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State Economic Snapshots

This monthly report provides a snapshot of the status of the economic recovery in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. This month's snapshots include state-level data on jobs, unemployment and earnings through August 2015. [Individual state reports can be accessed here.](#)

Highlights

- Private-sector employment increased in 31 states and the District of Columbia in August.
- The unemployment rate fell in 29 states.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 46 states over the past year.
- Home prices increased in all 50 states and the District of Columbia over the year ending in the second quarter of 2015.

Private-Sector Job Gains

Private-sector employment increased in 31 states and the District of Columbia in August. The largest private-sector gains were seen in Florida (20,100), Ohio (16,800), New Jersey (13,800), Minnesota (12,300) and Massachusetts (9,000). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Nebraska, Minnesota, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey and Ohio.

Over the past 12 months, 46 states and the District of Columbia gained private-sector jobs, with California (432,200), Florida (254,300), Texas (196,700), New York (130,300) and North Carolina (112,000) recording the largest increases. The largest percentage gains in private-sector employment during this period were in Utah (4.7 percent), Florida (3.8 percent), Nevada, Oregon (3.7 percent each) and Washington (3.5 percent). Nationally, in the past year, nearly 2.8 million private-sector jobs were added, a 2.4 percent increase.

Unemployment

The unemployment rate declined in 29 states in August. The largest declines were in South Carolina (-0.4 percentage point), Ohio, Virginia (-0.3 percentage point each), Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Arkansas (-0.2 percentage point each). There was no change in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

Over the past 12 months, 41 states and the District of Columbia reported declines in the unemployment rate. The largest declines were in Rhode Island (-1.8 percentage points), Michigan (-1.7 percentage points), California (-1.3 percentage points), Georgia and Indiana (-1.2 percentage points each).

Nebraska had the lowest unemployment rate (2.8 percent) in August, followed by North Dakota (2.9 percent), Hawaii (3.5 percent), New Hampshire, Vermont (3.6 percent each), Iowa, South Dakota and Utah (3.7 percent each). West Virginia (7.6 percent) had the highest unemployment rate, followed by Nevada, the District of Columbia (6.8 percent each), New Mexico (6.7 percent) and Alaska (6.6 percent). The national unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in August, down from 6.1 percent a year prior.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, increased in 46 states over the past year. The largest earnings gains were posted in Delaware (6.3 percent), Iowa, Nevada (5.7 percent), Montana (5.5 percent) and Nebraska (4.8 percent). Earnings declined in four states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, real average hourly earnings increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted) in the past year. The District of Columbia (\$37.96) had the highest average hourly earnings in August, followed by Massachusetts (\$30.29), Washington (\$29.48), Connecticut (\$29.24) and New York (\$28.73).

Home Prices

Home prices increased the most in Colorado (10.6 percent), Nevada (10.5 percent), Florida (9.7 percent), Hawaii (9.5 percent) and Washington (8.8 percent) over the year between the second quarter of 2014 and the second quarter of 2015, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's purchase-only, seasonally adjusted index. Home values appreciated in every state and the District of Columbia. Nationally, home prices rose by 5.4 percent during this period.

Key Employment Sectors

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment expanded in 18 states during August. The largest increases were in Kentucky (3,300), North Carolina (1,600), New Jersey (1,200), Maine and South Carolina (1,000 each). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Maine, Montana, North Dakota, Kentucky and Arizona.

Over the past 12 months, 30 states added manufacturing positions. On a percentage basis, the biggest gains were in Utah (4.4 percent), Idaho (4.3 percent), Oregon (4.1 percent), South Dakota (4.0 percent) and Michigan (3.6 percent). Across the country, 124,000 manufacturing positions have been added in the last 12 months, a 1.0 percent increase.

Construction

Construction employment increased in 25 states during August. The largest gains were reported in Texas (3,200), Ohio, North Carolina (2,700 each), New York (2,600) and Georgia (2,400). The largest percentage gains during the month were in Iowa, Utah, Georgia, Nebraska, Hawaii and Ohio.

In the past 12 months, 36 states and the District of Columbia added construction jobs. The greatest percentage gains over the past year were in Arkansas (13.6 percent), Idaho (10.0 percent), South Carolina (9.1 percent), Iowa (8.9 percent) and Kansas (8.1 percent). Nationally, over this period, construction employment increased by 219,000 positions, a 3.6 percent increase.

Professional and business services

Professional and business services employment increased in 25 states and the District of Columbia during August. The largest increases were posted in Ohio (5,700), Minnesota, New Jersey (4,600 each), Texas (4,000) and Florida (3,900). The largest percentage gains were in Nevada, Vermont, Minnesota, New Mexico and Washington.

In the past year, 44 states and the District of Columbia added jobs in professional and business services. The largest percentage gains were in California (5.5 percent), Arkansas (5.3 percent), Washington, Rhode Island (5.2 percent each), Oregon and South Carolina (5.0 percent). The U.S. economy overall has added 641,000 professional and business services jobs during this time, a 3.3 percent increase.

Unemployment Rate (August 2015)	
Nebraska	2.8%
North Dakota	2.9%
Hawaii	3.5%
Vermont	3.6%
New Hampshire	3.6%
Utah	3.7%
Iowa	3.7%
South Dakota	3.7%
Minnesota	4.0%
Wyoming	4.0%
Montana	4.1%
Texas	4.1%
Idaho	4.2%
Colorado	4.2%
Wisconsin	4.5%
Maine	4.5%
Virginia	4.5%
Oklahoma	4.6%
Kansas	4.6%
Indiana	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.7%
Ohio	4.7%
Delaware	4.9%
Maryland	5.1%
UNITED STATES	5.1%
Michigan	5.1%
Kentucky	5.2%
New York	5.2%
Washington	5.3%
Florida	5.3%
Connecticut	5.3%
Pennsylvania	5.4%
Arkansas	5.4%
Missouri	5.6%
Rhode Island	5.6%
Illinois	5.6%
Tennessee	5.7%
New Jersey	5.7%
North Carolina	5.9%
Georgia	5.9%
Louisiana	6.0%
South Carolina	6.0%
Oregon	6.1%
California	6.1%
Alabama	6.2%
Arizona	6.3%
Mississippi	6.3%
Alaska	6.6%
New Mexico	6.7%
Nevada	6.8%
District of Columbia	6.8%
West Virginia	7.6%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
Data through August 2015	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	3.7%	4,319,000	8.0%	8,895,000
Alabama	-3.9%	-63,300	1.7%	26,900
Alaska	7.3%	17,300	6.8%	16,100
Arizona	-1.4%	-32,400	6.3%	130,700
Arkansas	0.6%	5,900	3.4%	32,500
California	6.3%	819,700	11.8%	1,451,100
Colorado	6.7%	133,000	9.8%	188,000
Connecticut	0.3%	4,600	3.2%	45,900
Delaware	0.2%	600	4.5%	16,400
District of Columbia	13.4%	62,700	12.9%	60,300
Florida	3.5%	237,700	11.8%	744,300
Georgia	3.1%	108,400	8.9%	292,500
Hawaii	1.6%	7,900	7.5%	35,700
Idaho	2.6%	14,000	9.4%	47,600
Illinois	-0.9%	-44,300	3.0%	146,100
Indiana	2.2%	55,300	8.1%	195,800
Iowa	3.5%	44,300	5.6%	69,700
Kansas	1.4%	15,800	2.4%	26,900
Kentucky	1.3%	20,700	6.0%	88,600
Louisiana	6.0%	94,300	6.7%	104,700
Maine	-0.8%	-4,000	2.3%	11,400
Maryland	1.5%	32,400	4.8%	98,100
Massachusetts	5.7%	164,700	8.3%	233,800
Michigan	2.6%	94,500	11.8%	390,300
Minnesota	3.8%	90,200	6.7%	153,000
Mississippi	-3.5%	-31,700	1.3%	11,300
Missouri	-1.4%	-33,900	1.4%	32,400
Montana	3.1%	11,100	7.0%	24,200
Nebraska	3.1%	25,100	4.3%	34,100
Nevada	-2.2%	-24,800	6.9%	71,300
New Hampshire	1.7%	9,500	4.2%	23,000
New Jersey	-1.4%	-49,300	2.4%	79,300
New Mexico	-2.7%	-17,600	0.7%	4,700
New York	7.5%	544,300	9.3%	664,100
North Carolina	2.5%	87,500	8.4%	275,000
North Dakota	32.6%	93,200	31.0%	89,900
Ohio	0.2%	11,100	5.1%	226,400
Oklahoma	3.1%	38,900	4.2%	52,300
Oregon	2.6%	36,900	9.2%	125,200
Pennsylvania	1.6%	81,500	4.0%	195,400
Rhode Island	0.3%	1,100	4.8%	19,600
South Carolina	3.0%	48,500	9.4%	141,100
South Dakota	6.0%	20,000	6.2%	20,500
Tennessee	3.0%	71,700	8.6%	194,200
Texas	13.5%	1,181,100	14.2%	1,235,000
Utah	9.1%	96,600	14.8%	148,300
Vermont	1.4%	3,500	4.5%	11,000
Virginia	0.5%	15,800	3.3%	99,900
Washington	6.6%	161,500	9.8%	234,800
West Virginia	-2.5%	-15,700	-1.6%	-9,900
Wisconsin	0.8%	20,800	4.0%	95,700
Wyoming	-2.3%	-5,300	-2.0%	-4,400

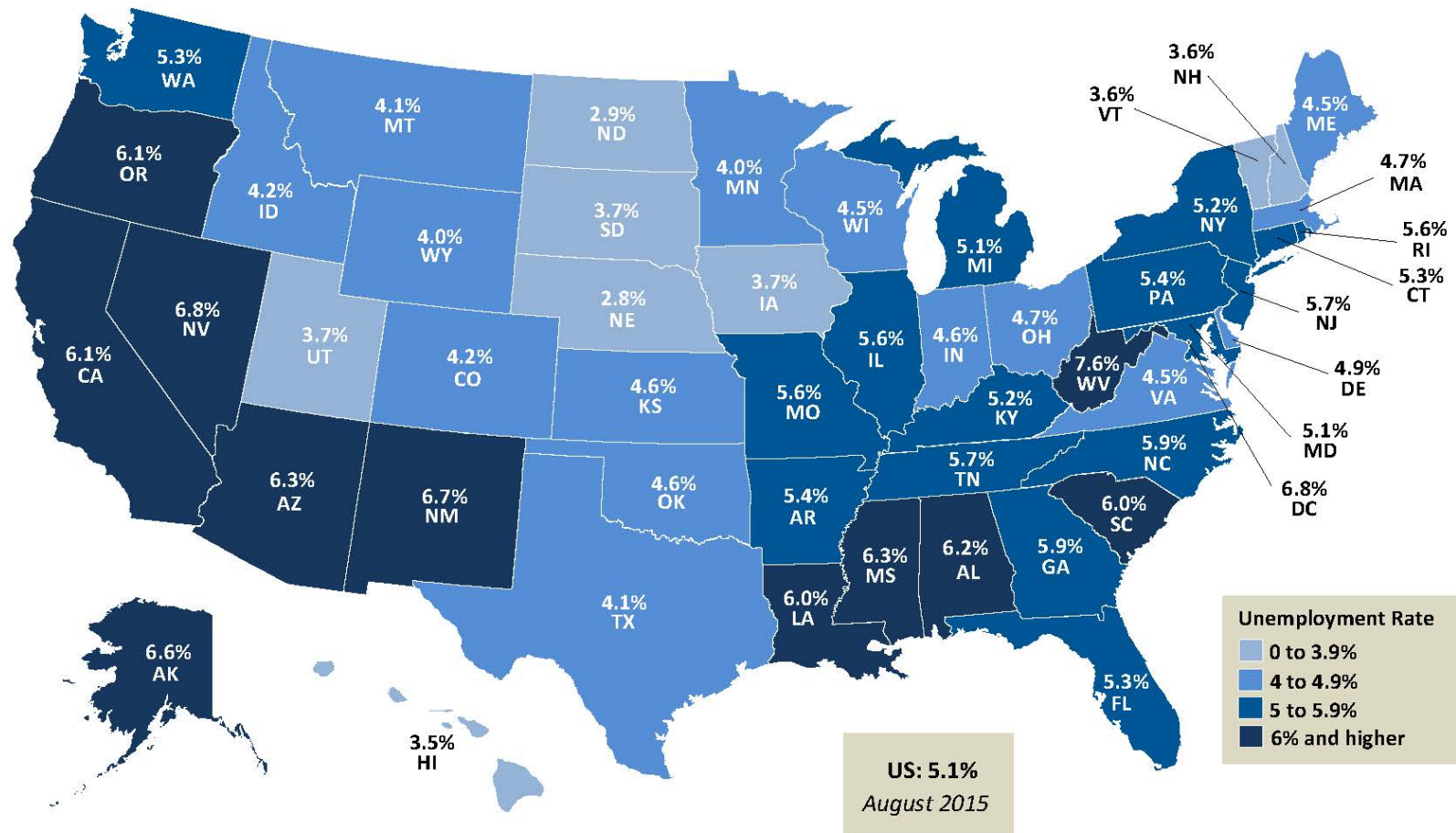
Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage by State							
	Median Household Income (2014 dollars)		Poverty Rate		Percentage Without Health Insurance		Change in Number Without Coverage
	2007	2014	2007	2014	2013	2014	2013 to 2014
UNITED STATES	\$57,400	\$53,700	12.5%	14.8%	14.5%	11.7%	-8,510,000
Alabama	\$48,200	\$42,300	14.5%	17.8%	13.6%	12.1%	-66,000
Alaska	\$71,900	\$67,600	7.6%	11.9%	18.5%	17.2%	-10,000
Arizona	\$53,900	\$49,300	14.3%	21.2%	17.1%	13.6%	-215,000
Arkansas	\$46,600	\$44,900	13.8%	18.4%	16.0%	11.8%	-122,000
California	\$63,600	\$60,500	12.7%	15.8%	17.2%	12.4%	-1,733,000
Colorado	\$69,800	\$60,900	9.8%	12.3%	14.1%	10.3%	-187,000
Connecticut	\$73,200	\$70,200	8.9%	8.6%	9.4%	6.9%	-87,000
Delaware	\$62,300	\$57,500	9.3%	11.0%	9.1%	7.8%	-12,000
District of Columbia	\$58,000	\$68,300	18.0%	19.0%	6.7%	5.3%	-8,000
Florida	\$52,300	\$46,100	12.5%	16.7%	20.0%	16.6%	-608,000
Georgia	\$55,500	\$49,600	13.6%	16.8%	18.8%	15.8%	-278,000
Hawaii	\$73,100	\$71,200	7.5%	10.8%	6.7%	5.3%	-19,000
Idaho	\$56,200	\$53,400	9.9%	12.4%	16.2%	13.6%	-39,000
Illinois	\$60,000	\$54,900	10.0%	13.7%	12.7%	9.7%	-380,000
Indiana	\$54,200	\$48,100	11.8%	14.6%	14.0%	11.9%	-127,000
Iowa	\$55,800	\$57,800	8.9%	10.3%	8.1%	6.2%	-59,000
Kansas	\$55,400	\$53,400	11.7%	12.1%	12.3%	10.2%	-57,000
Kentucky	\$45,000	\$42,800	15.5%	20.0%	14.3%	8.5%	-250,000
Louisiana	\$47,200	\$42,400	16.1%	23.1%	16.6%	14.8%	-80,000
Maine	\$54,700	\$51,700	10.9%	14.6%	11.2%	10.1%	-13,000
Maryland	\$74,900	\$76,200	8.8%	9.9%	10.2%	7.9%	-130,000
Massachusetts	\$66,800	\$63,200	11.2%	13.6%	3.7%	3.3%	-28,000
Michigan	\$56,400	\$52,000	10.8%	14.8%	11.0%	8.5%	-235,000
Minnesota	\$66,300	\$67,200	9.3%	8.3%	8.2%	5.9%	-123,000
Mississippi	\$42,600	\$35,500	22.6%	22.1%	17.1%	14.5%	-76,000
Missouri	\$52,500	\$56,600	12.8%	10.4%	13.0%	11.7%	-79,000
Montana	\$49,800	\$51,100	13.0%	12.0%	16.5%	14.2%	-21,000
Nebraska	\$56,100	\$56,900	9.9%	11.8%	11.3%	9.7%	-29,000
Nevada	\$61,700	\$49,900	9.7%	17.0%	20.7%	15.2%	-143,000
New Hampshire	\$77,200	\$73,400	5.8%	7.2%	10.7%	9.2%	-20,000
New Jersey	\$69,100	\$65,200	8.7%	11.3%	13.2%	10.9%	-195,000
New Mexico	\$50,600	\$46,700	14.0%	20.0%	18.6%	14.5%	-85,000
New York	\$55,900	\$54,300	14.5%	14.0%	10.7%	8.7%	-373,000
North Carolina	\$49,700	\$46,800	15.5%	17.1%	15.6%	13.1%	-233,000
North Dakota	\$53,900	\$60,700	9.3%	9.7%	10.4%	7.9%	-16,000
Ohio	\$56,100	\$49,600	12.8%	15.6%	11.0%	8.4%	-302,000
Oklahoma	\$49,300	\$47,200	13.4%	17.3%	17.7%	15.4%	-82,000
Oregon	\$57,400	\$58,900	12.8%	14.4%	14.7%	9.7%	-188,000
Pennsylvania	\$55,300	\$55,200	10.4%	12.5%	9.7%	8.5%	-158,000
Rhode Island	\$61,900	\$58,600	9.5%	11.3%	11.6%	7.4%	-43,000
South Carolina	\$50,500	\$44,900	14.1%	16.5%	15.8%	13.6%	-97,000
South Dakota	\$53,000	\$53,100	9.4%	12.8%	11.3%	9.8%	-11,000
Tennessee	\$47,000	\$43,700	14.8%	17.3%	13.9%	12.0%	-110,000
Texas	\$52,600	\$53,900	16.5%	16.4%	22.1%	19.1%	-701,000
Utah	\$61,100	\$63,400	9.6%	10.2%	14.0%	12.5%	-37,000
Vermont	\$54,100	\$60,700	9.9%	9.3%	7.2%	5.0%	-14,000
Virginia	\$67,600	\$66,200	8.6%	10.2%	12.3%	10.9%	-107,000
Washington	\$66,300	\$59,100	10.2%	12.0%	14.0%	9.2%	-317,000
West Virginia	\$48,100	\$39,600	14.8%	20.6%	14.0%	8.6%	-99,000
Wisconsin	\$58,500	\$58,100	11.0%	10.9%	9.1%	7.3%	-100,000
Wyoming	\$55,700	\$55,700	10.9%	9.7%	13.4%	12.0%	-8,000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) (for income and poverty data) and American Community Survey (ACS) (for health insurance data).

Note: The CPS ASEC figures for the percentage of people without health insurance in the United States are 13.3 percent in 2013 and 10.4 percent in 2014, for a decline in the number without coverage of 8.8 million. CPS ASEC estimates are not available at the state level.

Current Unemployment Rates Across States

August 2015 (Released September 18th)



Source: JEC Democratic staff based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (state data update next on October 20, 2015)



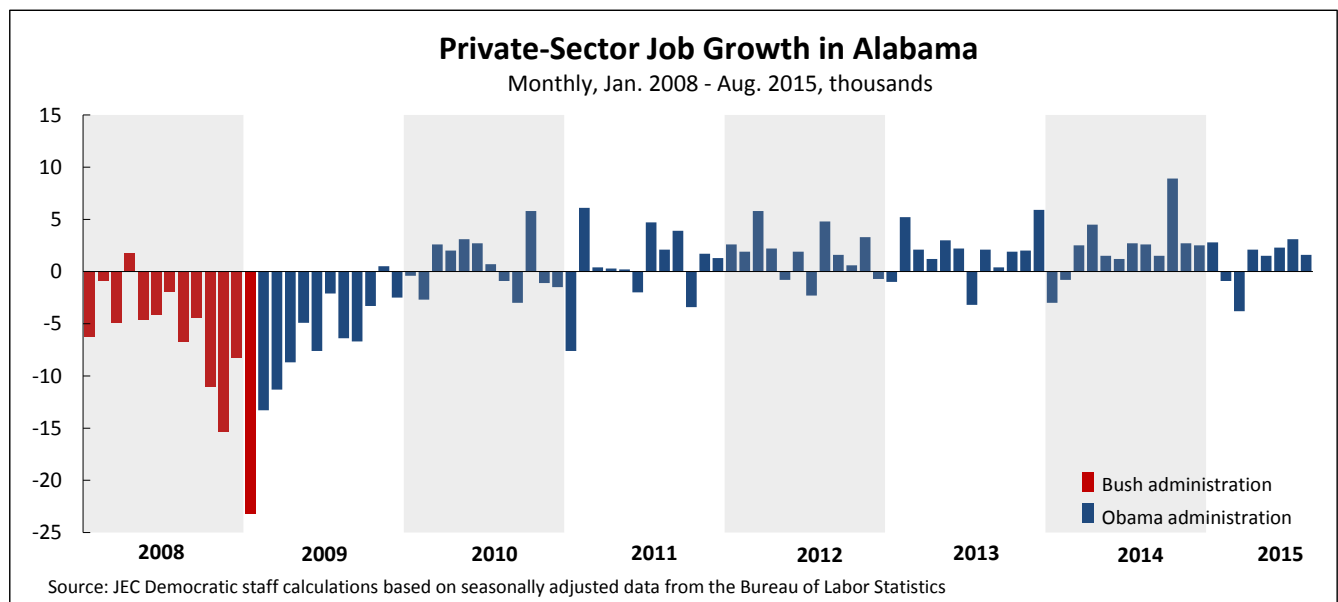


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALABAMA

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through August 2015**
Last updated on September 18th; Data update next on October 20th*

JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Alabama grew by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, Alabama businesses have added 24,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 21,400 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alabama businesses have added 96,300 jobs (an increase of 6.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 13.4 percent (22,400 jobs), professional and business services at 11.0 percent (22,400 jobs) and education and health services at 9.6 percent (20,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alabama was 6.2 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.1 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in November 2009.
- There were 132,100 Alabama residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alabama were \$20.93. The average workweek was 35.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$749.29.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alabama	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	24,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	96,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.2%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.5%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.1%	11.7%
	2013	13.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Alabama grew by 0.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Alabama GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Alabama increased by 5.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Alabama broke ground on 11,710 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 12,528 units. That marks an increase of 7.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Alabama, goods exports totaled \$1.5 billion in July and \$18.8 billion over the past year, up 3.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 43.2 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 Alabama economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Alabama-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Alabama office: <http://www2.dir.state.al.us/>

