



# 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: **+13.4%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+0.2%**

## 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: **62**

Number of private-sector jobs gained over that period: **+12,300,000**

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

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in Feb. 2015: **1.7 to 1**

## UNEMPLOYMENT



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

Current unemployment rate: **5.4%**

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

Number of people currently unemployed: **8,500,000**

## INCOME & EARNINGS



Median income of U.S. households: **\$52,000**

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: **45,300,000**

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