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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. While the recovery has progressed more quickly in some states, every state is faring better today than during the recession. This month's snapshots include state-level data on jobs, unemployment and earnings through May 2015. [Individual state reports can be accessed here.](#)

### Highlights

- Private-sector employment increased in 38 states and the District of Columbia in May.
- The unemployment rate fell in 9 states and the District of Columbia.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 44 states over the past year.
- Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2014.

### Private-Sector Job Gains

Private-sector employment increased in 38 states and the District of Columbia in May. The largest private-sector gains were seen in California (55,700), New York (47,400), Texas (25,700), Michigan (24,300) and Pennsylvania (16,900). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Nevada, the District of Columbia and Michigan.

Over the past 12 months, 48 states and the District of Columbia gained private-sector jobs, with California (434,400), Florida (263,600), Texas (262,500), New York (134,000) and Georgia (118,600) recording the largest increases. The largest percentage gains in private-sector employment during this period were in Utah (4.5 percent), Washington (4.0 percent), Florida, Nevada (3.9 percent each) and Idaho (3.7 percent). Nationally, in the past year, nearly 3.0 million private-sector jobs were added, a 2.5 percent increase.

### Unemployment

The unemployment rate declined in 9 states and the District of Columbia in May. Indiana (-0.3 percentage point) had the largest decline, followed by Arizona, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Tennessee and Rhode Island (-0.2 percentage point each). There was no change in 16 states.

Over the past 12 months, 45 states and the District of Columbia reported declines in the unemployment rate. The largest declines were in Rhode Island (-2.0 percentage points), Michigan (-1.8 percentage points), Oregon (-1.7 percentage points), Kentucky (-1.6 percentage points) and Delaware (-1.3 percentage points).

Nebraska had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent) in May, followed by North Dakota (3.1 percent), Utah (3.5 percent), Vermont (3.6 percent) and Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, South Dakota (3.8 percent each). The highest unemployment rates in May were in the District of Columbia (7.3 percent), West Virginia (7.2 percent), Nevada (7.0 percent), Alaska and South Carolina (6.8 percent each). The national unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in May, down from 6.3 percent a year prior.

## Earnings

Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, increased in 44 states over the past year. The largest earnings gains were posted in Vermont (5.9 percent), Washington (4.4 percent), South Dakota (4.2 percent), Kentucky and Iowa (4.1 percent each). Earnings declined in six states, and one state had no change. Nationally, real average hourly earnings increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted) in the past year. The District of Columbia (\$38.44) had the highest average hourly earnings in May, followed by Massachusetts (\$30.14), Washington (\$29.35), Connecticut (\$28.70) and New York (\$28.53).

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real gross domestic increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2014. The fastest GDP growth was recorded in North Dakota (6.3 percent), Texas (5.2 percent), Wyoming (5.1 percent), West Virginia (5.1 percent) and Colorado (4.7 percent). In each of these states, mining was a significant contributor. Real GDP fell in Alaska and Mississippi. The Southwest and Rocky Mountain regions grew the fastest, 4.3 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively. The slowest growth was in the Plains (1.3 percent) and Great Lakes (1.4 percent) regions. Nationally, real GDP grew 2.2 percent in 2014.

## Key Employment Sectors

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment expanded in 23 states during May. The largest increases were in Michigan (6,600), Kansas (2,600), Louisiana, New York (2,100 each) and Indiana (2,000). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Kansas, West Virginia, Louisiana, Michigan and Wyoming.

Over the past 12 months, 32 states added manufacturing positions. On a percentage basis, the biggest gains were in South Dakota (5.2 percent), Oregon (4.9 percent), Michigan (4.5 percent), Utah (3.9 percent), Rhode Island and Colorado (3.0 percent each). Across the country, 181,000 manufacturing positions have been added in the last 12 months, a 1.5 percent increase.

### Construction

Construction employment increased in 28 states and the District of Columbia during May. The largest gains were reported in New York (14,200), California (6,100), Maryland (4,500), Massachusetts (3,500) and Pennsylvania (3,100). The largest percentage gains during the month were in Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Maryland.

In the past 12 months, 40 states and the District of Columbia added construction jobs. The greatest percentage gains over the past year were in Idaho (11.8 percent), Washington (11.6 percent), Michigan (10.7 percent), North Carolina (8.8 percent) and Colorado (8.3 percent). Nationally, over this period, construction employment increased by 273,000 positions, a 4.5 percent increase.

### Professional and business services

Professional and business services employment increased in 32 states during May. The largest increases were posted in California (21,300), Georgia (11,200), Texas (7,300), Illinois (6,900) and Arizona (6,700). The largest percentage gains were in South Dakota, Georgia, Arizona, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

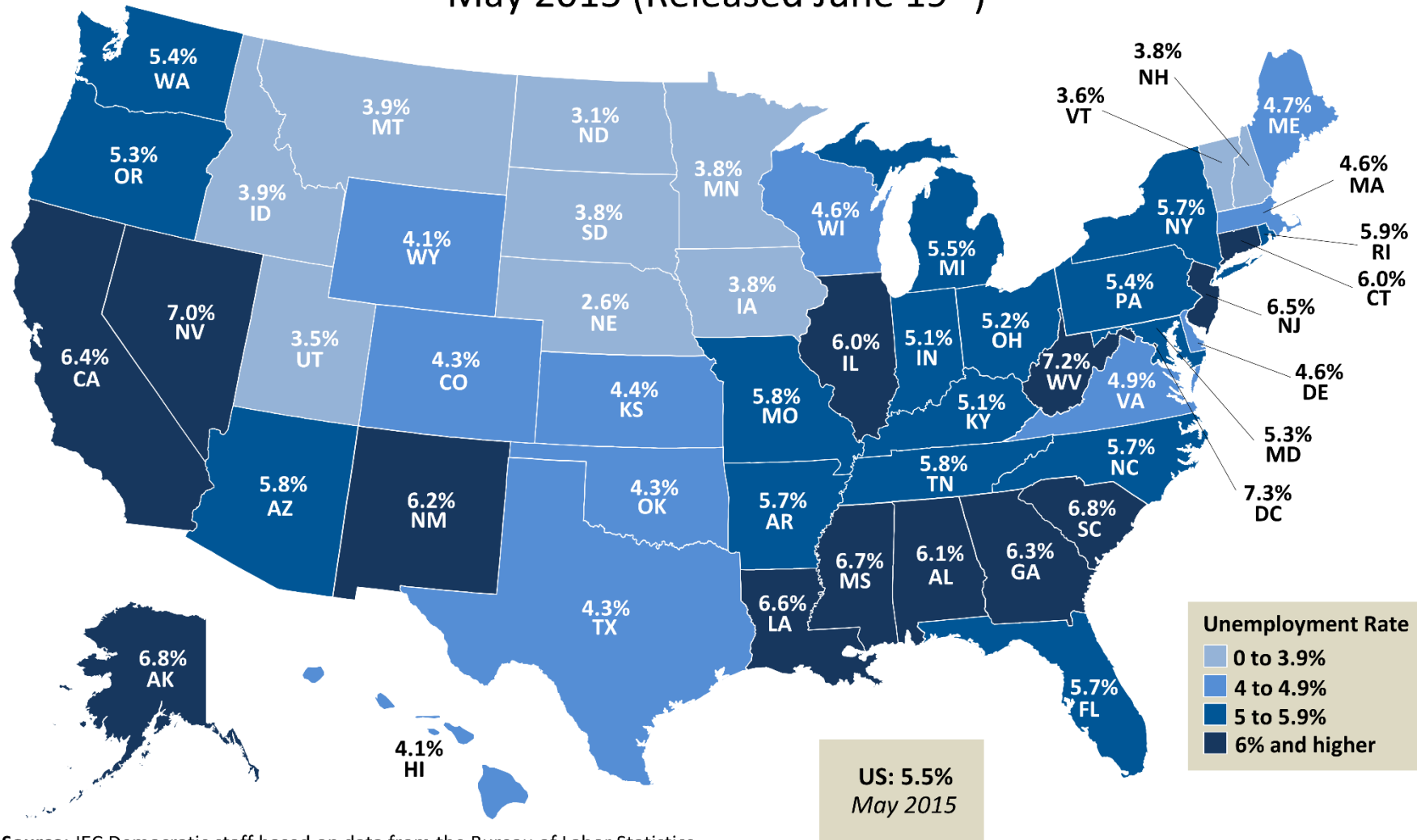
In the past year, 44 states and the District of Columbia added jobs in professional and business services. The largest percentage gains in Oregon (5.5 percent), California (5.2 percent), Washington (5.1 percent), South Carolina (4.9 percent) and Utah (4.8 percent). The U.S. economy overall has added 671,000 professional and business services jobs during this time, a 3.5 percent increase.