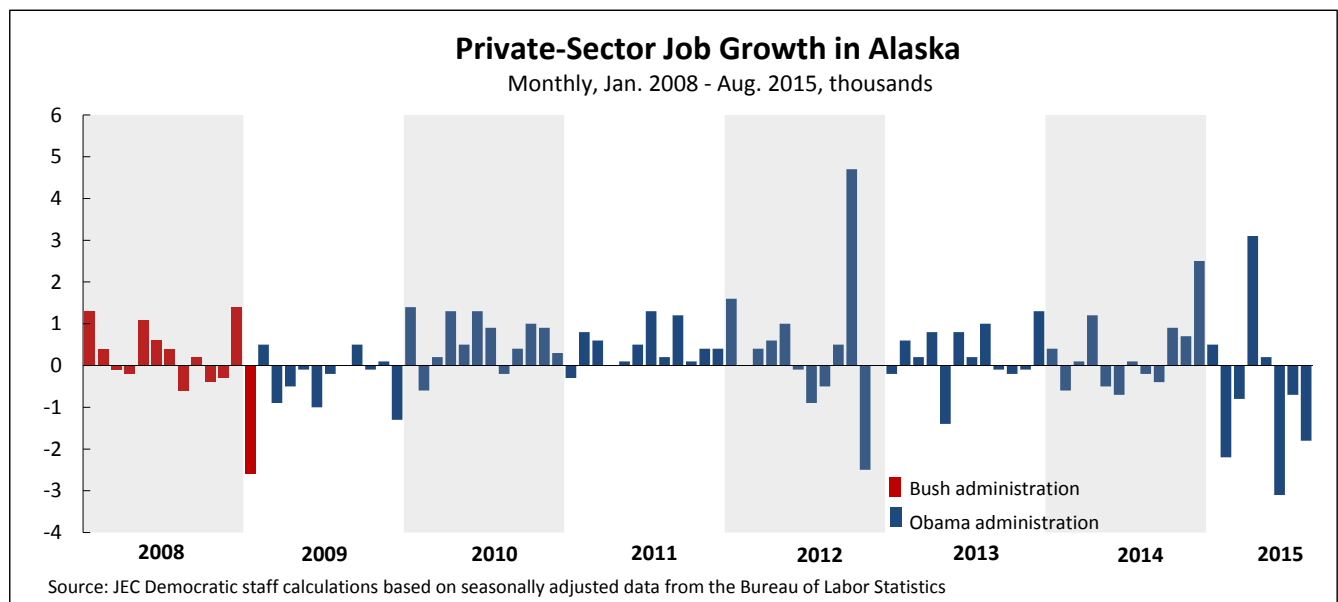


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALASKA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Alaska fell by 1,800 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 1,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 700 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alaska businesses have added 18,300 jobs (an increase of 7.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 19.1 percent (2,800 jobs), education and health services at 15.5 percent (6,400 jobs) and construction at 13.3 percent (2,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alaska was 6.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.5 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 1.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in April 2010.
- There were 23,800 Alaska residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alaska were \$28.20. The average workweek was 36.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1020.84.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alaska	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-1,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	18,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.9%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$67,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$71,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	17.2%	11.7%
	2013	18.5%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Alaska fell by 1.3 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Alaska GDP growth has averaged -0.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Alaska increased by 5.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.6 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2009.
- ❑ In July 2015, builders in Alaska broke ground on 1,450 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,176 units. That marks an increase of 8.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Alaska, goods exports totaled \$747 million in July and \$5.0 billion over the past year, up 10.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 43.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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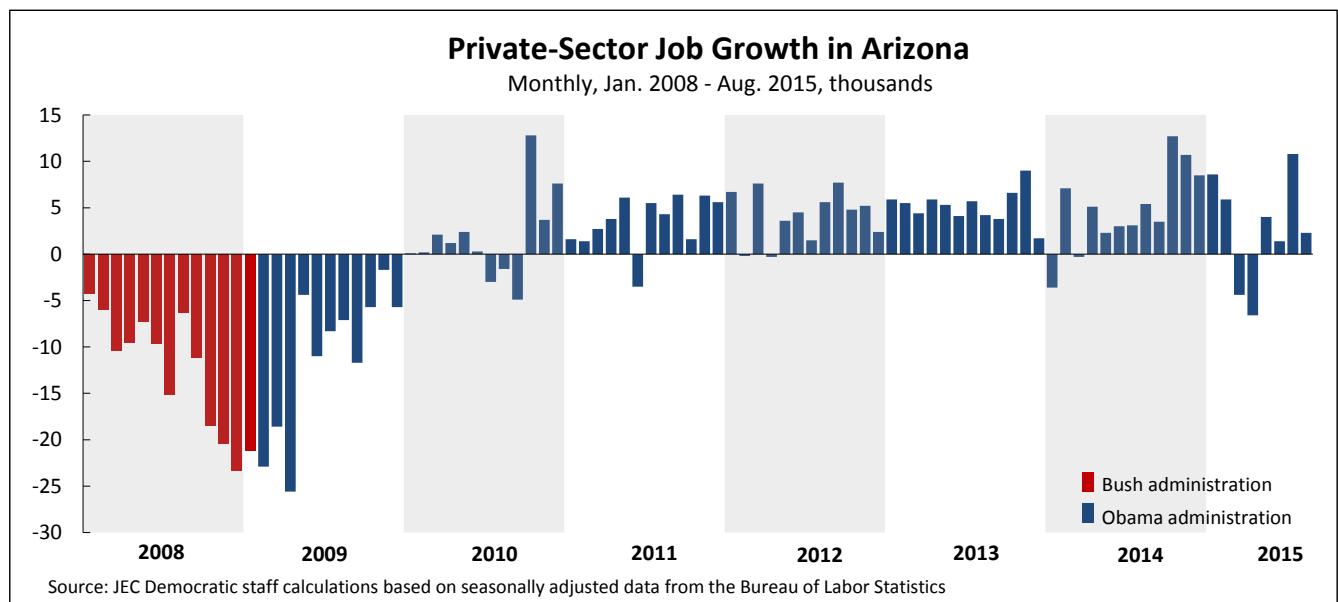


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARIZONA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Arizona grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, Arizona businesses have added 57,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 43,200 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arizona businesses have added 253,100 jobs (an increase of 12.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: information services at 18.0 percent (6,600 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.3 percent (43,500 jobs) and financial activities at 17.1 percent (28,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arizona was 6.3 percent in August 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in December 2009.
- There were 196,900 Arizona residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arizona were \$23.38. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$820.64.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Arizona	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	57,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	253,100	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.3%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	21.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	17.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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

HOUSING

- Home prices in Arizona increased by 6.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 54.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Arizona broke ground on 35,230 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,546 units. That marks an increase of 12.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Arizona, goods exports totaled \$2.0 billion in July and \$22.2 billion over the past year, up 18.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 49.1 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

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*** For additional Arizona-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Arizona office: <http://www.workforce.az.gov/>

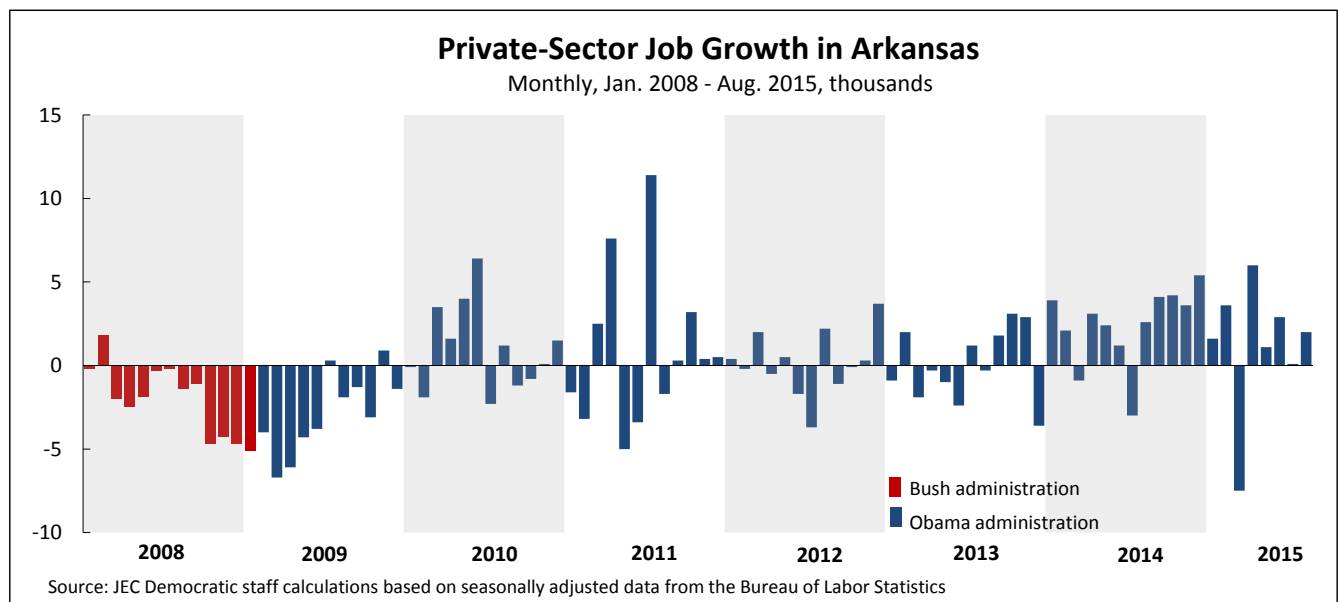


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARKANSAS

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Arkansas grew by 2,000 jobs. Over the past year, Arkansas businesses have added 27,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 15,600 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arkansas businesses have added 65,900 jobs (an increase of 7.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 20.1 percent (23,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 15.3 percent (14,900 jobs) and construction at 9.3 percent (4,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arkansas was 5.4 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in May 2011.
- There were 72,100 Arkansas residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arkansas were \$19.57. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$681.04.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Arkansas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	27,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	65,900	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.4%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.9%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$44,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$46,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	18.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	14.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.8%	11.7%
	2013	16.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Arkansas grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Arkansas GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Arkansas increased by 2.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Arkansas broke ground on 9,920 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 7,938 units. That marks an increase of 25.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Arkansas, goods exports totaled \$445 million in July and \$6.2 billion over the past year, up 1.6 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 11.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Arkansas economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Arkansas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Arkansas office: <http://www.discoverarkansas.net/>



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CALIFORNIA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in California grew by 4,900 jobs. Over the past year, California businesses have added 432,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 426,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, California businesses have added 2,047,000 jobs (an increase of 17.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 28.1 percent (158,400 jobs), professional and business services at 26.0 percent (531,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 24.1 percent (357,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in California was 6.1 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.0 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.3 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 12.2 percent in October 2010.
- There were 1,163,100 California residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in California were \$28.13. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$995.80.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		California	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	432,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	2,047,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	12.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$63,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	15.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.4%	11.7%
	2013	17.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in California grew by 2.8 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual California GDP growth has averaged 2.0 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in California increased by 7.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 49.3 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in California broke ground on 96,770 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 93,775 units. That marks an increase of 22.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In California, goods exports totaled \$13.8 billion in July and \$168.0 billion over the past year, up 3.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional California-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the California office: <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>

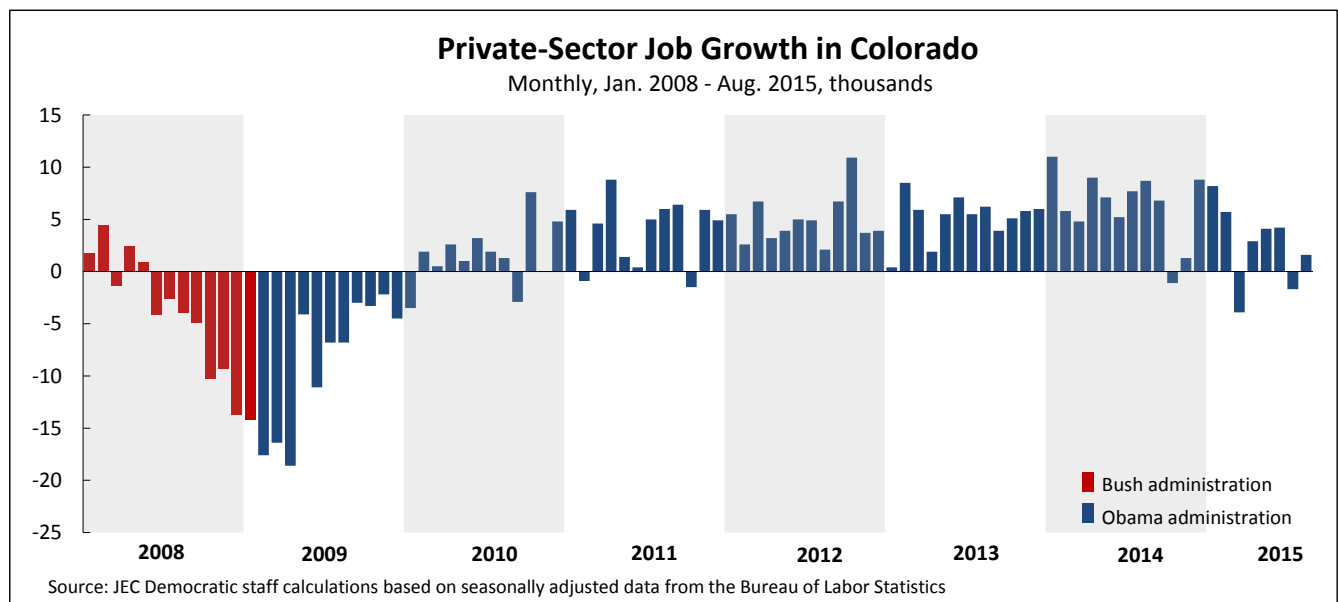


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: COLORADO

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Colorado grew by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, Colorado businesses have added 36,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 80,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Colorado businesses have added 284,000 jobs (an increase of 15.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 49.8 percent (11,500 jobs), construction at 29.8 percent (35,100 jobs) and education and health services at 21.0 percent (54,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Colorado was 4.2 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in October 2010.
- There were 118,200 Colorado residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Colorado were \$26.99. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$939.25.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Colorado	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	36,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	284,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.2%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$69,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.3%	11.7%
	2013	14.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Colorado grew by 4.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Colorado GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Colorado increased by 10.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 38.8 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Colorado broke ground on 30,970 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,851 units. That marks an increase of 4.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Colorado, goods exports totaled \$684 million in July and \$8.3 billion over the past year, up 4.7 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 34.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Colorado-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Colorado office: <http://www.colmigateway.com/default.asp>

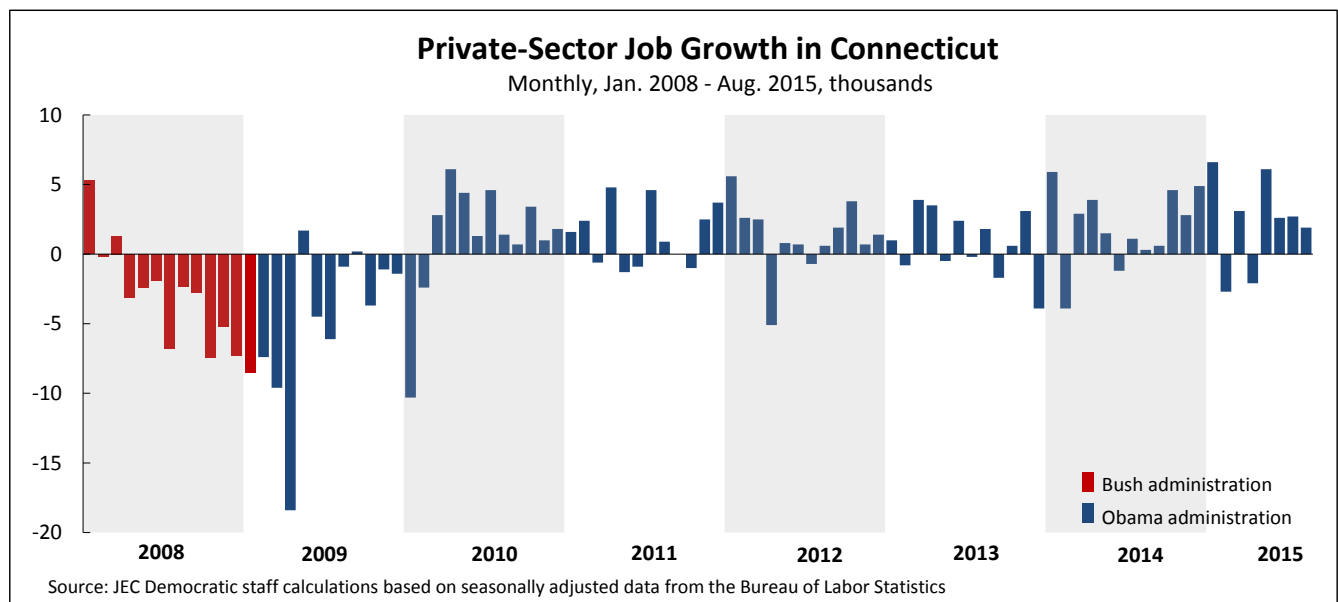


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CONNECTICUT

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Connecticut grew by 1,900 jobs. Over the past year, Connecticut businesses have added 31,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,600 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Connecticut businesses have added 109,800 jobs (an increase of 8.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 18.8 percent (9,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.7 percent (24,400 jobs) and professional and business services at 15.8 percent (29,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Connecticut was 5.3 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 3.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in February 2011.
- There were 100,200 Connecticut residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Connecticut were \$29.24. The average workweek was 33.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$991.24.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Connecticut	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	31,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	109,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.3%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$70,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$73,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	8.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	6.9%	11.7%
	2013	9.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Connecticut grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Connecticut GDP growth has averaged 0.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Connecticut increased by 1.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 4.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in Connecticut broke ground on 10,430 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,644 units. That marks a decrease of 13.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Connecticut, goods exports totaled \$1.2 billion in July and \$15.4 billion over the past year, up 1.6 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 3.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Connecticut-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Connecticut office: <http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/>

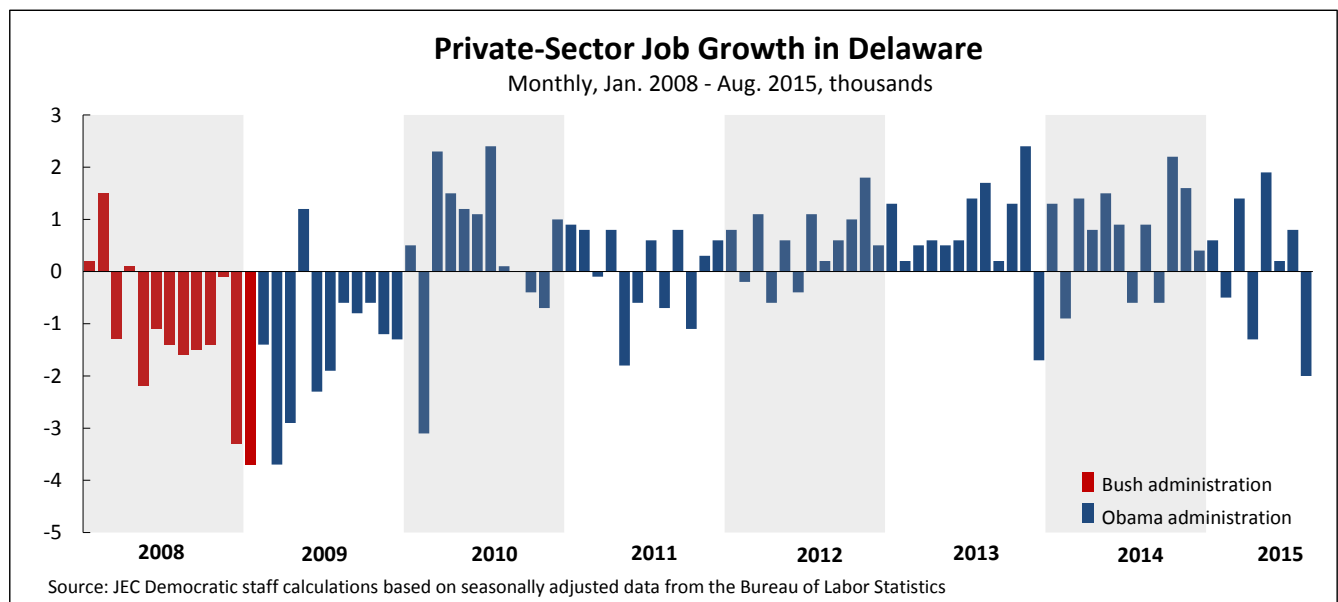


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: DELAWARE

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Delaware fell by 2,000 jobs. Over the past year, Delaware businesses have added 4,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,500 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Delaware businesses have added 34,500 jobs (an increase of 10.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 17.9 percent (7,400 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 16.7 percent (3,100 jobs) and education and health services at 14.6 percent (9,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Delaware was 4.9 percent in August 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.2 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in February 2010.
- There were 22,500 Delaware residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Delaware were \$22.70. The average workweek was 33.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$762.72.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 6.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Delaware	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	4,700	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	34,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.9%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$57,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$62,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	9.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.8%	11.7%
	2013	9.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Delaware grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Delaware GDP growth has averaged 0.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Delaware increased by 1.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- ❑ In July 2015, builders in Delaware broke ground on 5,800 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 5,071 units. That marks an increase of 12.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Delaware, goods exports totaled \$387 million in July and \$5.1 billion over the past year, up 5.4 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 12.2 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

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

<http://www.delawareworks.com/oolmi/Information/Publications.aspx>

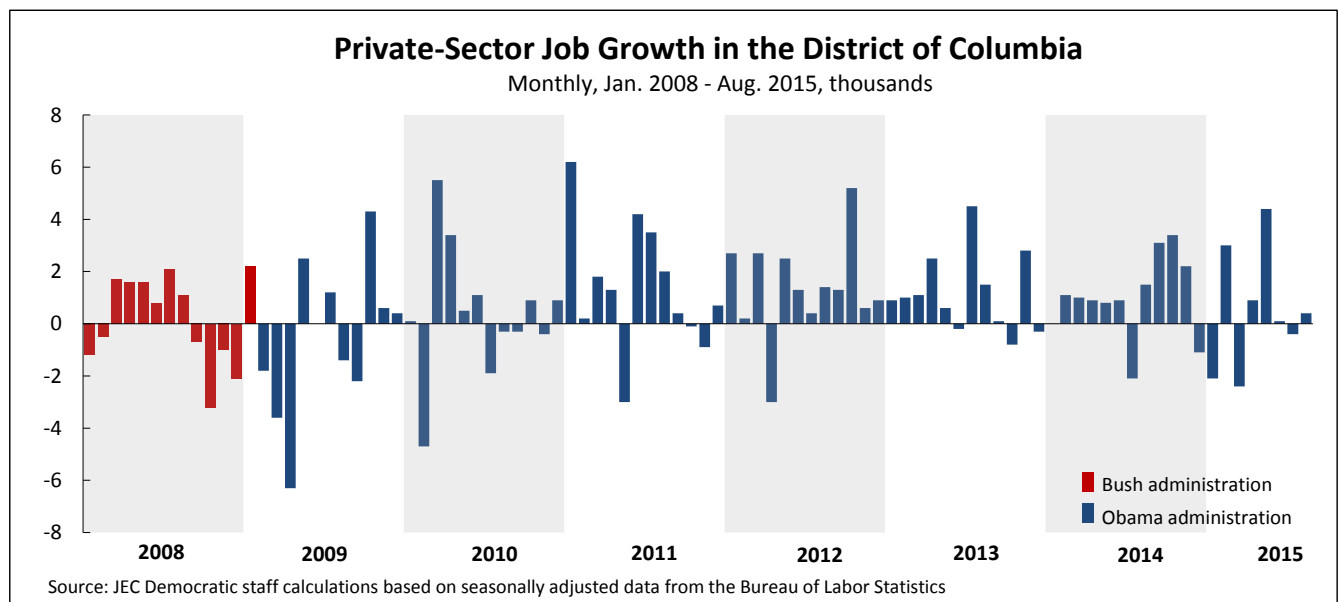


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in the District of Columbia grew by 400 jobs. Over the past year, District of Columbia businesses have added 11,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 5,900 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, District of Columbia businesses have added 71,200 jobs (an increase of 15.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The DC sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: logging, mining and construction at 53.7 percent (5,100 jobs), education and health services at 23.3 percent (24,600 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 18.2 percent (10,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia was 6.8 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.7 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in July 2011.
- There were 26,200 District of Columbia residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in the District of Columbia were \$37.96. The average workweek was 36.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1370.36.
- Adjusting for inflation, DC average hourly earnings have fallen by 1.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA QUICK FACTS

