

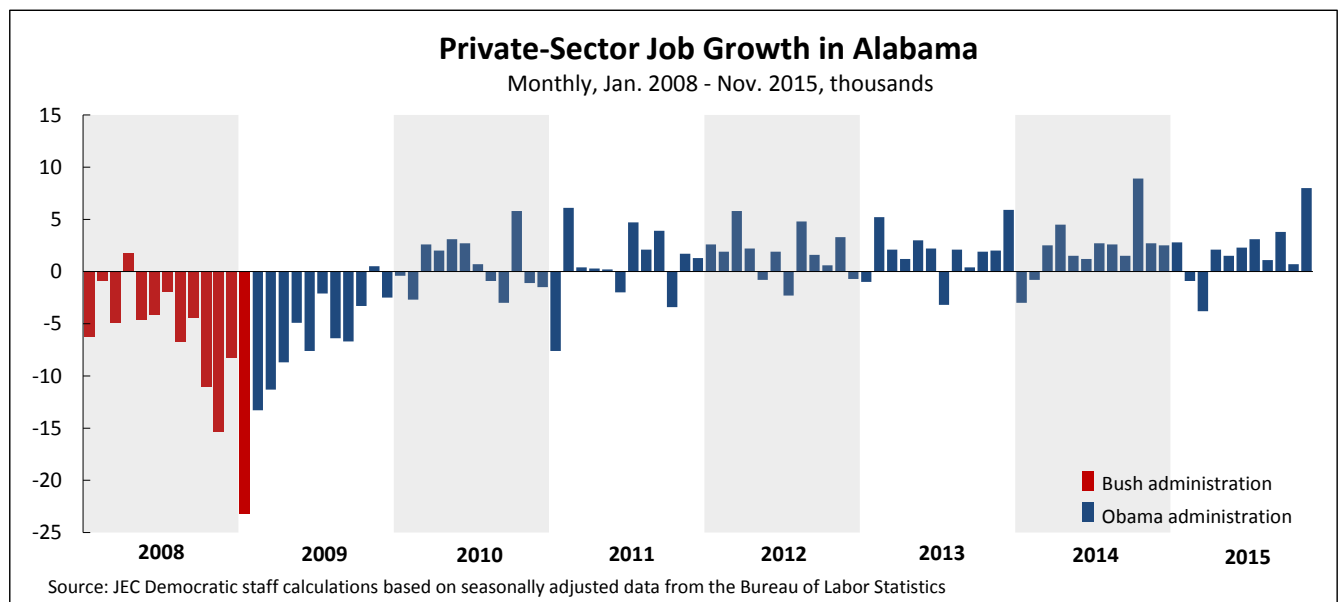


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALABAMA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through November 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on December 18th; Data update next on January 26th\*\**

### JOBS

- In November, private-sector employment in Alabama grew by 8,000 jobs. Over the past year, Alabama businesses have added 23,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 30,200 jobs over the 12 months through November 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alabama businesses have added 108,300 jobs (an increase of 7.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.8 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 16.1 percent (26,800 jobs), professional and business services at 12.8 percent (26,000 jobs) and education and health services at 9.3 percent (19,700 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alabama was 6.0 percent in November 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from October. The rate was 1.0 percentage point above the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in November 2009.
- There were 128,100 Alabama residents unemployed in November 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In November 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alabama were \$21.25. The average workweek was 35.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$762.88.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 1.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alabama	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	23,200	2.5 million
	Since Feb. 2010	108,300	13.7 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	November 2015	6.0%	5.0%
	November 2014	6.1%	5.8%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2014 \$)</b> .....	2014	\$42,300	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,200	\$57,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2014	17.8%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.6%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.9%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2014	12.1%	11.7%
	2013	13.6%	14.5%

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Alabama grew by 1.5 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 1.8 percent.

### HOUSING

- Home prices in Alabama increased by 4.1 percent from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. They are up 15.1 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In October 2015, builders in Alabama broke ground on 10,070 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,101 units. That marks an increase of 3.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Alabama, goods exports totaled \$1.7 billion in October and \$18.9 billion over the past year, up 6.4 percent from the 12 months ending in October 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 47.3 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 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/>