Unemployment Rate (May 2015)	
Nebraska	2.6%
North Dakota	3.1%
Utah	3.5%
Vermont	3.6%
South Dakota	3.8%
Minnesota	3.8%
New Hampshire	3.8%
Iowa	3.8%
Idaho	3.9%
Montana	3.9%
Wyoming	4.1%
Hawaii	4.1%
Oklahoma	4.3%
Colorado	4.3%
Texas	4.3%
Kansas	4.4%
Wisconsin	4.6%
Delaware	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.6%
Maine	4.7%
Virginia	4.9%
Kentucky	5.1%
Indiana	5.1%
Ohio	5.2%
Oregon	5.3%
Maryland	5.3%
Pennsylvania	5.4%
Washington	5.4%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Michigan	5.5%
North Carolina	5.7%
Florida	5.7%
Arkansas	5.7%
New York	5.7%
Missouri	5.8%
Arizona	5.8%
Tennessee	5.8%
Rhode Island	5.9%
Illinois	6.0%
Connecticut	6.0%
Alabama	6.1%
New Mexico	6.2%
Georgia	6.3%
California	6.4%
New Jersey	6.5%
Louisiana	6.6%
Mississippi	6.7%
Alaska	6.8%
South Carolina	6.8%
Nevada	7.0%
West Virginia	7.2%
District of Columbia	7.3%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
**Data through May 2015**	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3,764,000</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8,340,000</b>
Alabama	-4.1%	-67,000	1.5%	23,200
Alaska	9.3%	22,000	8.8%	20,800
Arizona	-1.9%	-43,800	5.7%	119,300
Arkansas	0.1%	1,200	2.9%	27,800
California	5.5%	708,900	10.9%	1,340,300
Colorado	6.6%	129,200	9.6%	184,200
Connecticut	-0.1%	-2,100	2.8%	39,200
Delaware	0.2%	600	4.5%	16,400
District of Columbia	13.3%	62,000	12.7%	59,600
Florida	2.6%	176,800	10.9%	683,400
Georgia	2.9%	102,300	8.7%	286,400
Hawaii	1.1%	5,300	7.0%	33,100
Idaho	3.2%	17,100	10.0%	50,700
Illinois	-0.7%	-35,400	3.1%	155,000
Indiana	2.0%	52,400	8.0%	192,900
Iowa	2.9%	37,300	5.0%	62,700
Kansas	1.5%	16,700	2.5%	27,800
Kentucky	1.4%	21,100	6.0%	89,000
Louisiana	5.8%	91,600	6.5%	102,000
Maine	-1.0%	-5,200	2.0%	10,200
Maryland	1.3%	27,400	4.5%	93,100
Massachusetts	4.9%	139,700	7.4%	208,800
Michigan	2.4%	85,700	11.6%	381,500
Minnesota	3.3%	77,600	6.1%	140,400
Mississippi	-3.5%	-32,300	1.2%	10,700
Missouri	-1.5%	-35,800	1.3%	30,500
Montana	3.0%	10,700	6.9%	23,800
Nebraska	2.6%	20,900	3.8%	29,900
Nevada	-2.8%	-32,000	6.2%	64,100
New Hampshire	1.9%	10,700	4.5%	24,200
New Jersey	-1.3%	-43,100	2.6%	85,500
New Mexico	-2.5%	-16,400	0.9%	5,900
New York	7.1%	517,800	8.9%	637,600
North Carolina	2.0%	68,400	7.8%	255,900
North Dakota	33.1%	94,900	31.6%	91,600
Ohio	0.6%	26,200	5.5%	241,500
Oklahoma	3.0%	38,800	4.1%	52,200
Oregon	1.8%	25,600	8.4%	113,900
Pennsylvania	1.8%	90,500	4.1%	204,400
Rhode Island	0.2%	1,000	4.8%	19,500
South Carolina	2.1%	34,300	8.4%	126,900
South Dakota	5.9%	19,500	6.0%	20,000
Tennessee	2.3%	54,200	7.8%	176,700
Texas	13.3%	1,164,300	14.0%	1,218,200
Utah	7.9%	83,600	13.5%	135,300
Vermont	1.3%	3,400	4.4%	10,900
Virginia	0.3%	9,400	3.1%	93,500
Washington	6.0%	147,300	9.2%	220,600
West Virginia	-1.9%	-11,900	-1.0%	-6,100
Wisconsin	0.3%	6,500	3.4%	81,400
Wyoming	-2.3%	-5,200	-1.9%	-4,300

# Current Unemployment Rates Across States

May 2015 (Released June 19<sup>th</sup>)



Source: JEC Democratic staff based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics



## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALABAMA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Alabama grew by 4,800 jobs. Over the past year, Alabama businesses have added 27,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 16,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alabama businesses have added 92,600 jobs (an increase of 6.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 13.4 percent (22,300 jobs), professional and business services at 12.6 percent (25,700 jobs) and education and health services at 7.5 percent (15,900 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alabama was 6.1 percent in May 2015, up 0.3 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 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 November 2009.
- There were 132,200 Alabama residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alabama were \$20.60. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$729.24.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have held roughly constant over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Alabama	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	27,100	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	92,600	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$41,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,400	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	16.7%	14.5%
	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> .....	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 1.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 10.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Alabama broke ground on 11,440 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 12,380 units. That marks an increase of 10.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Alabama, goods exports totaled \$1.6 billion in April and \$18.9 billion over the past year, up 5.0 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 44.1 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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## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ALASKA

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Alaska fell by 700 jobs. Over the past year, Alaska businesses have added 2,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,500 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Alaska businesses have added 23,000 jobs (an increase of 9.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 19.7 percent (2,900 jobs), education and health services at 16.5 percent (6,800 jobs) and construction at 15.8 percent (2,500 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Alaska was 6.8 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.3 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 1.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in April 2010.
- There were 24,700 Alaska residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Alaska were \$27.74. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$951.48.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Alaska</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	2,800	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	23,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$61,100	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$70,800	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.5%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 14.7 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2009.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Alaska broke ground on 1,510 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,141 units. That marks an increase of 7.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Alaska, goods exports totaled \$368 million in April and \$5.0 billion over the past year, up 16.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 43.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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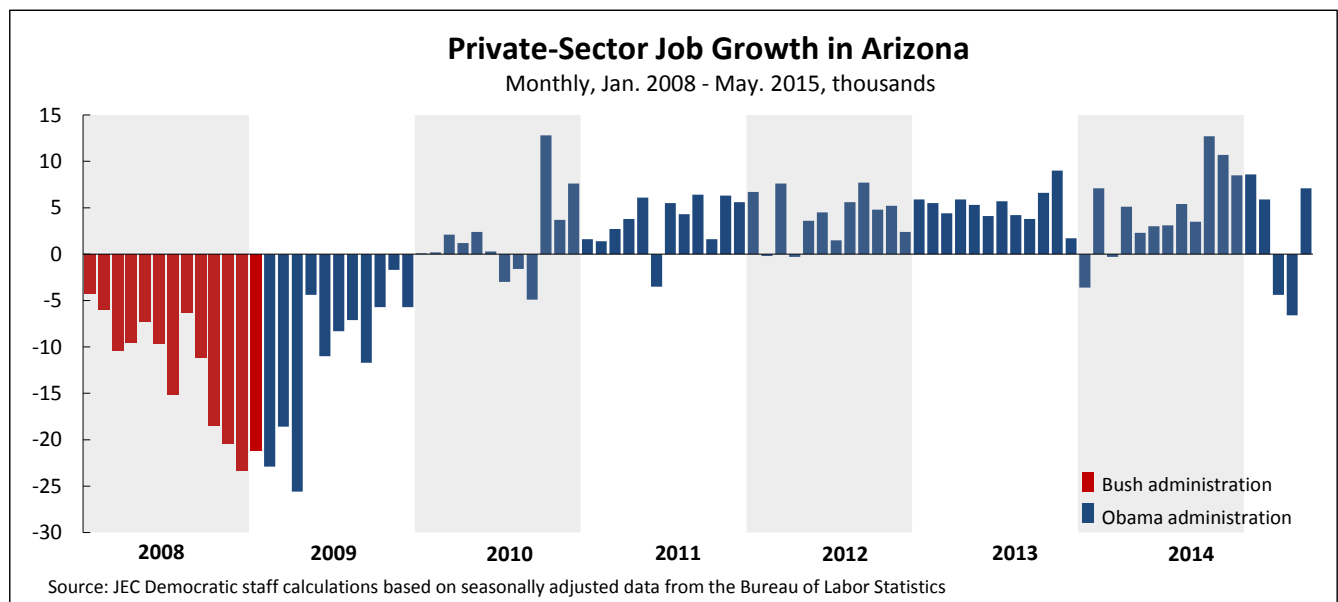