		District	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	11,500	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	71,200	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.8%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.8%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$68,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$58,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	19.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	18.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.3%	11.7%
	2013	6.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in the District of Columbia grew by 1.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual District of Columbia GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in the District of Columbia increased by 6.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 50.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2009.
- In July 2015, builders in the District of Columbia broke ground on 3,700 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,311 units. That marks an increase of 22.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In the District of Columbia, goods exports totaled \$60 million in July and \$573 million over the past year, down 62.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are down 50.9 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 District of Columbia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional District of Columbia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the District of Columbia office:

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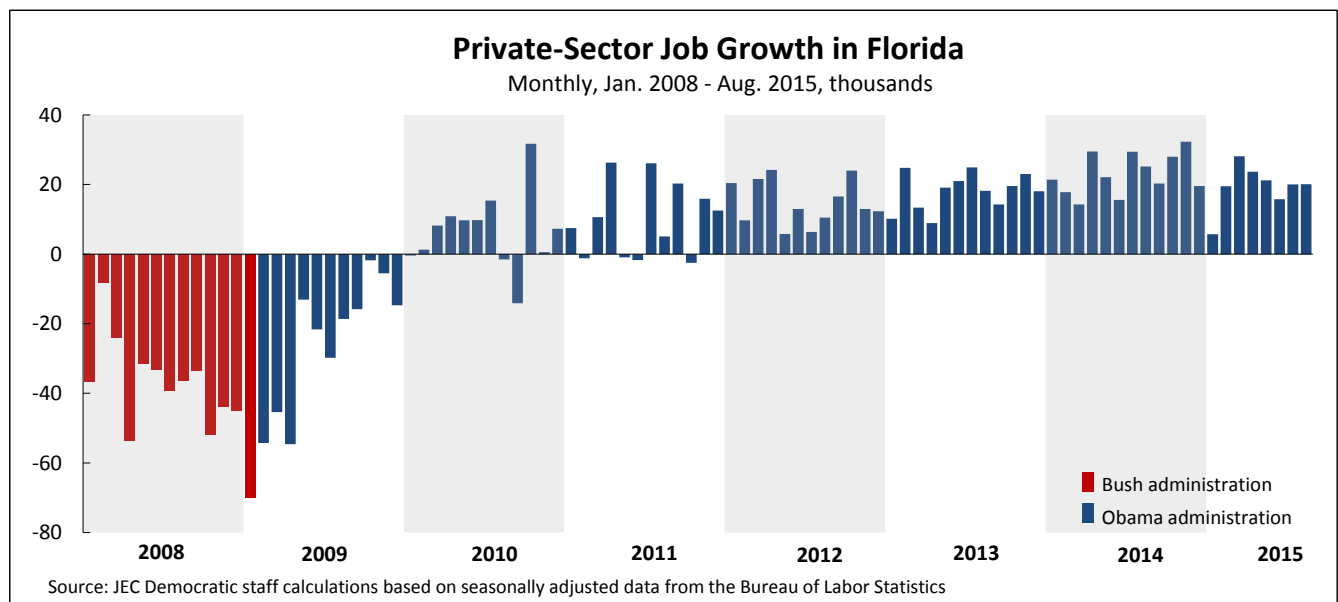


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: FLORIDA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Florida grew by 20,100 jobs. Over the past year, Florida businesses have added 254,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 250,300 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Florida businesses have added 1,018,600 jobs (an increase of 16.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 24.6 percent (226,600 jobs), professional and business services at 22.4 percent (222,000 jobs) and construction at 19.8 percent (70,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Florida was 5.3 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 507,200 Florida residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Florida were \$22.74. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$786.80.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Florida	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	254,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,018,600	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.3%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.9%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	16.6%	11.7%
	2013	20.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Florida grew by 2.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Florida GDP growth has averaged 1.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Florida increased by 9.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 42.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Florida broke ground on 97,280 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 91,413 units. That marks an increase of 10.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Florida, goods exports totaled \$4.3 billion in July and \$56.2 billion over the past year, up 2.8 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 12.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Florida economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Florida-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Florida office: <http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information-press-releases/monthly-press-releases>

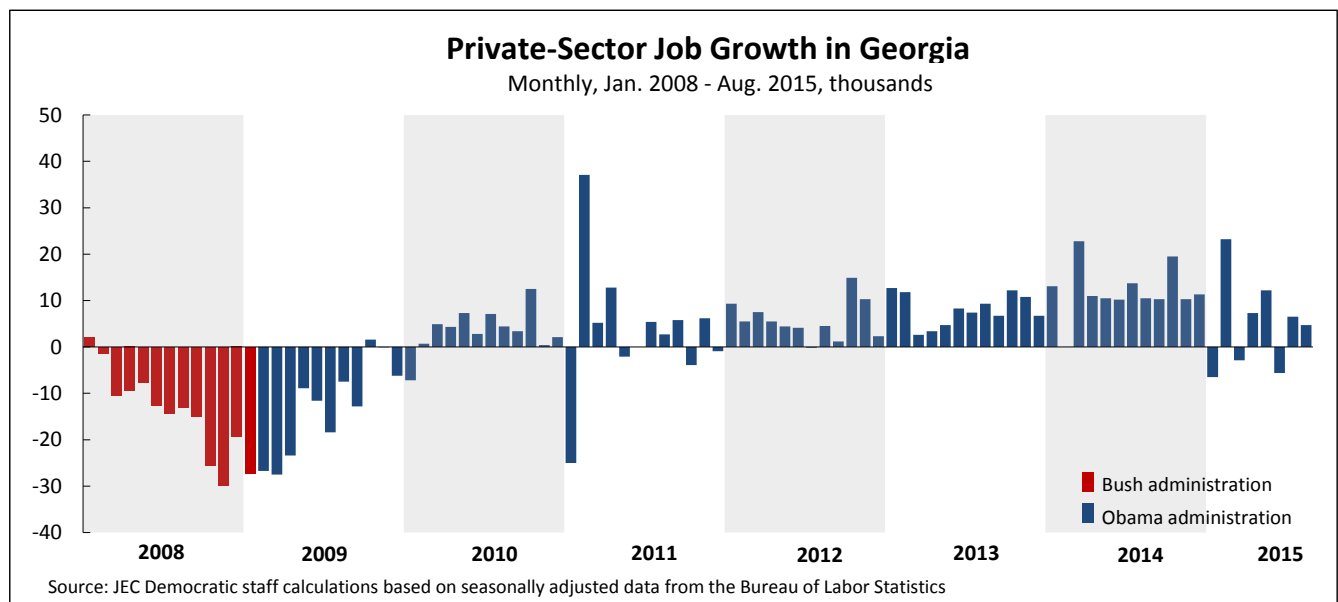


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: GEORGIA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Georgia grew by 4,700 jobs. Over the past year, Georgia businesses have added 90,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 128,200 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Georgia businesses have added 440,500 jobs (an increase of 14.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 25.0 percent (128,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 21.4 percent (79,300 jobs) and education and health services at 15.1 percent (70,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Georgia was 5.9 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.8 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in December 2010.
- There were 277,300 Georgia residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Georgia were \$23.81. The average workweek was 35.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$850.02.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Georgia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	90,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	440,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.9%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.1%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.8%	11.7%
	2013	18.8%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Georgia grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Georgia GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Georgia increased by 7.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 33.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Georgia broke ground on 50,110 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 39,473 units. That marks an increase of 15.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Georgia, goods exports totaled \$3.1 billion in July and \$38.2 billion over the past year, up 4.7 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 50.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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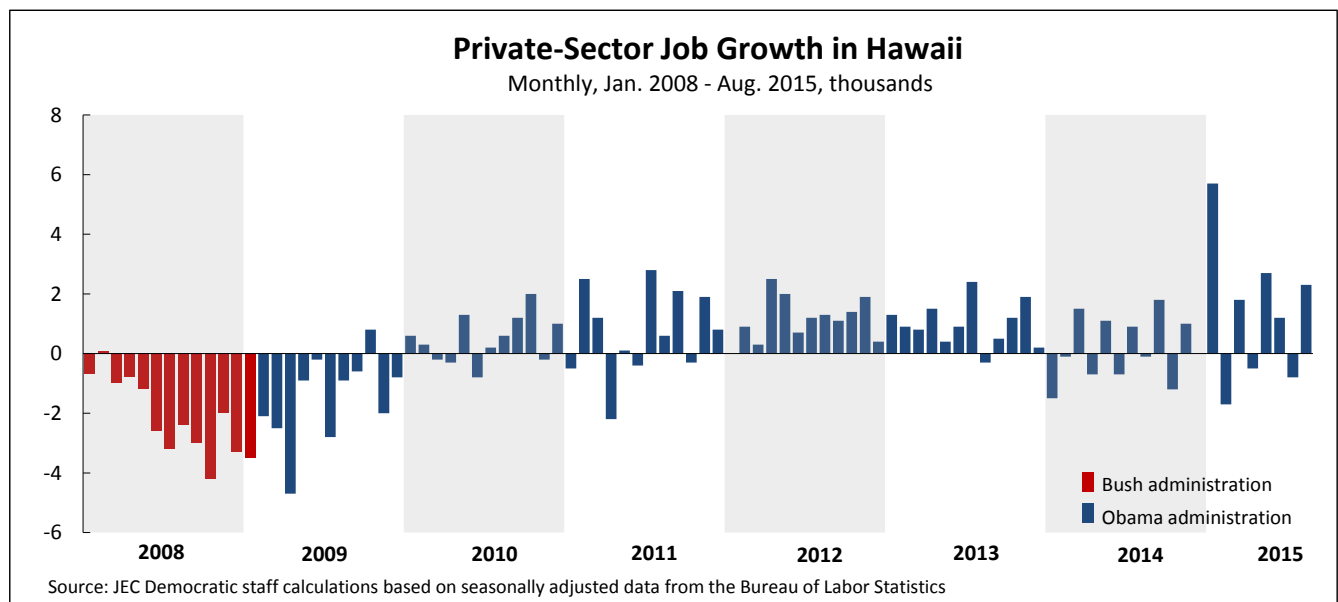


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: HAWAII

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Hawaii grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, Hawaii businesses have added 12,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,200 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Hawaii businesses have added 51,500 jobs (an increase of 11.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 16.7 percent (11,800 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 16.4 percent (4,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.4 percent (15,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Hawaii was 3.5 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.6 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in October 2009.
- There were 23,700 Hawaii residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Hawaii were \$24.43. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$830.62.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Hawaii	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	12,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	51,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.5%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$71,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$73,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.7%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.3%	11.7%
	2013	6.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Hawaii grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Hawaii GDP growth has averaged 1.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Hawaii increased by 9.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 37.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Hawaii broke ground on 2,860 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,815 units. That marks an increase of 40.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Hawaii, goods exports totaled \$327 million in July and \$1.8 billion over the past year, up 96.4 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 198.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Hawaii-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Hawaii office: <http://hawaii.gov/labor/>

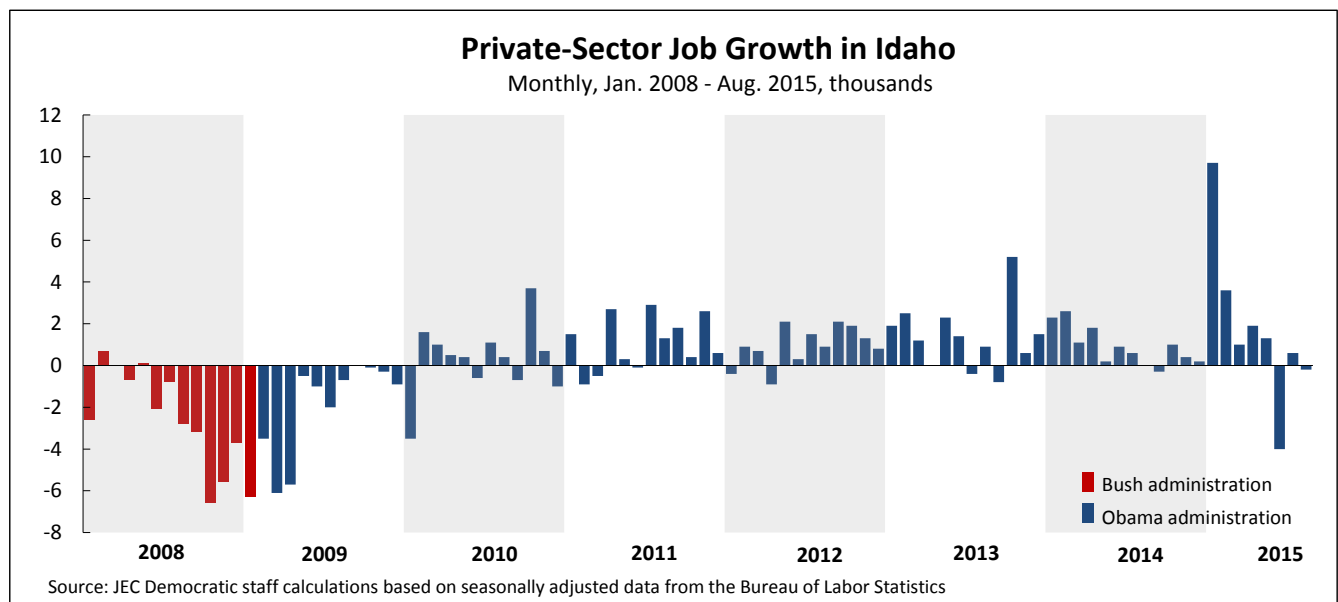


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IDAHO

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Idaho fell by 200 jobs. Over the past year, Idaho businesses have added 15,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 16,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Idaho businesses have added 70,300 jobs (an increase of 14.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.7 percent (7,600 jobs), financial activities at 20.0 percent (5,800 jobs) and manufacturing at 18.1 percent (9,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Idaho was 4.2 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.7 percent in July 2009.
- There were 33,400 Idaho residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Idaho were \$22.20. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$765.90.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Idaho	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	15,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	70,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.2%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.8%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	16.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Idaho grew by 2.7 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Idaho GDP growth has averaged 1.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Idaho increased by 6.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 34.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Idaho broke ground on 10,420 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,096 units. That marks an increase of 5.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Idaho, goods exports totaled \$341 million in July and \$4.3 billion over the past year, down 18.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 5.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Idaho economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ILLINOIS

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Illinois grew by 500 jobs. Over the past year, Illinois businesses have added 42,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 68,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Illinois businesses have added 361,500 jobs (an increase of 7.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.3 percent (144,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 9.6 percent (49,300 jobs) and education and health services at 9.1 percent (74,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Illinois was 5.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 362,500 Illinois residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Illinois were \$25.96. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$903.41.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Illinois	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	42,000	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	361,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.5%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$54,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	13.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	2013	12.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Illinois grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Illinois GDP growth has averaged 1.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Illinois increased by 3.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.2 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Illinois broke ground on 18,120 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,417 units. That marks a decrease of 7.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Illinois, goods exports totaled \$5.1 billion in July and \$64.0 billion over the past year, down 0.8 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 44.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Illinois-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Illinois office: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=3528>

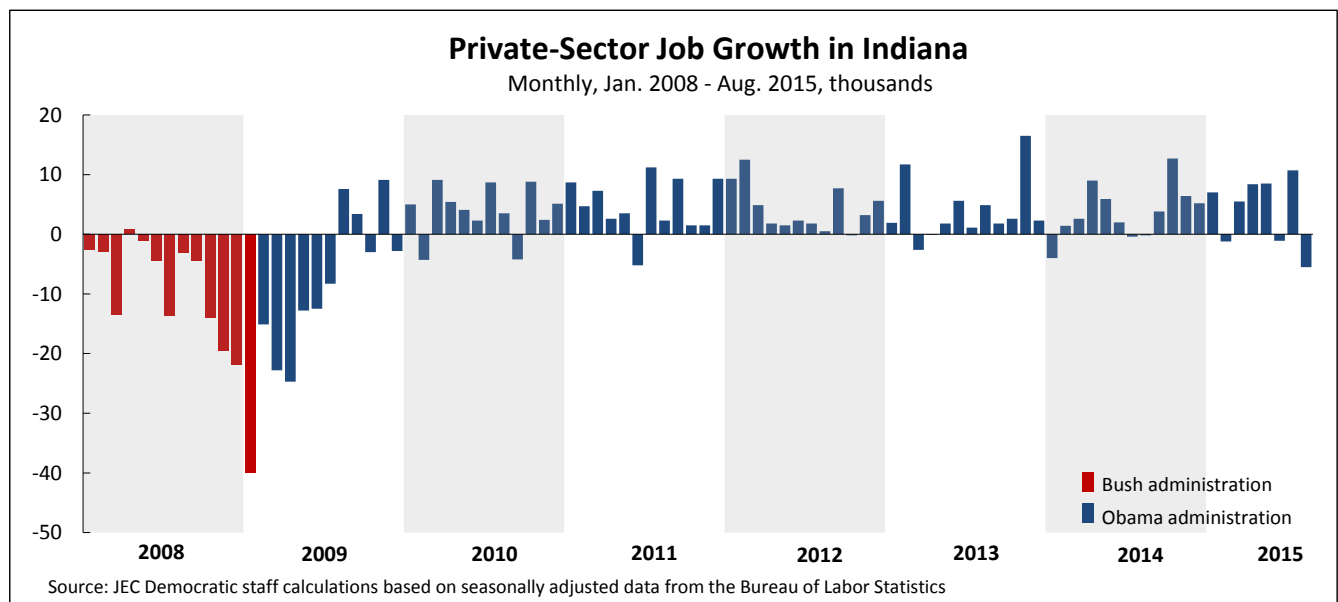


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: INDIANA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Indiana fell by 5,500 jobs. Over the past year, Indiana businesses have added 60,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 39,500 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Indiana businesses have added 277,000 jobs (an increase of 11.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 21.9 percent (58,600 jobs), manufacturing at 18.5 percent (81,000 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 11.4 percent (31,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Indiana was 4.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in February 2010.
- There were 149,200 Indiana residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Indiana were \$22.95. The average workweek was 35.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$810.14.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Indiana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	60,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	277,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.8%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$48,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.9%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Indiana grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Indiana GDP growth has averaged 1.9 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Indiana increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Indiana broke ground on 15,090 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,278 units. That marks a decrease of 10.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Indiana, goods exports totaled \$2.8 billion in July and \$33.7 billion over the past year, up 2.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Indiana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Indiana office: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/>

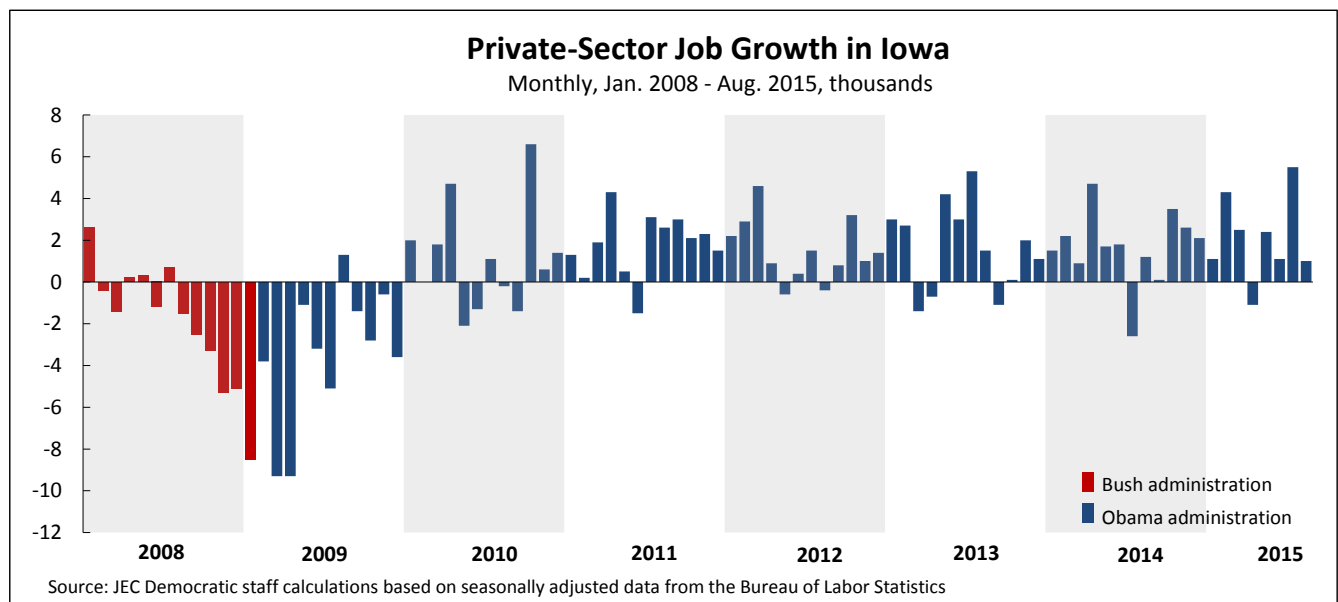


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IOWA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Iowa grew by 1,000 jobs. Over the past year, Iowa businesses have added 25,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 13,500 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Iowa businesses have added 106,600 jobs (an increase of 8.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 33.3 percent (20,500 jobs), professional and business services at 16.3 percent (19,500 jobs) and manufacturing at 9.1 percent (18,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Iowa was 3.7 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in August 2009.
- There were 62,400 Iowa residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Iowa were \$23.08. The average workweek was 35.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$814.72.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Iowa	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	25,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	106,600	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$57,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	6.2%	11.7%
	2013	8.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Iowa grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Iowa GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Iowa increased by 3.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In July 2015, builders in Iowa broke ground on 8,790 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,836 units. That marks a decrease of 8.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Iowa, goods exports totaled \$1.2 billion in July and \$13.6 billion over the past year, down 3.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 41.2 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 Iowa economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Iowa-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Iowa office: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/>

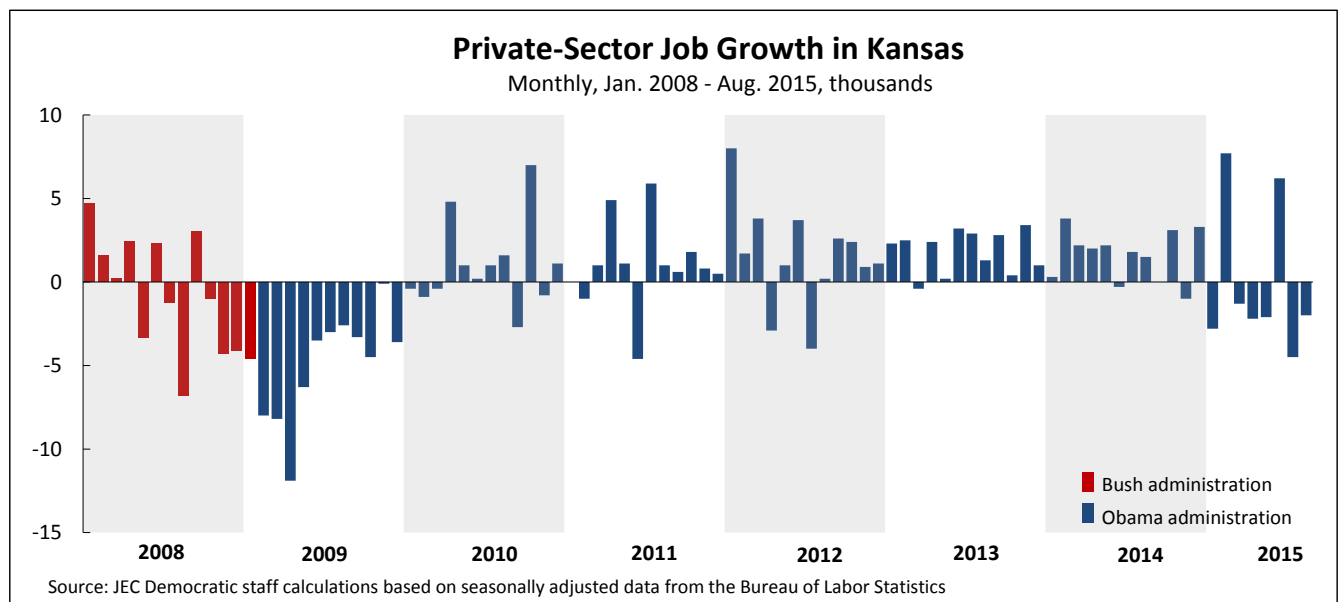


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Kansas fell by 2,000 jobs. Over the past year, Kansas businesses have added 4,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 21,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kansas businesses have added 83,200 jobs (an increase of 7.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.2 percent (12,100 jobs), professional and business services at 19.1 percent (27,300 jobs) and mining and logging at 15.9 percent (1,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.6 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 2.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in September 2009.
- There were 67,500 Kansas residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kansas were \$22.63. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$794.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kansas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	4,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	83,200	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.2%	11.7%
	2013	12.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Kansas grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Kansas GDP growth has averaged 1.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Kansas increased by 2.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Kansas broke ground on 7,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,625 units. That marks an increase of 33.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Kansas, goods exports totaled \$1.0 billion in July and \$11.2 billion over the past year, down 4.8 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 18.6 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

