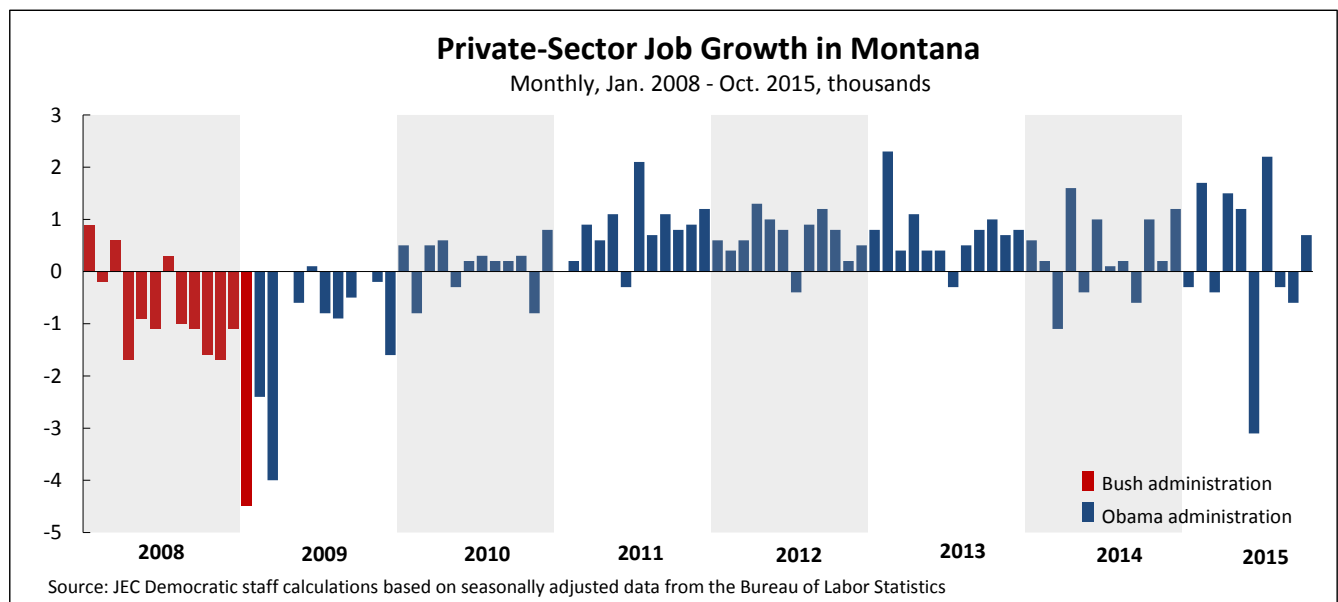


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MONTANA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Montana grew by 700 jobs. Over the past year, Montana businesses have added 4,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Montana businesses have added 34,700 jobs (an increase of 10.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: financial activities at 26.3 percent (5,600 jobs), mining and logging at 19.7 percent (1,400 jobs) and education and health services at 12.8 percent (8,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Montana was 4.1 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in April 2010.
- There were 21,500 Montana residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Montana were \$22.24. The average workweek was 32.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$725.02.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Montana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	4,000	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	34,700	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$51,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.2%	11.7%
	2013	16.5%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Montana grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Montana GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Montana increased by 3.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 20.3 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Montana broke ground on 4,850 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,439 units. That marks an increase of 5.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Montana, goods exports totaled \$132 million in September and \$1.4 billion over the past year, down 0.4 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 29.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Montana economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Montana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Montana office:

<http://www.ourfactyourfuture.org/cgi/databrowsing/?PAGEID=4&SUBID=190>

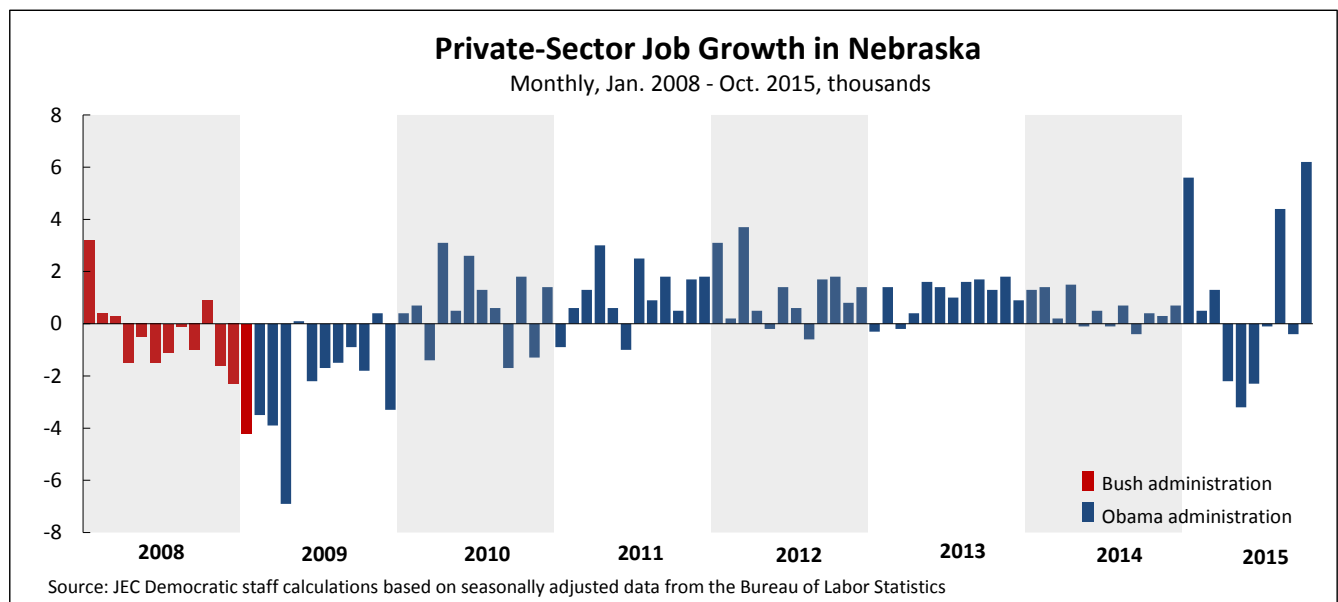


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEBRASKA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Nebraska grew by 6,200 jobs. Over the past year, Nebraska businesses have added 10,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,100 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nebraska businesses have added 62,900 jobs (an increase of 8.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 14.3 percent (14,200 jobs), education and health services at 10.9 percent (15,300 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 9.7 percent (4,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nebraska was 2.9 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 2.1 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier and is 1.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 29,500 Nebraska residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nebraska were \$22.58. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$779.01.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nebraska	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	10,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	62,900	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	2.9%	5.0%
	October 2014	3.1%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$56,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	2013	11.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Nebraska grew by 0.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Nebraska GDP growth has averaged 2.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Nebraska increased by 6.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 19.2 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2010.
- In September 2015, builders in Nebraska broke ground on 4,870 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 6,904 units. That marks a decrease of 5.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Nebraska, goods exports totaled \$483 million in September and \$6.7 billion over the past year, down 7.0 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 32.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Nebraska economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Nebraska-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Nebraska office: <http://www.dol.nebraska.gov/>

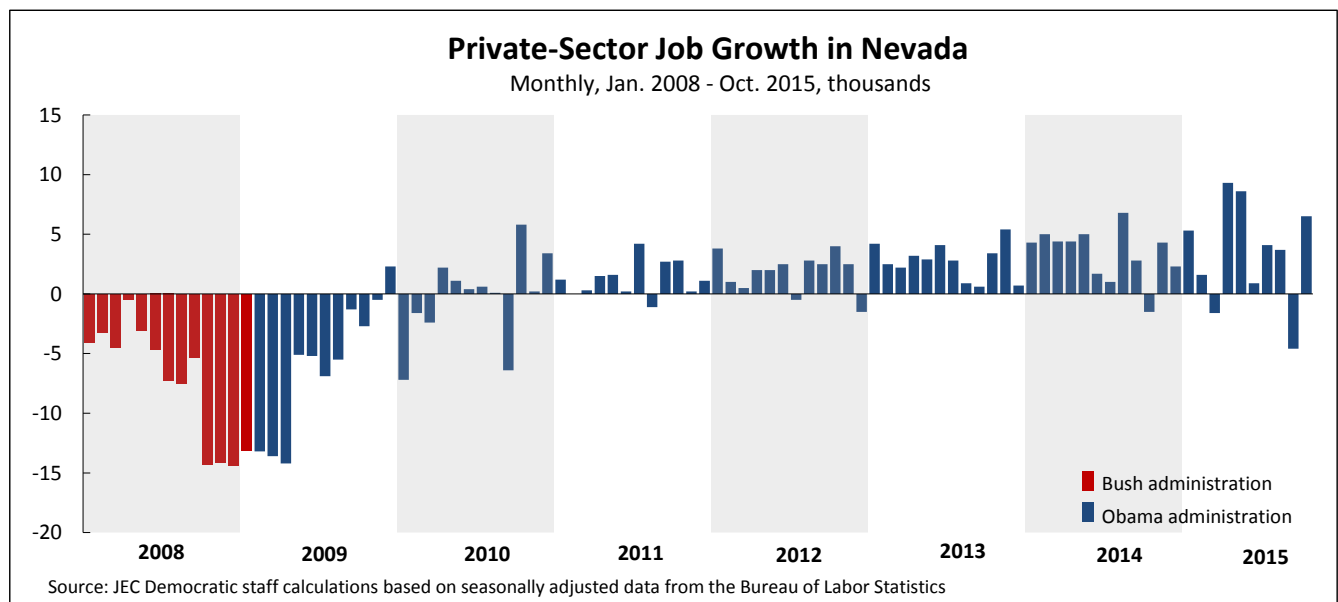


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEVADA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Nevada grew by 6,500 jobs. Over the past year, Nevada businesses have added 40,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 40,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nevada businesses have added 148,500 jobs (an increase of 15.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: education and health services at 23.8 percent (23,800 jobs), professional and business services at 23.2 percent (31,100 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.7 percent (48,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nevada was 6.6 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.6 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 7.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 13.7 percent in November 2010.
- There were 94,000 Nevada residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nevada were \$22.20. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$743.70.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nevada	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	40,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	148,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	13.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.2%	11.7%
	2013	20.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Nevada grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Nevada GDP growth has averaged 0.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Nevada increased by 10.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 67.7 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Nevada broke ground on 10,540 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,243 units. That marks an increase of 14.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Nevada, goods exports totaled \$770 million in September and \$8.1 billion over the past year, up 9.8 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 36.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Nevada economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Nevada-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Nevada office: <http://www.nevadaworkforce.com/>

