

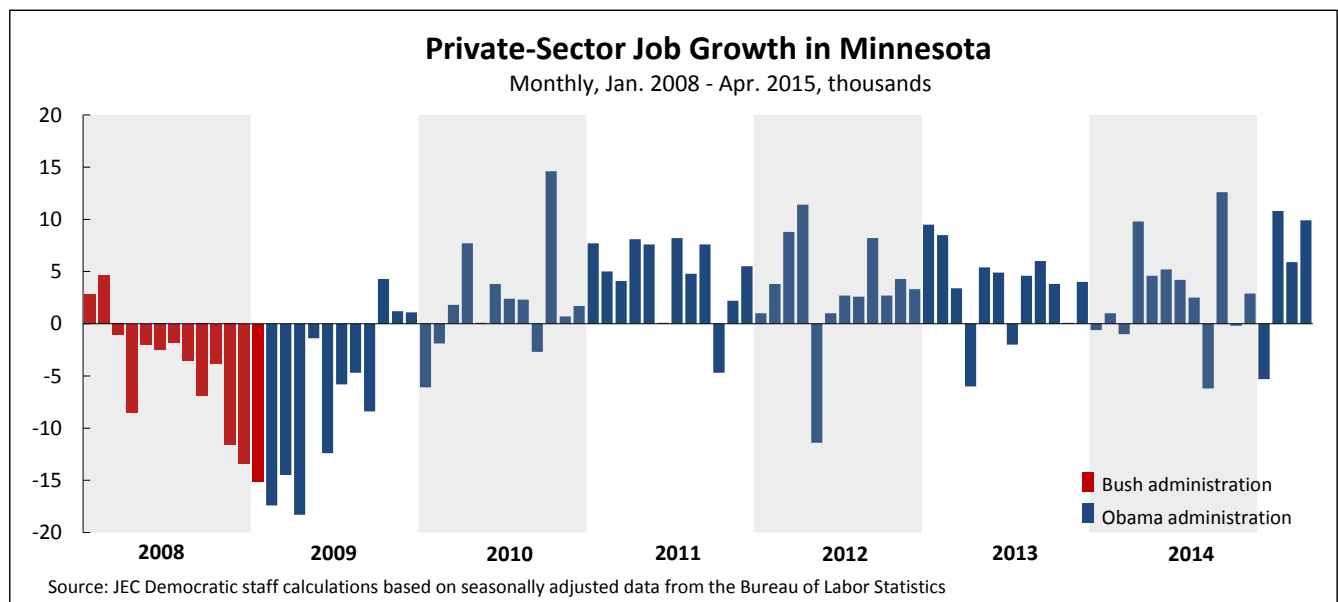


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MINNESOTA

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

- In April, private-sector employment in Minnesota grew by 9,900 jobs. Over the past year, Minnesota businesses have added 46,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 36,000 jobs over the 12 months through April 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Minnesota businesses have added 225,300 jobs (an increase of 10.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.5 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 29.8 percent (1,700 jobs), construction at 28.1 percent (24,500 jobs) and professional and business services at 16.8 percent (52,200 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 3.7 percent in April 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from March. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.4 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 113,200 Minnesota residents unemployed in April 2015.

EARNINGS

- In April 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Minnesota were \$25.99. The average workweek was 33.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$873.26.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Minnesota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	46,900	2.9 million
	Since Feb. 2010	225,300	12.3 million
Unemployment Rate	April 2015	3.7%	5.4%
	April 2014	4.2%	6.2%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	2013	\$60,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$65,200	\$56,400
Poverty Rate	2013	12.0%	14.5%
	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	2013	8.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Minnesota grew by 2.8 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which data are available), above the national average growth rate of 1.8 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Minnesota GDP growth has averaged 2.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 2.0 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Minnesota increased by 3.3 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 20.2 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In March 2015, builders in Minnesota broke ground on 15,600 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 17,673 units. That marks an increase of 11.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Minnesota, goods exports totaled \$1.8 billion in March and \$20.5 billion over the past year, up 3.7 percent from the 12 months ending in March 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 Minnesota economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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