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARIZONA

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Arizona grew by 7,100 jobs. Over the past year, Arizona businesses have added 57,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 45,700 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arizona businesses have added 241,700 jobs (an increase of 12.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 17.6 percent (59,400 jobs), information services at 17.5 percent (6,400 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 16.9 percent (42,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arizona was 5.8 percent in May 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in December 2009.
- There were 184,300 Arizona residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arizona were \$22.96. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$792.12.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Arizona</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	57,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	241,700	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$50,600	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	20.2%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.3%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.7%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.6%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.0 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 52.7 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Arizona broke ground on 34,990 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 26,605 units. That marks an increase of 7.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Arizona, goods exports totaled \$1.8 billion in April and \$21.3 billion over the past year, up 13.7 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 42.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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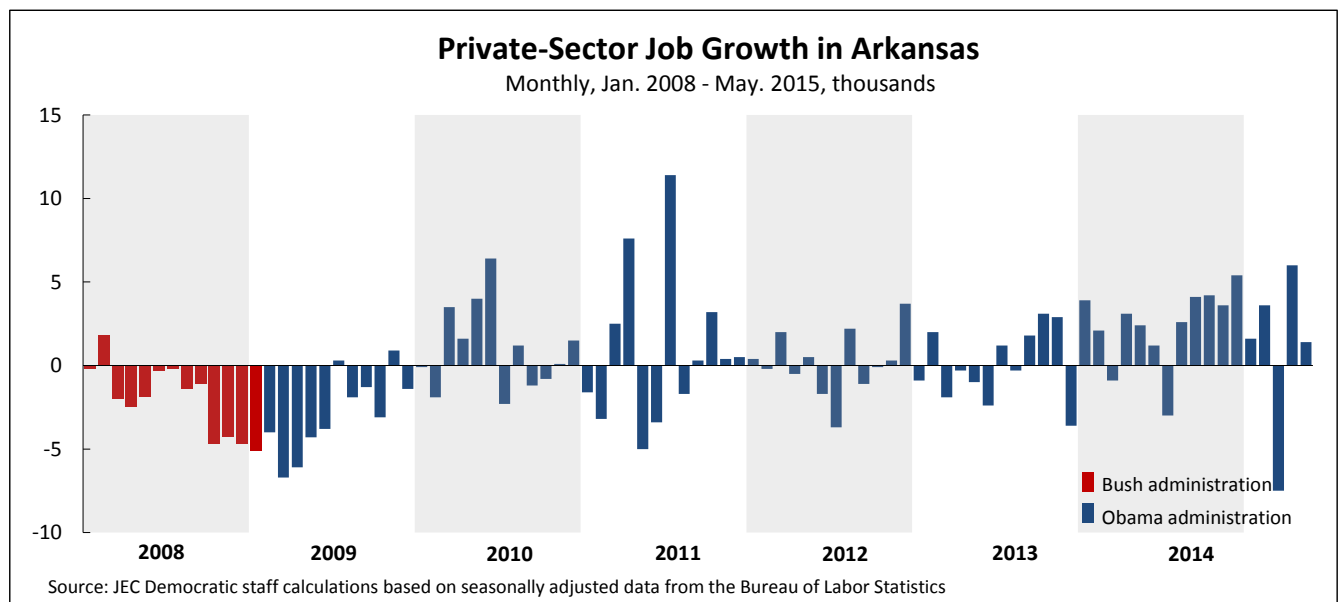


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARKANSAS

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Arkansas grew by 1,400 jobs. Over the past year, Arkansas businesses have added 23,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 13,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Arkansas businesses have added 61,200 jobs (an increase of 6.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.8 percent (21,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 16.6 percent (16,200 jobs) and education and health services at 7.5 percent (12,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arkansas was 5.7 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in May 2011.
- There were 76,800 Arkansas residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Arkansas were \$19.41. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$665.76.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	23,200	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	61,200	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.2%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$39,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$45,800	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	17.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.0%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	14.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 1.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 10.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Arkansas broke ground on 6,350 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 7,698 units. That marks an increase of 23.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Arkansas, goods exports totaled \$480 million in April and \$6.5 billion over the past year, up 3.7 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 16.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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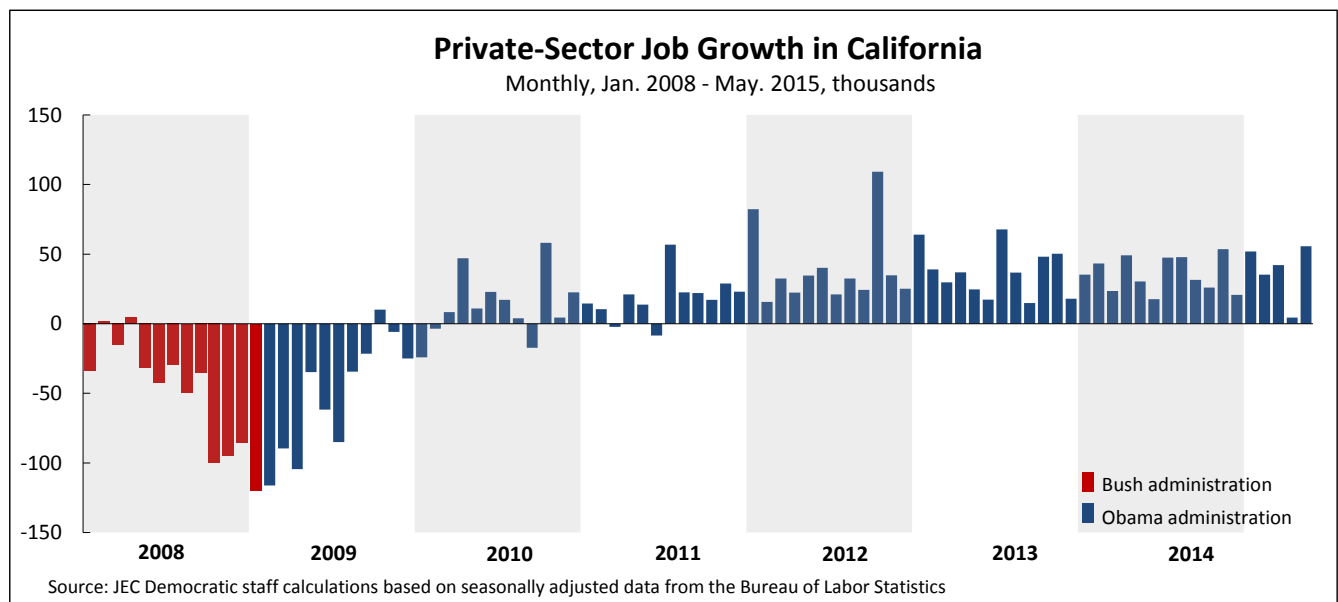