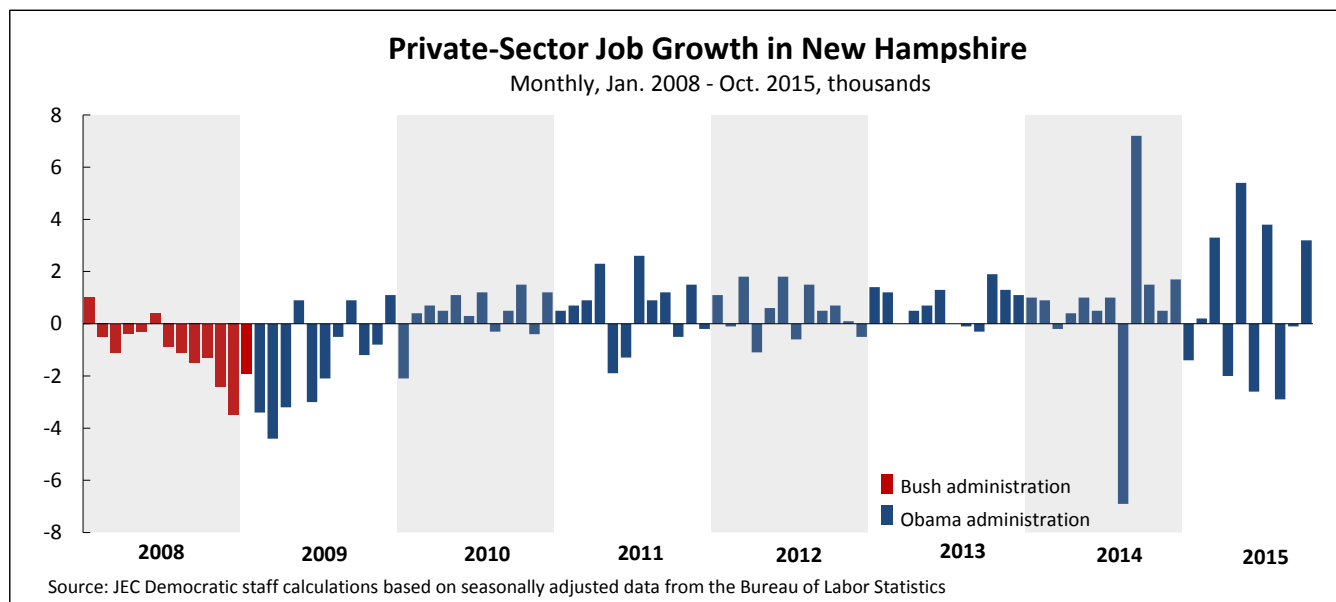


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW HAMPSHIRE

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in New Hampshire grew by 3,200 jobs. Over the past year, New Hampshire businesses have added 9,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Hampshire businesses have added 43,300 jobs (an increase of 8.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.7 percent (11,800 jobs), other services at 17.3 percent (3,900 jobs) and construction at 12.7 percent (2,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 3.3 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in July 2009.
- There were 24,400 New Hampshire residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Hampshire were \$25.16. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$850.41.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Hampshire	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	9,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	43,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.1%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$73,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$77,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	7.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	5.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	1.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.2%	11.7%
	2013	10.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Hampshire grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Hampshire GDP growth has averaged 1.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Hampshire increased by 3.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in New Hampshire broke ground on 4,210 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,892 units. That marks a decrease of 6.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Hampshire, goods exports totaled \$313 million in September and \$3.9 billion over the past year, down 3.6 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the New Hampshire economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

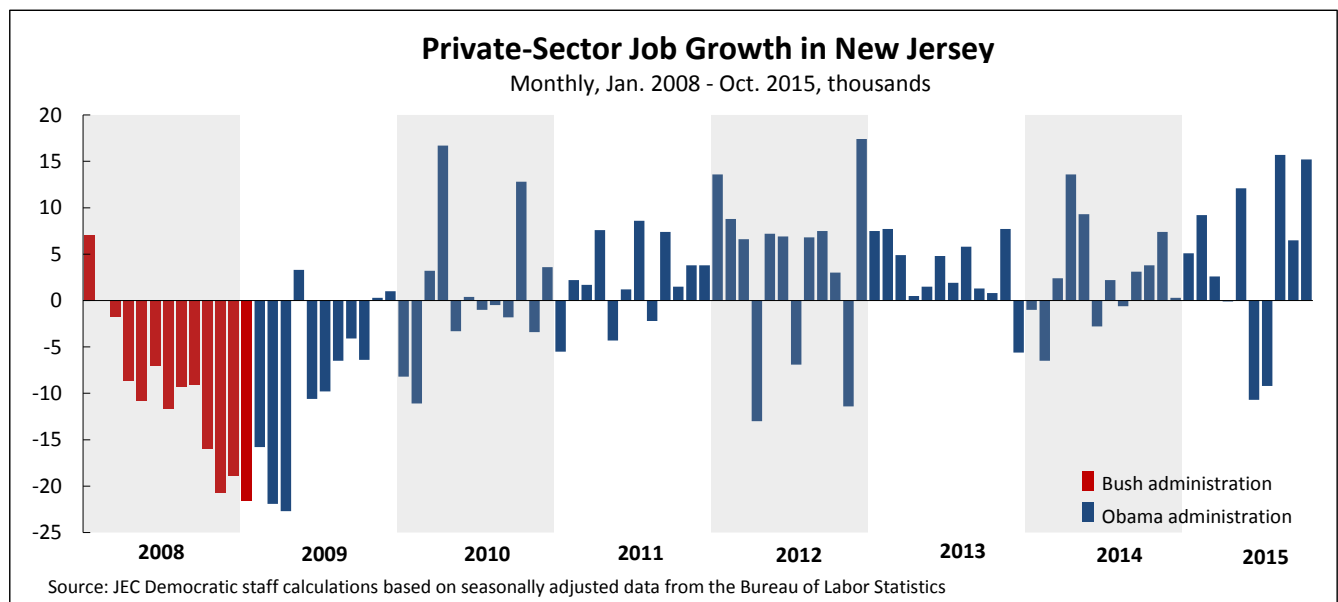


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW JERSEY

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in New Jersey grew by 15,200 jobs. Over the past year, New Jersey businesses have added 54,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 25,600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Jersey businesses have added 215,400 jobs (an increase of 6.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 15.8 percent (20,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 11.6 percent (38,200 jobs) and professional and business services at 9.7 percent (55,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Jersey was 5.4 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.4 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 243,600 New Jersey residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Jersey were \$27.87. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$942.01.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Jersey	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	54,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	215,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.4%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$65,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$69,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.9%	11.7%
	2013	13.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Jersey grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Jersey GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Jersey increased by 0.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 6.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In September 2015, builders in New Jersey broke ground on 28,890 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 26,293 units. That marks an increase of 6.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Jersey, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in September and \$32.5 billion over the past year, down 2.3 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 14.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the New Jersey economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New Jersey-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Jersey office:

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/LMI_index.html

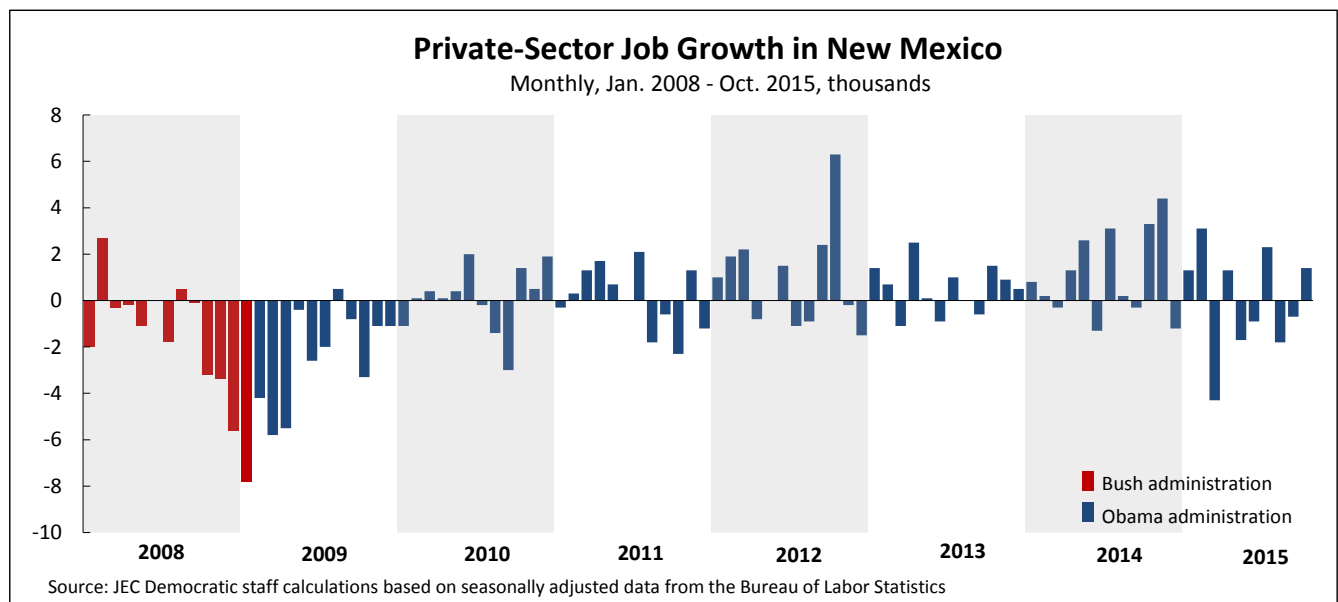


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW MEXICO

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in New Mexico grew by 1,400 jobs. Over the past year, New Mexico businesses have added 3,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 11,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Mexico businesses have added 32,900 jobs (an increase of 5.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 48.9 percent (8,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 11.5 percent (9,600 jobs) and education and health services at 11.3 percent (13,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Mexico was 6.8 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 1.8 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2010.
- There were 62,400 New Mexico residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Mexico were \$20.43. The average workweek was 34.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$696.66.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Mexico	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	3,200	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	32,900	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.8%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$50,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	9.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.5%	11.7%
	2013	18.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Mexico grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Mexico GDP growth has averaged 0.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Mexico increased by 2.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.9 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in New Mexico broke ground on 4,500 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,474 units. That marks an increase of 1.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Mexico, goods exports totaled \$318 million in September and \$3.7 billion over the past year, up 10.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 179.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the New Mexico economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New Mexico-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Mexico office:

<http://www.dws.state.nm.us/LaborMarketInformation/DataandStatistics/EconomicData>

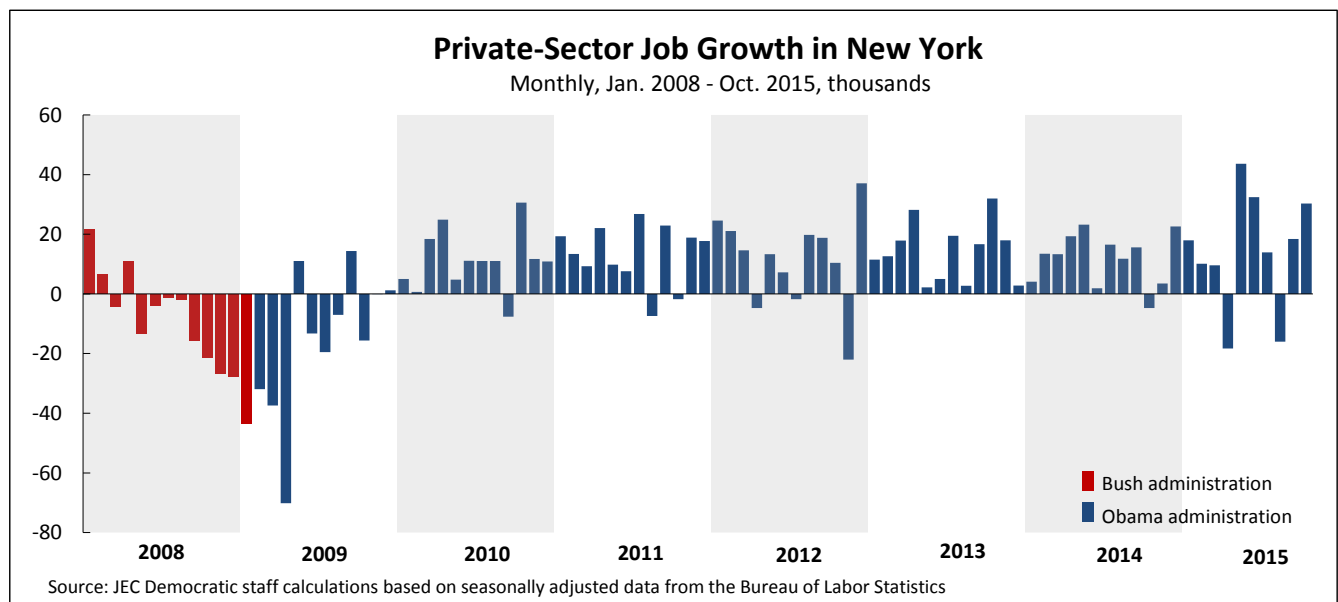


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW YORK

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in New York grew by 30,300 jobs. Over the past year, New York businesses have added 168,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 135,300 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New York businesses have added 875,500 jobs (an increase of 12.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 24.3 percent (175,200 jobs), construction at 18.6 percent (56,800 jobs) and professional and business services at 16.1 percent (175,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New York was 4.8 percent in October 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.2 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in December 2009.
- There were 466,100 New York residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New York were \$28.78. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$969.89.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New York	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	168,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	875,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.8%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.9%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$54,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.7%	11.7%
	2013	10.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New York grew by 2.5 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New York GDP growth has averaged 2.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New York increased by 2.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.7 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in New York broke ground on 32,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 53,195 units. That marks an increase of 51.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New York, goods exports totaled \$6.8 billion in September and \$80.9 billion over the past year, up 6.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 35.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the New York economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

