

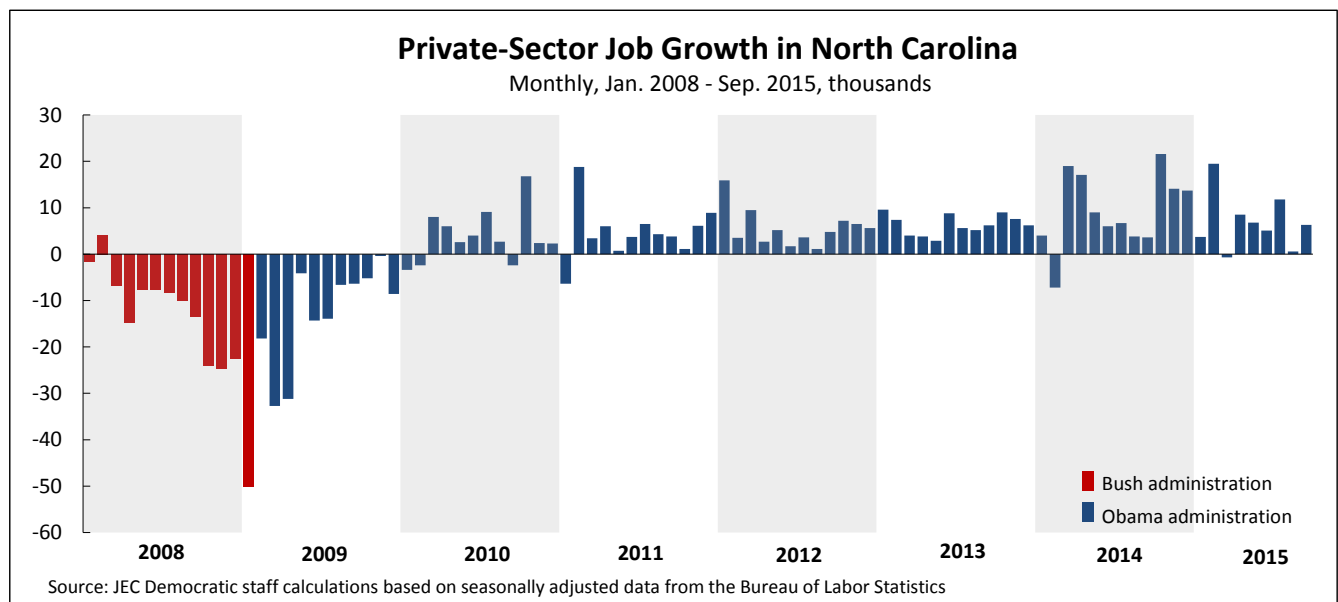


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH CAROLINA

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

- In September, private-sector employment in North Carolina grew by 6,300 jobs. Over the past year, North Carolina businesses have added 111,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 84,800 jobs over the 12 months through September 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Carolina businesses have added 425,000 jobs (an increase of 13.6 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 26.7 percent (125,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 19.2 percent (74,400 jobs) and other services at 13.0 percent (18,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Carolina was 5.8 percent in September 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from August. The rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 5.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in March 2010.
- There were 276,100 North Carolina residents unemployed in September 2015.

EARNINGS

- In September 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Carolina were \$22.32. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$765.58.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the past year, as have real average hourly earnings nationally (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Carolina	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	111,000	2.6 million
	Since Feb. 2010	425,000	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate	September 2015	5.8%	5.1%
	September 2014	5.8%	5.9%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.1%	11.7%
	2013	15.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in North Carolina grew by 1.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual North Carolina GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in North Carolina increased by 4.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In August 2015, builders in North Carolina broke ground on 54,040 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 51,256 units. That marks an increase of 6.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In North Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.5 billion in August and \$29.9 billion over the past year, up 6.7 percent from the 12 months ending in August 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 30.8 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 North Carolina economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional North Carolina-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the North Carolina office:

<https://www.ndworkforceintelligence.com/gsipub/index.asp?docid=543>