

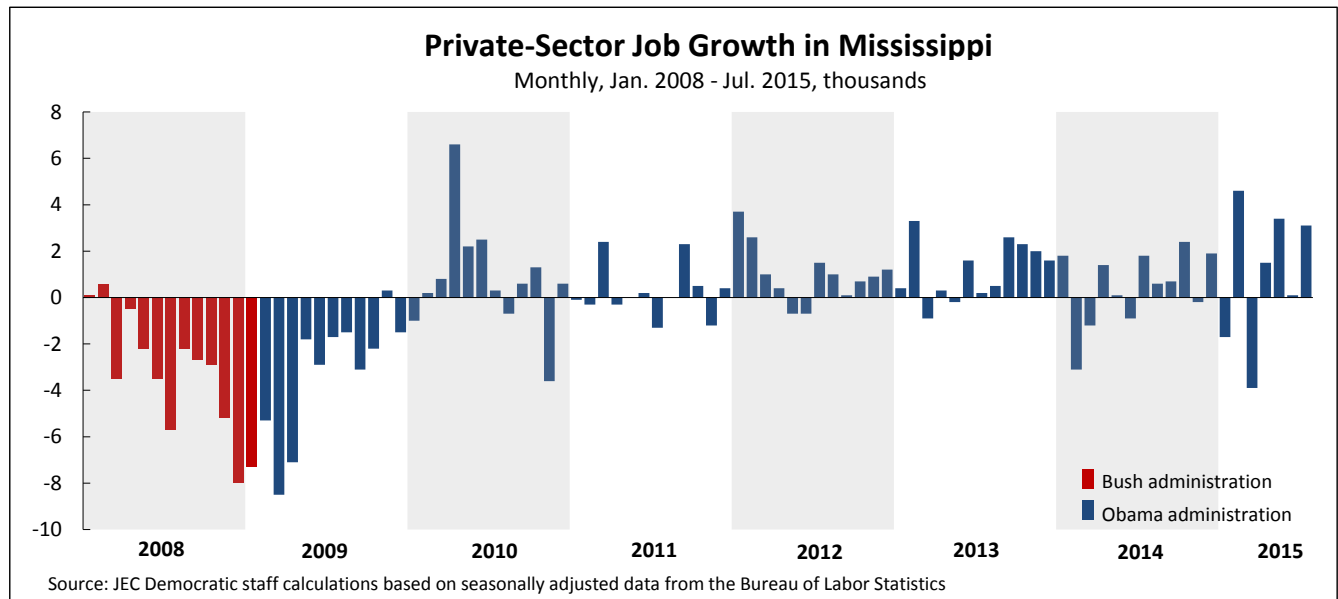


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSISSIPPI

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

- In July, private-sector employment in Mississippi grew by 3,100 jobs. Over the past year, Mississippi businesses have added 12,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,900 jobs over the 12 months through July 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Mississippi businesses have added 51,000 jobs (an increase of 6.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.1 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 16.8 percent (14,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 9.5 percent (11,200 jobs) and information services at 9.0 percent (1,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Mississippi was 6.5 percent in July 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from June. The rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 5.3 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 81,800 Mississippi residents unemployed in July 2015.

EARNINGS

- In July 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Mississippi were \$19.67. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$686.48.
- 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 1.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

| | | Mississippi | United States |
|--|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Private-Sector Jobs Added | Past 12 Months | 12,500 | 2.9 million |
| | Since Feb. 2010 | 51,000 | 13.0 million |
| Unemployment Rate | July 2015 | 6.5% | 5.3% |
| | July 2014 | 7.5% | 6.2% |
| | Recession-Era Peak | 10.8% | 10.0% |
| Median Household Income (2013 \$) | 2013 | \$40,900 | \$51,900 |
| | 2007 (Pre-Recession) | \$41,900 | \$56,400 |
| Poverty Rate | 2013 | 22.5% | 14.5% |
| | 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 | 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 1.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 8.6 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In June 2015, builders in Mississippi broke ground on 6,790 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 6,159 units. That marks an increase of 16.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Mississippi, goods exports totaled \$970 million in June and \$11.0 billion over the past year, down 2.5 percent from the 12 months ending in June 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 62.9 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 Mississippi economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Mississippi-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Mississippi office: <http://mdes.ms.gov/information-center/labor-market-information/>