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*** For additional Kansas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Kansas office: <http://www.dol.ks.gov/lmis/Default.aspx>

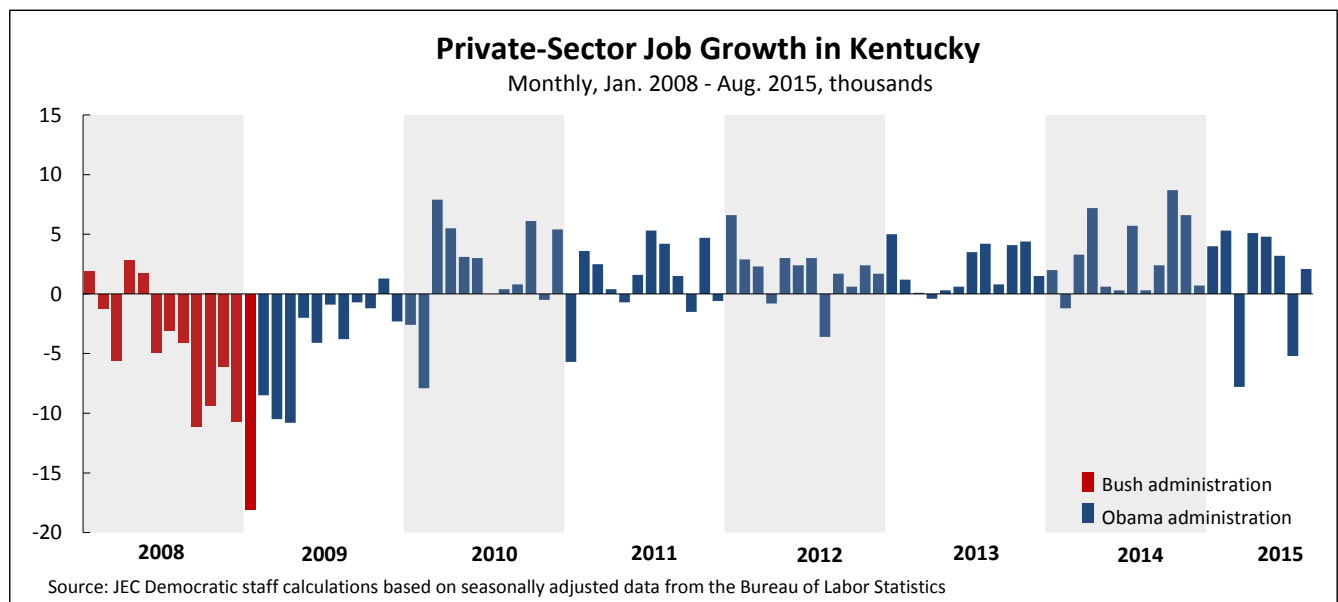


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KENTUCKY

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Kentucky grew by 2,100 jobs. Over the past year, Kentucky businesses have added 29,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 29,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kentucky businesses have added 142,600 jobs (an increase of 10.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 22.4 percent (39,100 jobs), manufacturing at 18.7 percent (38,000 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 14.2 percent (23,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kentucky was 5.2 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 100,400 Kentucky residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kentucky were \$21.17. The average workweek was 35.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$755.77.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kentucky	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	29,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	142,600	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.2%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.0%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,800	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$45,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	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, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

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 July 2015, builders in Kentucky broke ground on 10,000 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,638 units. That marks a decrease of 7.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Kentucky, goods exports totaled \$2.0 billion in July and \$27.9 billion over the past year, up 10.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 49.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

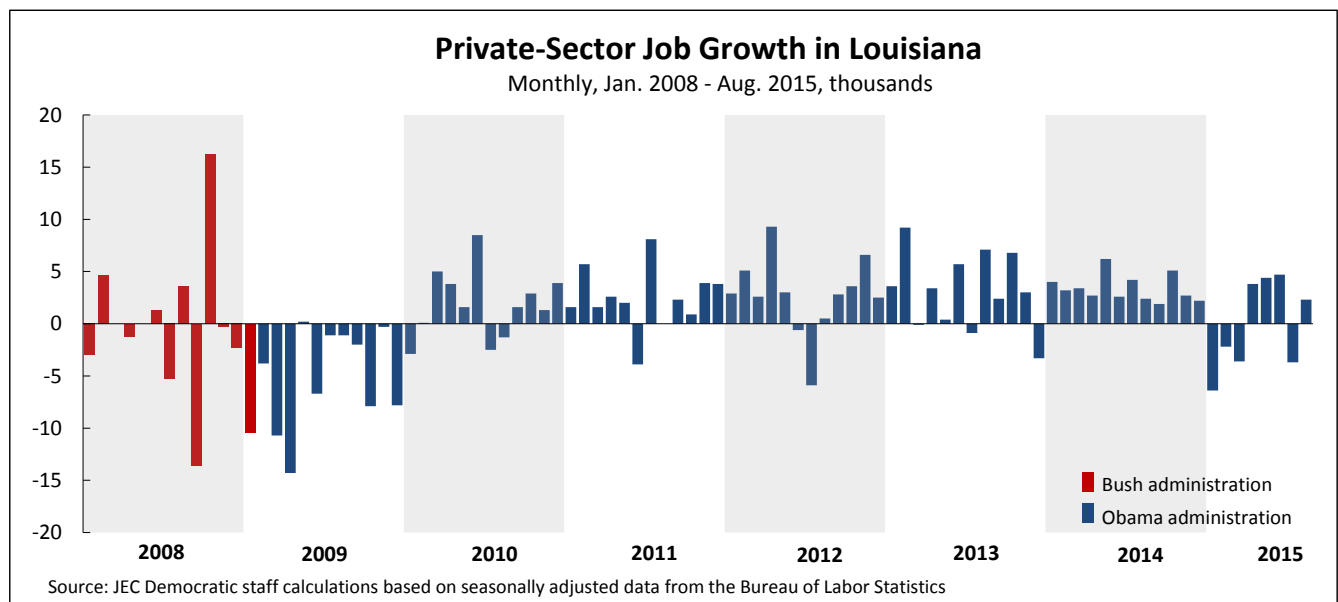


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: LOUISIANA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Louisiana grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, Louisiana businesses have added 11,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 37,600 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Louisiana businesses have added 163,000 jobs (an increase of 10.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 17.3 percent (33,300 jobs), education and health services at 15.6 percent (42,000 jobs) and construction at 15.5 percent (18,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Louisiana was 6.0 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.9 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in December 2010.
- There were 130,700 Louisiana residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Louisiana were \$22.25. The average workweek was 36.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$807.68.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Louisiana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	11,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	163,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.0%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$42,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	23.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.1%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.8%	11.7%
	2013	16.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Louisiana grew by 1.9 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Louisiana GDP growth has averaged 0.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Louisiana increased by 4.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Louisiana broke ground on 16,050 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,999 units. That marks an increase of 7.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Louisiana, goods exports totaled \$3.9 billion in July and \$55.1 billion over the past year, down 11.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 58.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_MainMenu.asp

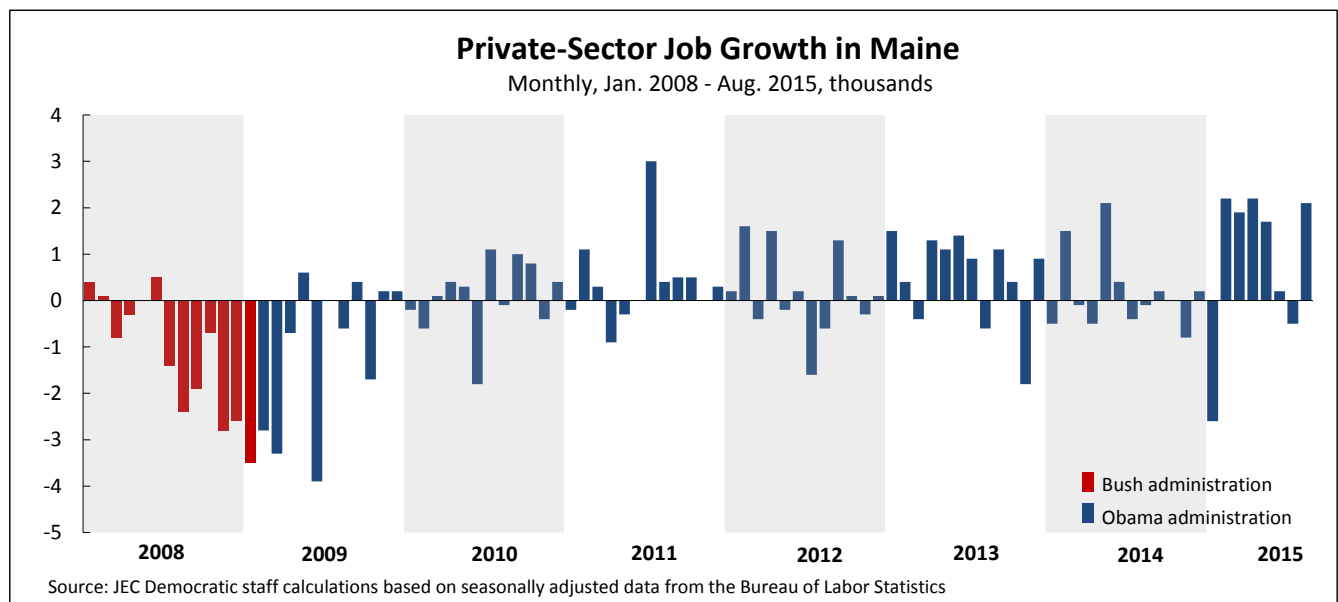


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MAINE

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Maine grew by 2,100 jobs. Over the past year, Maine businesses have added 6,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maine businesses have added 23,800 jobs (an increase of 4.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 15.4 percent (8,700 jobs), other services at 11.2 percent (2,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 5.7 percent (3,400 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maine was 4.5 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 3.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2009.
- There were 31,100 Maine residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maine were \$21.34. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$738.36.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maine	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,800	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	23,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.5%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$51,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.1%	11.7%
	2013	11.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Maine grew by 0.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Maine GDP growth has averaged 0.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Maine increased by 6.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.2 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in Maine broke ground on 5,150 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,008 units. That marks a decrease of 0.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Maine, goods exports totaled \$216 million in July and \$2.7 billion over the past year, up 11.3 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 9.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Maine-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Maine office: <http://www.state.me.us/labor/cwri/index.html>

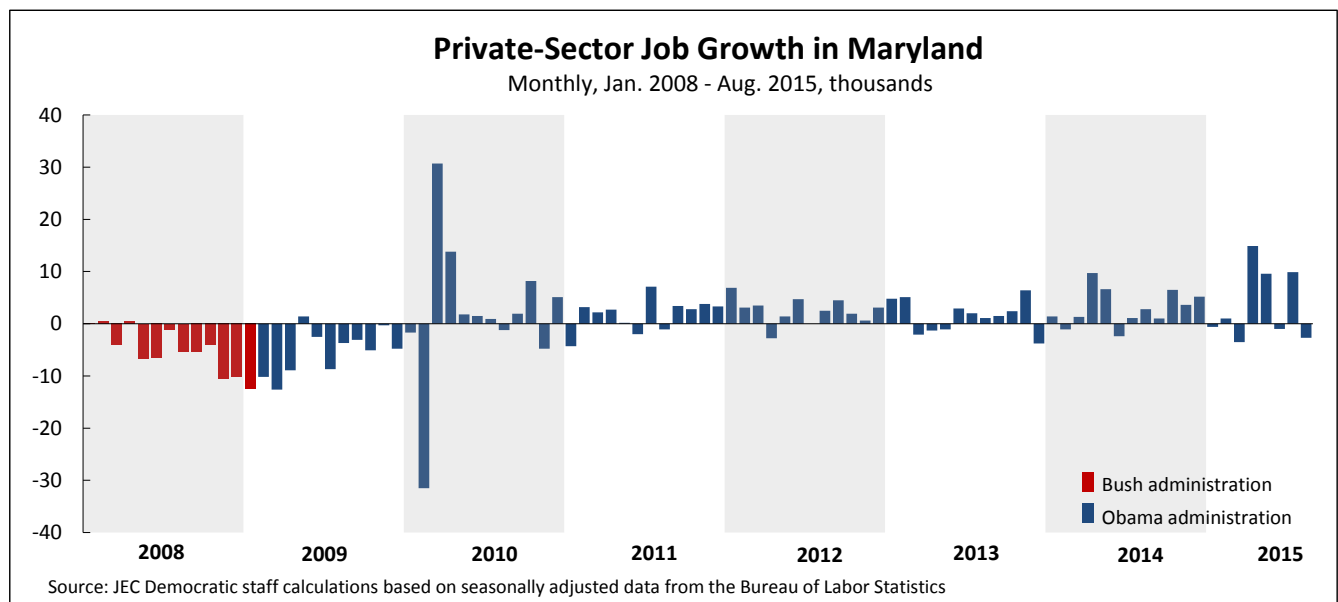


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MARYLAND

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Maryland fell by 2,700 jobs. Over the past year, Maryland businesses have added 43,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 25,900 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maryland businesses have added 189,800 jobs (an increase of 9.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 19.9 percent (44,400 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 14.6 percent (20,100 jobs) and professional and business services at 14.6 percent (55,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maryland was 5.1 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 161,500 Maryland residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maryland were \$27.25. The average workweek was 34.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$945.58.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have held roughly constant over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maryland	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	43,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	189,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$76,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$74,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.9%	11.7%
	2013	10.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Maryland grew by 0.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Maryland GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Maryland increased by 0.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 13.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in Maryland broke ground on 15,920 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,011 units. That marks a decrease of 6.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Maryland, goods exports totaled \$824 million in July and \$10.7 billion over the past year, down 5.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 8.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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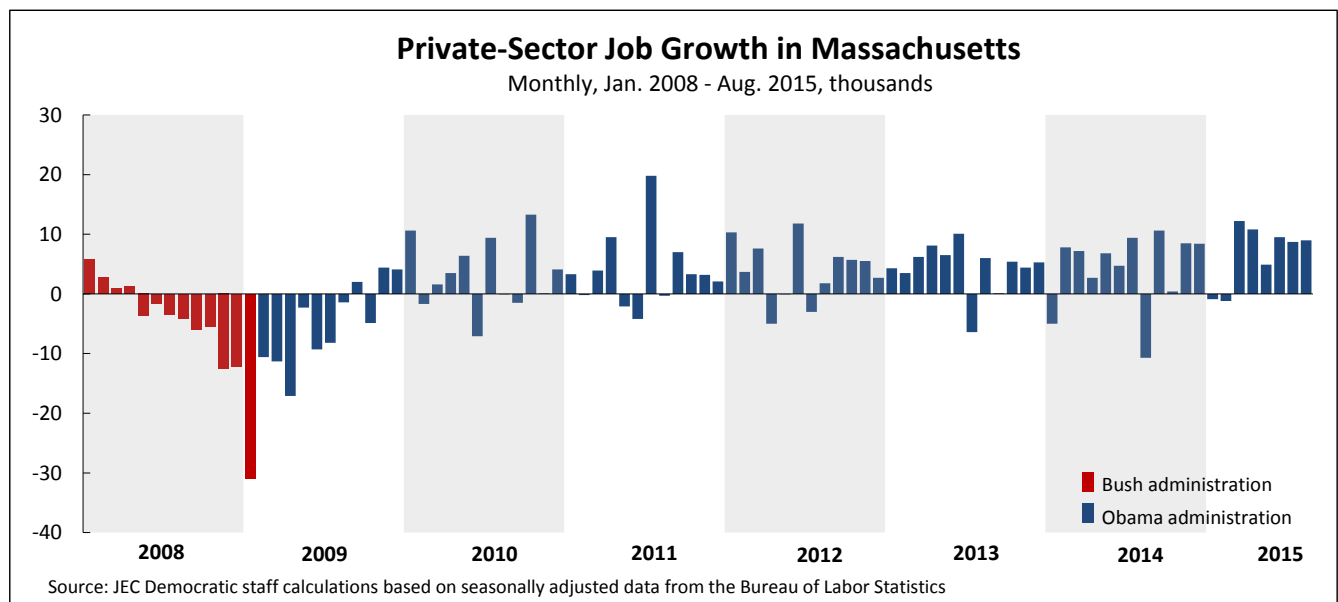


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MASSACHUSETTS

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Massachusetts grew by 9,000 jobs. Over the past year, Massachusetts businesses have added 80,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 38,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Massachusetts businesses have added 279,500 jobs (an increase of 10.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 25.3 percent (26,900 jobs), professional and business services at 18.4 percent (84,500 jobs) and other services at 16.2 percent (19,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 4.7 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.4 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 167,500 Massachusetts residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Massachusetts were \$30.29. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1023.80.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Massachusetts	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	80,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	279,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$63,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	13.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.2%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	3.3%	11.7%
	2013	3.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Massachusetts grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Massachusetts GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Massachusetts increased by 3.6 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.9 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in Massachusetts broke ground on 17,180 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,893 units. That marks an increase of 9.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Massachusetts, goods exports totaled \$2.1 billion in July and \$24.7 billion over the past year, down 6.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are down 1.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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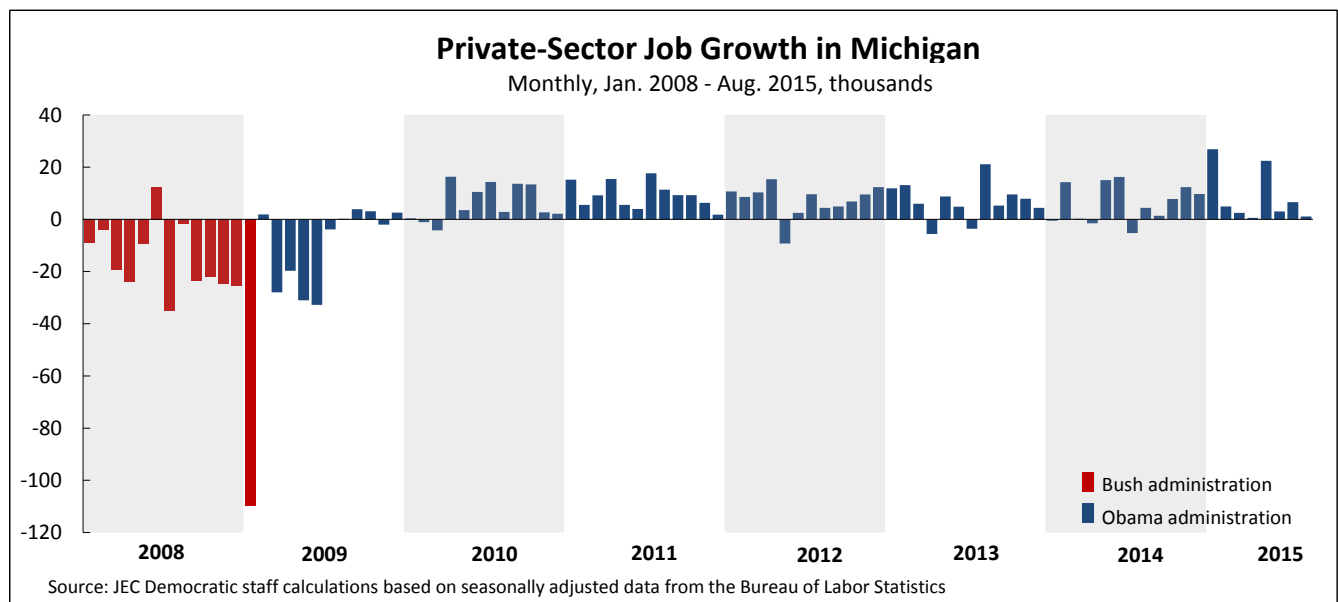


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MICHIGAN

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Michigan grew by 1,100 jobs. Over the past year, Michigan businesses have added 99,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 69,700 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Michigan businesses have added 496,700 jobs (an increase of 15.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 29.2 percent (135,300 jobs), professional and business services at 28.3 percent (142,800 jobs) and construction at 26.3 percent (31,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Michigan was 5.1 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.7 percentage points from one year earlier and is 9.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 14.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 242,000 Michigan residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Michigan were \$24.07. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$840.04.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Michigan	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	99,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	496,700	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.8%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	14.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$52,000	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	11.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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

HOUSING

- Home prices in Michigan increased by 7.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 34.4 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Michigan broke ground on 23,850 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,972 units. That marks an increase of 10.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Michigan, goods exports totaled \$4.2 billion in July and \$52.1 billion over the past year, down 5.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 50.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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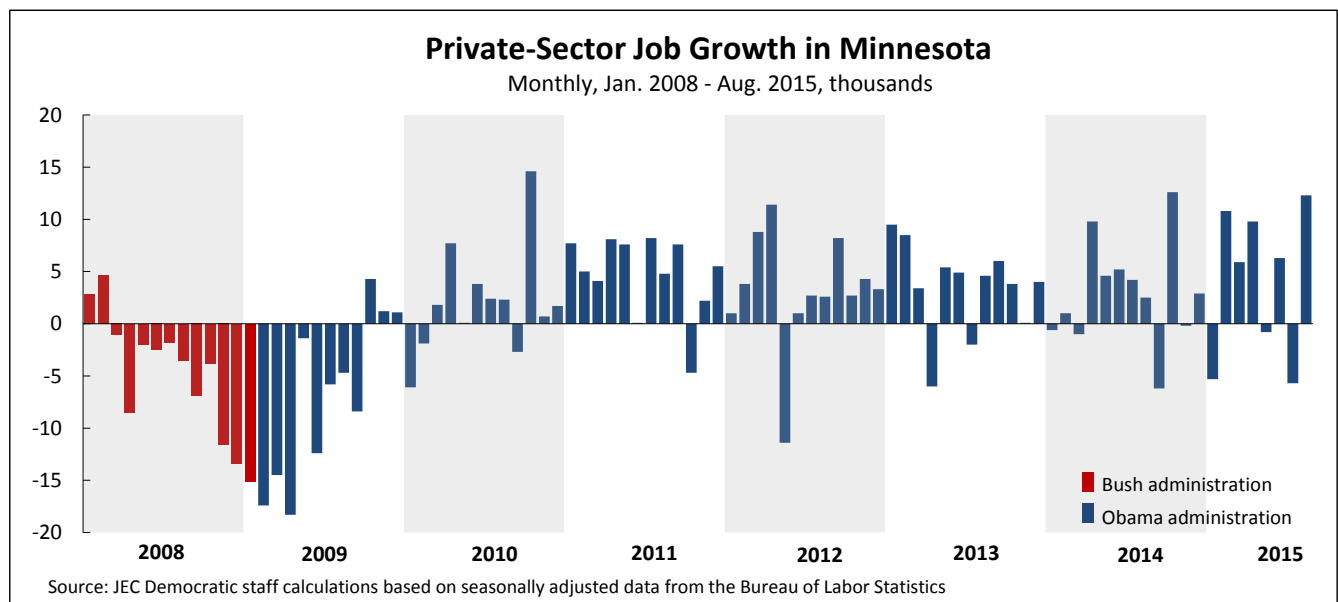


