

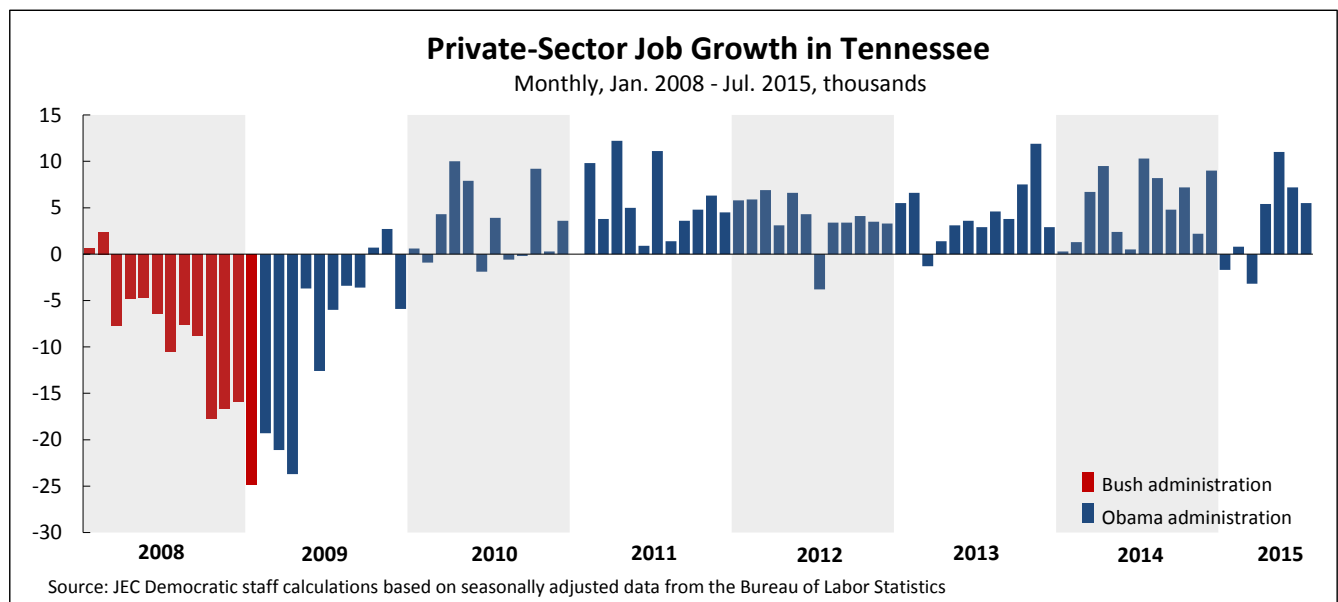


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TENNESSEE

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through July 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on August 21st; Data update next on September 18th\*\**

### JOBS

- In July, private-sector employment in Tennessee grew by 5,500 jobs. Over the past year, Tennessee businesses have added 56,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 61,700 jobs over the 12 months through July 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Tennessee businesses have added 286,300 jobs (an increase of 13.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.1 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 29.1 percent (86,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.6 percent (48,400 jobs) and manufacturing at 12.0 percent (35,500 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 5.7 percent in July 2015, holding constant from June. The rate was 0.4 percentage point above the national rate of 5.3 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 176,800 Tennessee residents unemployed in July 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In July 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Tennessee were \$20.75. The average workweek was 35.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$730.40.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 1.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Tennessee	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	56,400	2.9 million
	Since Feb. 2010	286,300	13.0 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	July 2015	5.7%	5.3%
	July 2014	6.6%	6.2%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.1%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$42,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$46,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	18.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.5%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2013	13.9%	14.5%

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Tennessee grew by 1.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.\*
- Since 2009, annual Tennessee GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

### HOUSING

- Home prices in Tennessee increased by 6.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 20.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In June 2015, builders in Tennessee broke ground on 28,200 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 27,621 units. That marks an increase of 19.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Tennessee, goods exports totaled \$2.9 billion in June and \$32.0 billion over the past year, up 3.2 percent from the 12 months ending in June 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 46.9 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 Tennessee economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

\*\*\* For additional Tennessee-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Tennessee office: <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/lmr/>