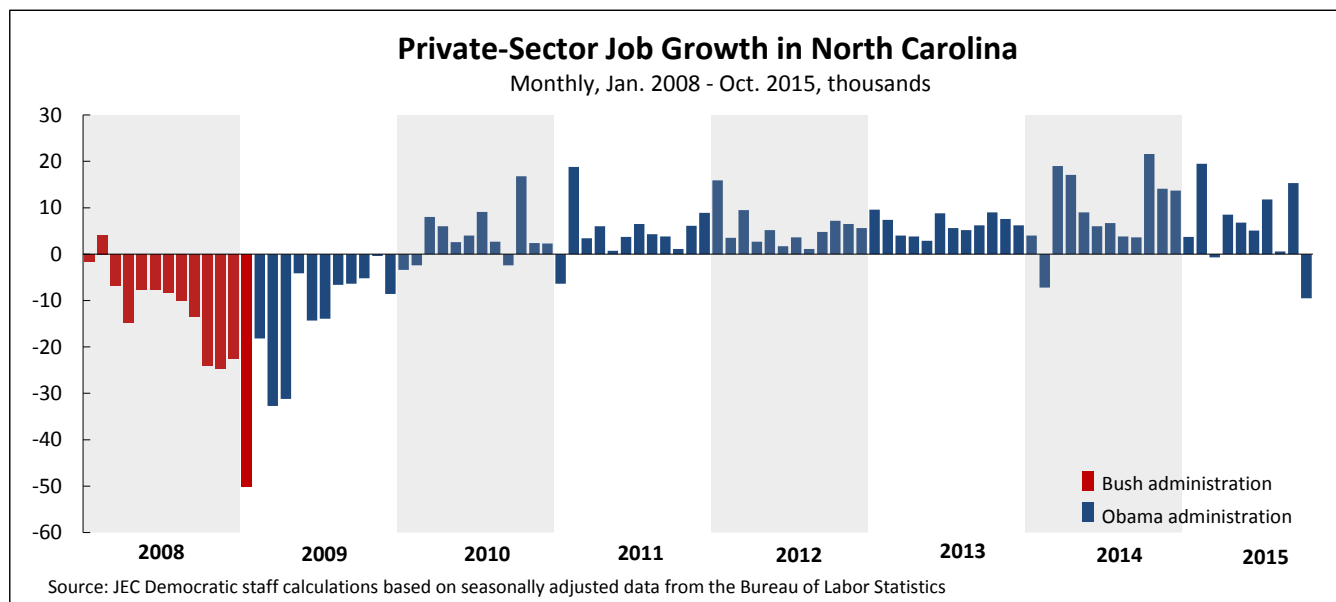


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH CAROLINA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in North Carolina fell by 9,500 jobs. Over the past year, North Carolina businesses have added 88,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 97,400 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Carolina businesses have added 424,500 jobs (an increase of 13.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 27.1 percent (127,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.5 percent (67,800 jobs) and other services at 13.7 percent (19,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Carolina was 5.7 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 5.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in March 2010.
- There were 273,600 North Carolina residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Carolina were \$22.48. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$777.81.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Carolina	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	88,900	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	424,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.7%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.7%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.1%	11.7%
	2013	15.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in North Carolina grew by 1.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual North Carolina GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in North Carolina increased by 4.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in North Carolina broke ground on 52,380 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 51,033 units. That marks an increase of 3.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In North Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.5 billion in September and \$29.8 billion over the past year, up 6.3 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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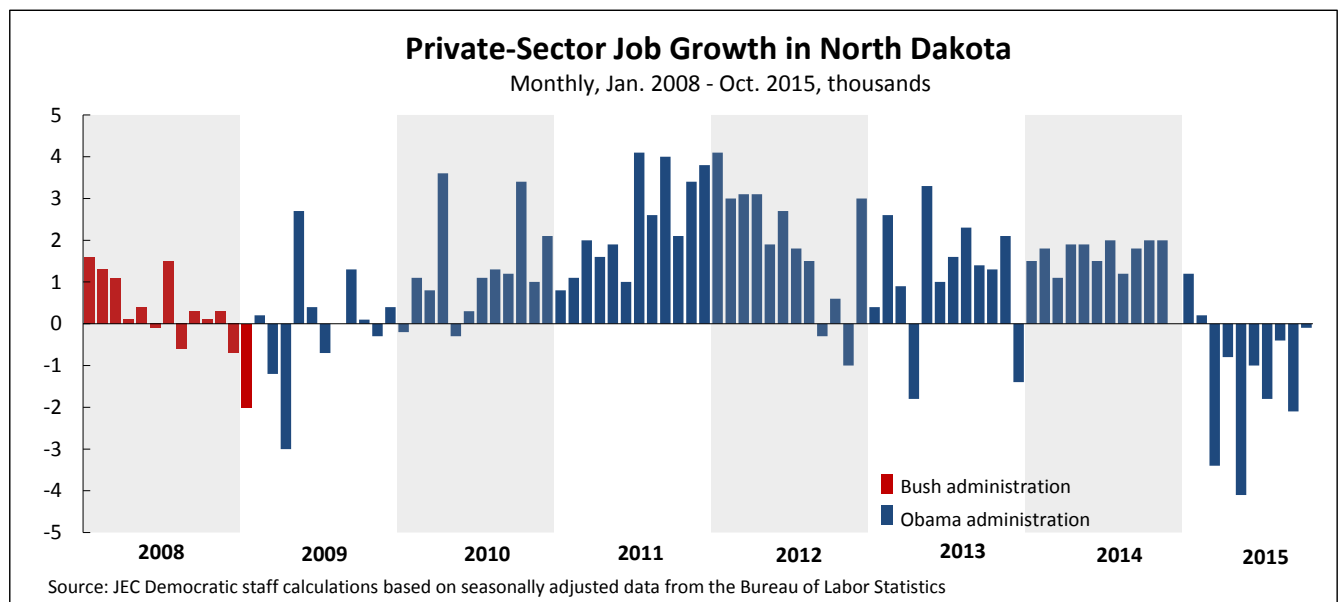


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH DAKOTA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in North Dakota fell by 100 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 10,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 17,400 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Dakota businesses have added 86,500 jobs (an increase of 29.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 201.2 percent (17,100 jobs), construction at 70.0 percent (14,900 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 33.1 percent (26,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Dakota was 2.8 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 2.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 1.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.3 percent in May 2009.
- There were 11,300 North Dakota residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Dakota were \$25.48. The average workweek was 35.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$904.54.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Dakota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-10,300	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	86,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	2.8%	5.0%
	October 2014	2.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	1.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.9%	11.7%
	2013	10.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in North Dakota grew by 6.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual North Dakota GDP growth has averaged 8.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in North Dakota increased by 6.2 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are now 44.6 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In September 2015, builders in North Dakota broke ground on 5,720 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 7,289 units. That marks a decrease of 33.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In North Dakota, goods exports totaled \$297 million in September and \$4.3 billion over the past year, down 3.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 90.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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<https://www.ndworkforceintelligence.com/analyzer/default.asp>

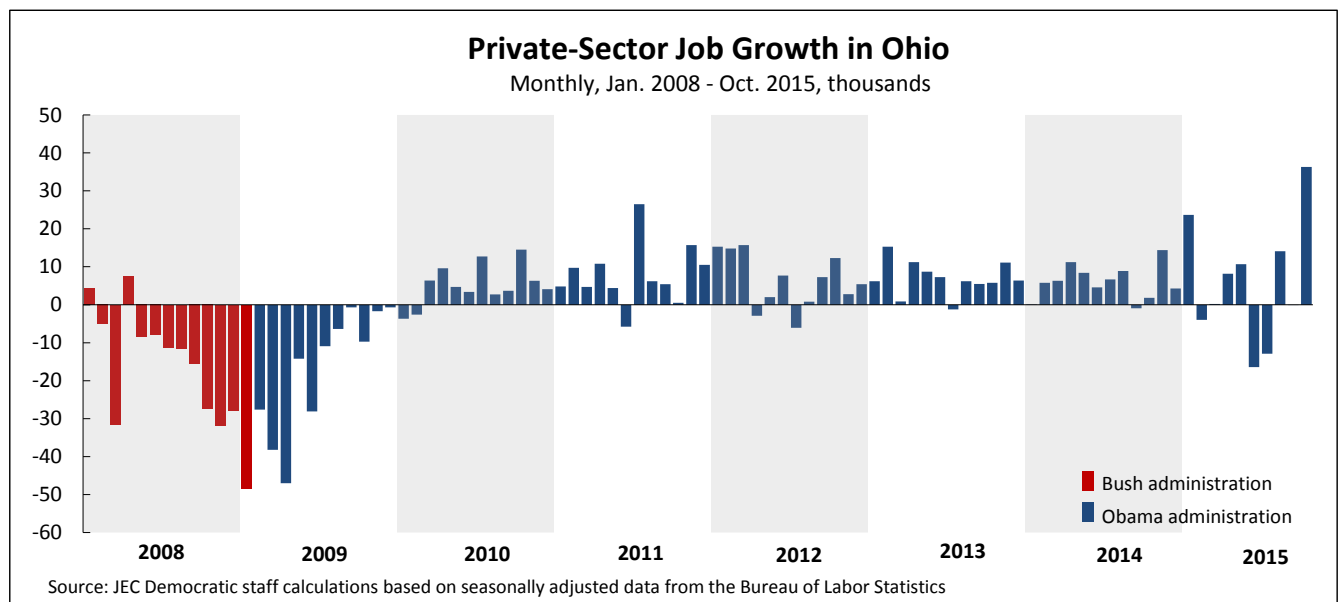


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OHIO

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Ohio grew by 36,300 jobs. Over the past year, Ohio businesses have added 78,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 70,400 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Ohio businesses have added 451,400 jobs (an increase of 10.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 26.1 percent (2,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.1 percent (80,600 jobs) and professional and business services at 16.6 percent (101,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Ohio was 4.4 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.0 percent in January 2010.
- There were 248,700 Ohio residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Ohio were \$22.74. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$779.98.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Ohio	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	78,500	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	451,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	15.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.4%	11.7%
	2013	11.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Ohio grew by 2.1 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Ohio GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Ohio increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.7 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Ohio broke ground on 19,030 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,032 units. That marks a decrease of 9.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Ohio, goods exports totaled \$4.2 billion in September and \$49.8 billion over the past year, up 6.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 40.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Ohio-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Ohio office: <http://lmi.state.oh.us/data.htm>