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MINNESOTA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Minnesota grew by 12,300 jobs. Over the past year, Minnesota businesses have added 42,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 39,600 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Minnesota businesses have added 237,300 jobs (an increase of 10.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.9 percent (20,900 jobs), mining and logging at 17.5 percent (1,000 jobs) and professional and business services at 17.4 percent (54,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 4.0 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.1 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 118,700 Minnesota residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Minnesota were \$25.96. The average workweek was 34.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$900.81.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Minnesota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	42,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	237,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.0%	5.1%
	August 2014	3.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$67,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	8.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.9%	11.7%
	2013	8.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Minnesota grew by 1.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Minnesota GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Minnesota increased by 3.9 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 22.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Minnesota broke ground on 21,790 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,204 units. That marks an increase of 9.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Minnesota, goods exports totaled \$1.6 billion in July and \$20.4 billion over the past year, up 2.6 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Minnesota-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Minnesota office: <http://www.mn.gov/deed/data/>



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSISSIPPI

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Mississippi fell by 1,200 jobs. Over the past year, Mississippi businesses have added 8,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 9,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Mississippi businesses have added 47,400 jobs (an increase of 5.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 16.8 percent (14,700 jobs), information services at 10.7 percent (1,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 10.3 percent (12,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Mississippi was 6.3 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 79,400 Mississippi residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Mississippi were \$19.67. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$696.32.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Mississippi	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	8,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	47,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.3%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$35,500	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$42,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	22.1%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	22.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.5%	11.7%
	2013	17.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Mississippi fell by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Mississippi GDP growth has averaged 0.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Mississippi increased by 3.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 9.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Mississippi broke ground on 7,480 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 5,958 units. That marks an increase of 3.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Mississippi, goods exports totaled \$866 million in July and \$10.9 billion over the past year, down 2.8 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 62.9 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 Mississippi economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Mississippi-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Mississippi office: <http://mdes.ms.gov/information-center/labor-market-information/>



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSOURI

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Missouri grew by 1,700 jobs. Over the past year, Missouri businesses have added 17,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 30,400 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Missouri businesses have added 123,600 jobs (an increase of 5.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 13.2 percent (41,500 jobs), education and health services at 7.6 percent (31,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 7.0 percent (18,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Missouri was 5.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 171,500 Missouri residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Missouri were \$22.03. The average workweek was 34.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$757.83.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Missouri	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	17,500	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	123,600	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$56,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	11.7%	11.7%
	2013	13.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Missouri grew by 0.9 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Missouri GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Missouri increased by 4.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In July 2015, builders in Missouri broke ground on 16,430 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,895 units. That marks an increase of 4.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Missouri, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in July and \$14.1 billion over the past year, up 15.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 39.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Missouri economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Missouri-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Missouri office: <http://www.labor.mo.gov/data/>

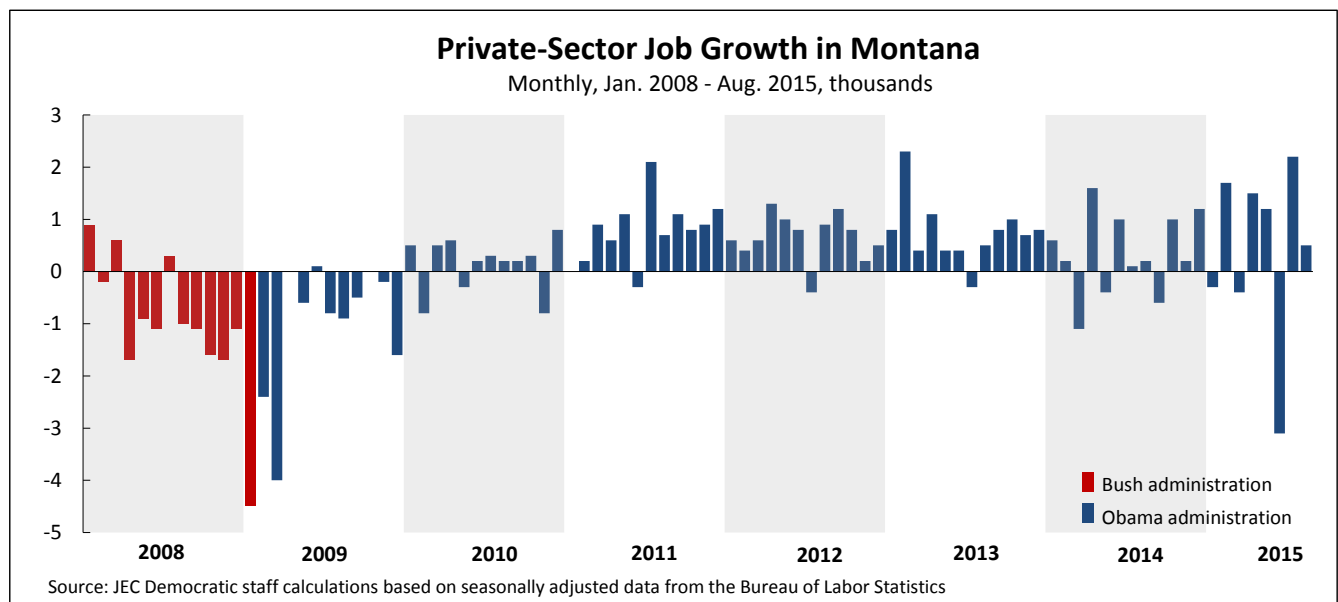


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MONTANA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Montana grew by 500 jobs. Over the past year, Montana businesses have added 5,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 5,500 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Montana businesses have added 35,400 jobs (an increase of 10.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: financial activities at 25.8 percent (5,500 jobs), mining and logging at 25.4 percent (1,800 jobs) and education and health services at 12.4 percent (7,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Montana was 4.1 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.0 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in April 2010.
- There were 21,800 Montana residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Montana were \$22.33. The average workweek was 33.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$750.29.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Montana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	5,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	35,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$51,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,800	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.2%	11.7%
	2013	16.5%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Montana grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Montana GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Montana increased by 3.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 20.3 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Montana broke ground on 3,550 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,443 units. That marks an increase of 1.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Montana, goods exports totaled \$114 million in July and \$1.4 billion over the past year, up 0.7 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 29.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Montana economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

<http://www.ourfactyourfuture.org/cgi/databrowsing/?PAGEID=4&SUBID=190>

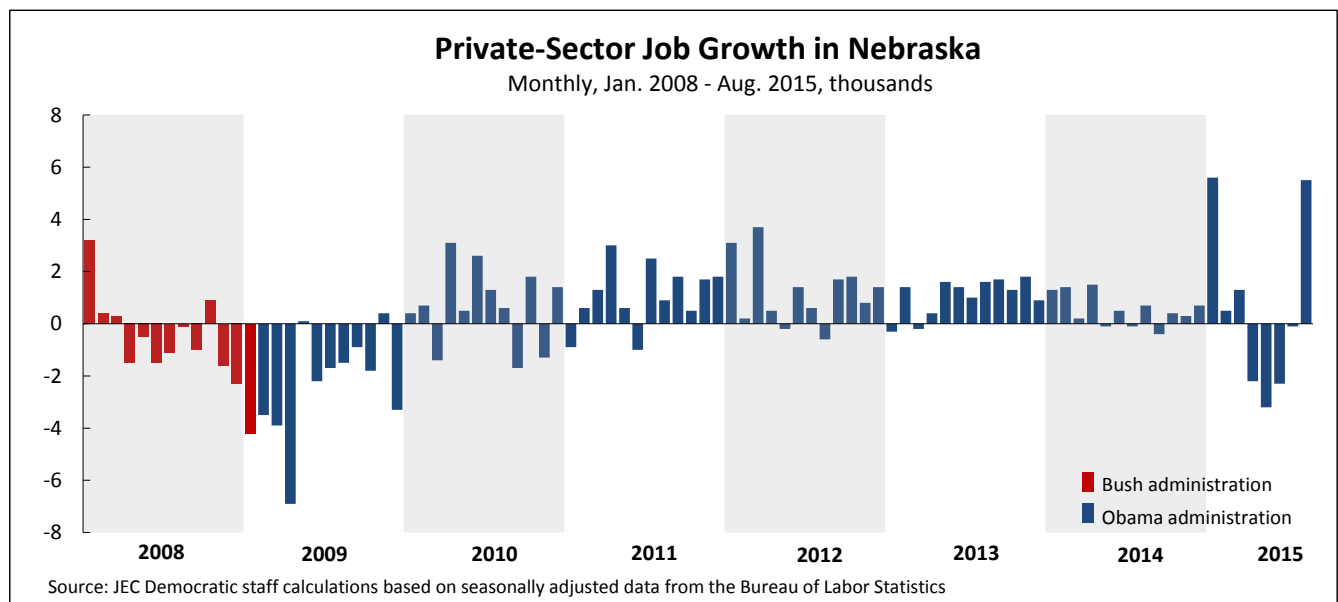


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEBRASKA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Nebraska grew by 5,500 jobs. Over the past year, Nebraska businesses have added 6,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 11,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nebraska businesses have added 58,200 jobs (an increase of 7.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 12.4 percent (12,300 jobs), education and health services at 9.9 percent (13,800 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 8.5 percent (3,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nebraska was 2.8 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 2.3 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 28,700 Nebraska residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nebraska were \$22.40. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$781.76.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nebraska	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,100	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	58,200	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	2.8%	5.1%
	August 2014	3.2%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$56,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	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 6.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 19.2 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2010.
- In July 2015, builders in Nebraska broke ground on 8,660 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 7,253 units. That marks an increase of 1.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Nebraska, goods exports totaled \$529 million in July and \$7.0 billion over the past year, down 4.4 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 34.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** 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/>

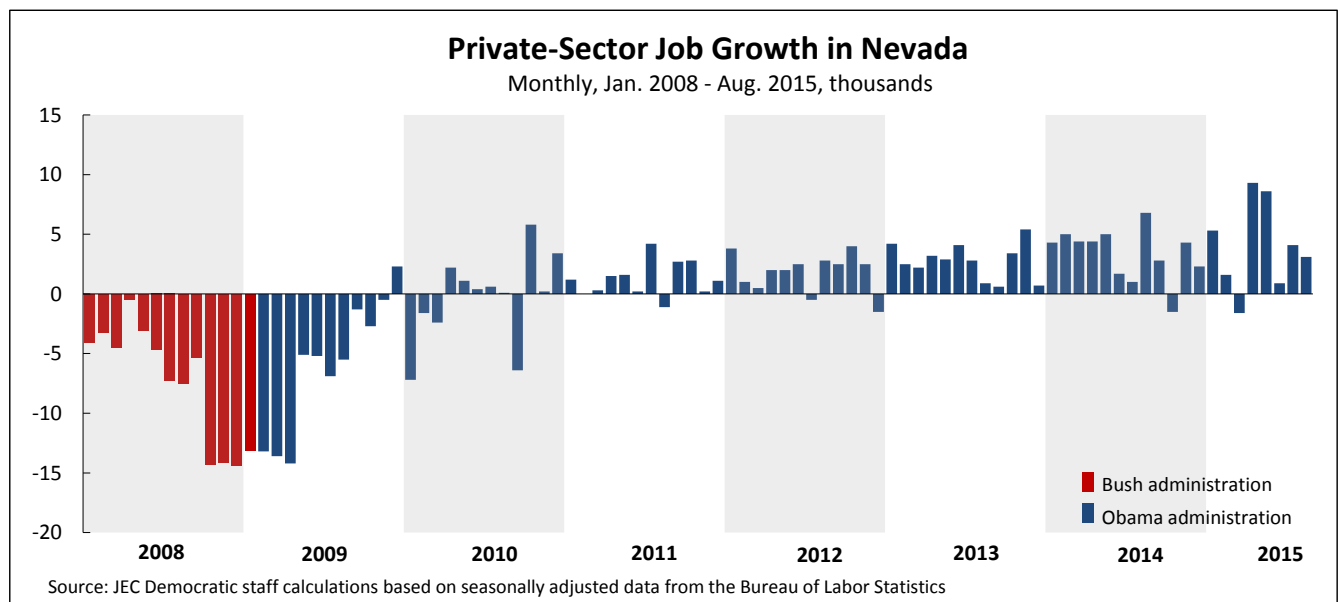


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEVADA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Nevada grew by 3,100 jobs. Over the past year, Nevada businesses have added 39,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 42,700 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nevada businesses have added 146,000 jobs (an increase of 15.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: education and health services at 24.7 percent (24,700 jobs), professional and business services at 21.7 percent (29,000 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.6 percent (48,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nevada was 6.8 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.7 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 13.7 percent in November 2010.
- There were 96,900 Nevada residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nevada were \$22.05. The average workweek was 34.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$751.91.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nevada	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	39,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	146,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.8%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.5%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	13.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.2%	11.7%
	2013	20.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Nevada grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Nevada GDP growth has averaged 0.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Nevada increased by 10.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 67.7 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Nevada broke ground on 14,120 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,779 units. That marks an increase of 22.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Nevada, goods exports totaled \$780 million in July and \$8.0 billion over the past year, up 5.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 32.6 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 Nevada economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Nevada-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Nevada office: <http://www.nevadaworkforce.com/>

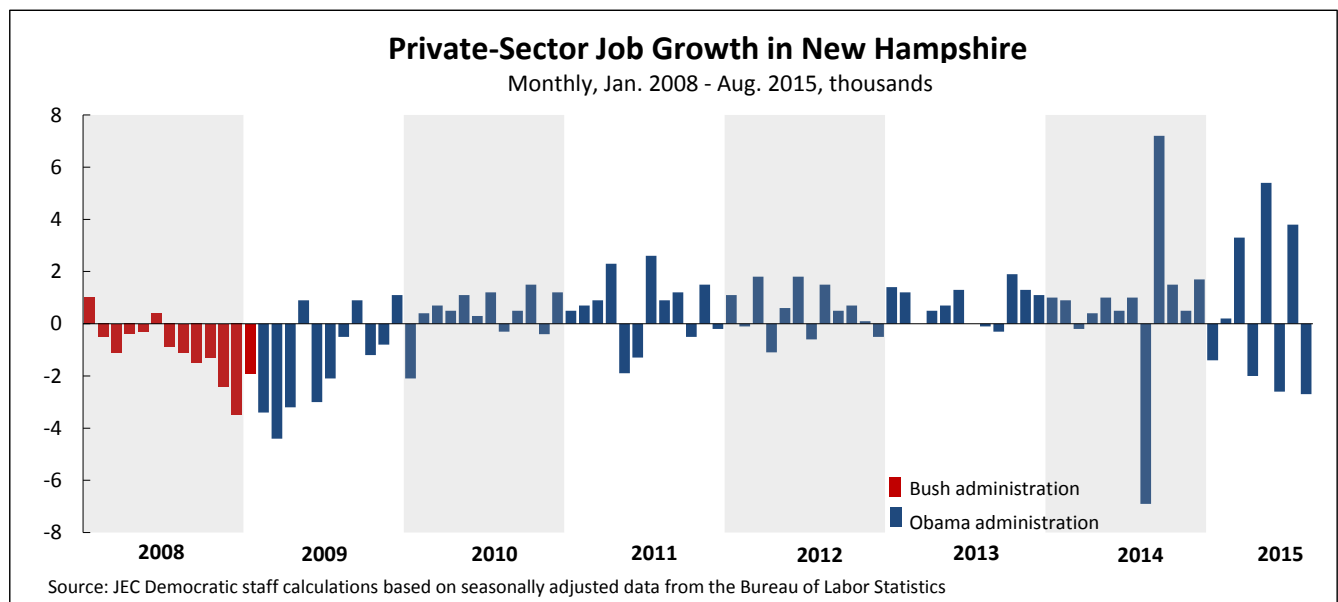


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW HAMPSHIRE

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in New Hampshire fell by 2,700 jobs. Over the past year, New Hampshire businesses have added 14,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 1,700 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Hampshire businesses have added 40,400 jobs (an increase of 7.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 17.9 percent (11,300 jobs), other services at 16.4 percent (3,700 jobs) and construction at 9.9 percent (2,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 3.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in July 2009.
- There were 26,800 New Hampshire residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Hampshire were \$24.42. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$835.16.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Hampshire	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	14,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	40,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.2%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$73,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$77,200	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	7.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	5.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	1.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.2%	11.7%
	2013	10.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Hampshire grew by 2.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Hampshire GDP growth has averaged 1.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Hampshire increased by 3.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in New Hampshire broke ground on 4,340 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,792 units. That marks a decrease of 1.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Hampshire, goods exports totaled \$301 million in July and \$4.0 billion over the past year, down 4.6 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 22.7 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 New Hampshire economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New Hampshire-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Hampshire office: <http://www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi/>

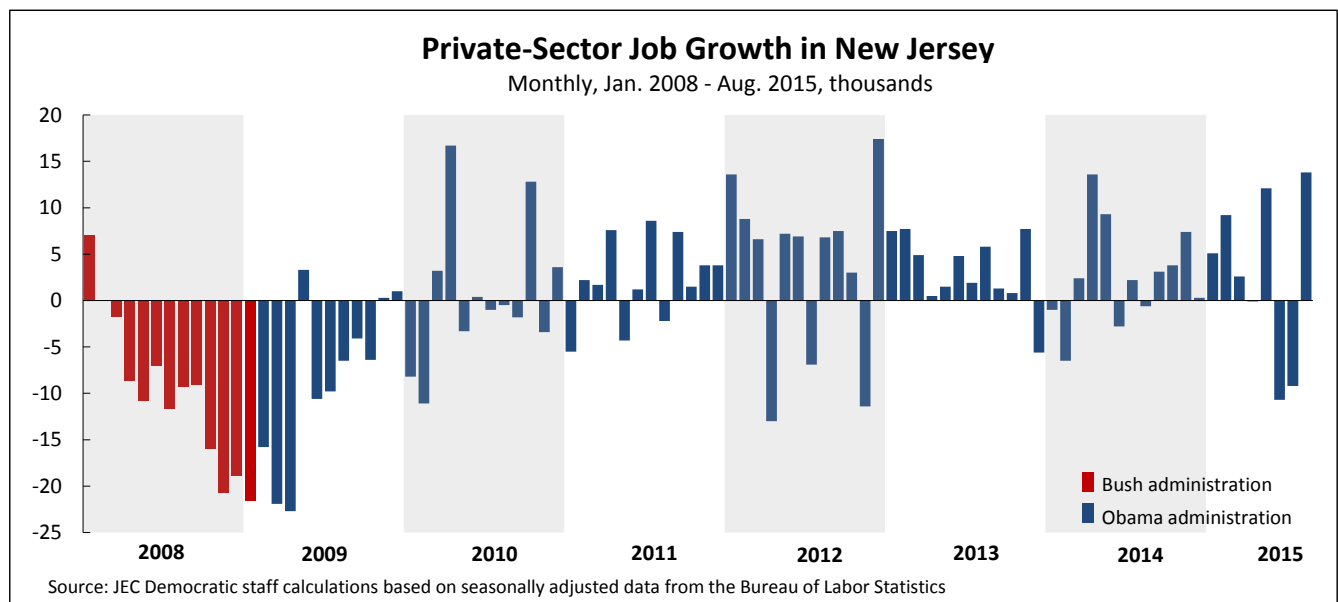


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW JERSEY

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in New Jersey grew by 13,800 jobs. Over the past year, New Jersey businesses have added 37,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 20,800 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Jersey businesses have added 191,800 jobs (an increase of 6.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 13.8 percent (18,000 jobs), other services at 10.4 percent (16,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 9.3 percent (30,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Jersey was 5.7 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 257,800 New Jersey residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Jersey were \$27.70. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$947.34.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Jersey	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	37,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	191,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$65,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$69,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.7%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	12.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.9%	11.7%
	2013	13.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Jersey grew by 0.4 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Jersey GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Jersey increased by 0.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 6.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In July 2015, builders in New Jersey broke ground on 34,140 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 25,638 units. That marks an increase of 6.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Jersey, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in July and \$33.7 billion over the past year, up 0.3 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 16.2 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 New Jersey economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New Jersey-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Jersey office:

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/LMI_index.html

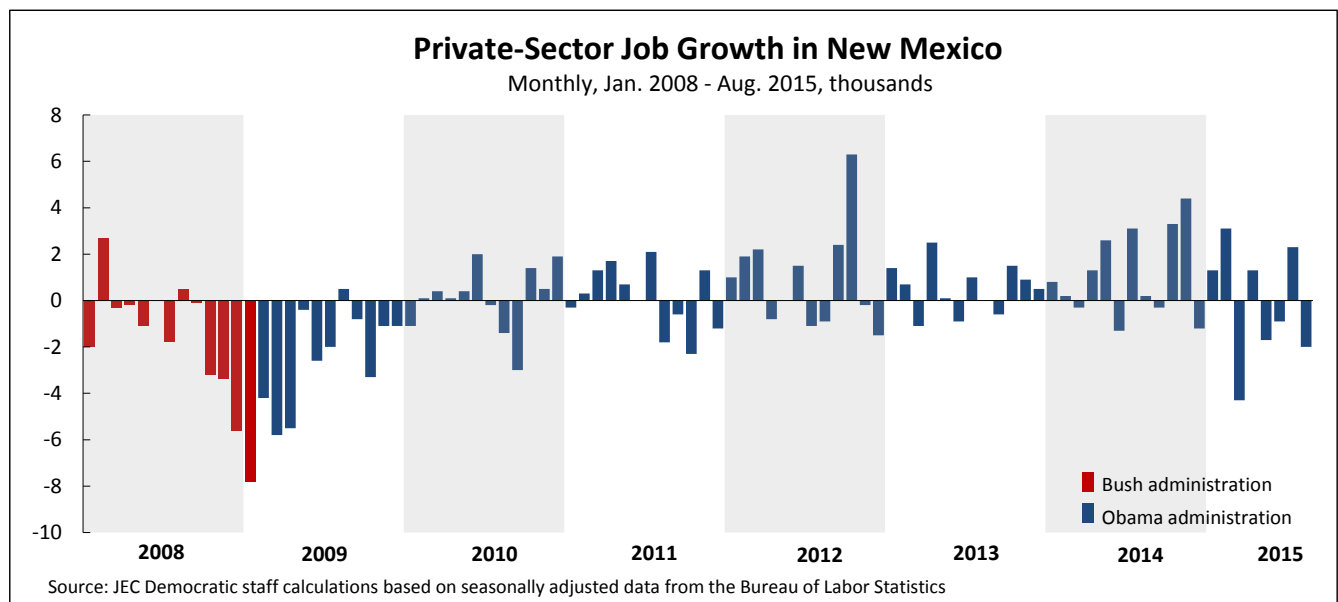


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW MEXICO

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in New Mexico fell by 2,000 jobs. Over the past year, New Mexico businesses have added 5,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,900 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Mexico businesses have added 32,000 jobs (an increase of 5.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 51.1 percent (9,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 13.1 percent (10,900 jobs) and education and health services at 10.2 percent (12,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Mexico was 6.7 percent in August 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.6 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2010.
- There were 61,800 New Mexico residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Mexico were \$20.33. The average workweek was 34.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$709.52.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Mexico	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	5,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	32,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$46,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$50,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	9.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	14.5%	11.7%
	2013	18.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New Mexico grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New Mexico GDP growth has averaged 0.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New Mexico increased by 2.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.9 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in New Mexico broke ground on 4,680 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,509 units. That marks a decrease of 0.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New Mexico, goods exports totaled \$364 million in July and \$3.9 billion over the past year, up 32.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 190.9 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 New Mexico economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New Mexico-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Mexico office:

