



# 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: **+14.4%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+0.7%**

## 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: **71**

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

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: **4.9%**

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

Number of people currently unemployed: **7,800,000**

## INCOME & EARNINGS



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

Share of all income earned by the top 10% of families: **50%**

Share of all income earned by the bottom 90% of families: **50%**

Ratio of average income of the top 0.01% to the bottom 90%: **878 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 (December 2015)	
North Dakota	2.7%
Nebraska	2.9%
South Dakota	2.9%
New Hampshire	3.1%
Hawaii	3.2%
Iowa	3.4%
Utah	3.5%
Minnesota	3.5%
Colorado	3.5%
Vermont	3.6%
Idaho	3.9%
Kansas	3.9%
Montana	4.0%
Maine	4.0%
Oklahoma	4.1%
Virginia	4.2%
Wyoming	4.3%
Wisconsin	4.3%
Indiana	4.4%
Missouri	4.4%
Ohio	4.7%
Texas	4.7%
Massachusetts	4.7%
New York	4.8%
Arkansas	4.8%
Pennsylvania	4.8%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Florida	5.0%
Delaware	5.0%
Michigan	5.1%
Maryland	5.1%
Rhode Island	5.1%
New Jersey	5.1%
Connecticut	5.2%
Kentucky	5.3%
Oregon	5.4%
Washington	5.5%
South Carolina	5.5%
Georgia	5.5%
Tennessee	5.6%
North Carolina	5.6%
California	5.8%
Arizona	5.8%
Illinois	5.9%
Louisiana	6.1%
Alabama	6.2%
West Virginia	6.3%
Mississippi	6.4%
Nevada	6.4%
Alaska	6.5%
District of Columbia	6.6%
New Mexico	6.7%
Puerto Rico	12.2%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
**Data through December 2015**	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>5,267,000</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9,843,000</b>
Alabama	-3.2%	-51,700	2.5%	38,500
Alaska	9.9%	23,500	9.4%	22,300
Arizona	0.5%	10,200	8.3%	173,300
Arkansas	1.6%	15,900	4.4%	42,500
California	7.3%	943,300	12.8%	1,574,700
Colorado	7.8%	153,200	10.9%	208,200
Connecticut	0.6%	9,400	3.6%	50,700
Delaware	1.7%	6,400	6.1%	22,200
District of Columbia	14.8%	69,100	14.2%	66,700
Florida	4.7%	322,500	13.2%	829,100
Georgia	4.5%	154,800	10.3%	338,900
Hawaii	2.4%	12,300	8.4%	40,100
Idaho	5.2%	28,200	12.2%	61,800
Illinois	-1.2%	-64,200	2.6%	126,200
Indiana	2.9%	73,500	8.8%	214,000
Iowa	4.3%	54,500	6.4%	79,900
Kansas	2.3%	26,200	3.3%	37,300
Kentucky	3.1%	48,100	7.8%	116,000
Louisiana	5.3%	83,400	6.0%	93,800
Maine	-0.5%	-2,600	2.6%	12,800
Maryland	2.5%	52,800	5.7%	118,500
Massachusetts	6.2%	178,700	8.8%	247,800
Michigan	3.2%	113,600	12.4%	409,400
Minnesota	4.1%	95,900	6.9%	158,700
Mississippi	-2.7%	-24,900	2.1%	18,100
Missouri	-1.0%	-22,600	1.9%	43,700
Montana	2.7%	9,600	6.6%	22,700
Nebraska	4.0%	32,400	5.2%	41,400
Nevada	-3.0%	-34,400	5.9%	61,700
New Hampshire	2.0%	11,400	4.6%	24,900
New Jersey	-0.2%	-7,600	3.7%	121,000
New Mexico	-2.3%	-14,800	1.2%	7,500
New York	8.5%	614,000	10.3%	733,800
North Carolina	3.3%	114,000	9.2%	301,500
North Dakota	29.4%	84,200	27.9%	80,900
Ohio	1.4%	66,800	6.4%	282,100
Oklahoma	3.0%	37,700	4.1%	51,100
Oregon	3.5%	49,900	10.2%	138,200
Pennsylvania	1.9%	97,000	4.3%	210,900
Puerto Rico	-6.5%	-47,400	-2.2%	-15,000
Rhode Island	1.1%	4,500	5.7%	23,000
South Carolina	4.9%	78,800	11.4%	171,400
South Dakota	6.8%	22,600	7.0%	23,100
Tennessee	4.4%	105,300	10.1%	227,800
Texas	14.5%	1,272,800	15.2%	1,326,700
Utah	10.0%	105,800	15.7%	157,500
Vermont	1.1%	2,800	4.2%	10,300
Virginia	1.9%	57,800	4.7%	141,900
Washington	7.4%	183,100	10.7%	256,400
West Virginia	-2.8%	-17,100	-1.9%	-11,300
Wisconsin	0.9%	22,900	4.1%	97,800
Wyoming	-4.4%	-9,900	-4.0%	-9,000

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