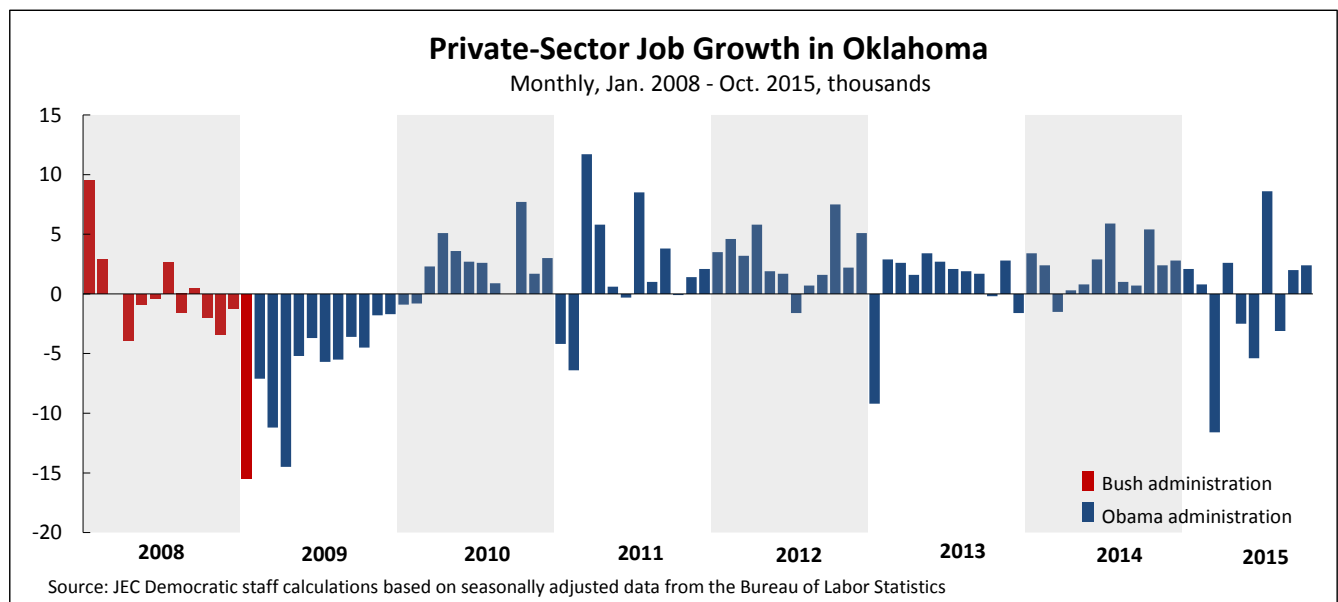


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OKLAHOMA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Oklahoma grew by 2,400 jobs. Over the past year, Oklahoma businesses have added 1,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 22,500 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oklahoma businesses have added 122,800 jobs (an increase of 10.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 25.1 percent (10,300 jobs), construction at 23.9 percent (15,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 16.8 percent (23,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oklahoma was 4.3 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.7 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 2.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.1 percent in March 2010.
- There were 78,200 Oklahoma residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oklahoma were \$21.78. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$751.41.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Oklahoma	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	1,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	122,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.1%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$47,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.4%	11.7%
	2013	17.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Oklahoma grew by 2.8 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Oklahoma GDP growth has averaged 2.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Oklahoma increased by 6.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 19.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Oklahoma broke ground on 14,390 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 12,782 units. That marks a decrease of 2.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Oklahoma, goods exports totaled \$446 million in September and \$5.4 billion over the past year, down 9.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 17.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Oklahoma-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Oklahoma office:

http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/Services/Find_Labor_Market_Statistics/



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OREGON

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Oregon grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, Oregon businesses have added 40,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 44,300 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oregon businesses have added 187,800 jobs (an increase of 14.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 25.9 percent (48,000 jobs), construction at 18.8 percent (12,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 18.0 percent (29,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oregon was 6.0 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.0 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in May 2009.
- There were 117,700 Oregon residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oregon were \$23.80. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$797.30.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Oregon	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	40,200	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	187,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.0%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.8%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$57,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	2013	14.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Oregon grew by 3.6 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Oregon GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Oregon increased by 8.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 35.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Oregon broke ground on 22,620 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,374 units. That marks an increase of 6.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Oregon, goods exports totaled \$1.6 billion in September and \$20.0 billion over the past year, up 7.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 28.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

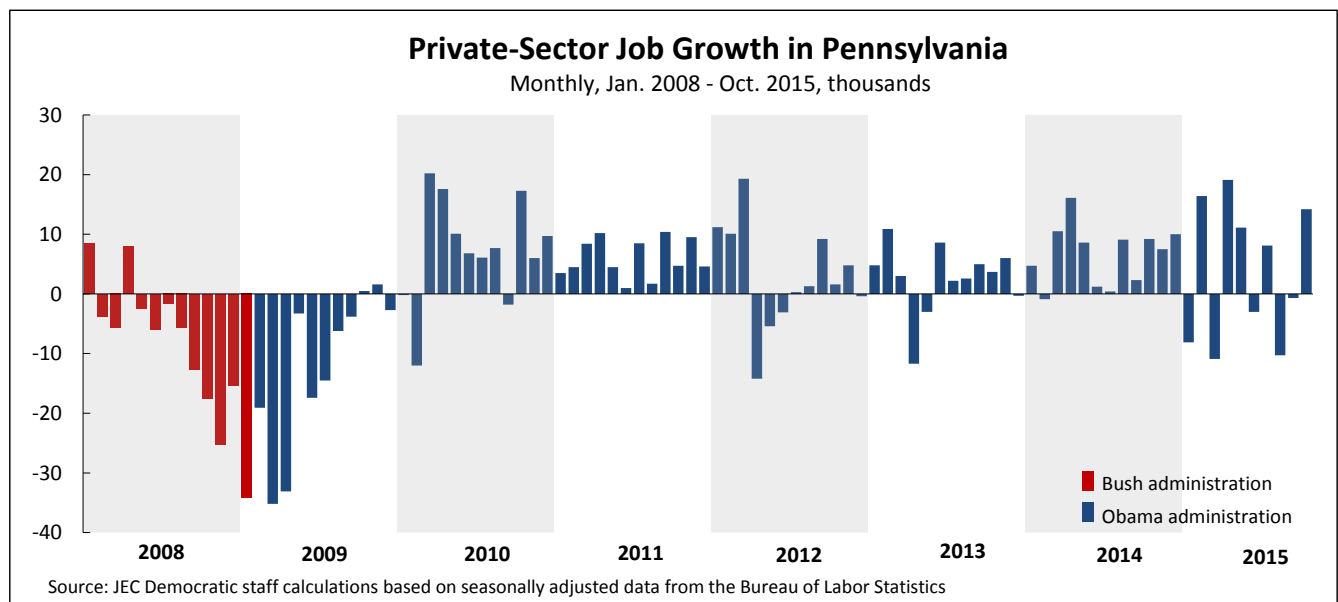


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: PENNSYLVANIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Pennsylvania grew by 14,200 jobs. Over the past year, Pennsylvania businesses have added 53,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 66,900 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Pennsylvania businesses have added 352,300 jobs (an increase of 7.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 48.9 percent (11,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 13.4 percent (65,600 jobs) and professional and business services at 13.1 percent (88,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was 5.1 percent in October 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in April 2010.
- There were 330,100 Pennsylvania residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Pennsylvania were \$24.41. The average workweek was 33.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$827.50.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Pennsylvania	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	53,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	352,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.1%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$55,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.5%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	9.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Pennsylvania grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Pennsylvania GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Pennsylvania increased by 2.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 9.5 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Pennsylvania broke ground on 28,850 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 20,288 units. That marks a decrease of 6.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Pennsylvania, goods exports totaled \$3.3 billion in September and \$39.0 billion over the past year, up 5.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 32.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Pennsylvania economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Pennsylvania-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Pennsylvania office:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1216762&mode=2>

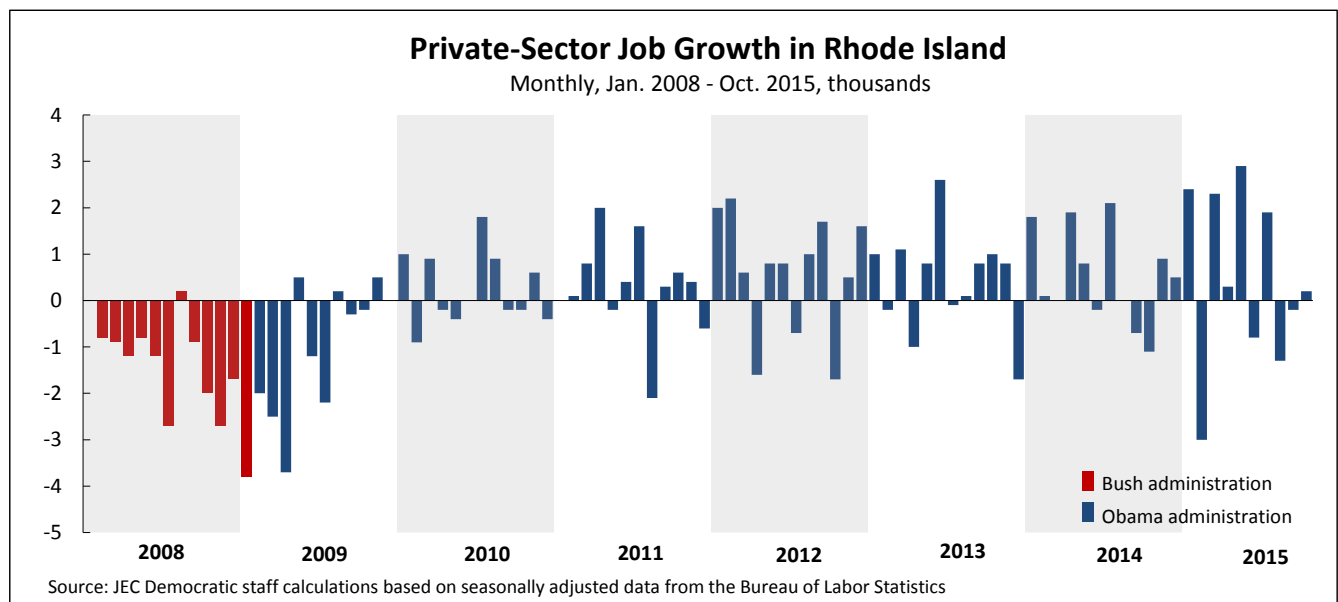


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: RHODE ISLAND

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Rhode Island grew by 200 jobs. Over the past year, Rhode Island businesses have added 6,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Rhode Island businesses have added 29,300 jobs (an increase of 7.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 21.1 percent (11,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.8 percent (8,700 jobs) and financial activities at 7.5 percent (2,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 5.3 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.7 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in August 2009.
- There were 29,400 Rhode Island residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Rhode Island were \$24.97. The average workweek was 32.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$821.51.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have held roughly constant over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Rhode Island	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	29,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	7.0%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.4%	11.7%
	2013	11.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Rhode Island grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Rhode Island GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Rhode Island increased by 3.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.3 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2013.
- In September 2015, builders in Rhode Island broke ground on 1,280 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 851 units. That marks a decrease of 4.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Rhode Island, goods exports totaled \$174 million in September and \$2.2 billion over the past year, up 1.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 39.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Rhode Island economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Rhode Island-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Rhode Island office:

<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/lrelease.htm>

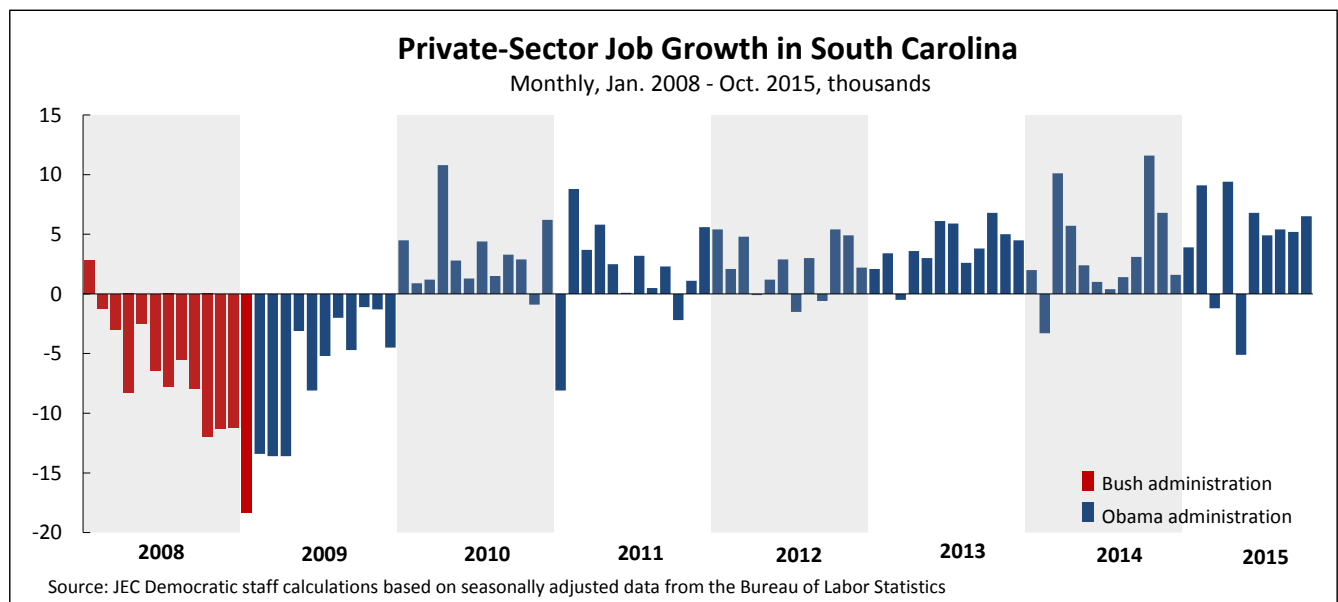


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH CAROLINA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in South Carolina grew by 6,500 jobs. Over the past year, South Carolina businesses have added 53,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 43,900 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Carolina businesses have added 220,500 jobs (an increase of 15.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 33.1 percent (68,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.4 percent (35,800 jobs) and education and health services at 14.5 percent (30,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Carolina was 5.6 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.7 percent in January 2010.
- There were 126,600 South Carolina residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Carolina were \$21.52. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$740.29.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Carolina	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	53,300	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	220,500	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$44,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$50,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.5%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.1%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	15.8%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in South Carolina grew by 2.2 percent in 2014, matching the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual South Carolina GDP growth has averaged 1.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in South Carolina increased by 8.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 21.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in South Carolina broke ground on 41,370 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 30,233 units. That marks an increase of 16.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In South Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.5 billion in September and \$29.8 billion over the past year, up 12.0 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 73.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional South Carolina-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the South Carolina office: <http://dew.sc.gov/about-lmi.asp>

