



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: **+13.6%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+3.7%**

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: **66**

Number of private-sector jobs gained over that period: **+13,100,000**

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

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in July 2015: **1.4 to 1**

UNEMPLOYMENT



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

Current unemployment rate: **5.1%**

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

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

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 (August 2015)	
Nebraska	2.8%
North Dakota	2.9%
Hawaii	3.5%
Vermont	3.6%
New Hampshire	3.6%
Utah	3.7%
Iowa	3.7%
South Dakota	3.7%
Minnesota	4.0%
Wyoming	4.0%
Montana	4.1%
Texas	4.1%
Idaho	4.2%
Colorado	4.2%
Wisconsin	4.5%
Maine	4.5%
Virginia	4.5%
Oklahoma	4.6%
Kansas	4.6%
Indiana	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.7%
Ohio	4.7%
Delaware	4.9%
Maryland	5.1%
UNITED STATES	5.1%
Michigan	5.1%
Kentucky	5.2%
New York	5.2%
Washington	5.3%
Florida	5.3%
Connecticut	5.3%
Pennsylvania	5.4%
Arkansas	5.4%
Missouri	5.6%
Rhode Island	5.6%
Illinois	5.6%
Tennessee	5.7%
New Jersey	5.7%
North Carolina	5.9%
Georgia	5.9%
Louisiana	6.0%
South Carolina	6.0%
Oregon	6.1%
California	6.1%
Alabama	6.2%
Arizona	6.3%
Mississippi	6.3%
Alaska	6.6%
New Mexico	6.7%
Nevada	6.8%
District of Columbia	6.8%
West Virginia	7.6%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
Data through August 2015	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	3.7%	4,319,000	8.0%	8,895,000
Alabama	-3.9%	-63,300	1.7%	26,900
Alaska	7.3%	17,300	6.8%	16,100
Arizona	-1.4%	-32,400	6.3%	130,700
Arkansas	0.6%	5,900	3.4%	32,500
California	6.3%	819,700	11.8%	1,451,100
Colorado	6.7%	133,000	9.8%	188,000
Connecticut	0.3%	4,600	3.2%	45,900
Delaware	0.2%	600	4.5%	16,400
District of Columbia	13.4%	62,700	12.9%	60,300
Florida	3.5%	237,700	11.8%	744,300
Georgia	3.1%	108,400	8.9%	292,500
Hawaii	1.6%	7,900	7.5%	35,700
Idaho	2.6%	14,000	9.4%	47,600
Illinois	-0.9%	-44,300	3.0%	146,100
Indiana	2.2%	55,300	8.1%	195,800
Iowa	3.5%	44,300	5.6%	69,700
Kansas	1.4%	15,800	2.4%	26,900
Kentucky	1.3%	20,700	6.0%	88,600
Louisiana	6.0%	94,300	6.7%	104,700
Maine	-0.8%	-4,000	2.3%	11,400
Maryland	1.5%	32,400	4.8%	98,100
Massachusetts	5.7%	164,700	8.3%	233,800
Michigan	2.6%	94,500	11.8%	390,300
Minnesota	3.8%	90,200	6.7%	153,000
Mississippi	-3.5%	-31,700	1.3%	11,300
Missouri	-1.4%	-33,900	1.4%	32,400
Montana	3.1%	11,100	7.0%	24,200
Nebraska	3.1%	25,100	4.3%	34,100
Nevada	-2.2%	-24,800	6.9%	71,300
New Hampshire	1.7%	9,500	4.2%	23,000
New Jersey	-1.4%	-49,300	2.4%	79,300
New Mexico	-2.7%	-17,600	0.7%	4,700
New York	7.5%	544,300	9.3%	664,100
North Carolina	2.5%	87,500	8.4%	275,000
North Dakota	32.6%	93,200	31.0%	89,900
Ohio	0.2%	11,100	5.1%	226,400
Oklahoma	3.1%	38,900	4.2%	52,300
Oregon	2.6%	36,900	9.2%	125,200
Pennsylvania	1.6%	81,500	4.0%	195,400
Rhode Island	0.3%	1,100	4.8%	19,600
South Carolina	3.0%	48,500	9.4%	141,100
South Dakota	6.0%	20,000	6.2%	20,500
Tennessee	3.0%	71,700	8.6%	194,200
Texas	13.5%	1,181,100	14.2%	1,235,000
Utah	9.1%	96,600	14.8%	148,300
Vermont	1.4%	3,500	4.5%	11,000
Virginia	0.5%	15,800	3.3%	99,900
Washington	6.6%	161,500	9.8%	234,800
West Virginia	-2.5%	-15,700	-1.6%	-9,900
Wisconsin	0.8%	20,800	4.0%	95,700
Wyoming	-2.3%	-5,300	-2.0%	-4,400

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