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CALIFORNIA

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in California grew by 55,700 jobs. Over the past year, California businesses have added 434,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 435,100 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, California businesses have added 1,936,200 jobs (an increase of 16.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 27.7 percent (156,000 jobs), professional and business services at 24.4 percent (499,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 22.7 percent (335,900 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in California was 6.4 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.9 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 12.2 percent in October 2010.
- There were 1,212,500 California residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in California were \$28.00. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$960.40.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		California	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	434,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,936,200	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.4%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.6%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	12.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$57,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$62,600	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.7%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.4%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 7.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 47.2 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in California broke ground on 96,240 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 86,874 units. That marks an increase of 14.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In California, goods exports totaled \$14.4 billion in April and \$166.5 billion over the past year, up 2.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 30.1 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 California economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

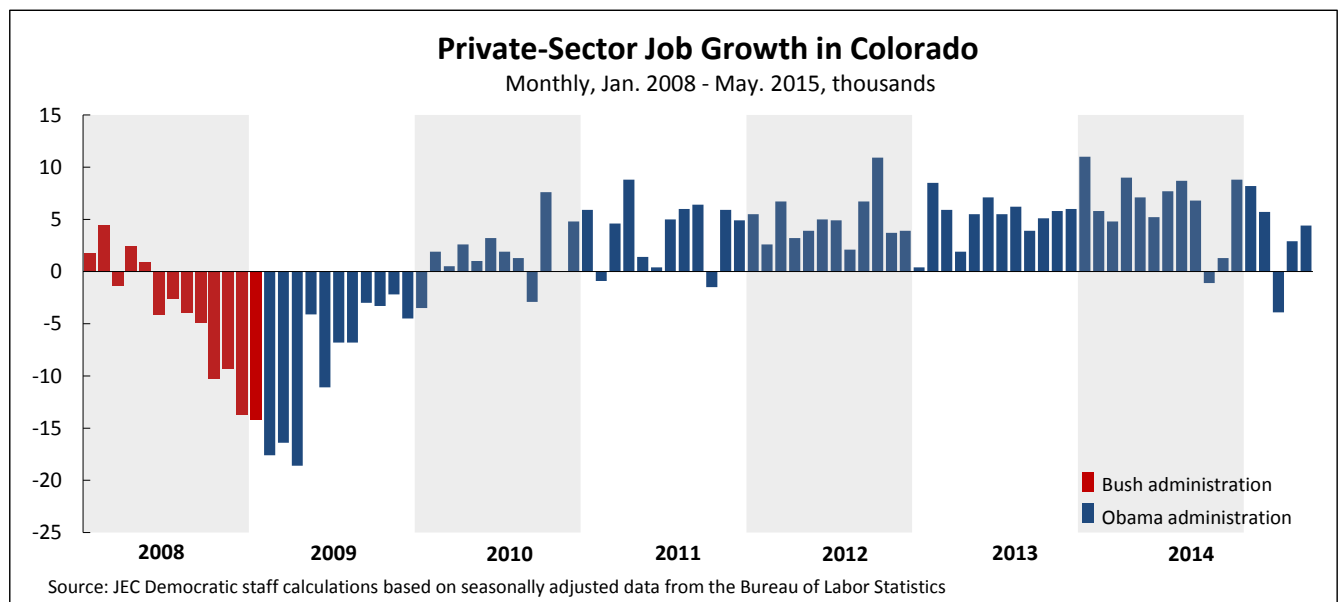


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: COLORADO

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Colorado grew by 4,400 jobs. Over the past year, Colorado businesses have added 54,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 77,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Colorado businesses have added 280,200 jobs (an increase of 15.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 49.4 percent (11,400 jobs), construction at 29.8 percent (35,100 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 20.4 percent (53,000 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Colorado was 4.3 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in October 2010.
- There were 122,900 Colorado residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Colorado were \$26.86. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$907.87.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Colorado	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	54,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	280,200	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.2%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$63,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$68,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.6%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	8.5%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 11.2 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 37.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Colorado broke ground on 32,740 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 27,829 units. That marks an increase of 3.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Colorado, goods exports totaled \$695 million in April and \$8.2 billion over the past year, up 1.6 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 33.3 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

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



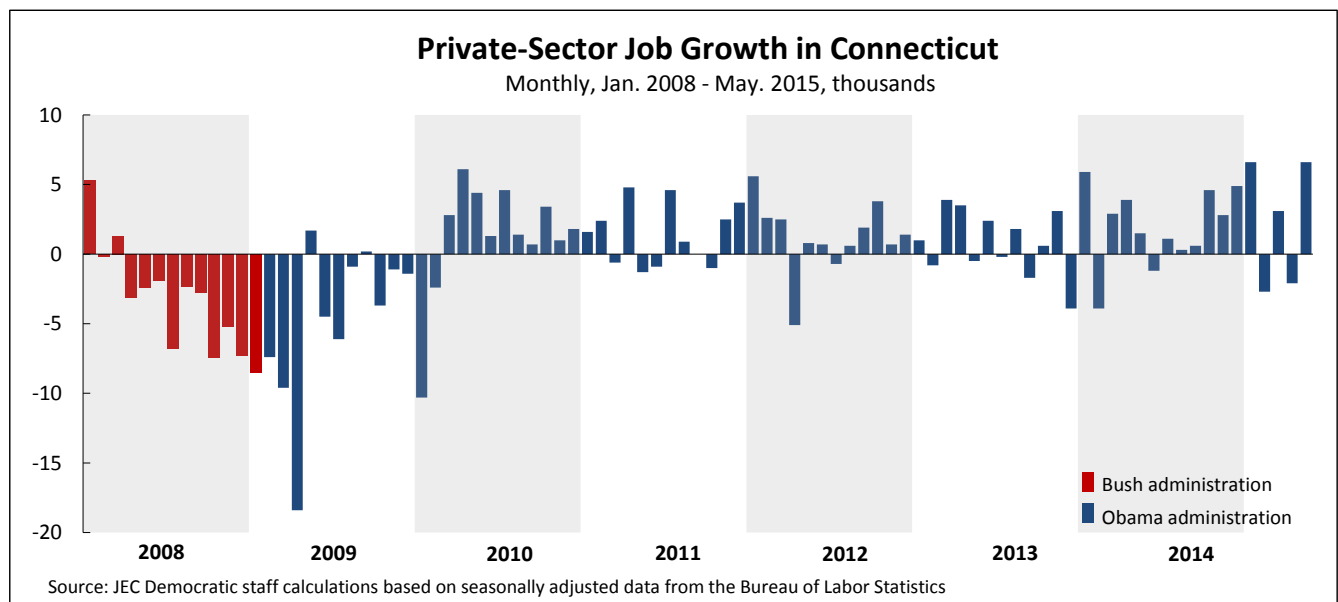


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: CONNECTICUT

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Connecticut grew by 6,600 jobs. Over the past year, Connecticut businesses have added 24,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 12,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Connecticut businesses have added 103,100 jobs (an increase of 7.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 19.6 percent (25,500 jobs), construction at 19.4 percent (9,500 jobs) and professional and business services at 14.7 percent (27,600 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Connecticut was 6.0 percent in May 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.5 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in February 2011.
- There were 115,200 Connecticut residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Connecticut were \$28.70. The average workweek was 33.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$955.71.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Connecticut	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	24,600	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	103,100	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.0%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.6%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$67,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$72,100	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.2%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	12.9%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 0.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 4.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in Connecticut broke ground on 4,820 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,657 units. That marks a decrease of 4.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Connecticut, goods exports totaled \$1.4 billion in April and \$15.3 billion over the past year, up 1.6 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 2.7 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 Connecticut economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

