



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: **+13.2%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+2.3%**

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: **65**

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

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

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in June 2015: **1.6 to 1**

UNEMPLOYMENT



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

Current unemployment rate: **5.3%**

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

Number of people currently unemployed: **8,300,000**

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**

Unemployment Rate (July 2015)	
Nebraska	2.7%
North Dakota	3.0%
Utah	3.6%
Vermont	3.6%
New Hampshire	3.7%
Hawaii	3.7%
Iowa	3.8%
South Dakota	3.8%
Minnesota	4.0%
Montana	4.0%
Idaho	4.1%
Wyoming	4.1%
Texas	4.2%
Colorado	4.3%
Oklahoma	4.5%
Kansas	4.6%
Wisconsin	4.6%
Maine	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.7%
Delaware	4.7%
Indiana	4.7%
Virginia	4.8%
Ohio	5.0%
Kentucky	5.2%
Maryland	5.2%
Washington	5.3%
UNITED STATES	5.3%
Michigan	5.3%
Pennsylvania	5.4%
Florida	5.4%
New York	5.4%
Connecticut	5.4%
Arkansas	5.6%
Tennessee	5.7%
Missouri	5.8%
Rhode Island	5.8%
Illinois	5.8%
Oregon	5.9%
North Carolina	5.9%
New Jersey	5.9%
Georgia	6.0%
Arizona	6.1%
Alabama	6.2%
California	6.2%
Louisiana	6.2%
South Carolina	6.4%
New Mexico	6.5%
Mississippi	6.5%
Alaska	6.7%
Nevada	6.8%
District of Columbia	6.8%
West Virginia	7.5%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
Data through July 2015	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	3.6%	4,174,000	7.9%	8,750,000
Alabama	-4.0%	-65,400	1.6%	24,800
Alaska	8.2%	19,500	7.7%	18,300
Arizona	-1.4%	-32,600	6.3%	130,500
Arkansas	0.5%	4,600	3.2%	31,200
California	6.3%	808,400	11.7%	1,439,800
Colorado	6.6%	129,800	9.6%	184,800
Connecticut	0.2%	3,000	3.1%	44,300
Delaware	0.3%	1,200	4.7%	17,000
District of Columbia	13.5%	62,800	12.9%	60,400
Florida	3.2%	214,500	11.5%	721,100
Georgia	2.9%	99,800	8.6%	283,900
Hawaii	1.0%	5,200	6.9%	33,000
Idaho	2.8%	15,000	9.6%	48,600
Illinois	-0.8%	-42,100	3.0%	148,300
Indiana	2.1%	54,900	8.1%	195,400
Iowa	3.4%	43,900	5.6%	69,300
Kansas	1.7%	18,800	2.7%	29,900
Kentucky	1.1%	17,400	5.8%	85,300
Louisiana	6.0%	93,700	6.7%	104,100
Maine	-1.1%	-5,900	1.9%	9,500
Maryland	1.7%	37,200	5.0%	102,900
Massachusetts	5.3%	152,600	7.9%	221,700
Michigan	2.6%	95,100	11.8%	390,900
Minnesota	3.3%	77,000	6.1%	139,800
Mississippi	-3.1%	-28,100	1.7%	14,900
Missouri	-1.4%	-32,700	1.5%	33,600
Montana	3.0%	10,800	6.9%	23,900
Nebraska	2.3%	18,500	3.5%	27,500
Nevada	-2.4%	-26,800	6.7%	69,300
New Hampshire	2.1%	11,800	4.7%	25,300
New Jersey	-1.9%	-66,200	1.9%	62,400
New Mexico	-2.4%	-15,800	1.0%	6,500
New York	7.8%	565,700	9.6%	685,500
North Carolina	2.4%	84,300	8.3%	271,800
North Dakota	32.3%	92,600	30.8%	89,300
Ohio	-0.1%	-3,200	4.8%	212,100
Oklahoma	3.4%	42,700	4.5%	56,100
Oregon	2.3%	33,700	9.0%	122,000
Pennsylvania	1.8%	89,700	4.1%	203,600
Rhode Island	0.4%	1,700	5.0%	20,200
South Carolina	2.7%	43,800	9.1%	136,400
South Dakota	6.5%	21,500	6.6%	22,000
Tennessee	2.8%	67,600	8.4%	190,100
Texas	13.6%	1,196,700	14.3%	1,250,600
Utah	8.8%	93,100	14.4%	144,800
Vermont	1.6%	4,100	4.7%	11,600
Virginia	0.5%	16,700	3.4%	100,800
Washington	6.4%	158,200	9.7%	231,500
West Virginia	-2.6%	-15,900	-1.7%	-10,100
Wisconsin	0.5%	12,700	3.7%	87,600
Wyoming	-2.3%	-5,200	-1.9%	-4,300

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