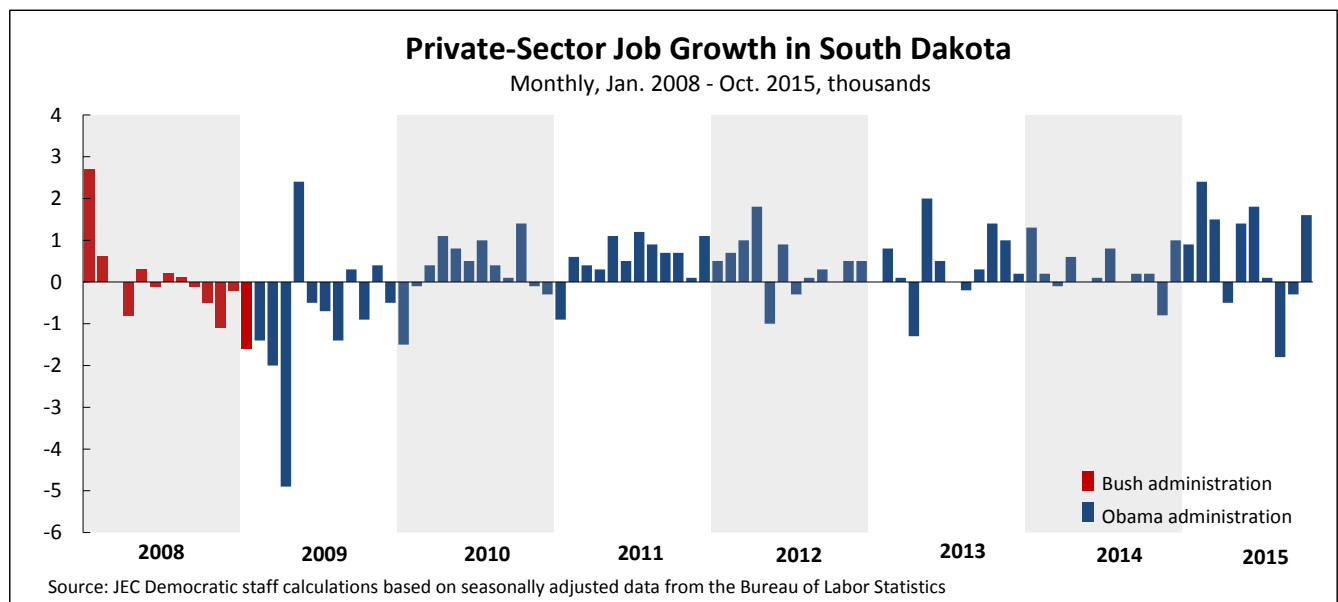


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH DAKOTA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in South Dakota grew by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, South Dakota businesses have added 7,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,500 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Dakota businesses have added 32,400 jobs (an increase of 10.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 22.9 percent (8,300 jobs), professional and business services at 17.1 percent (4,600 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 15.8 percent (3,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was 3.2 percent in October 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.8 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 5.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 14,700 South Dakota residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Dakota were \$21.37. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$735.13.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Dakota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	7,300	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	32,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.2%	5.0%
	October 2014	3.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	5.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.8%	11.7%
	2013	11.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in South Dakota grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual South Dakota GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in South Dakota increased by 2.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are now 14.8 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In September 2015, builders in South Dakota broke ground on 2,890 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,248 units. That marks a decrease of 3.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In South Dakota, goods exports totaled \$110 million in September and \$1.4 billion over the past year, down 0.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 35.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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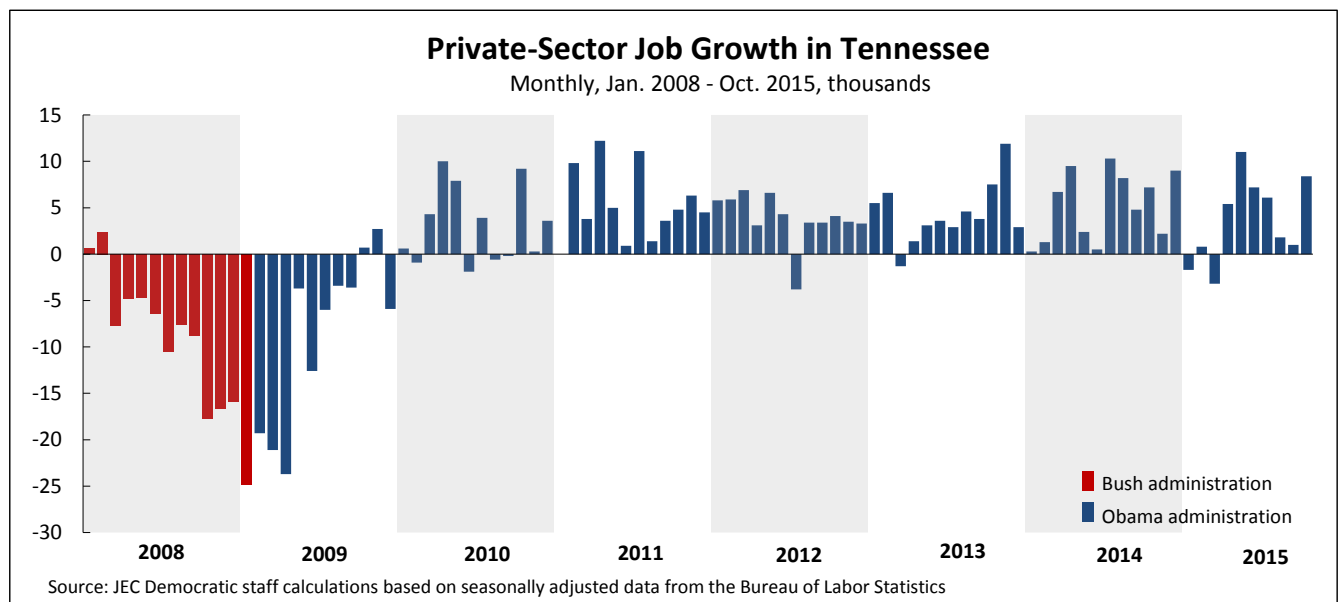


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TENNESSEE

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Tennessee grew by 8,400 jobs. Over the past year, Tennessee businesses have added 48,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 66,000 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Tennessee businesses have added 298,100 jobs (an increase of 13.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 30.7 percent (91,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 19.0 percent (49,600 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 12.5 percent (12,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 5.6 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 169,600 Tennessee residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Tennessee were \$21.04. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$738.50.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Tennessee	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	48,000	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	298,100	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$43,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	2013	13.9%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Tennessee grew by 1.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Tennessee GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Tennessee increased by 5.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 21.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Tennessee broke ground on 30,130 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 30,606 units. That marks an increase of 31.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Tennessee, goods exports totaled \$2.6 billion in September and \$31.7 billion over the past year, up 4.4 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 48.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