<http://www.dws.state.nm.us/LaborMarketInformation/DataandStatistics/EconomicData>

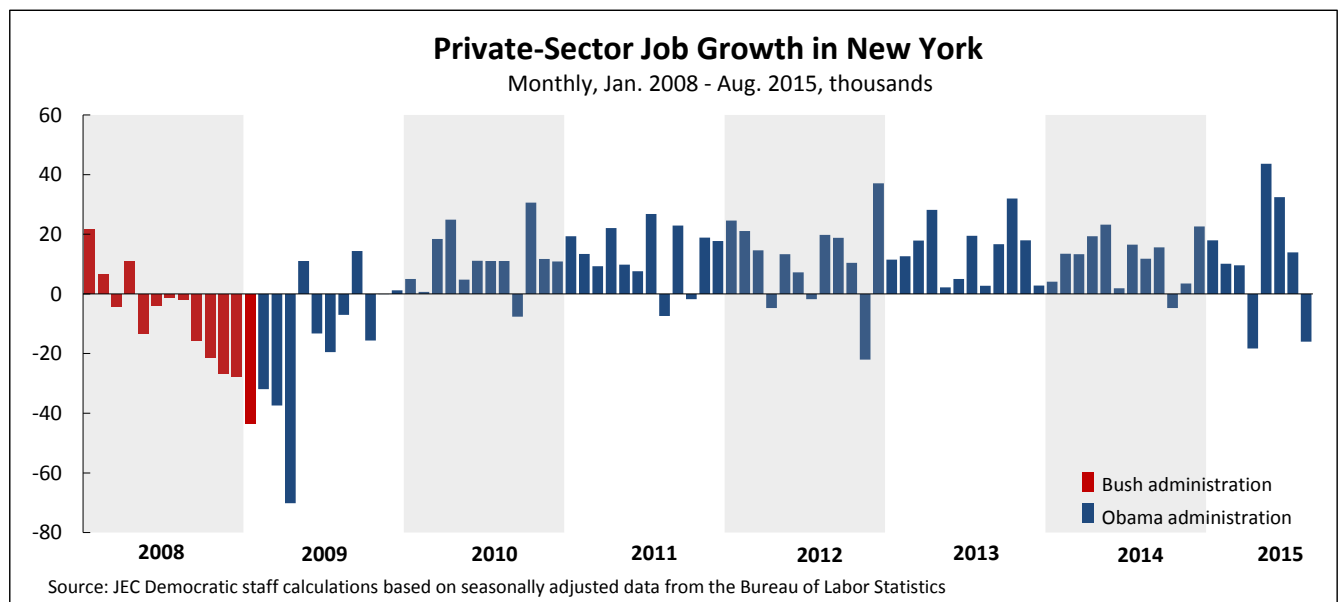


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW YORK

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in New York fell by 16,000 jobs. Over the past year, New York businesses have added 130,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 173,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New York businesses have added 826,800 jobs (an increase of 11.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 21.7 percent (156,500 jobs), professional and business services at 16.1 percent (175,400 jobs) and construction at 15.6 percent (47,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New York was 5.2 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.1 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in December 2009.
- There were 501,800 New York residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New York were \$28.73. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$982.57.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New York	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	130,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	826,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.2%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.0%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$54,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.7%	11.7%
	2013	10.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in New York grew by 2.5 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual New York GDP growth has averaged 2.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in New York increased by 2.3 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.7 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in New York broke ground on 56,930 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 53,767 units. That marks an increase of 56.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In New York, goods exports totaled \$6.3 billion in July and \$83.3 billion over the past year, up 10.4 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 36.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the New York economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional New York-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New York office: <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/stats/index.shtml>

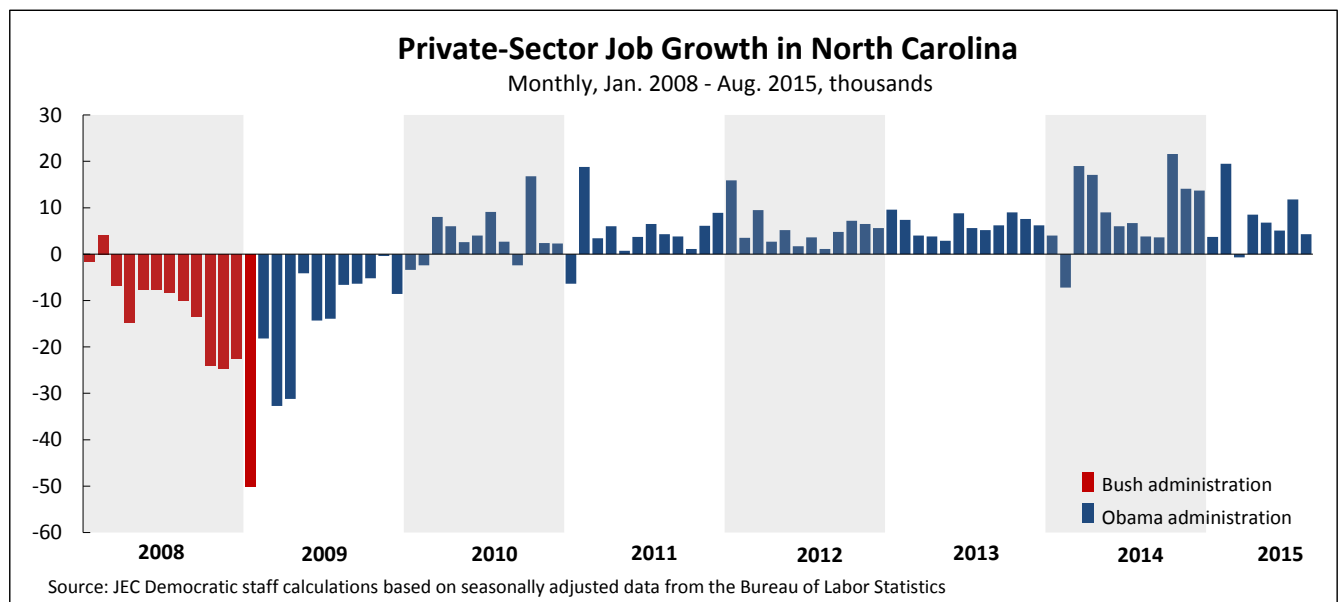


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH CAROLINA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in North Carolina grew by 4,300 jobs. Over the past year, North Carolina businesses have added 112,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 87,400 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Carolina businesses have added 422,400 jobs (an increase of 13.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 26.4 percent (124,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.7 percent (72,400 jobs) and other services at 13.6 percent (18,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Carolina was 5.9 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.8 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in March 2010.
- There were 281,300 North Carolina residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Carolina were \$22.51. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$790.10.
- 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 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Carolina	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	112,000	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	422,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.9%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.0%	6.1%
	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 July 2015, builders in North Carolina broke ground on 57,630 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 51,358 units. That marks an increase of 7.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In North Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.6 billion in July and \$30.5 billion over the past year, up 8.7 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.5 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 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>

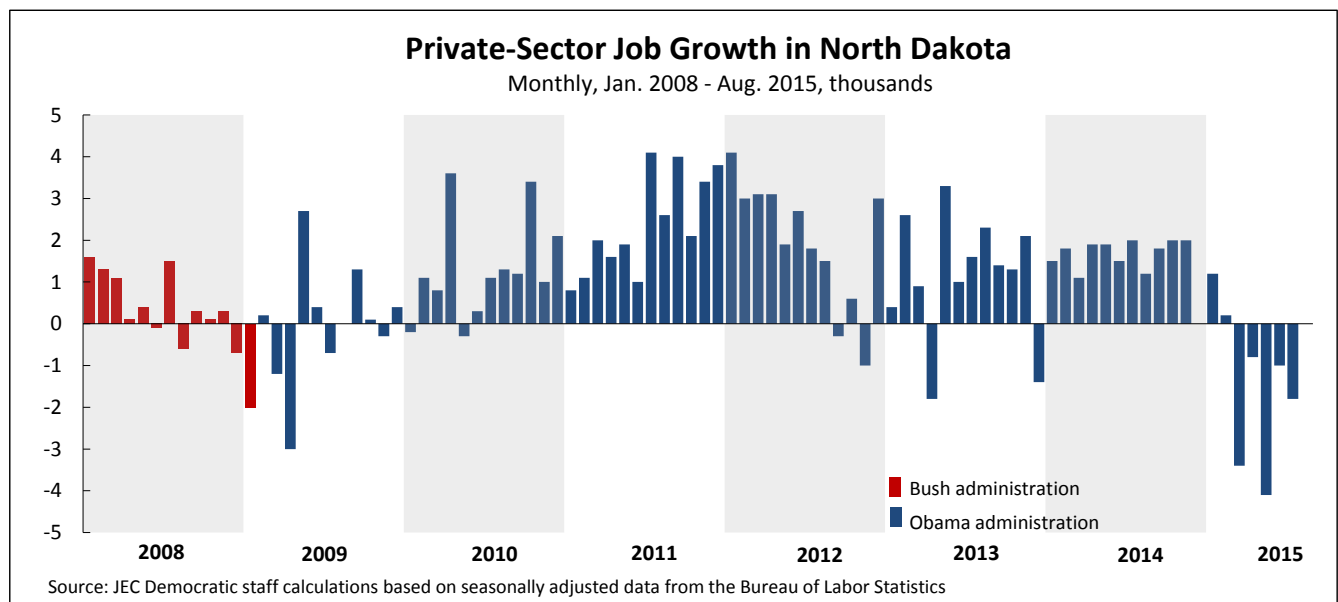


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH DAKOTA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in North Dakota was unchanged. Over the past year, businesses have shed 3,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 16,300 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Dakota businesses have added 89,100 jobs (an increase of 30.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 209.4 percent (17,800 jobs), construction at 68.1 percent (14,500 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 33.8 percent (26,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Dakota was 2.9 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 2.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.3 percent in May 2009.
- There were 11,800 North Dakota residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Dakota were \$25.55. The average workweek was 36.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$919.80.
- 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 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Dakota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-3,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	89,100	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	2.9%	5.1%
	August 2014	2.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	1.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.9%	11.7%
	2013	10.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in North Dakota grew by 6.3 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual North Dakota GDP growth has averaged 8.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in North Dakota increased by 6.2 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are now 44.6 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In July 2015, builders in North Dakota broke ground on 10,600 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,238 units. That marks a decrease of 21.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In North Dakota, goods exports totaled \$312 million in July and \$4.7 billion over the past year, up 13.3 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 102.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

<https://www.ndworkforceintelligence.com/analyzer/default.asp>

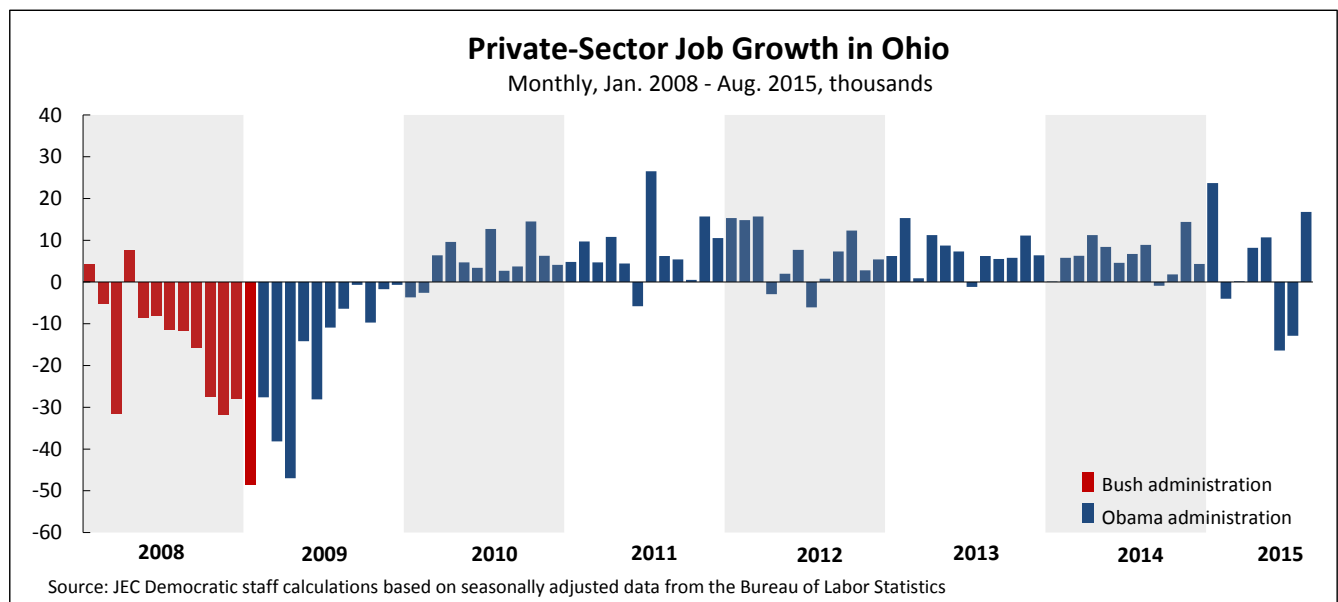


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OHIO

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Ohio grew by 16,800 jobs. Over the past year, Ohio businesses have added 45,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 80,800 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Ohio businesses have added 417,900 jobs (an increase of 9.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 27.9 percent (3,100 jobs), professional and business services at 16.0 percent (98,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 14.8 percent (69,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Ohio was 4.7 percent in August 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.4 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.0 percent in January 2010.
- There were 265,200 Ohio residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Ohio were \$22.83. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$787.64.
- 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 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Ohio	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	45,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	417,900	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$49,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	15.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.4%	11.7%
	2013	11.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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

HOUSING

- Home prices in Ohio increased by 3.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.7 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Ohio broke ground on 19,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,717 units. That marks a decrease of 6.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Ohio, goods exports totaled \$4.0 billion in July and \$50.7 billion over the past year, up 6.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 39.9 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 Ohio economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Ohio-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Ohio office: <http://lmi.state.oh.us/data.htm>

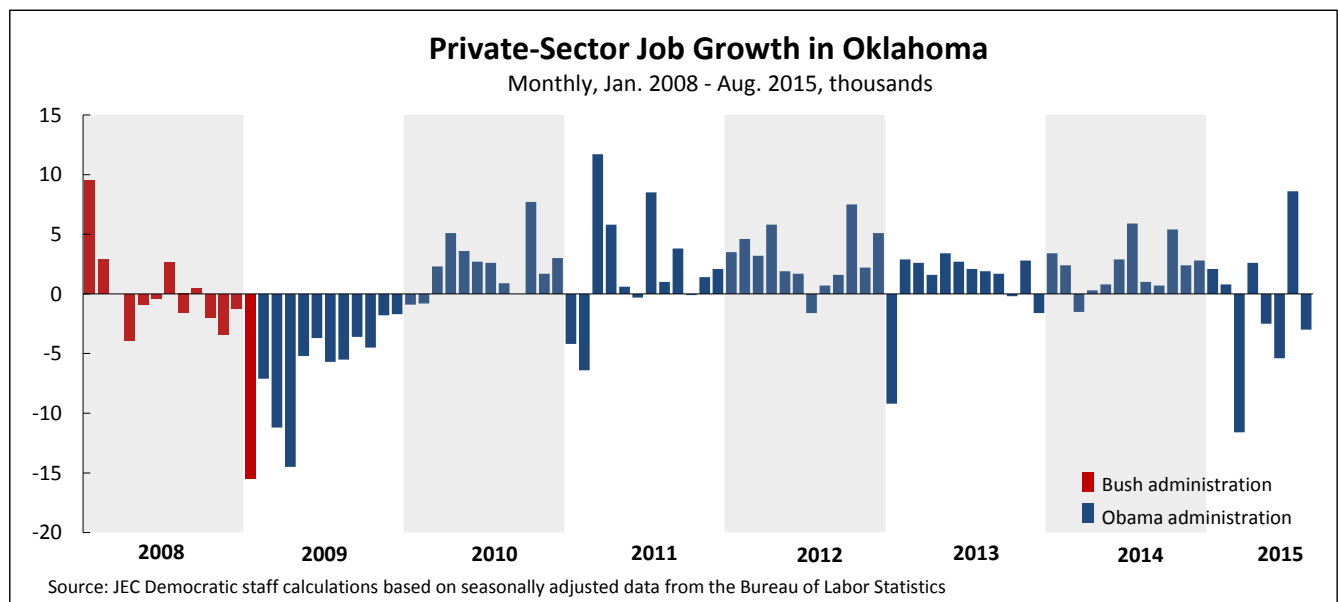


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OKLAHOMA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Oklahoma fell by 3,000 jobs. Over the past year, Oklahoma businesses have added 2,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 17,900 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oklahoma businesses have added 118,500 jobs (an increase of 9.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 31.2 percent (12,800 jobs), construction at 23.9 percent (15,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.0 percent (20,700 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oklahoma was 4.6 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 2.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.1 percent in March 2010.
- There were 83,900 Oklahoma residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oklahoma were \$21.75. The average workweek was 35.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$767.78.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Oklahoma	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	2,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	118,500	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$47,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.0%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	15.4%	11.7%
	2013	17.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Oklahoma grew by 2.8 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Oklahoma GDP growth has averaged 2.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Oklahoma increased by 6.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 19.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Oklahoma broke ground on 14,010 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 12,242 units. That marks a decrease of 6.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Oklahoma, goods exports totaled \$411 million in July and \$5.6 billion over the past year, down 9.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 19.4 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 Oklahoma economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/Services/Find_Labor_Market_Statistics/



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OREGON

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Oregon grew by 2,800 jobs. Over the past year, Oregon businesses have added 52,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 39,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oregon businesses have added 188,400 jobs (an increase of 14.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 25.0 percent (46,300 jobs), construction at 20.4 percent (13,900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 17.7 percent (28,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oregon was 6.1 percent in August 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.0 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in May 2009.
- There were 117,400 Oregon residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oregon were \$23.36. The average workweek was 35.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$817.60.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Oregon	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	52,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	188,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.9%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$57,400	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	14.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.7%	11.7%
	2013	14.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Oregon grew by 3.6 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Oregon GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Oregon increased by 8.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 35.0 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Oregon broke ground on 16,390 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,528 units. That marks an increase of 2.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Oregon, goods exports totaled \$1.6 billion in July and \$20.5 billion over the past year, up 9.5 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 29.1 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 Oregon economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Oregon-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Oregon office: <http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/OlmisZine>

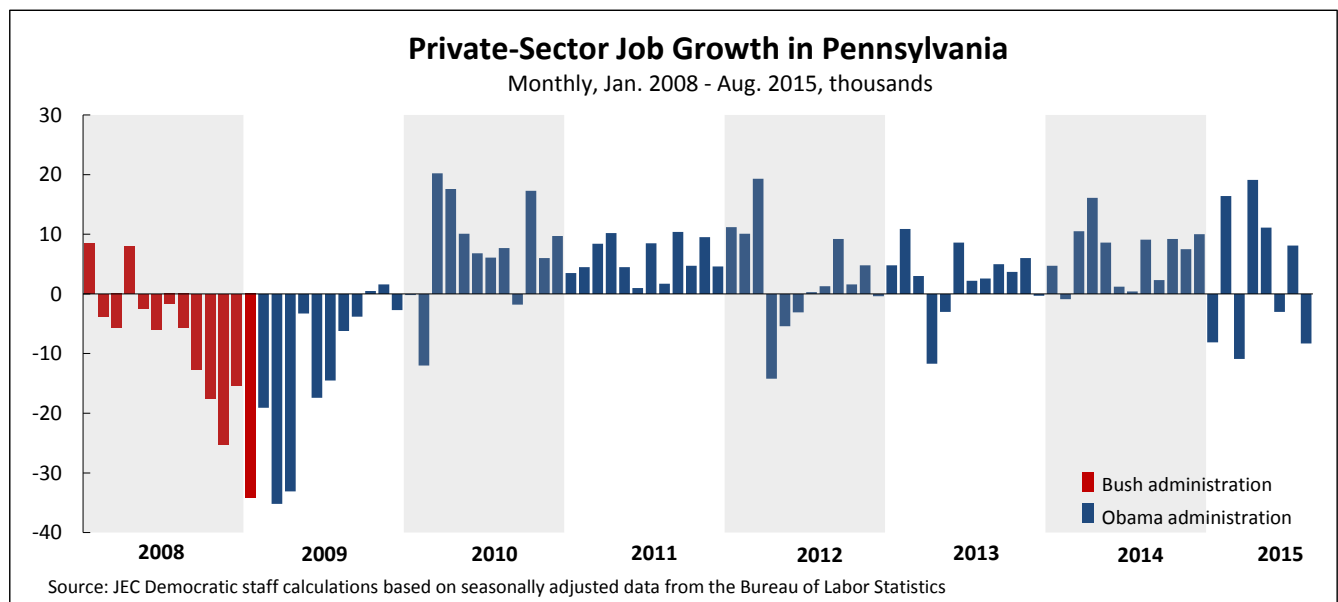


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: PENNSYLVANIA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Pennsylvania fell by 8,300 jobs. Over the past year, Pennsylvania businesses have added 53,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 64,100 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Pennsylvania businesses have added 340,800 jobs (an increase of 7.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 51.1 percent (12,000 jobs), construction at 14.4 percent (30,400 jobs) and professional and business services at 12.8 percent (86,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was 5.4 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in April 2010.
- There were 344,000 Pennsylvania residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Pennsylvania were \$24.22. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$830.75.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Pennsylvania	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	53,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	340,800	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.4%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$55,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.5%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	7.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.5%	11.7%
	2013	9.7%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Pennsylvania grew by 1.8 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Pennsylvania GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Pennsylvania increased by 2.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 9.5 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Pennsylvania broke ground on 28,690 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 19,717 units. That marks a decrease of 6.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Pennsylvania, goods exports totaled \$3.4 billion in July and \$39.9 billion over the past year, up 6.3 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 32.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

