



# THE U.S. ECONOMY BY THE NUMBERS

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## ECONOMIC GROWTH



Percentage change in GDP over the 2007-09 Bush-era recession: **-4.2%**

Percentage change in GDP since the start of the Obama administration: **+14.2%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+2.0%**

## JOB CREATION



Number of private-sector jobs lost as a result of the recession: **-8,800,000**

Current consecutive months of private-sector job creation: **70**

Number of private-sector jobs gained over that period: **+14,100,000**

Highest ratio of unemployed workers to job openings since 2009: **6.8 to 1**

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in November 2015: **1.5 to 1**

## UNEMPLOYMENT



Peak unemployment rate during the recession: **10.0%**

Current unemployment rate: **5.0%**

Number of people unemployed at the height of the recession: **15,400,000**

Number of people currently unemployed: **7,900,000**

## INCOME & EARNINGS



Median income of U.S. households: **\$53,700**

Share of all income earned by the top 10% of families: **49%**

Share of all income earned by the bottom 90% of families: **51%**

Ratio of average income of the top 0.01% to the bottom 90%: **790 to 1**

## POVERTY



Poverty threshold for a two-adult, two-child family: **\$24,000**

Total annual earnings from working full time at the federal minimum wage: **\$15,080**

Number of Americans currently living in poverty: **46,700,000**

Share of Americans living in poverty: **1 in 7**

Unemployment Rate (November 2015)	
North Dakota	2.7%
Nebraska	2.9%
South Dakota	3.0%
Hawaii	3.2%
New Hampshire	3.2%
Iowa	3.4%
Utah	3.5%
Minnesota	3.5%
Colorado	3.6%
Vermont	3.7%
Idaho	3.9%
Montana	4.0%
Kansas	4.0%
Wyoming	4.1%
Maine	4.1%
Virginia	4.2%
Wisconsin	4.2%
Oklahoma	4.2%
Indiana	4.4%
Ohio	4.5%
Texas	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.7%
Missouri	4.7%
New York	4.8%
Kentucky	4.9%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Florida	5.0%
Arkansas	5.0%
Pennsylvania	5.0%
Michigan	5.1%
Delaware	5.1%
Connecticut	5.1%
Maryland	5.2%
Rhode Island	5.2%
Washington	5.3%
New Jersey	5.3%
South Carolina	5.5%
Tennessee	5.6%
Georgia	5.6%
Illinois	5.7%
North Carolina	5.7%
California	5.7%
Oregon	5.7%
Alabama	6.0%
Mississippi	6.0%
Arizona	6.0%
Louisiana	6.3%
Alaska	6.4%
Nevada	6.5%
West Virginia	6.5%
District of Columbia	6.6%
New Mexico	6.8%
Puerto Rico	12.5%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
**Data through November 2015**	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4,941,000</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>9,517,000</b>
Alabama	-3.1%	-51,300	2.5%	38,900
Alaska	9.3%	22,000	8.8%	20,800
Arizona	0.0%	-200	7.8%	162,900
Arkansas	0.6%	5,800	3.3%	32,400
California	6.8%	877,000	12.3%	1,508,400
Colorado	7.3%	143,300	10.3%	198,300
Connecticut	0.6%	8,200	3.5%	49,500
Delaware	1.2%	4,500	5.6%	20,300
District of Columbia	14.8%	68,800	14.2%	66,400
Florida	4.5%	308,900	13.0%	815,500
Georgia	4.2%	144,100	10.0%	328,200
Hawaii	2.0%	10,000	7.9%	37,800
Idaho	5.1%	27,400	12.1%	61,000
Illinois	-0.8%	-40,900	3.0%	149,500
Indiana	2.8%	71,800	8.8%	212,300
Iowa	4.2%	53,600	6.3%	79,000
Kansas	2.1%	23,500	3.1%	34,600
Kentucky	2.6%	40,800	7.4%	108,700
Louisiana	5.6%	87,500	6.3%	97,900
Maine	-0.7%	-3,700	2.3%	11,700
Maryland	2.1%	45,700	5.4%	111,400
Massachusetts	6.0%	173,400	8.6%	242,500
Michigan	2.7%	96,200	11.9%	392,000
Minnesota	3.8%	89,400	6.6%	152,200
Mississippi	-3.1%	-28,000	1.7%	15,000
Missouri	-1.0%	-23,800	1.9%	42,500
Montana	2.7%	9,600	6.6%	22,700
Nebraska	4.0%	32,600	5.2%	41,600
Nevada	-2.7%	-30,200	6.3%	65,900
New Hampshire	1.8%	10,300	4.4%	23,800
New Jersey	-0.5%	-17,000	3.4%	111,600
New Mexico	-2.0%	-12,800	1.5%	9,500
New York	8.3%	603,600	10.1%	723,400
North Carolina	3.0%	103,300	8.9%	290,800
North Dakota	31.1%	89,100	29.6%	85,800
Ohio	1.1%	51,400	6.0%	266,700
Oklahoma	3.3%	42,100	4.4%	55,500
Oregon	3.2%	46,400	9.9%	134,700
Pennsylvania	1.8%	90,300	4.1%	204,200
Puerto Rico	-6.2%	-44,900	-1.8%	-12,500
Rhode Island	0.8%	3,400	5.4%	21,900
South Carolina	4.1%	64,700	10.5%	157,300
South Dakota	7.1%	23,500	7.2%	24,000
Tennessee	3.5%	83,000	9.1%	205,500
Texas	14.2%	1,243,800	14.9%	1,297,700
Utah	9.5%	100,900	15.2%	152,600
Vermont	1.9%	4,900	5.0%	12,400
Virginia	1.6%	48,700	4.4%	132,800
Washington	7.2%	178,100	10.5%	251,400
West Virginia	-2.9%	-17,800	-2.0%	-12,000
Wisconsin	1.1%	27,300	4.3%	102,200
Wyoming	-3.4%	-7,600	-3.0%	-6,700

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