

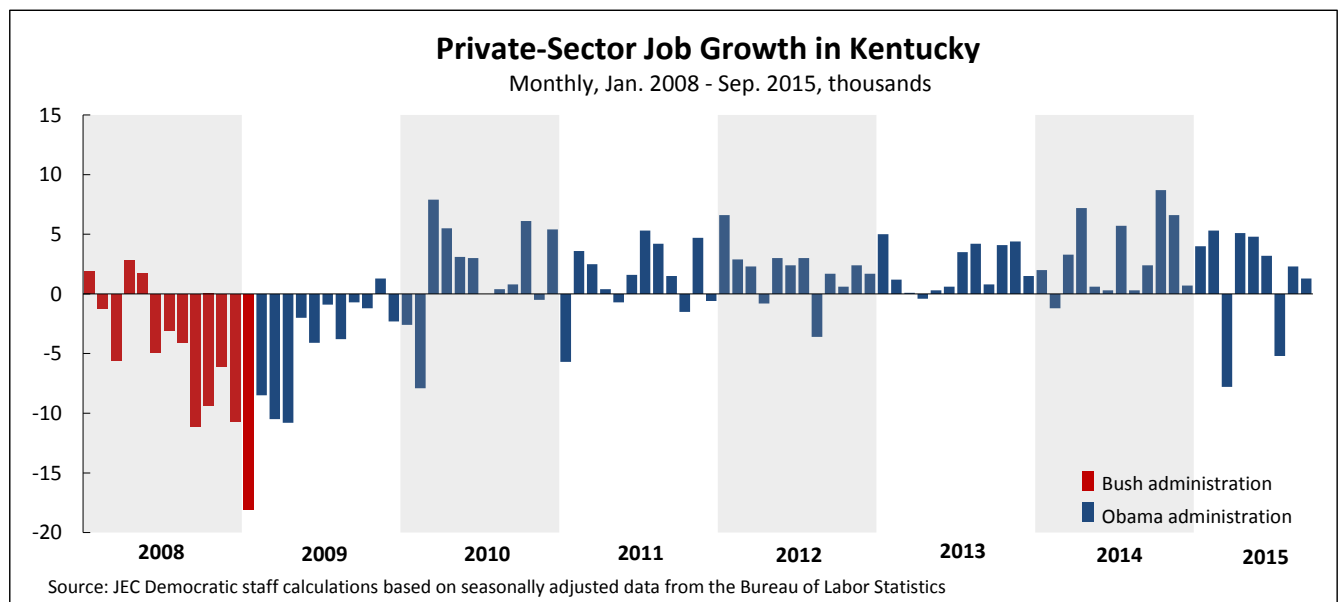


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KENTUCKY

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through September 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on October 20th; Data update next on November 20th\*\**

### JOBS

- In September, private-sector employment in Kentucky grew by 1,300 jobs. Over the past year, Kentucky businesses have added 29,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 30,600 jobs over the 12 months through September 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kentucky businesses have added 144,100 jobs (an increase of 10.1 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 22.2 percent (38,800 jobs), manufacturing at 19.3 percent (39,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 14.2 percent (23,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kentucky was 5.0 percent in September 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from August. The rate was 0.1 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 97,000 Kentucky residents unemployed in September 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In September 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kentucky were \$21.12. The average workweek was 35.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$743.42.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	29,000	2.6 million
	Since Feb. 2010	144,100	13.2 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	September 2015	5.0%	5.1%
	September 2014	5.8%	5.9%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2014 \$)</b> .....	2014	\$42,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$45,000	\$57,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2014	20.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.6%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	14.3%	14.5%

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Kentucky grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.\*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Kentucky GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, the same as the national average annual growth rate over that period.

### HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Kentucky increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In August 2015, builders in Kentucky broke ground on 10,650 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,873 units. That marks a decrease of 3.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Kentucky, goods exports totaled \$2.2 billion in August and \$27.6 billion over the past year, up 10.6 percent from the 12 months ending in August 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 49.5 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 Kentucky economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

\*\*\* For additional Kentucky-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kentucky office: <http://www.workforcekentucky.ky.gov/>