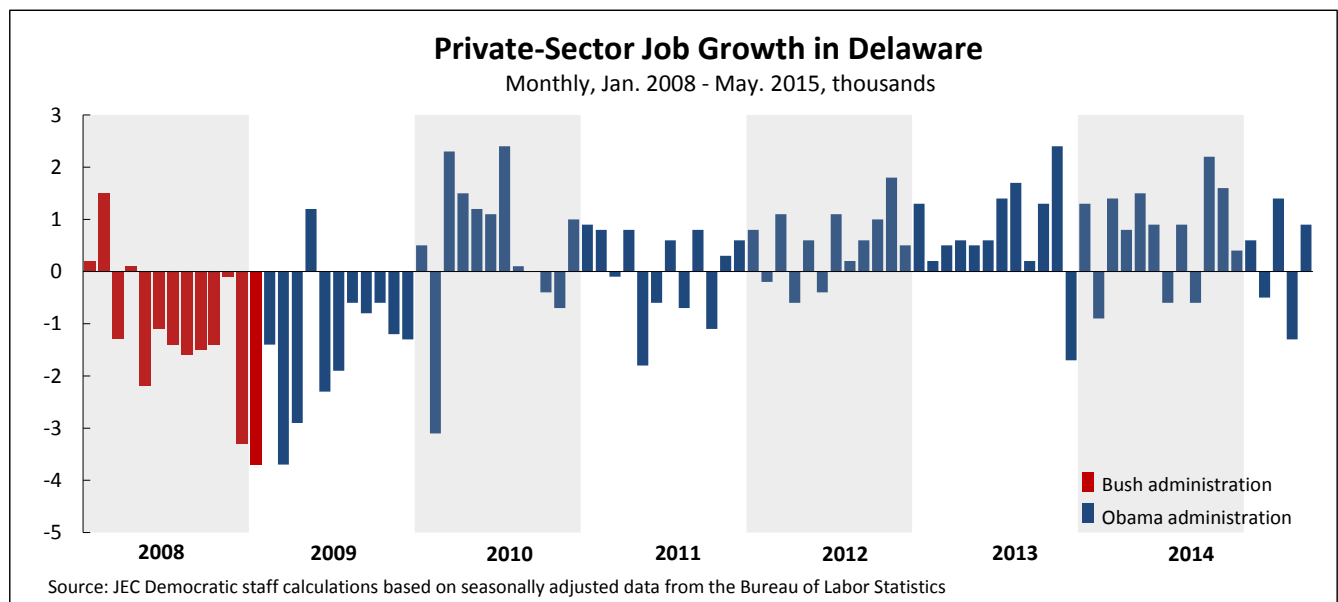


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: DELAWARE

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Delaware grew by 900 jobs. Over the past year, Delaware businesses have added 5,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 10,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 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 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 17.0 percent (7,000 jobs), education and health services at 15.8 percent (10,100 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 11.8 percent (2,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Delaware was 4.6 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.3 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in February 2010.
- There were 21,100 Delaware residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Delaware were \$22.21. The average workweek was 33.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$741.81.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Delaware	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	5,900	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	34,500	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$52,200	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$61,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	9.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.9 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 12.6 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Delaware broke ground on 4,940 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,884 units. That marks an increase of 9.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Delaware, goods exports totaled \$455 million in April and \$5.1 billion over the past year, up 0.6 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 10.6 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 Delaware economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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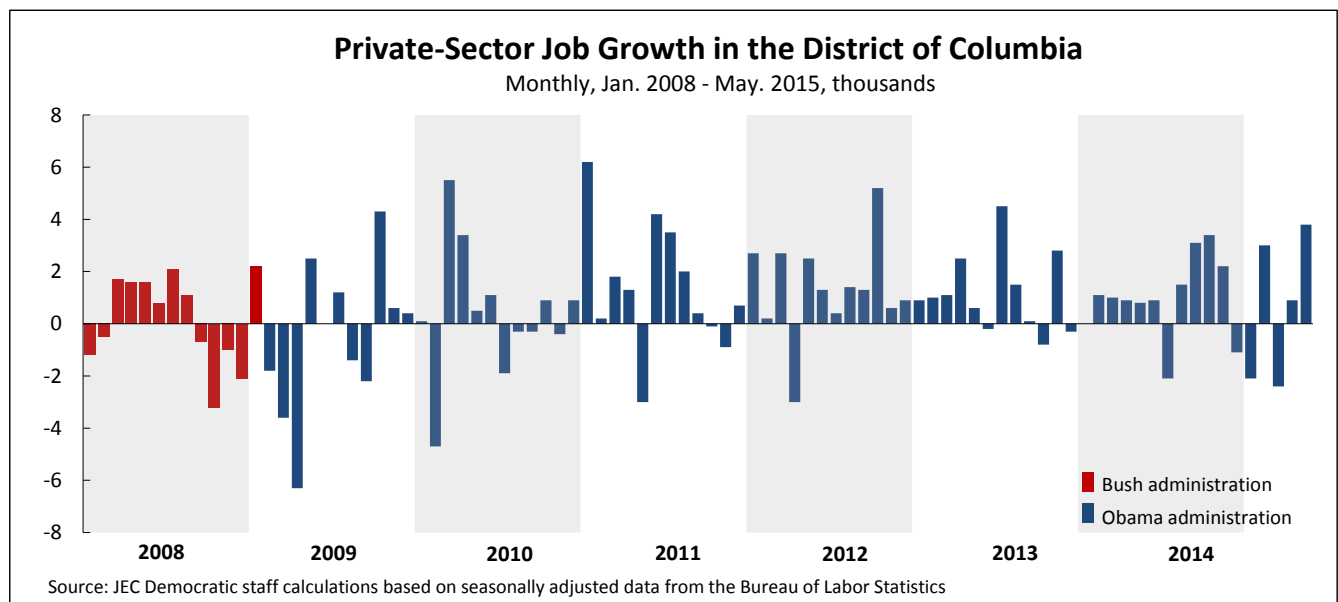


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in the District of Columbia grew by 3,800 jobs. Over the past year, District of Columbia businesses have added 11,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 11,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, District of Columbia businesses have added 70,500 jobs (an increase of 15.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 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 22.8 percent (24,100 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 20.2 percent (11,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia was 7.3 percent in May 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.8 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in July 2011.
- There were 28,100 District of Columbia residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in the District of Columbia were \$38.44. The average workweek was 35.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1372.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, DC average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA QUICK FACTS

		District	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	11,100	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	70,500	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	7.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.8%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$60,700	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$57,100	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	21.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	18.0%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.5%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 decreased by 0.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 46.6 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2009.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in the District of Columbia broke ground on 2,460 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,706 units. That marks a decrease of 0.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In the District of Columbia, goods exports totaled \$35 million in April and \$590 million over the past year, down 65.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are down 49.6 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 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:  
<http://does.dc.gov/node/184512>