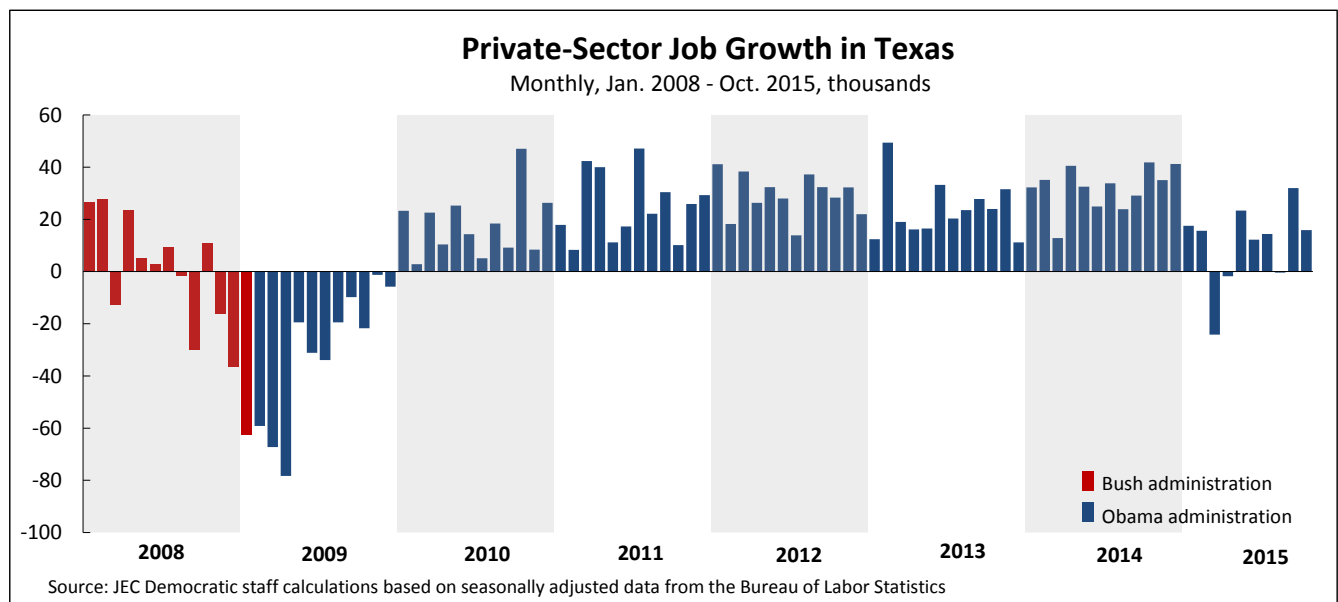


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TEXAS

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Texas grew by 15,900 jobs. Over the past year, Texas businesses have added 180,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 349,300 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Texas businesses have added 1,611,300 jobs (an increase of 19.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 46.3 percent (89,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 27.7 percent (276,100 jobs) and professional and business services at 27.3 percent (343,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Texas was 4.4 percent in October 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in October 2009.
- There were 570,100 Texas residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Texas were \$24.53. The average workweek was 35.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$878.17.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Texas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	180,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,611,300	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.4%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.7%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	19.1%	11.7%
	2013	22.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Texas grew by 5.2 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Texas GDP growth has averaged 4.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Texas increased by 8.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 29.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Texas broke ground on 176,920 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 165,314 units. That marks an increase of 2.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Texas, goods exports totaled \$20.3 billion in September and \$253.0 billion over the past year, down 6.8 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 49.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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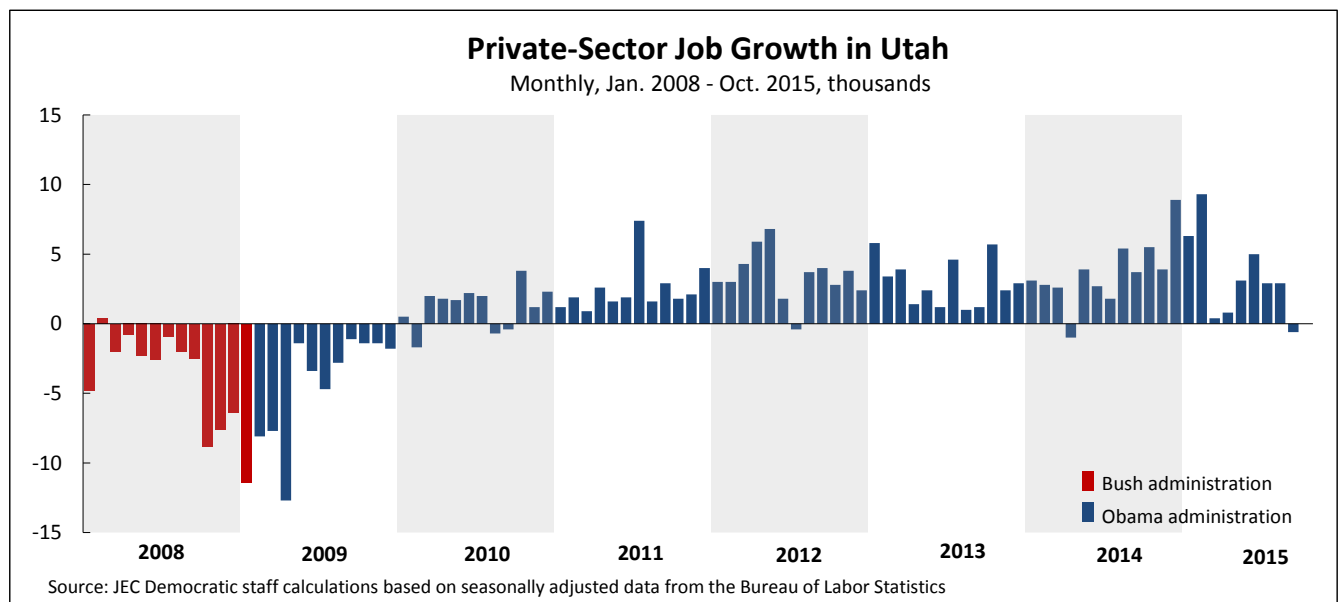


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: UTAH

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Utah was unchanged. Over the past year, Utah businesses have added 42,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 35,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Utah businesses have added 196,200 jobs (an increase of 20.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 31.2 percent (46,500 jobs), construction at 30.7 percent (19,900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 27.6 percent (30,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Utah was 3.6 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 4.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in May 2010.
- There were 52,300 Utah residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Utah were \$24.22. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$842.86.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Utah	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	42,900	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	196,200	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.6%	5.0%
	October 2014	3.6%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$63,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.5%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Utah grew by 3.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Utah GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Utah increased by 5.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 31.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Utah broke ground on 23,830 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,682 units. That marks an increase of 14.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Utah, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in September and \$13.2 billion over the past year, up 18.3 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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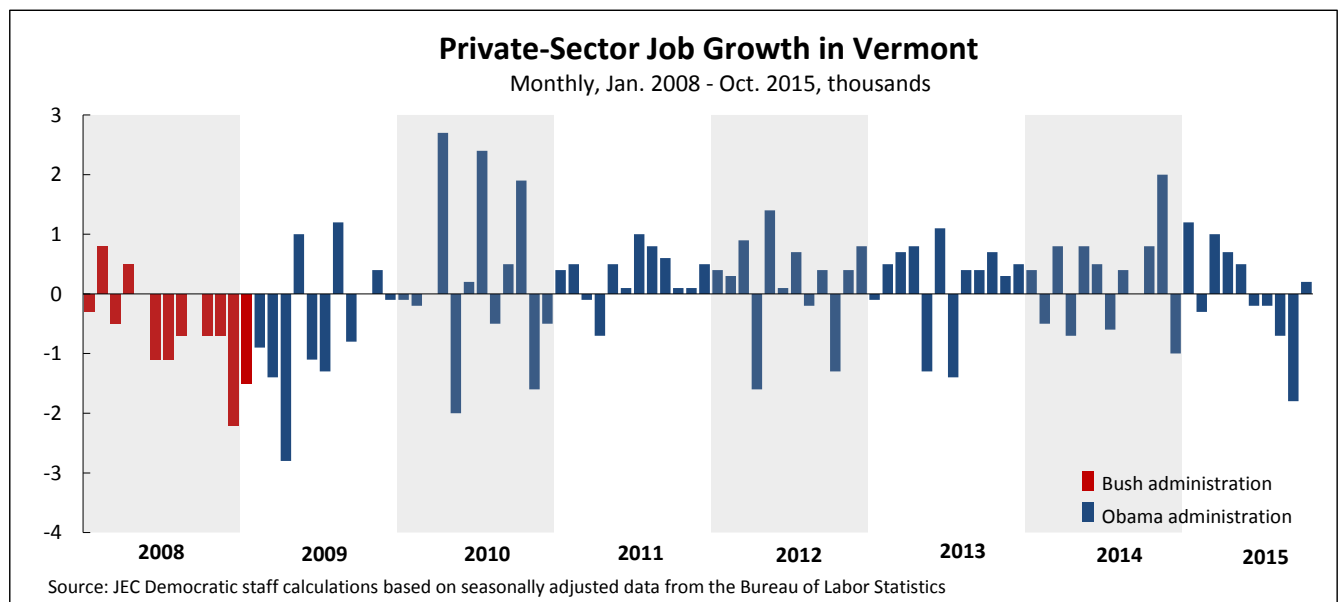


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VERMONT

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Vermont grew by 200 jobs. Over the past year, Vermont businesses have added 1,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 2,700 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Vermont businesses have added 15,100 jobs (an increase of 6.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.0 percent (4,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 10.8 percent (3,500 jobs) and construction at 9.9 percent (1,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 3.7 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 1.3 percentage points below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.0 percent in May 2009.
- There were 12,800 Vermont residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Vermont were \$24.11. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$812.51.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Vermont	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	1,400	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	15,100	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	3.7%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.2%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.0%	11.7%
	2013	7.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Vermont grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Vermont GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Vermont increased by 0.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Vermont broke ground on 2,200 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,598 units. That marks an increase of 20.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Vermont, goods exports totaled \$290 million in September and \$3.3 billion over the past year, down 0.1 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are down 0.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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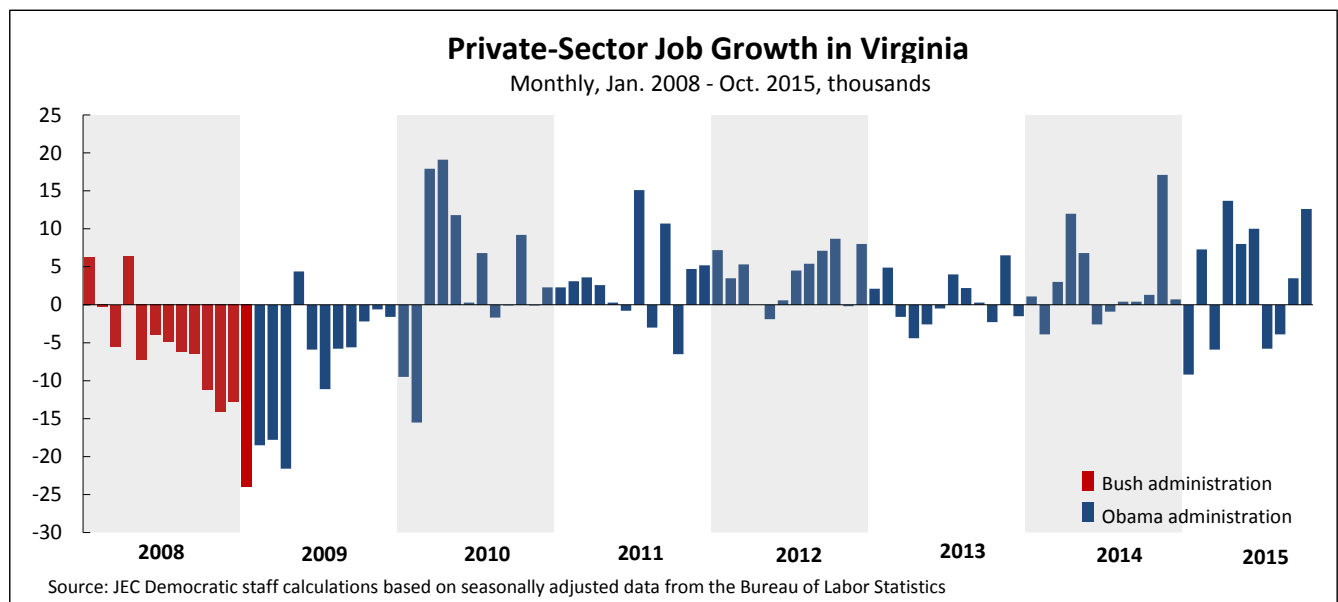


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VIRGINIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Virginia grew by 12,600 jobs. Over the past year, Virginia businesses have added 48,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 22,600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Virginia businesses have added 223,800 jobs (an increase of 7.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 13.5 percent (44,900 jobs), financial activities at 12.6 percent (22,400 jobs) and education and health services at 11.2 percent (50,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Virginia was 4.2 percent in October 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from September. The rate was 0.8 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in February 2010.
- There were 177,600 Virginia residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Virginia were \$26.17. The average workweek was 35.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$915.95.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Virginia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	48,100	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	223,800	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.2%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.9%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$66,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$67,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.9%	11.7%
	2013	12.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Virginia increased slightly (by less than 0.1 percent) in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Virginia GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Virginia increased by 1.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Virginia broke ground on 34,580 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 30,348 units. That marks an increase of 14.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Virginia, goods exports totaled \$1.4 billion in September and \$18.0 billion over the past year, up 2.5 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 14.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Virginia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

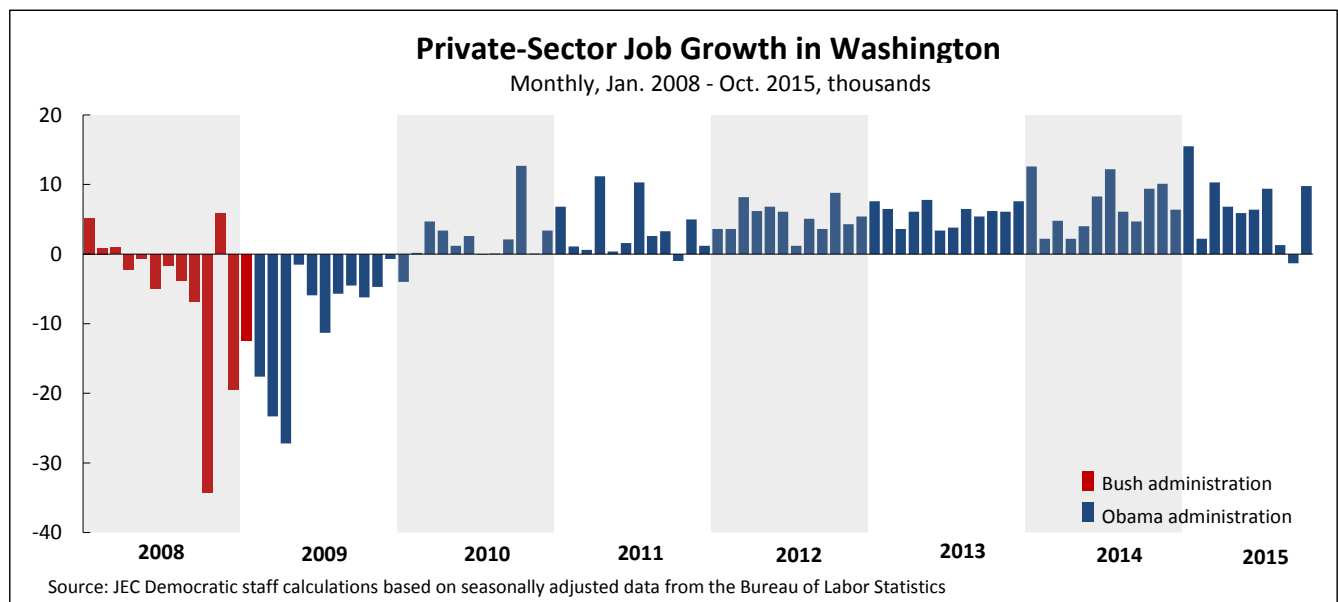


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WASHINGTON

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Washington grew by 9,800 jobs. Over the past year, Washington businesses have added 82,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 80,200 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Washington businesses have added 356,100 jobs (an increase of 15.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 22.6 percent (72,700 jobs), construction at 21.5 percent (30,900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 16.0 percent (42,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Washington was 5.2 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.4 percent in January 2010.
- There were 183,400 Washington residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Washington were \$30.06. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1,028.05.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Washington	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	82,800	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	356,100	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	5.2%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$59,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.2%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.2%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Washington grew by 3.0 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Washington GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Washington increased by 8.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 31.6 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Washington broke ground on 48,780 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 39,048 units. That marks an increase of 22.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Washington, goods exports totaled \$7.6 billion in September and \$86.6 billion over the past year, up 6.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 60.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Washington economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