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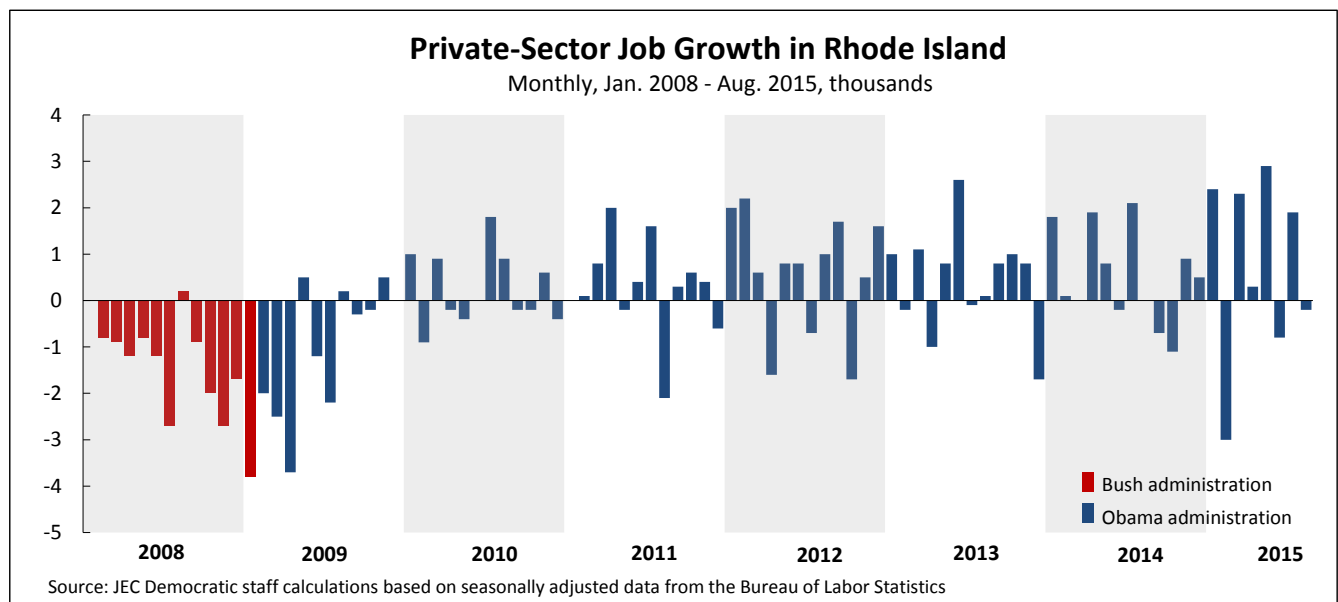


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: RHODE ISLAND

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Rhode Island fell by 200 jobs. Over the past year, Rhode Island businesses have added 5,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,400 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Rhode Island businesses have added 30,400 jobs (an increase of 7.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 22.9 percent (12,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 14.5 percent (7,100 jobs) and financial activities at 8.5 percent (2,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 5.6 percent in August 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.5 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.8 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in August 2009.
- There were 31,600 Rhode Island residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Rhode Island were \$24.26. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$812.71.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 1.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Rhode Island	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	5,400	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	30,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	7.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,900	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	11.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.4%	11.7%
	2013	11.6%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- ❑ Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Rhode Island grew by 1.2 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- ❑ Since 2009, annual Rhode Island GDP growth has averaged 1.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- ❑ Home prices in Rhode Island increased by 3.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.3 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2013.
- ❑ In July 2015, builders in Rhode Island broke ground on 1,180 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 805 units. That marks a decrease of 6.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- ❑ In Rhode Island, goods exports totaled \$181 million in July and \$2.3 billion over the past year, up 8.5 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 43.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Rhode Island economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Rhode Island-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Rhode Island office:

<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/lfrelease.htm>

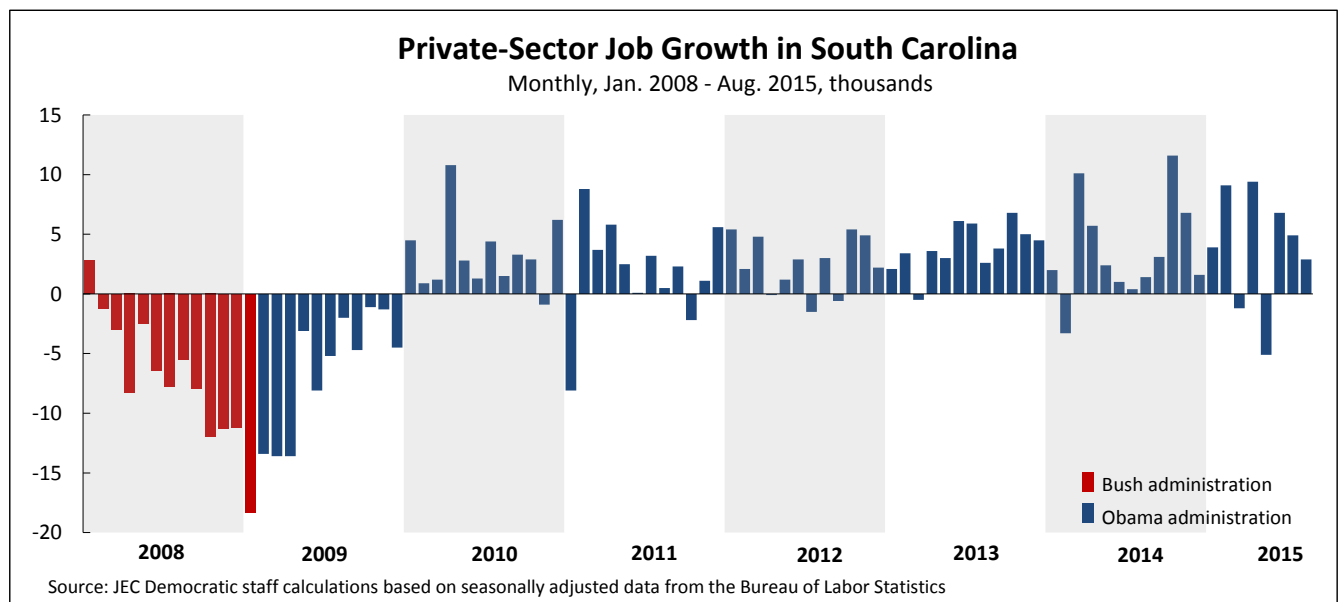


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH CAROLINA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in South Carolina grew by 2,900 jobs. Over the past year, South Carolina businesses have added 53,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 39,800 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Carolina businesses have added 206,300 jobs (an increase of 14.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 29.4 percent (60,600 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 16.1 percent (33,200 jobs) and construction at 13.7 percent (10,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Carolina was 6.0 percent in August 2015, down 0.4 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.9 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.7 percent in January 2010.
- There were 135,300 South Carolina residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Carolina were \$21.24. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$745.52.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Carolina	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	53,800	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	206,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	6.0%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.5%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.7%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$44,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$50,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.5%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.1%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	13.6%	11.7%
	2013	15.8%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in South Carolina grew by 2.2 percent in 2014, matching the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual South Carolina GDP growth has averaged 1.6 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in South Carolina increased by 8.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 21.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in South Carolina broke ground on 33,470 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,693 units. That marks an increase of 13.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In South Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in July and \$29.8 billion over the past year, up 13.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 69.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the South Carolina economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional South Carolina-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the South Carolina office: <http://dew.sc.gov/about-lmi.asp>

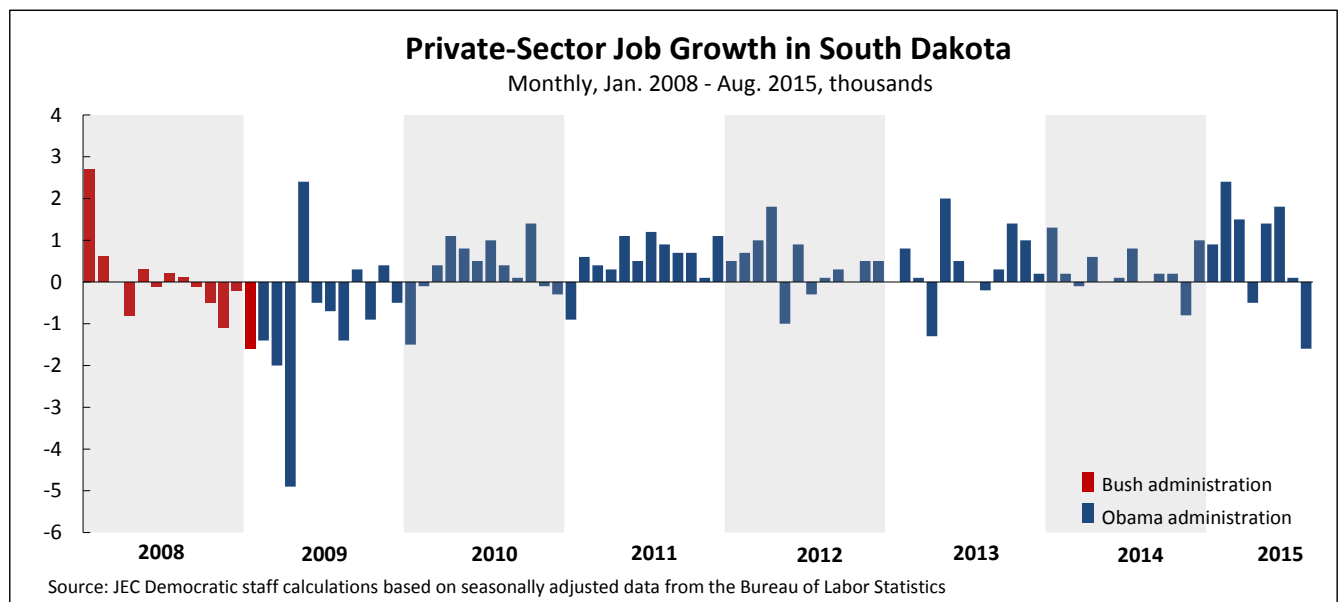


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH DAKOTA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in South Dakota fell by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, South Dakota businesses have added 6,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 5,800 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Dakota businesses have added 31,300 jobs (an increase of 9.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 22.0 percent (8,000 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 12.9 percent (2,600 jobs) and professional and business services at 12.3 percent (3,300 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was 3.7 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 5.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 16,600 South Dakota residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Dakota were \$20.78. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$723.14.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.0 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Dakota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,600	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	31,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	3.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	5.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.8%	11.7%
	2013	11.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in South Dakota grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual South Dakota GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in South Dakota increased by 2.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are now 14.8 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In July 2015, builders in South Dakota broke ground on 6,860 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,428 units. That marks a decrease of 9.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In South Dakota, goods exports totaled \$131 million in July and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 2.1 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the South Dakota economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional South Dakota-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the South Dakota office:

http://dol.sd.gov/lmic/menu_labor_force.aspx

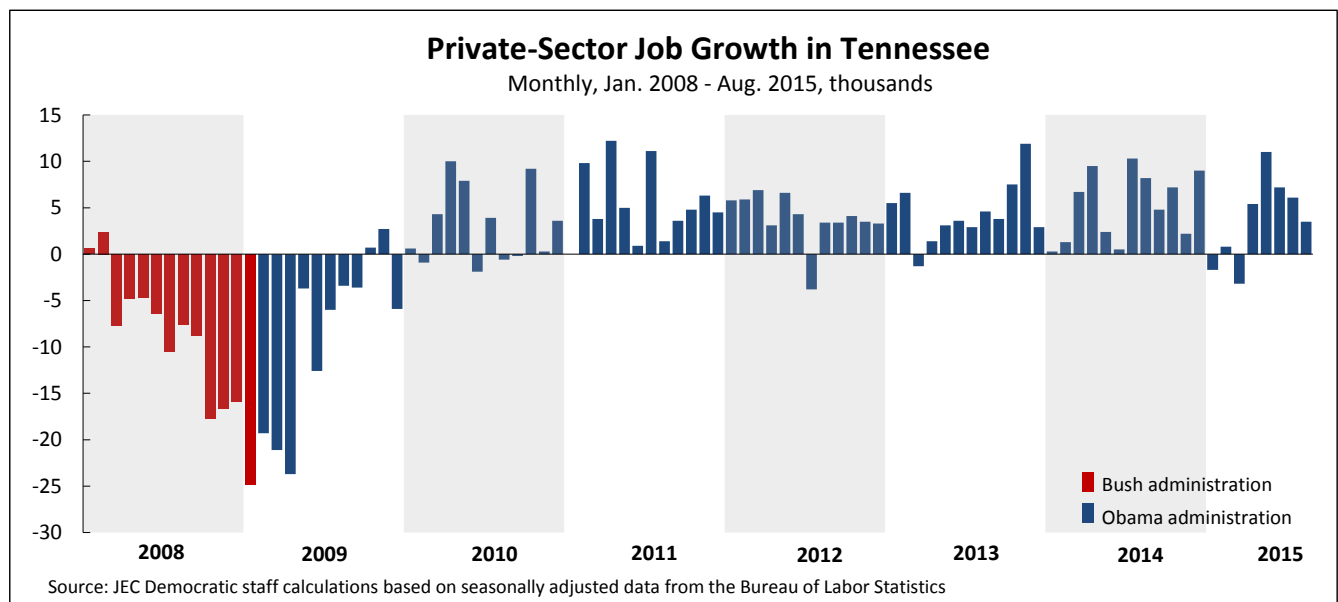


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TENNESSEE

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Tennessee grew by 3,500 jobs. Over the past year, Tennessee businesses have added 52,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 65,300 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Tennessee businesses have added 290,400 jobs (an increase of 13.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 28.6 percent (85,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 19.3 percent (50,300 jobs) and manufacturing at 11.9 percent (35,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 5.7 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 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 173,700 Tennessee residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Tennessee were \$20.87. The average workweek was 35.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$745.06.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Tennessee	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	52,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	290,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$43,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	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 5.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 21.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Tennessee broke ground on 29,990 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,408 units. That marks an increase of 22.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Tennessee, goods exports totaled \$2.6 billion in July and \$31.9 billion over the past year, up 2.3 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 46.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

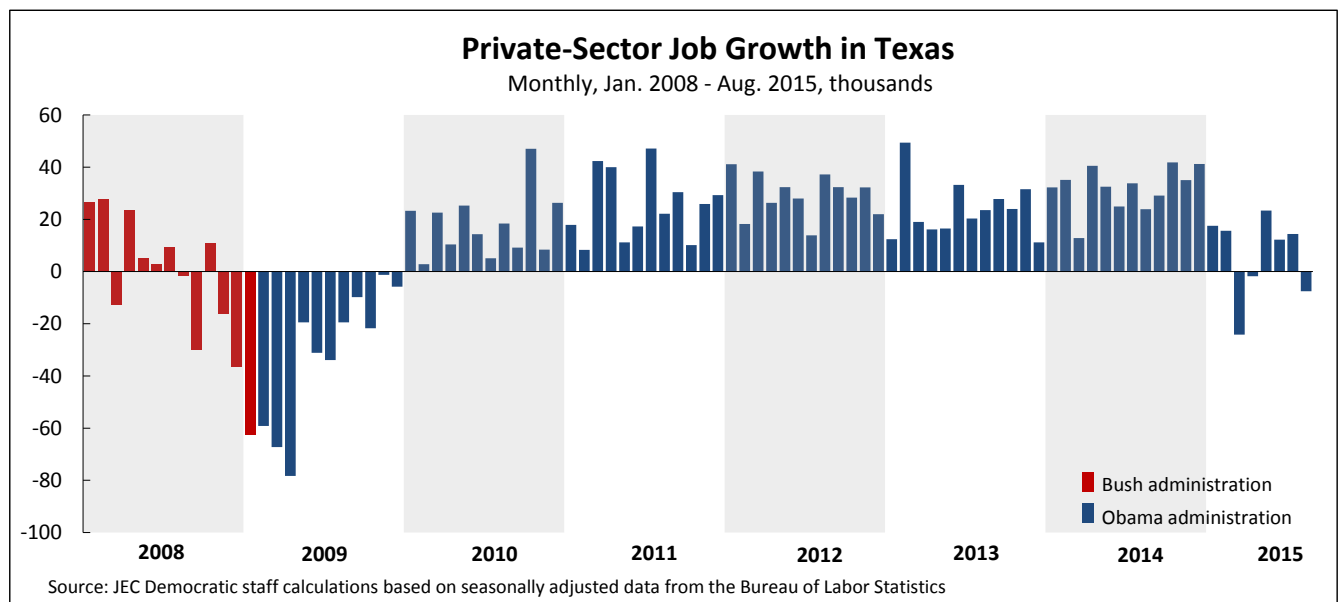


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TEXAS

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Texas fell by 7,500 jobs. Over the past year, Texas businesses have added 196,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 330,200 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Texas businesses have added 1,556,300 jobs (an increase of 18.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 49.5 percent (95,700 jobs), professional and business services at 26.4 percent (331,700 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 26.4 percent (263,000 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Texas was 4.1 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.0 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in October 2009.
- There were 538,000 Texas residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Texas were \$24.54. The average workweek was 36.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$903.07.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Texas	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	196,700	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,556,300	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.1%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.9%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$53,900	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	16.4%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.5%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.2%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	19.1%	11.7%
	2013	22.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Texas grew by 5.2 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Texas GDP growth has averaged 4.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Texas increased by 8.1 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 29.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Texas broke ground on 181,470 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 162,693 units. That marks an increase of 5.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Texas, goods exports totaled \$22.2 billion in July and \$263.1 billion over the past year, down 4.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 51.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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*** For additional Texas-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Texas office: <http://www.tracer2.com/?PAGEID=133>

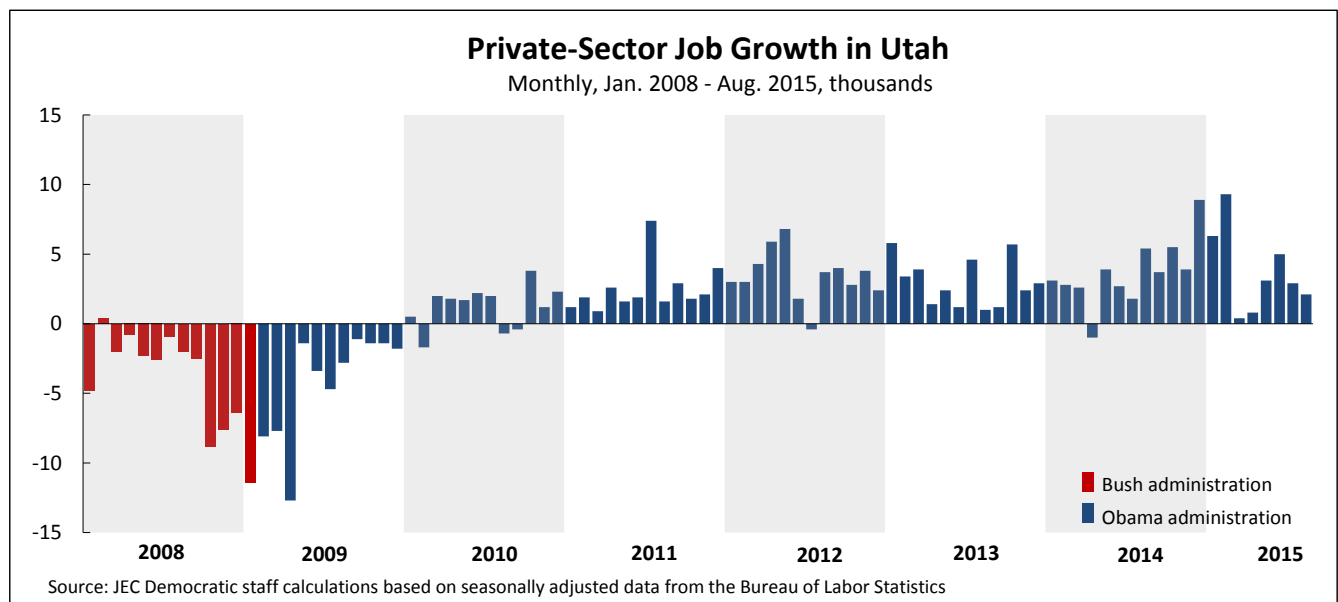


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: UTAH

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Utah grew by 2,100 jobs. Over the past year, Utah businesses have added 51,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 33,500 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Utah businesses have added 196,000 jobs (an increase of 20.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 30.7 percent (45,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 28.9 percent (31,700 jobs) and construction at 25.0 percent (16,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Utah was 3.7 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment held constant from one year earlier and is 4.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in May 2010.
- There were 53,600 Utah residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Utah were \$24.30. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$860.22.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Utah	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	51,900	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	196,000	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	3.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$63,400	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.8%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.5%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Utah grew by 3.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Utah GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Utah increased by 5.4 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 31.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Utah broke ground on 24,050 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 18,020 units. That marks an increase of 13.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Utah, goods exports totaled \$1.2 billion in July and \$13.4 billion over the past year, up 13.5 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 22.2 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 Utah economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Utah-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Utah office: <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/pubs/une/>

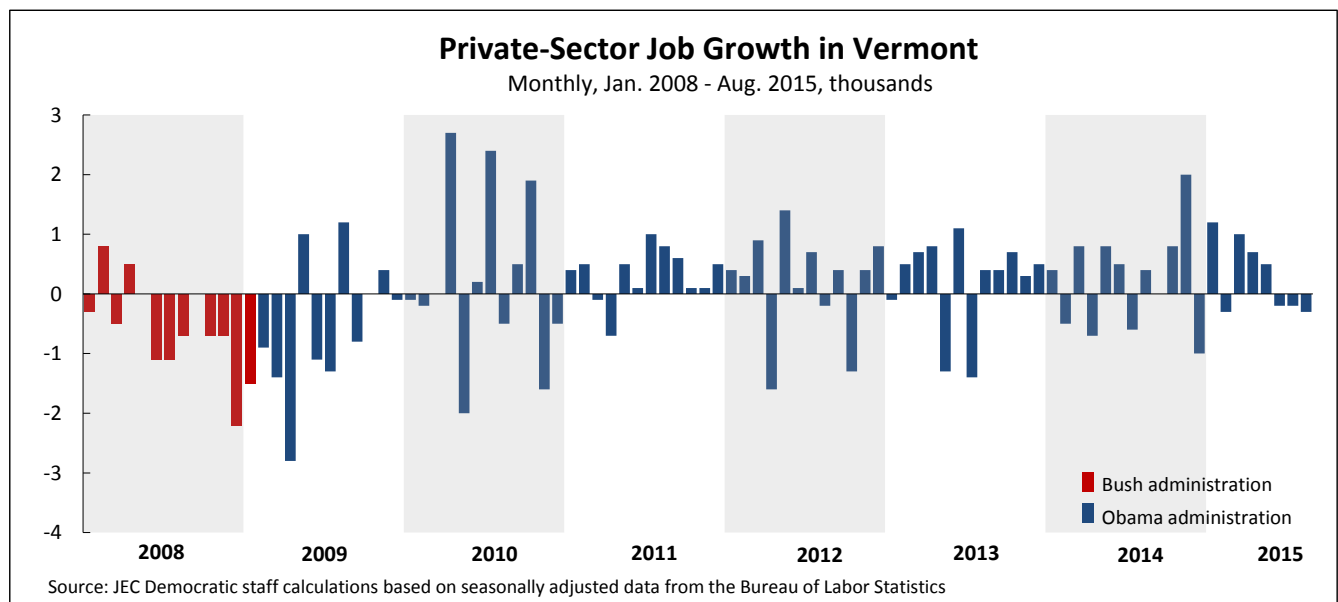


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VERMONT

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Vermont fell by 300 jobs. Over the past year, Vermont businesses have added 4,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Vermont businesses have added 17,100 jobs (an increase of 7.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.4 percent (4,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 12.4 percent (4,000 jobs) and other services at 11.1 percent (1,100 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 3.6 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.0 percent in May 2009.
- There were 12,500 Vermont residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Vermont were \$23.93. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$806.44.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Vermont	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	4,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	17,100	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	3.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.1%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$60,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	5.0%	11.7%
	2013	7.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Vermont grew by 0.6 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Vermont GDP growth has averaged 1.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Vermont increased by 0.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Vermont broke ground on 2,940 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,482 units. That marks an increase of 14.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Vermont, goods exports totaled \$253 million in July and \$3.4 billion over the past year, down 3.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 0.9 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 Vermont economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Vermont-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Vermont office: <http://www.vtmi.info/>

