

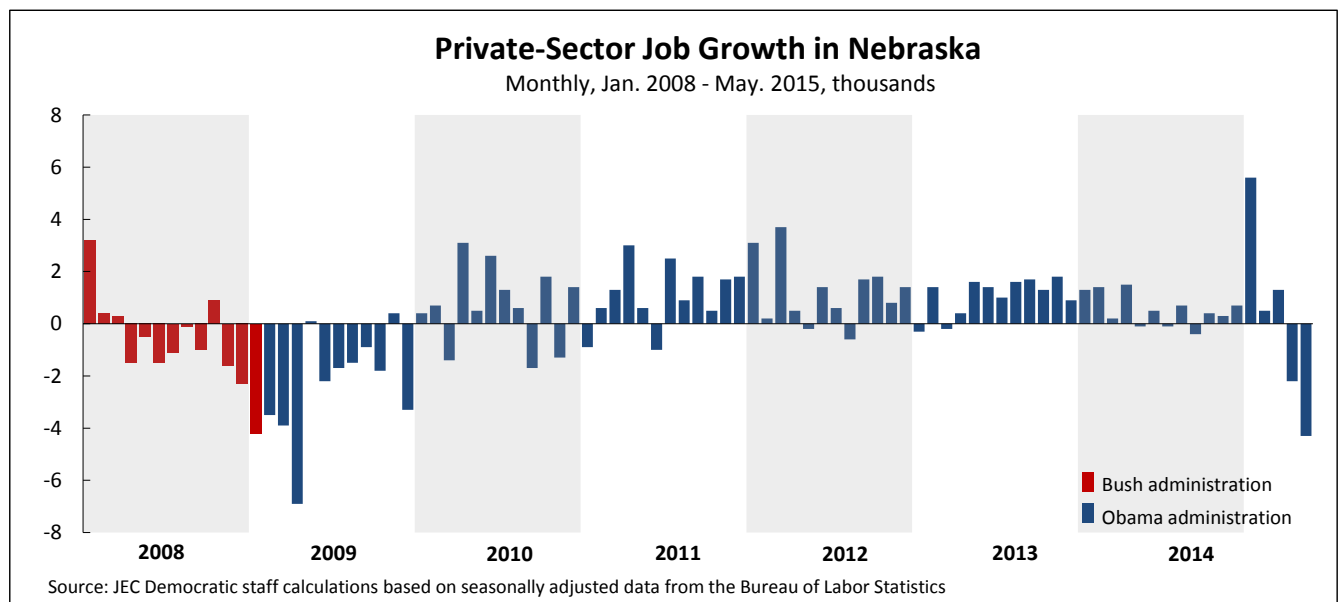


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEBRASKA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on June 19th; Data update next on July 21st\*\**

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Nebraska fell by 4,300 jobs. Over the past year, Nebraska businesses have added 3,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 14,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nebraska businesses have added 54,000 jobs (an increase of 7.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 14.3 percent (14,200 jobs), education and health services at 8.6 percent (12,000 jobs) and financial activities at 7.8 percent (5,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nebraska was 2.6 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 2.9 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 25,900 Nebraska residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nebraska were \$21.94. The average workweek was 33.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$743.77.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nebraska	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	3,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	54,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	2.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	3.4%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$53,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,200	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2013	11.3%	14.5%

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Nebraska grew by 0.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.\*
- Since 2009, annual Nebraska GDP growth has averaged 2.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

### HOUSING

- Home prices in Nebraska increased by 4.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 17.0 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2010.
- In April 2015, builders in Nebraska broke ground on 6,730 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 7,238 units. That marks a decrease of 0.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Nebraska, goods exports totaled \$630 million in April and \$7.2 billion over the past year, down 1.0 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.7 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 Nebraska economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

\*\*\* For additional Nebraska-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Nebraska office: <http://www.dol.nebraska.gov/>