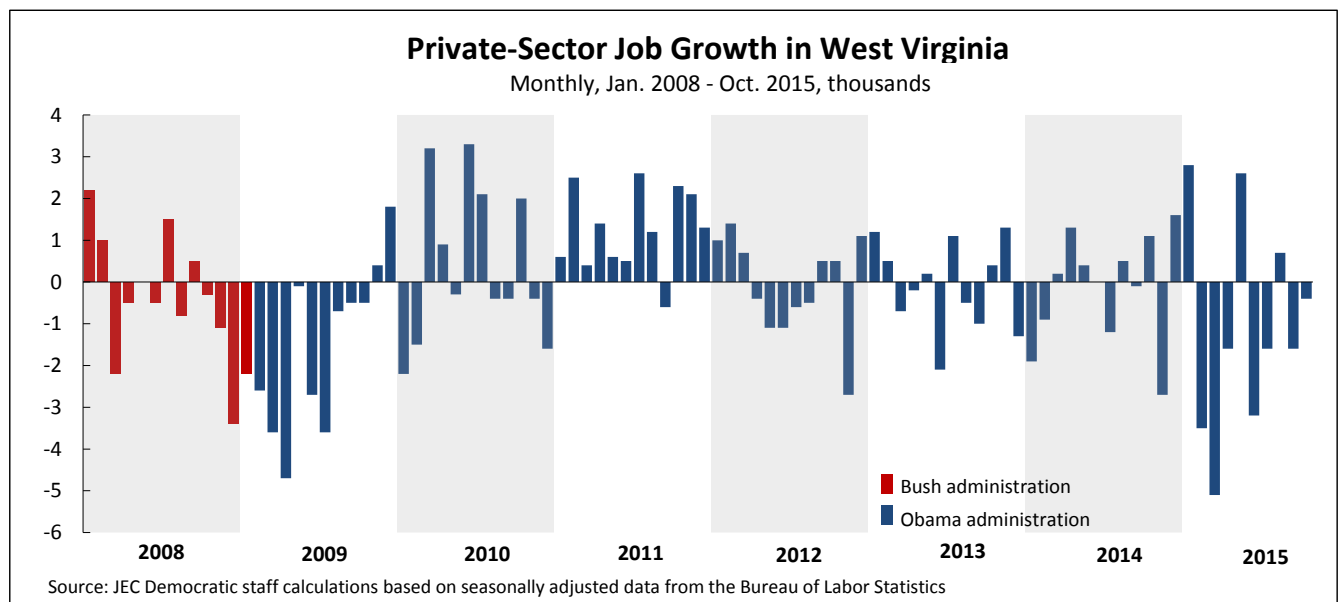


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WEST VIRGINIA

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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in West Virginia fell by 400 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 12,000 jobs. This compares with a decrease of 600 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, West Virginia businesses have added 8,400 jobs (an increase of 1.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 12.4 percent (7,500 jobs), education and health services at 7.8 percent (9,400 jobs) and government at 1.2 percent (1,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in West Virginia was 6.9 percent in October 2015, down 0.4 percentage point from September. The rate was 1.9 percentage points above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in November 2010.
- There were 54,300 West Virginia residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in West Virginia were \$20.78. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$725.22.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		West Virginia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-12,000	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	8,400	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	6.9%	5.0%
	October 2014	6.1%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$39,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.6%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in West Virginia grew by 5.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual West Virginia GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in West Virginia increased by 2.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in West Virginia broke ground on 2,640 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,733 units. That marks an increase of 42.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In West Virginia, goods exports totaled \$430 million in September and \$6.0 billion over the past year, down 16.9 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 19.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the West Virginia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional West Virginia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the West Virginia office: <http://www.workforcewv.org/lmi/>

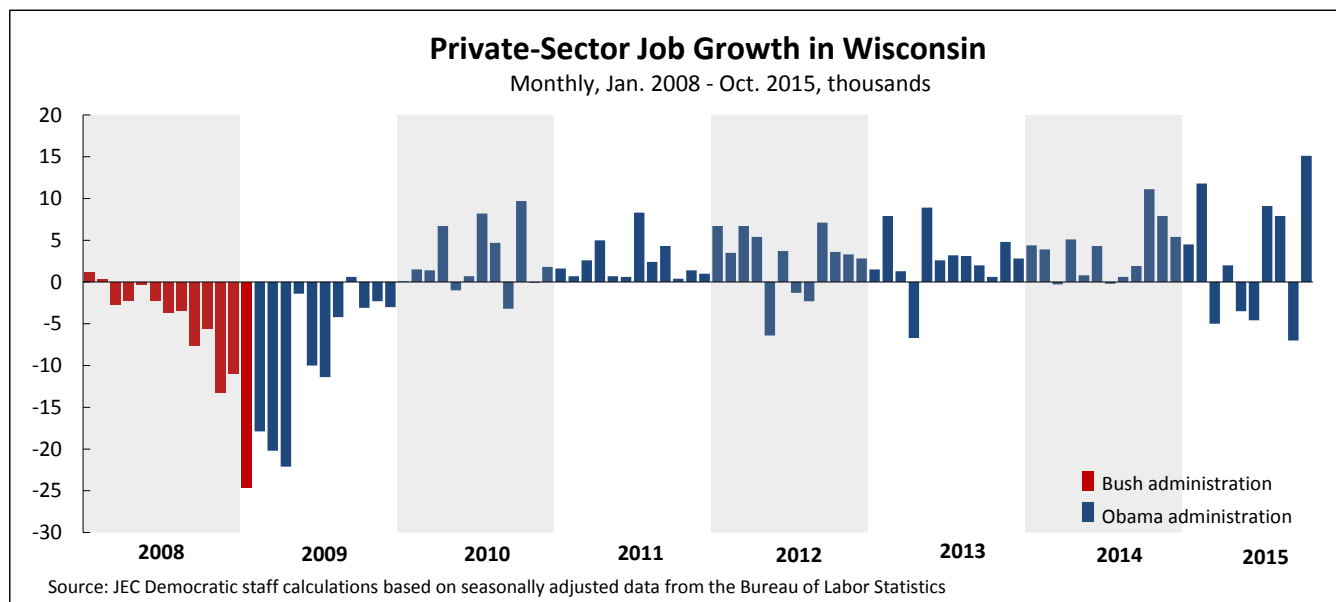


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WISCONSIN

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through October 2015**
Last updated on November 20th; Data update next on December 18th*

JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Wisconsin grew by 15,100 jobs. Over the past year, Wisconsin businesses have added 43,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 39,200 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wisconsin businesses have added 197,900 jobs (an increase of 8.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 37.9 percent (1,100 jobs), professional and business services at 18.2 percent (48,500 jobs) and manufacturing at 11.4 percent (48,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin was 4.3 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 0.7 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 131,400 Wisconsin residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wisconsin were \$23.35. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$793.90.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wisconsin	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	43,600	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	197,900	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.3%	5.0%
	October 2014	5.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$58,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.3%	11.7%
	2013	9.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Wisconsin grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Wisconsin GDP growth has averaged 1.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Wisconsin increased by 4.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In September 2015, builders in Wisconsin broke ground on 13,830 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,263 units. That marks a decrease of 5.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Wisconsin, goods exports totaled \$1.8 billion in September and \$22.4 billion over the past year, up 5.2 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 28.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Wisconsin economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Wisconsin-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Wisconsin office:

<http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet/whatsnew.aspx>

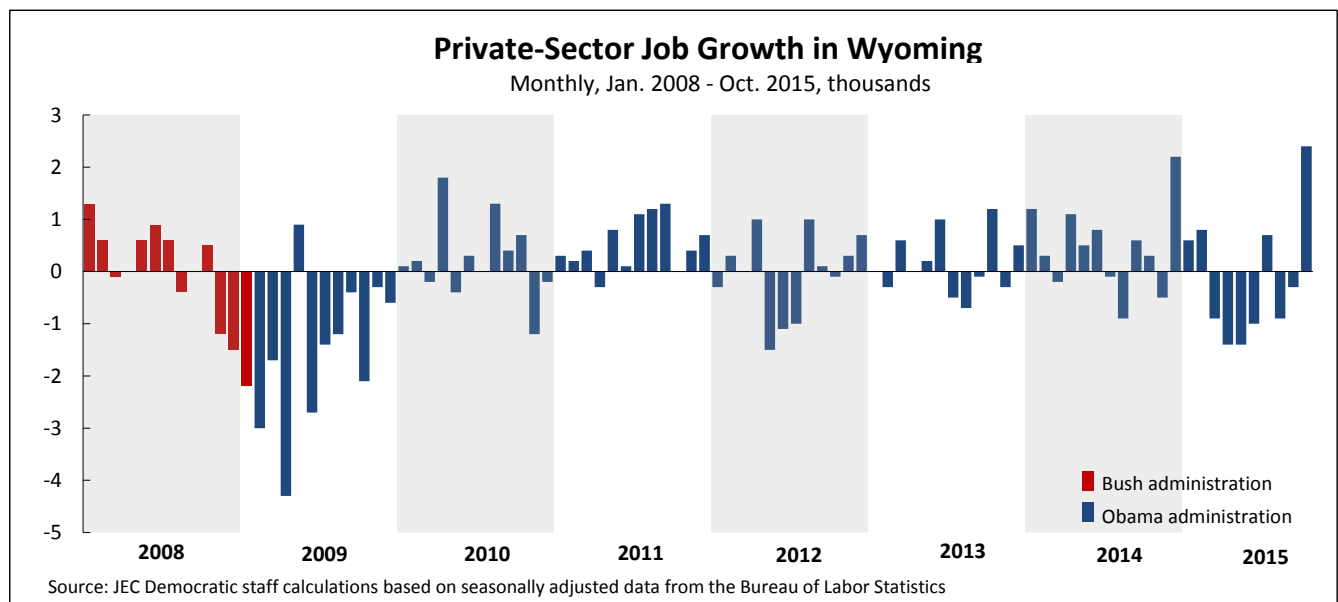


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WYOMING

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through October 2015**
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JOBS

- In October, private-sector employment in Wyoming grew by 2,400 jobs. Over the past year, Wyoming businesses have added 300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,800 jobs over the 12 months through October 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wyoming businesses have added 13,600 jobs (an increase of 6.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.6 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 18.6 percent (6,000 jobs), manufacturing at 15.1 percent (1,300 jobs) and professional and business services at 14.9 percent (2,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wyoming was 4.0 percent in October 2015, holding constant from September. The rate was 1.0 percentage point below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 12,500 Wyoming residents unemployed in October 2015.