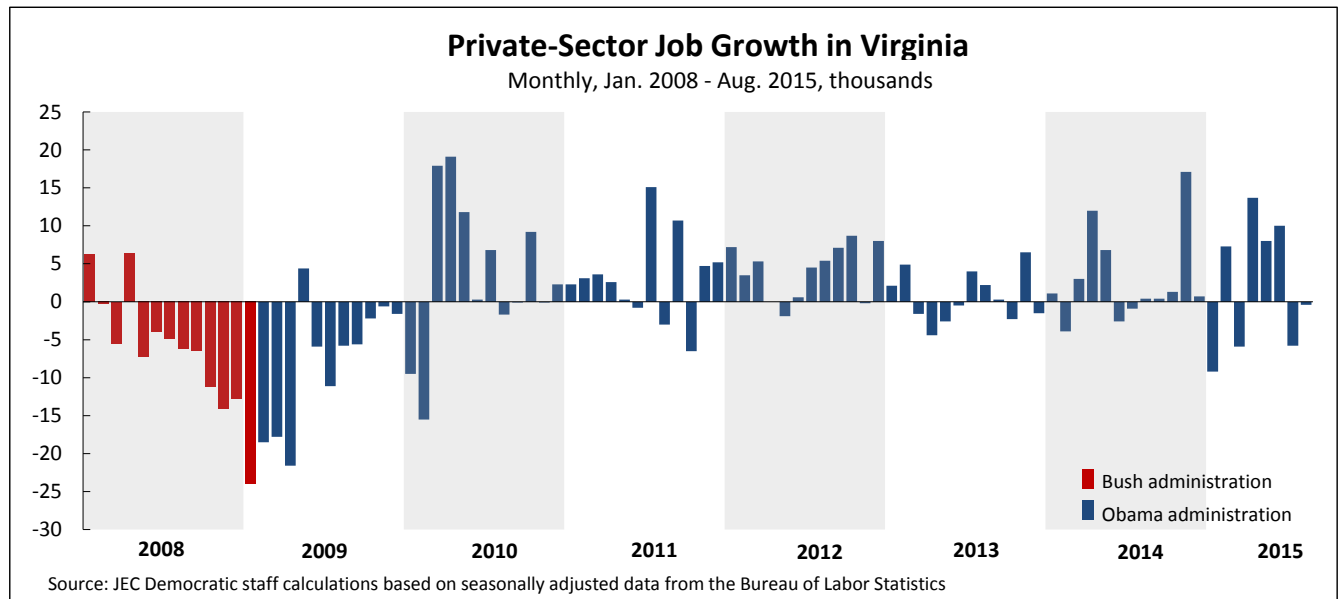


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VIRGINIA

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

- In August, private-sector employment in Virginia fell by 400 jobs. Over the past year, Virginia businesses have added 37,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 18,900 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Virginia businesses have added 211,200 jobs (an increase of 7.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 12.3 percent (41,000 jobs), education and health services at 11.6 percent (52,800 jobs) and financial activities at 10.4 percent (18,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Virginia was 4.5 percent in August 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in February 2010.
- There were 192,400 Virginia residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Virginia were \$26.42. The average workweek was 35.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$940.55.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Virginia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	37,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	211,200	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.5%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.0%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$66,200	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$67,600	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.2%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.6%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.6%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	10.9%	11.7%
	2013	12.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Virginia increased slightly (by less than 0.1 percent) in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Virginia GDP growth has averaged 0.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Virginia increased by 1.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 12.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Virginia broke ground on 39,840 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,961 units. That marks an increase of 7.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Virginia, goods exports totaled \$1.5 billion in July and \$18.3 billion over the past year, up 2.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 14.2 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 Virginia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Virginia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Virginia office: <http://www.vawc.virginia.gov/analyzer/default.asp>

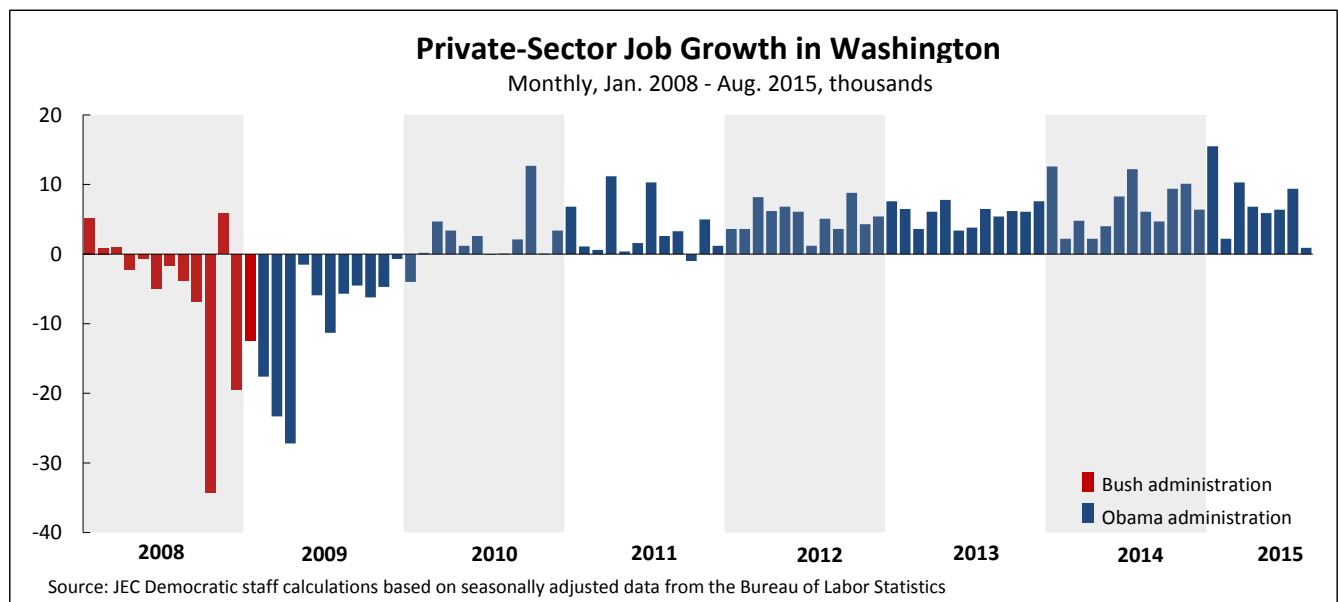


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WASHINGTON

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Washington grew by 900 jobs. Over the past year, Washington businesses have added 88,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 77,700 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Washington businesses have added 347,200 jobs (an increase of 15.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 23.1 percent (74,100 jobs), construction at 20.3 percent (29,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.4 percent (40,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Washington was 5.3 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.4 percent in January 2010.
- There were 186,000 Washington residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Washington were \$29.48. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1043.59.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Washington	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	88,000	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	347,200	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.3%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.2%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.4%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$59,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,300	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	12.0%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.2%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	6.4%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	9.2%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Washington grew by 3.0 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Washington GDP growth has averaged 2.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Washington increased by 8.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 31.6 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Washington broke ground on 34,190 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 37,478 units. That marks an increase of 22.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Washington, goods exports totaled \$6.0 billion in July and \$87.0 billion over the past year, up 5.5 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 58.2 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 Washington economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Washington-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Washington office: <http://www.workforceexplorer.com/>

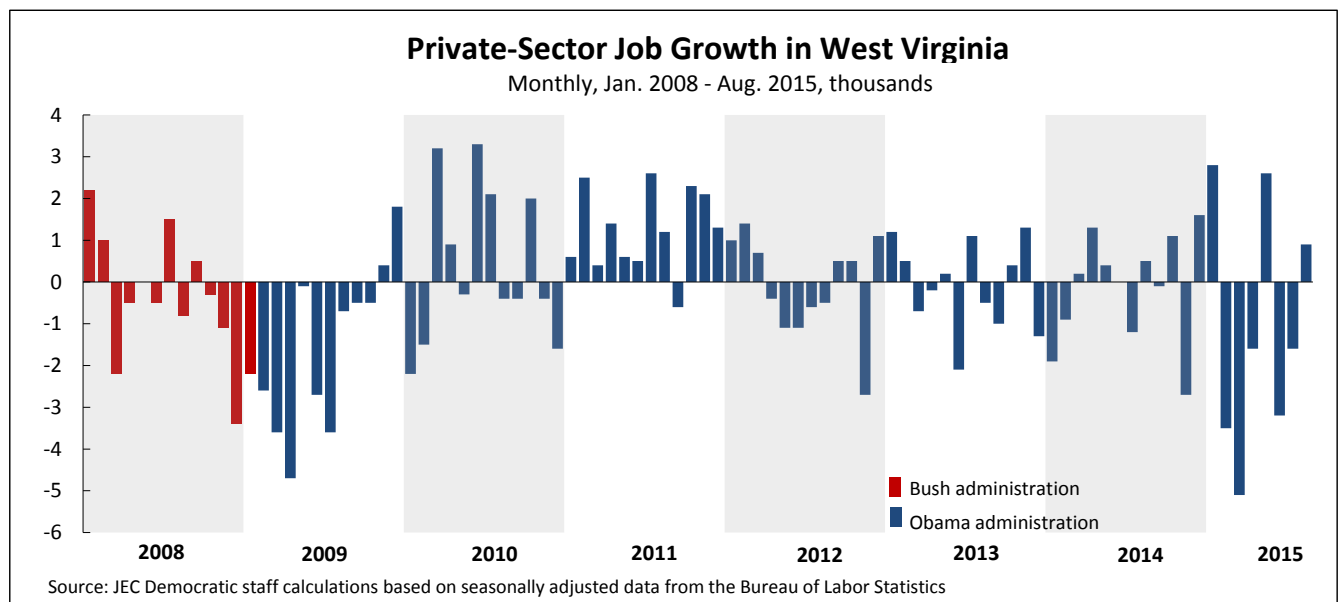


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WEST VIRGINIA

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in West Virginia grew by 900 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 8,800 jobs. This compares with a decrease of 2,200 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, West Virginia businesses have added 10,600 jobs (an increase of 1.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 11.8 percent (7,100 jobs), education and health services at 7.1 percent (8,500 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 1.2 percent (1,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in West Virginia was 7.6 percent in August 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 2.5 percentage points above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is up 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier but remains 1.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in November 2010.
- There were 59,800 West Virginia residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in West Virginia were \$20.81. The average workweek was 35.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$732.51.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		West Virginia	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-8,800	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	10,600	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	7.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$39,600	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,100	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	20.6%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.9%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	11.1%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	8.6%	11.7%
	2013	14.0%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in West Virginia grew by 5.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual West Virginia GDP growth has averaged 1.5 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in West Virginia increased by 2.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 14.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in West Virginia broke ground on 4,620 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,725 units. That marks an increase of 43.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In West Virginia, goods exports totaled \$413 million in July and \$6.3 billion over the past year, down 16.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.2 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 West Virginia economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional West Virginia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the West Virginia office: <http://www.workforcewv.org/lmi/>

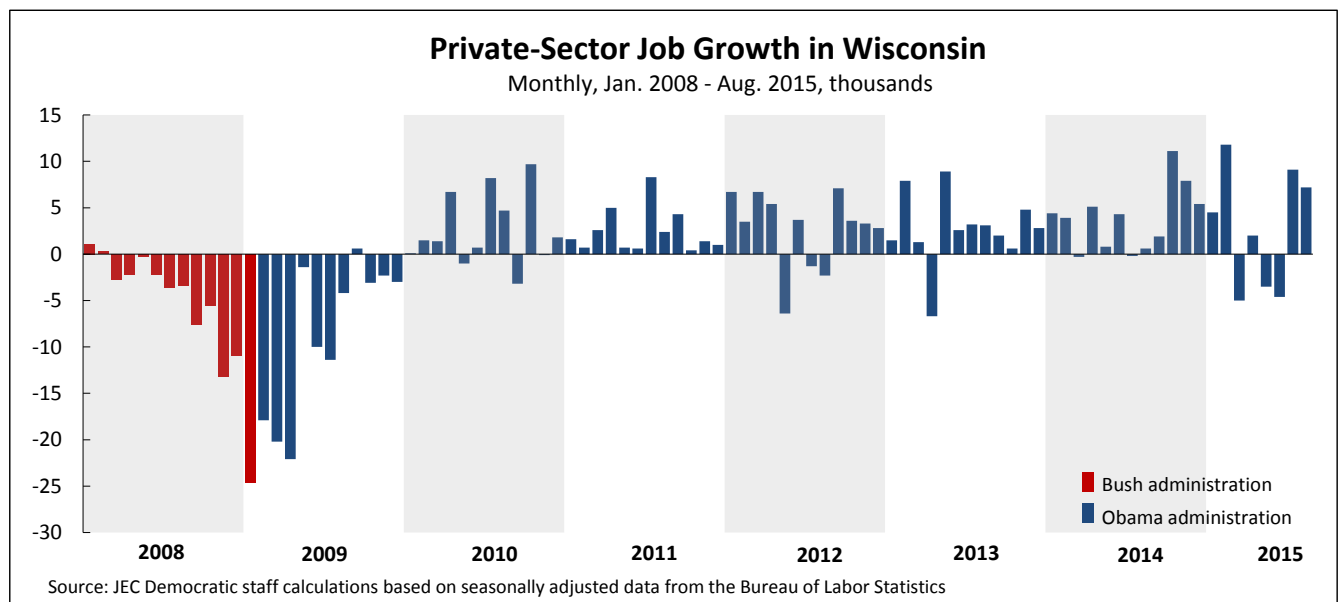


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WISCONSIN

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

- In August, private-sector employment in Wisconsin grew by 7,200 jobs. Over the past year, Wisconsin businesses have added 47,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 28,800 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wisconsin businesses have added 189,100 jobs (an increase of 8.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 37.9 percent (1,100 jobs), professional and business services at 18.0 percent (47,900 jobs) and construction at 11.4 percent (10,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin was 4.5 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 137,400 Wisconsin residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wisconsin were \$23.30. The average workweek was 34.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$794.53.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wisconsin	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	47,800	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	189,100	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.5%	5.1%
	August 2014	5.3%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$58,100	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$58,500	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	10.9%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.0%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.1%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.5%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	7.3%	11.7%
	2013	9.1%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Wisconsin grew by 1.0 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Wisconsin GDP growth has averaged 1.8 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Wisconsin increased by 4.0 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 11.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Wisconsin broke ground on 21,150 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,972 units. That marks an increase of 3.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Wisconsin, goods exports totaled \$1.9 billion in July and \$22.6 billion over the past year, up 4.2 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 27.3 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 Wisconsin economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

<http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet/whatsnew.aspx>

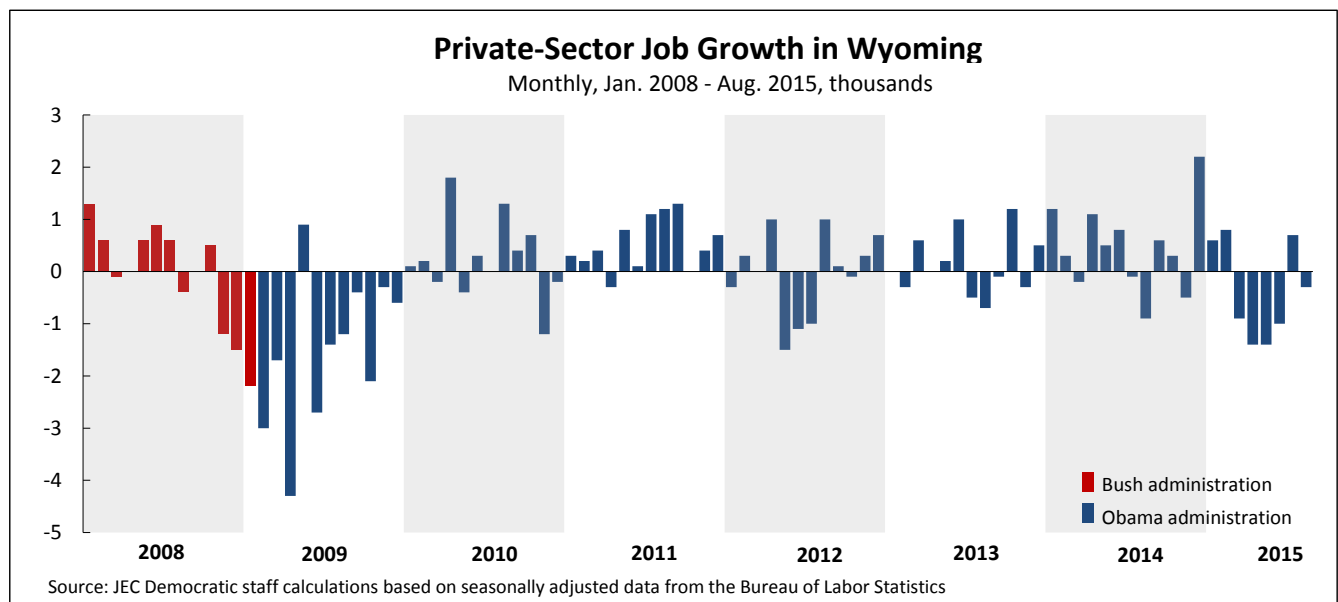


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WYOMING

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JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Wyoming fell by 300 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wyoming businesses have added 12,100 jobs (an increase of 5.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.2 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 15.1 percent (1,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 14.9 percent (4,800 jobs) and professional and business services at 10.7 percent (1,800 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wyoming was 4.0 percent in August 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from July. The rate was 1.1 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 12,600 Wyoming residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wyoming were \$22.95. The average workweek was 36.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$830.79.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wyoming	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	12,100	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	4.0%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.4%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$55,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	2013	13.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Wyoming grew by 5.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Wyoming GDP growth has averaged -0.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Wyoming increased by 2.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.3 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2010.
- In July 2015, builders in Wyoming broke ground on 2,300 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,650 units. That marks a decrease of 6.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Wyoming, goods exports totaled \$102 million in July and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 3.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 48.1 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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** A list of sources used to compile the Wyoming economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Wyoming-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Wyoming office: <http://wydoe.state.wy.us/lmi/bls.htm>

Veterans' Unemployment Rates by State 2014 Annual Averages

	All Veterans			Post-9/11 Veterans		
	Number in Labor Force	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Number in Labor Force	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
United States	10,744,000	573,000	5.3%	2,535,000	182,000	7.2%
Alabama	170,000	9,000	5.6%	50,000	4,000	7.9%
Alaska	47,000	3,000	5.9%	17,000	1,000	7.5%
Arizona	285,000	16,000	5.7%	64,000	4,000	6.6%
Arkansas	83,000	5,000	6.0%	20,000	3,000	14.2%
California	871,000	64,000	7.4%	209,000	21,000	10.1%
Colorado	232,000	14,000	5.9%	59,000	5,000	8.5%
Connecticut	92,000	4,000	4.2%	16,000	2,000	12.9%
Delaware	32,000	2,000	6.1%	7,000	1,000	9.8%
District of Columbia	15,000	1,000	7.5%	3,000	-	4.1%
Florida	806,000	40,000	5.0%	190,000	9,000	4.8%
Georgia	405,000	31,000	7.6%	98,000	10,000	10.4%
Hawaii	49,000	2,000	5.1%	13,000	2,000	12.7%
Idaho	58,000	1,000	2.3%	13,000	1,000	4.0%
Illinois	343,000	24,000	7.0%	85,000	7,000	8.3%
Indiana	258,000	14,000	5.6%	52,000	5,000	10.0%
Iowa	125,000	5,000	4.2%	22,000	1,000	4.2%
Kansas	117,000	8,000	6.8%	34,000	4,000	12.2%
Kentucky	135,000	6,000	4.6%	29,000	3,000	10.8%
Louisiana	170,000	5,000	3.1%	30,000	2,000	6.0%
Maine	62,000	3,000	5.0%	12,000	1,000	7.2%
Maryland	222,000	19,000	8.5%	60,000	7,000	11.9%
Massachusetts	171,000	8,000	4.7%	41,000	5,000	11.9%
Michigan	289,000	18,000	6.3%	44,000	3,000	6.8%
Minnesota	176,000	9,000	4.9%	30,000	3,000	11.1%
Mississippi	97,000	4,000	3.9%	22,000	1,000	6.0%
Missouri	239,000	14,000	5.7%	55,000	1,000	2.2%
Montana	48,000	3,000	5.8%	12,000	-	3.8%
Nebraska	74,000	3,000	4.1%	15,000	1,000	5.2%
Nevada	135,000	10,000	7.1%	37,000	2,000	6.8%
New Hampshire	61,000	2,000	3.8%	11,000	-	1.5%
New Jersey	165,000	13,000	7.9%	26,000	3,000	12.0%
New Mexico	81,000	4,000	5.3%	21,000	2,000	9.3%
New York	392,000	23,000	5.8%	86,000	7,000	8.1%
North Carolina	366,000	19,000	5.2%	78,000	6,000	7.2%
North Dakota	31,000	-	1.4%	7,000	-	2.3%
Ohio	395,000	12,000	3.1%	79,000	4,000	4.6%
Oklahoma	157,000	6,000	4.0%	46,000	1,000	2.1%
Oregon	168,000	12,000	7.1%	39,000	4,000	10.1%
Pennsylvania	410,000	19,000	4.7%	88,000	7,000	7.8%
Rhode Island	34,000	2,000	5.9%	6,000	1,000	10.2%
South Carolina	192,000	7,000	3.5%	52,000	2,000	3.6%
South Dakota	38,000	1,000	3.7%	9,000	-	3.9%
Tennessee	282,000	13,000	4.5%	60,000	3,000	5.0%
Texas	927,000	38,000	4.1%	253,000	13,000	5.2%
Utah	77,000	4,000	4.9%	23,000	2,000	6.8%
Vermont	22,000	-	2.2%	2,000	-	2.3%
Virginia	508,000	17,000	3.2%	174,000	6,000	3.6%
Washington	324,000	21,000	6.4%	69,000	8,000	11.4%
West Virginia	67,000	3,000	4.9%	16,000	2,000	11.1%
Wisconsin	209,000	9,000	4.1%	42,000	1,000	2.5%
Wyoming	31,000	1,000	4.3%	9,000	-	4.4%

Notes: "-" indicates number rounds to 0 when rounded to the nearest thousand. Data are for civilians 18 years and over. State-by-state data for post-9/11 veterans are based on unpublished data from the Current Population Survey. These estimates are reported without margins of error, which may be large for post-9/11 veterans' data due to the small population of these veterans in many states. Caution should be used in comparing post-9/11 veterans' unemployment rates across states and over time.

Source: JEC Democratic staff using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sources: State Economic Snapshots

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Jobs

Bullet Points 1-3 and Figure	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, seasonally adjusted.
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Unemployment

Bullet Points 1-3	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted.
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Earnings

Bullet Point 1	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, Hours & Earnings, Table D-6, not seasonally adjusted.
Bullet Point 2	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, Hours & Earnings, Table D-6, not seasonally adjusted. Data are inflation-adjusted using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

State Quick Facts

Private-Sector Jobs	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, State and Metro Area Employment, seasonally adjusted.
Unemployment	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted.
Household Income	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.
Poverty Rate	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.
Veterans Data	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Situation of Veterans - 2014.
Health Insurance	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.

State Gross Domestic Product

Bullet Points 1-2	Bureau of Economic Analysis, Real Gross Domestic Product by State.
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Housing

Bullet Point 1	Federal Housing and Finance Agency, Purchase-Only House Price Index, seasonally adjusted.
Bullet Point 2	U.S. Census Bureau and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Housing Starts, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

Exports

Bullet Points 1-2	U.S. Census Bureau, Origin of Movement Exports, Total Exports. Data are inflation-adjusted using the Export Price Index: All exports, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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