

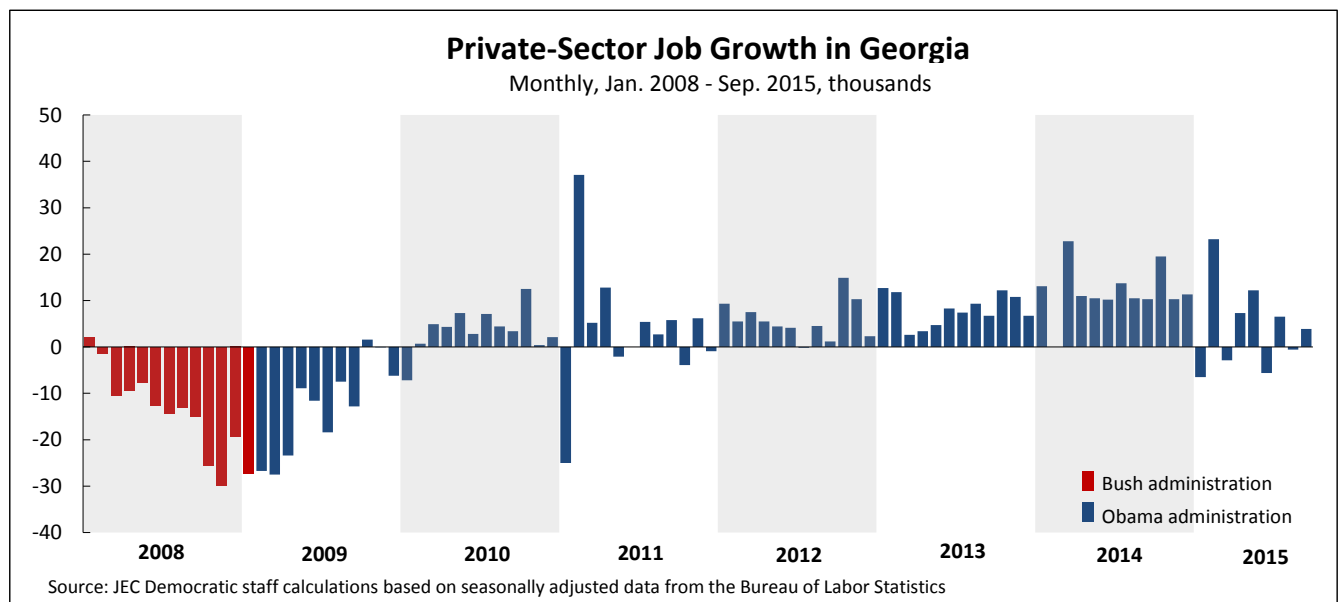


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: GEORGIA

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

JOBS

- In September, private-sector employment in Georgia grew by 3,900 jobs. Over the past year, Georgia businesses have added 78,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 131,800 jobs over the 12 months through September 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Georgia businesses have added 439,100 jobs (an increase of 14.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.3 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 24.4 percent (125,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 21.4 percent (79,500 jobs) and education and health services at 15.5 percent (72,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Georgia was 5.8 percent in September 2015, holding constant from August. The rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in December 2010.
- There were 272,500 Georgia residents unemployed in September 2015.

EARNINGS

- In September 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Georgia were \$23.75. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$826.50.
- 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 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Georgia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	78,600	2.6 million
	Since Feb. 2010	439,100	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate	September 2015	5.8%	5.1%
	September 2014	6.9%	5.9%
	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 August 2015, builders in Georgia broke ground on 40,220 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 39,623 units. That marks an increase of 13.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Georgia, goods exports totaled \$3.0 billion in August and \$37.6 billion over the past year, up 4.5 percent from the 12 months ending in August 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 50.3 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

** 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/>