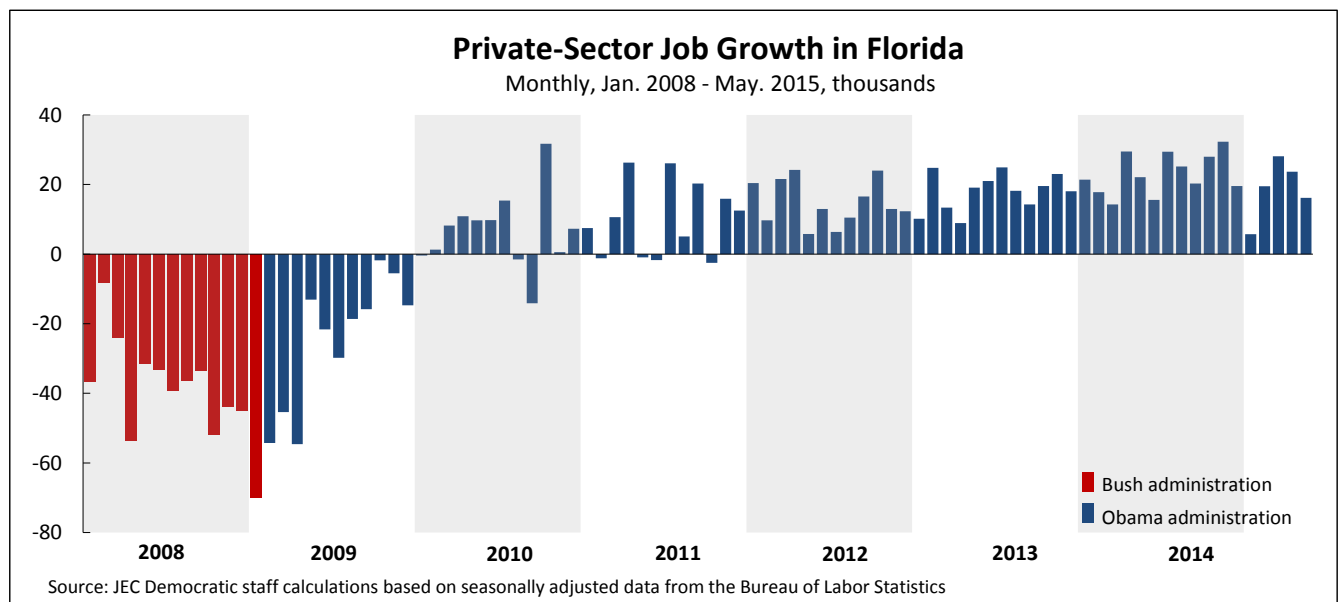


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: FLORIDA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Florida grew by 16,200 jobs. Over the past year, Florida businesses have added 263,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 244,200 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Florida businesses have added 957,700 jobs (an increase of 15.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 23.1 percent (212,400 jobs), professional and business services at 21.5 percent (212,300 jobs) and construction at 18.6 percent (66,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Florida was 5.7 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 545,000 Florida residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Florida were \$22.52. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$770.18.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Florida</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	263,600	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	957,700	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.3%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$47,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$51,400	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.0%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 8.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 38.1 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Florida broke ground on 82,940 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 87,090 units. That marks an increase of 6.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Florida, goods exports totaled \$4.7 billion in April and \$56.2 billion over the past year, up 2.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 12.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: GEORGIA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Georgia grew by 11,700 jobs. Over the past year, Georgia businesses have added 118,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 118,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Georgia businesses have added 434,400 jobs (an increase of 13.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 24.8 percent (128,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 22.1 percent (82,000 jobs) and education and health services at 14.9 percent (69,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Georgia was 6.3 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.8 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.5 percent in December 2010.
- There were 299,200 Georgia residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Georgia were \$23.53. The average workweek was 35.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$825.90.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Georgia</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	118,600	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	434,400	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.3%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.5%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$47,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,600	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	16.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.6%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.4%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 30.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Georgia broke ground on 37,740 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 36,811 units. That marks an increase of 10.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Georgia, goods exports totaled \$3.3 billion in April and \$37.6 billion over the past year, up 3.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 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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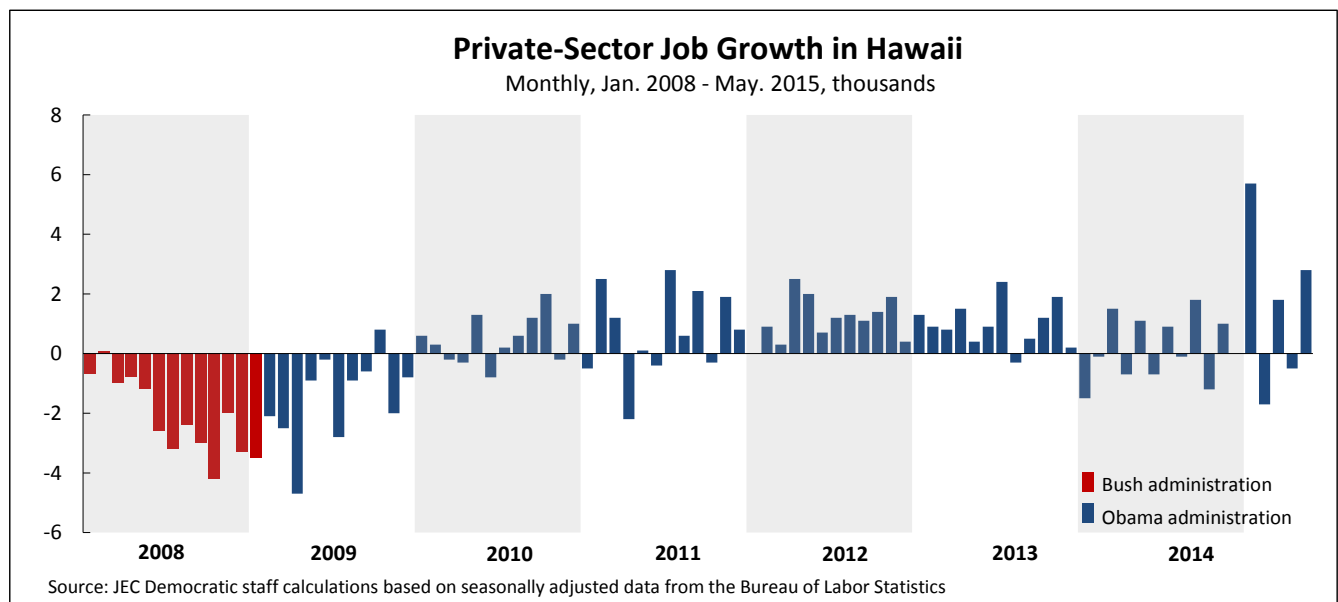


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: HAWAII

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Hawaii grew by 2,800 jobs. Over the past year, Hawaii businesses have added 9,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,100 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Hawaii businesses have added 48,900 jobs (an increase of 10.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 19.5 percent (13,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 14.6 percent (14,600 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 10.4 percent (11,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Hawaii was 4.1 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in October 2009.
- There were 27,400 Hawaii residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Hawaii were \$24.48. The average workweek was 33.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$810.29.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Hawaii	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	9,800	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	48,900	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.5%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$61,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$71,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	7.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	12.7%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 1.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 35.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Hawaii broke ground on 6,760 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,628 units. That marks an increase of 42.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Hawaii, goods exports totaled \$43 million in April and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 111.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 156.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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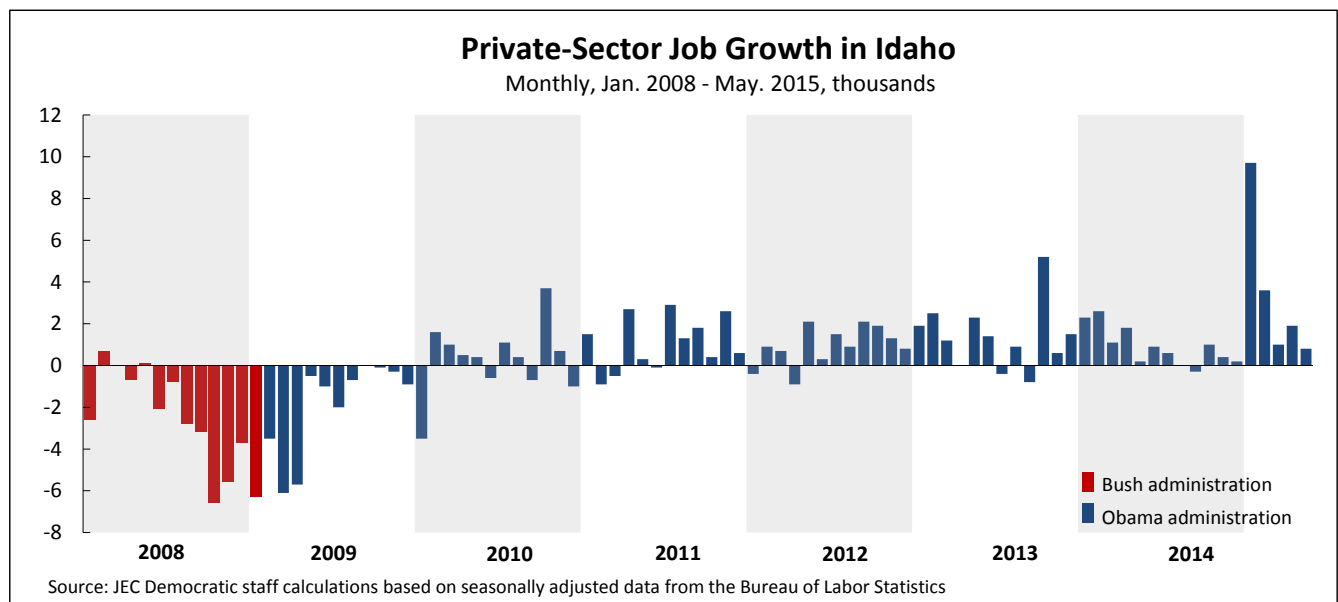