EARNINGS

- In October 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wyoming were \$23.34. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$812.23.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have held roughly constant over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wyoming	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	300	2.7 million
	Since Feb. 2010	13,600	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate	October 2015	4.0%	5.0%
	October 2014	4.3%	5.7%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$55,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	2013	13.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Wyoming grew by 5.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Wyoming GDP growth has averaged -0.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Wyoming increased by 2.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.3 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2010.
- In September 2015, builders in Wyoming broke ground on 1,770 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,680 units. That marks a decrease of 2.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Wyoming, goods exports totaled \$91 million in September and \$1.3 billion over the past year, down 13.7 percent from the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 35.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

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

Veterans' Unemployment Rates by State 2014 Annual Averages

	All Veterans			Post-9/11 Veterans		
	Number in Labor Force	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Number in Labor Force	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
United States	10,744,000	573,000	5.3%	2,535,000	182,000	7.2%
Alabama	170,000	9,000	5.6%	50,000	4,000	7.9%
Alaska	47,000	3,000	5.9%	17,000	1,000	7.5%
Arizona	285,000	16,000	5.7%	64,000	4,000	6.6%
Arkansas	83,000	5,000	6.0%	20,000	3,000	14.2%
California	871,000	64,000	7.4%	209,000	21,000	10.1%
Colorado	232,000	14,000	5.9%	59,000	5,000	8.5%
Connecticut	92,000	4,000	4.2%	16,000	2,000	12.9%
Delaware	32,000	2,000	6.1%	7,000	1,000	9.8%
District of Columbia	15,000	1,000	7.5%	3,000	-	4.1%
Florida	806,000	40,000	5.0%	190,000	9,000	4.8%
Georgia	405,000	31,000	7.6%	98,000	10,000	10.4%
Hawaii	49,000	2,000	5.1%	13,000	2,000	12.7%
Idaho	58,000	1,000	2.3%	13,000	1,000	4.0%
Illinois	343,000	24,000	7.0%	85,000	7,000	8.3%
Indiana	258,000	14,000	5.6%	52,000	5,000	10.0%
Iowa	125,000	5,000	4.2%	22,000	1,000	4.2%
Kansas	117,000	8,000	6.8%	34,000	4,000	12.2%
Kentucky	135,000	6,000	4.6%	29,000	3,000	10.8%
Louisiana	170,000	5,000	3.1%	30,000	2,000	6.0%
Maine	62,000	3,000	5.0%	12,000	1,000	7.2%
Maryland	222,000	19,000	8.5%	60,000	7,000	11.9%
Massachusetts	171,000	8,000	4.7%	41,000	5,000	11.9%
Michigan	289,000	18,000	6.3%	44,000	3,000	6.8%
Minnesota	176,000	9,000	4.9%	30,000	3,000	11.1%
Mississippi	97,000	4,000	3.9%	22,000	1,000	6.0%
Missouri	239,000	14,000	5.7%	55,000	1,000	2.2%
Montana	48,000	3,000	5.8%	12,000	-	3.8%
Nebraska	74,000	3,000	4.1%	15,000	1,000	5.2%
Nevada	135,000	10,000	7.1%	37,000	2,000	6.8%
New Hampshire	61,000	2,000	3.8%	11,000	-	1.5%
New Jersey	165,000	13,000	7.9%	26,000	3,000	12.0%
New Mexico	81,000	4,000	5.3%	21,000	2,000	9.3%
New York	392,000	23,000	5.8%	86,000	7,000	8.1%
North Carolina	366,000	19,000	5.2%	78,000	6,000	7.2%
North Dakota	31,000	-	1.4%	7,000	-	2.3%
Ohio	395,000	12,000	3.1%	79,000	4,000	4.6%
Oklahoma	157,000	6,000	4.0%	46,000	1,000	2.1%
Oregon	168,000	12,000	7.1%	39,000	4,000	10.1%
Pennsylvania	410,000	19,000	4.7%	88,000	7,000	7.8%
Rhode Island	34,000	2,000	5.9%	6,000	1,000	10.2%
South Carolina	192,000	7,000	3.5%	52,000	2,000	3.6%
South Dakota	38,000	1,000	3.7%	9,000	-	3.9%
Tennessee	282,000	13,000	4.5%	60,000	3,000	5.0%
Texas	927,000	38,000	4.1%	253,000	13,000	5.2%
Utah	77,000	4,000	4.9%	23,000	2,000	6.8%
Vermont	22,000	-	2.2%	2,000	-	2.3%
Virginia	508,000	17,000	3.2%	174,000	6,000	3.6%
Washington	324,000	21,000	6.4%	69,000	8,000	11.4%
West Virginia	67,000	3,000	4.9%	16,000	2,000	11.1%
Wisconsin	209,000	9,000	4.1%	42,000	1,000	2.5%
Wyoming	31,000	1,000	4.3%	9,000	-	4.4%

Notes: "-" indicates number rounds to 0 when rounded to the nearest thousand. Data are for civilians 18 years and over. State-by-state data for post-9/11 veterans are based on unpublished data from the Current Population Survey. These estimates are reported without margins of error, which may be large for post-9/11 veterans' data due to the small population of these veterans in many states. Caution should be used in comparing post-9/11 veterans' unemployment rates across states and over time.

Source: JEC Democratic staff using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage by State

	Median Household Income (2014 dollars)		Poverty Rate		Percentage Without Health Insurance		Change in Number Without Coverage
	2007	2014	2007	2014	2013	2014	2013 to 2014
UNITED STATES	\$57,400	\$53,700	12.5%	14.8%	14.5%	11.7%	-8,510,000
Alabama	\$48,200	\$42,300	14.5%	17.8%	13.6%	12.1%	-66,000
Alaska	\$71,900	\$67,600	7.6%	11.9%	18.5%	17.2%	-10,000
Arizona	\$53,900	\$49,300	14.3%	21.2%	17.1%	13.6%	-215,000
Arkansas	\$46,600	\$44,900	13.8%	18.4%	16.0%	11.8%	-122,000
California	\$63,600	\$60,500	12.7%	15.8%	17.2%	12.4%	-1,733,000
Colorado	\$69,800	\$60,900	9.8%	12.3%	14.1%	10.3%	-187,000
Connecticut	\$73,200	\$70,200	8.9%	8.6%	9.4%	6.9%	-87,000
Delaware	\$62,300	\$57,500	9.3%	11.0%	9.1%	7.8%	-12,000
District of Columbia	\$58,000	\$68,300	18.0%	19.0%	6.7%	5.3%	-8,000
Florida	\$52,300	\$46,100	12.5%	16.7%	20.0%	16.6%	-608,000
Georgia	\$55,500	\$49,600	13.6%	16.8%	18.8%	15.8%	-278,000
Hawaii	\$73,100	\$71,200	7.5%	10.8%	6.7%	5.3%	-19,000
Idaho	\$56,200	\$53,400	9.9%	12.4%	16.2%	13.6%	-39,000
Illinois	\$60,000	\$54,900	10.0%	13.7%	12.7%	9.7%	-380,000
Indiana	\$54,200	\$48,100	11.8%	14.6%	14.0%	11.9%	-127,000
Iowa	\$55,800	\$57,800	8.9%	10.3%	8.1%	6.2%	-59,000
Kansas	\$55,400	\$53,400	11.7%	12.1%	12.3%	10.2%	-57,000
Kentucky	\$45,000	\$42,800	15.5%	20.0%	14.3%	8.5%	-250,000
Louisiana	\$47,200	\$42,400	16.1%	23.1%	16.6%	14.8%	-80,000
Maine	\$54,700	\$51,700	10.9%	14.6%	11.2%	10.1%	-13,000
Maryland	\$74,900	\$76,200	8.8%	9.9%	10.2%	7.9%	-130,000
Massachusetts	\$66,800	\$63,200	11.2%	13.6%	3.7%	3.3%	-28,000
Michigan	\$56,400	\$52,000	10.8%	14.8%	11.0%	8.5%	-235,000
Minnesota	\$66,300	\$67,200	9.3%	8.3%	8.2%	5.9%	-123,000
Mississippi	\$42,600	\$35,500	22.6%	22.1%	17.1%	14.5%	-76,000
Missouri	\$52,500	\$56,600	12.8%	10.4%	13.0%	11.7%	-79,000
Montana	\$49,800	\$51,100	13.0%	12.0%	16.5%	14.2%	-21,000
Nebraska	\$56,100	\$56,900	9.9%	11.8%	11.3%	9.7%	-29,000
Nevada	\$61,700	\$49,900	9.7%	17.0%	20.7%	15.2%	-143,000
New Hampshire	\$77,200	\$73,400	5.8%	7.2%	10.7%	9.2%	-20,000
New Jersey	\$69,100	\$65,200	8.7%	11.3%	13.2%	10.9%	-195,000
New Mexico	\$50,600	\$46,700	14.0%	20.0%	18.6%	14.5%	-85,000
New York	\$55,900	\$54,300	14.5%	14.0%	10.7%	8.7%	-373,000
North Carolina	\$49,700	\$46,800	15.5%	17.1%	15.6%	13.1%	-233,000
North Dakota	\$53,900	\$60,700	9.3%	9.7%	10.4%	7.9%	-16,000
Ohio	\$56,100	\$49,600	12.8%	15.6%	11.0%	8.4%	-302,000
Oklahoma	\$49,300	\$47,200	13.4%	17.3%	17.7%	15.4%	-82,000
Oregon	\$57,400	\$58,900	12.8%	14.4%	14.7%	9.7%	-188,000
Pennsylvania	\$55,300	\$55,200	10.4%	12.5%	9.7%	8.5%	-158,000
Rhode Island	\$61,900	\$58,600	9.5%	11.3%	11.6%	7.4%	-43,000
South Carolina	\$50,500	\$44,900	14.1%	16.5%	15.8%	13.6%	-97,000
South Dakota	\$53,000	\$53,100	9.4%	12.8%	11.3%	9.8%	-11,000
Tennessee	\$47,000	\$43,700	14.8%	17.3%	13.9%	12.0%	-110,000
Texas	\$52,600	\$53,900	16.5%	16.4%	22.1%	19.1%	-701,000
Utah	\$61,100	\$63,400	9.6%	10.2%	14.0%	12.5%	-37,000
Vermont	\$54,100	\$60,700	9.9%	9.3%	7.2%	5.0%	-14,000
Virginia	\$67,600	\$66,200	8.6%	10.2%	12.3%	10.9%	-107,000
Washington	\$66,300	\$59,100	10.2%	12.0%	14.0%	9.2%	-317,000
West Virginia	\$48,100	\$39,600	14.8%	20.6%	14.0%	8.6%	-99,000
Wisconsin	\$58,500	\$58,100	11.0%	10.9%	9.1%	7.3%	-100,000
Wyoming	\$55,700	\$55,700	10.9%	9.7%	13.4%	12.0%	-8,000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) (for income and poverty data) and American Community Survey (ACS) (for health insurance data).

Note: The CPS ASEC figures for the percentage of people without health insurance in the United States are 13.3 percent in 2013 and 10.4 percent in 2014, for a decline in the number without coverage of 8.8 million. CPS ASEC estimates are not available at the state level.

Sources: State Economic Snapshots

Includes data available as of November 20, 2015.

Most of the data used to create the state snapshots were accessed through Haver Analytics.

Jobs

Bullet Points 1-3 and Figure	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, seasonally adjusted.
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Unemployment

Bullet Points 1-3	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted.
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Earnings

Bullet Point 1	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, Hours & Earnings, Table D-6, not seasonally adjusted.
Bullet Point 2	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, Hours & Earnings, Table D-6, not seasonally adjusted. Data are inflation-adjusted using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

State Quick Facts

Private-Sector Jobs	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, seasonally adjusted.
Unemployment	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted.
Household Income	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.
Poverty Rate	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.
Veterans Data	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Situation of Veterans - 2014.
Health Insurance	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.

State Gross Domestic Product

Bullet Points 1-2	Bureau of Economic Analysis, Real Gross Domestic Product by State.
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Housing

Bullet Point 1	Federal Housing and Finance Agency, Purchase-Only House Price Index, seasonally adjusted.
Bullet Point 2	U.S. Census Bureau and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Housing Starts, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

Exports

Bullet Points 1-2	U.S. Census Bureau, Origin of Movement Exports, Total Exports. Data are inflation-adjusted using the Export Price Index: All exports, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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