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IDAHO

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Idaho grew by 800 jobs. Over the past year, Idaho businesses have added 19,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 16,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Idaho businesses have added 73,400 jobs (an increase of 15.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 24.0 percent (7,700 jobs), financial activities at 22.4 percent (6,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 19.1 percent (11,000 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Idaho was 3.9 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.6 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.7 percent in July 2009.
- There were 31,000 Idaho residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Idaho were \$21.92. The average workweek was 33.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$732.13.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Idaho</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	19,800	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	73,400	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.9%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.7%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$51,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	12.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.3%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.3 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 31.1 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Idaho broke ground on 12,840 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,783 units. That marks an increase of 2.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Idaho, goods exports totaled \$377 million in April and \$4.5 billion over the past year, down 18.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 9.1 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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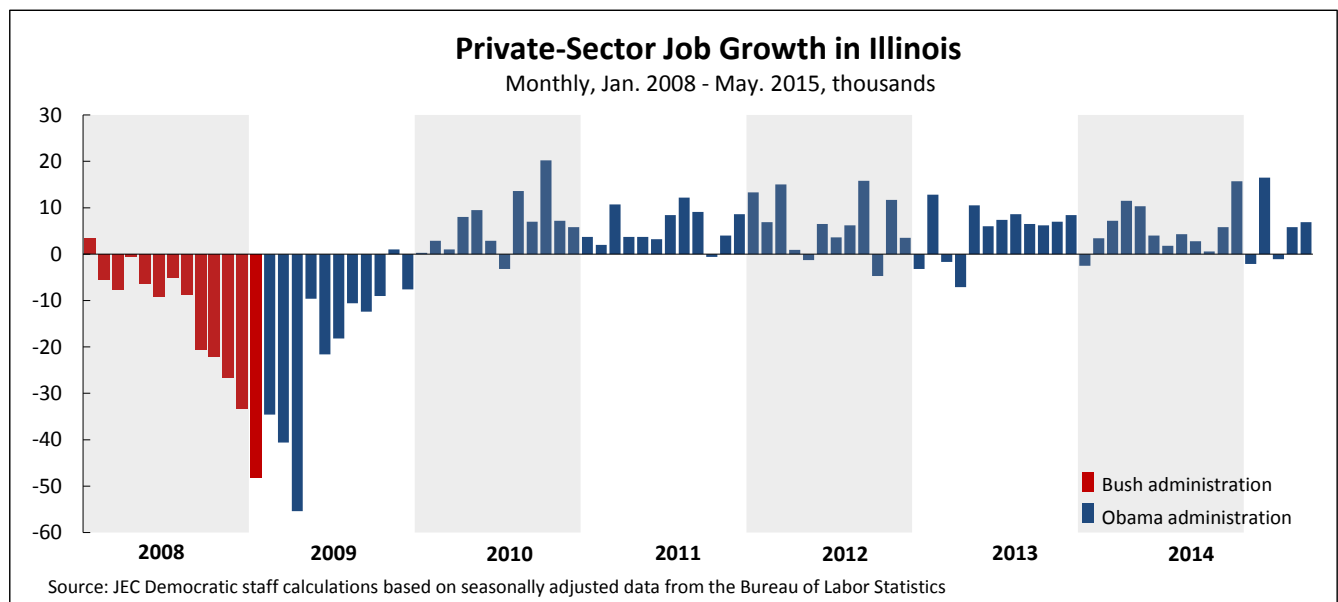


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ILLINOIS

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Illinois grew by 6,900 jobs. Over the past year, Illinois businesses have added 61,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 80,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Illinois businesses have added 370,400 jobs (an increase of 7.8 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 19.4 percent (153,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 10.1 percent (51,800 jobs) and education and health services at 9.1 percent (74,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Illinois was 6.0 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.5 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.1 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 392,000 Illinois residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Illinois were \$25.77. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$881.33.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Illinois</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	61,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	370,400	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.0%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.1%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$57,200	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$59,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	13.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.0%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.0%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	8.3%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 10.9 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Illinois broke ground on 23,900 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 19,424 units. That marks an increase of 9.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Illinois, goods exports totaled \$5.4 billion in April and \$64.2 billion over the past year, up 0.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 45.1 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

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Indiana grew by 9,700 jobs. Over the past year, Indiana businesses have added 58,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 49,700 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Indiana businesses have added 274,100 jobs (an increase of 11.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 21.1 percent (56,400 jobs), manufacturing at 18.4 percent (80,600 jobs) and other services at 13.0 percent (14,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Indiana was 5.1 percent in May 2015, down 0.3 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.4 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in February 2010.
- There were 167,000 Indiana residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Indiana were \$22.61. The average workweek was 35.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$791.35.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Indiana	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	58,900	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	274,100	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.0%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$50,600	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.6%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.6%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.2 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 13.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Indiana broke ground on 19,100 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 17,361 units. That marks an increase of 0.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Indiana, goods exports totaled \$2.8 billion in April and \$34.1 billion over the past year, up 6.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 40.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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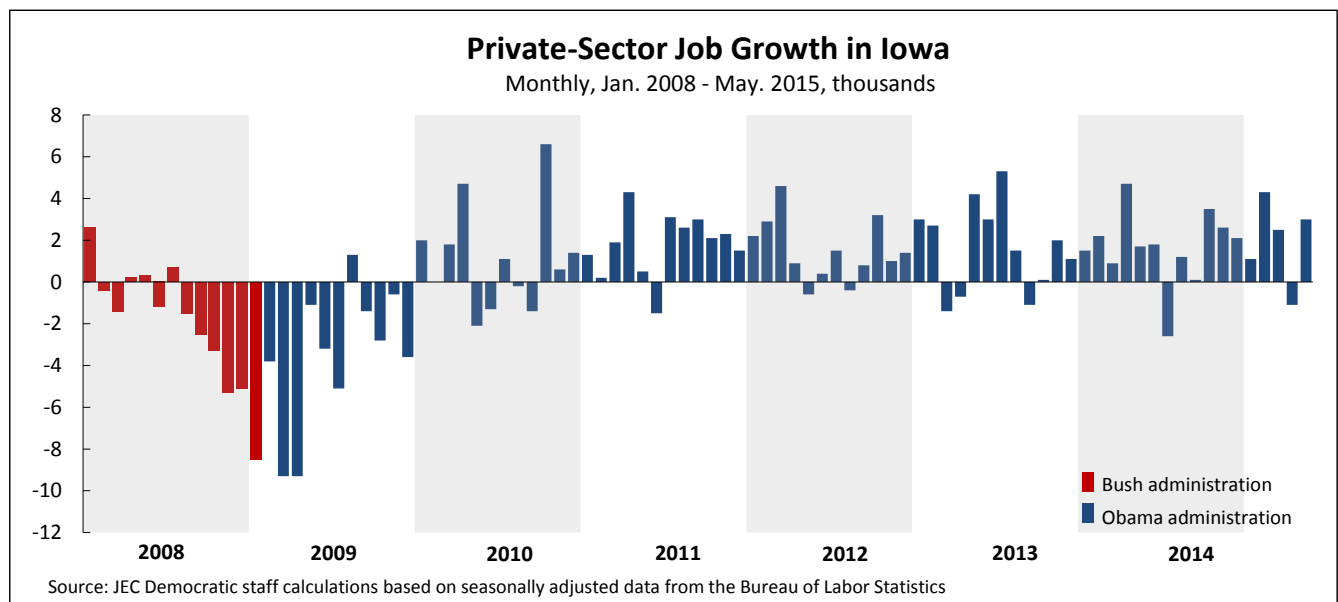


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: IOWA

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Iowa grew by 3,000 jobs. Over the past year, Iowa businesses have added 18,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 22,900 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Iowa businesses have added 99,600 jobs (an increase of 8.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 27.3 percent (16,800 jobs), professional and business services at 16.3 percent (19,400 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 9.1 percent (11,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Iowa was 3.8 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in August 2009.
- There were 64,700 Iowa residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Iowa were \$22.59. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$779.36.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Iowa</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	18,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	99,600	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.4%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$54,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.8%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.2%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 12.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Iowa broke ground on 9,630 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,863 units. That marks a decrease of 7.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Iowa, goods exports totaled \$1.2 billion in April and \$14.0 billion over the past year, up 4.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 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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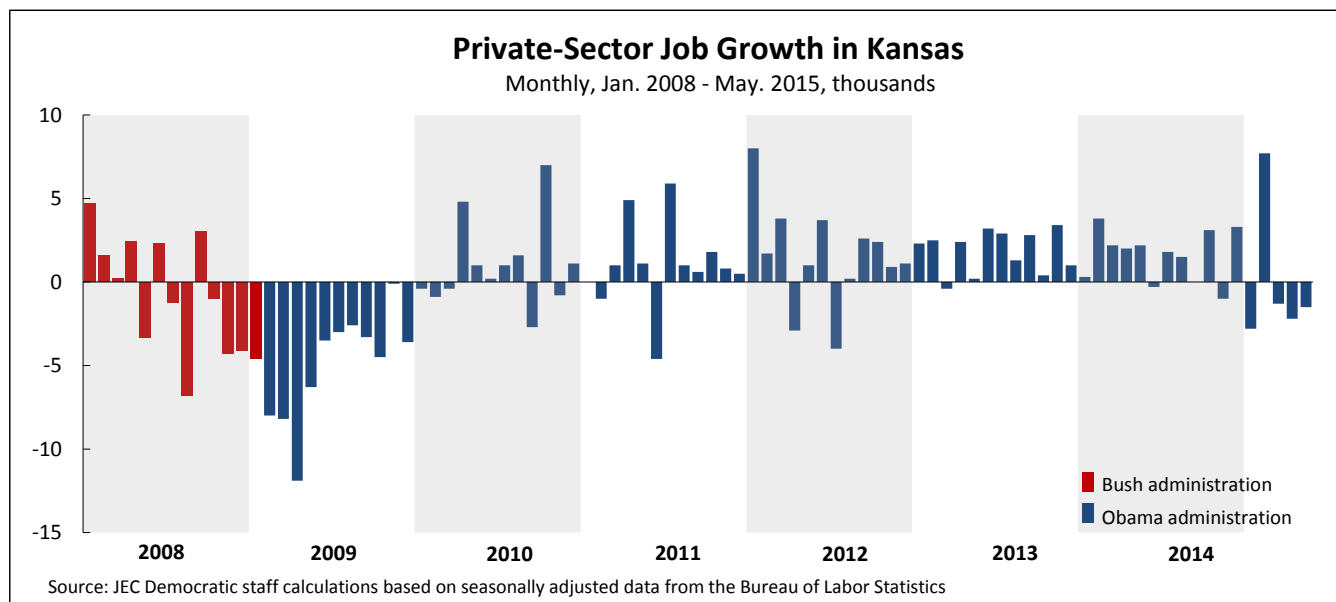


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KANSAS

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Kansas fell by 1,500 jobs. Over the past year, Kansas businesses have added 8,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 25,500 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kansas businesses have added 84,100 jobs (an increase of 7.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 19.5 percent (10,200 jobs), mining and logging at 19.5 percent (1,600 jobs) and professional and business services at 18.8 percent (26,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.4 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.1 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.3 percent in September 2009.
- There were 65,800 Kansas residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kansas were \$22.29. The average workweek was 34.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$760.09.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kansas	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	8,300	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	84,100	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.4%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.5%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$51,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,500	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	13.2%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.7%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	12.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 13.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Kansas broke ground on 10,900 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,343 units. That marks an increase of 33.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Kansas, goods exports totaled \$1.0 billion in April and \$11.4 billion over the past year, down 2.5 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 20.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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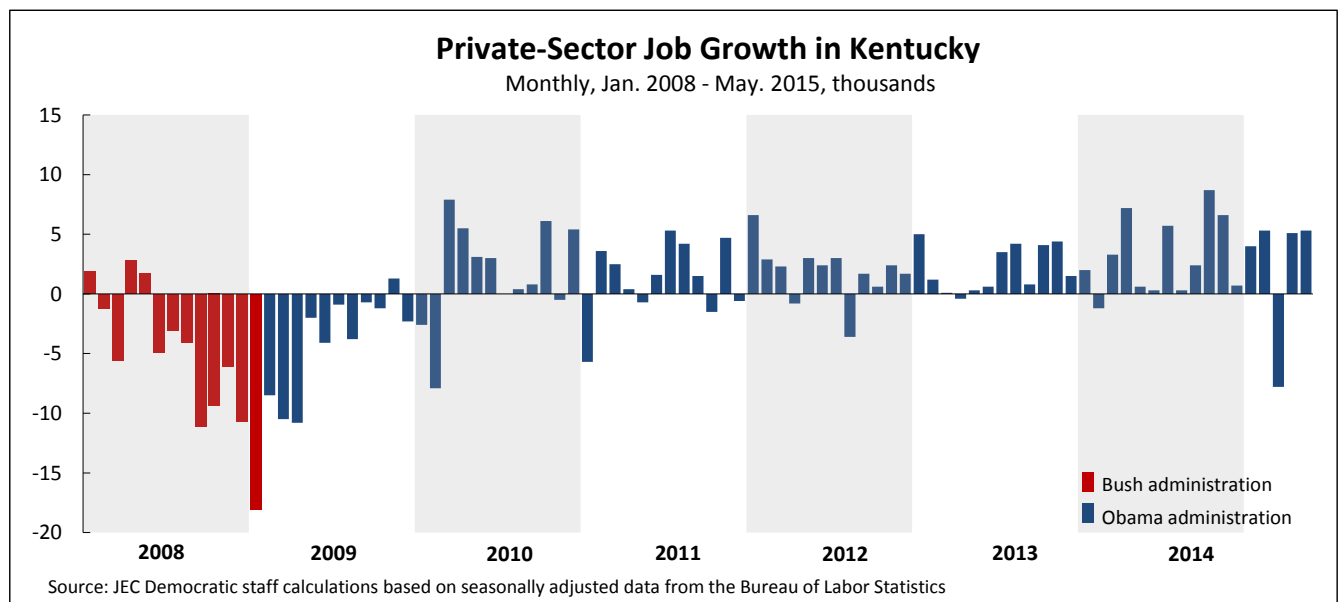


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: KENTUCKY

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Kentucky grew by 5,300 jobs. Over the past year, Kentucky businesses have added 36,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 31,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Kentucky businesses have added 143,000 jobs (an increase of 10.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 25.7 percent (44,800 jobs), manufacturing at 17.0 percent (34,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 14.5 percent (23,900 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Kentucky was 5.1 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.4 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.6 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 102,500 Kentucky residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Kentucky were \$21.06. The average workweek was 35.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$741.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Kentucky	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	36,600	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	143,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$42,200	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$44,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	20.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.6%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 11.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Kentucky broke ground on 8,170 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 8,275 units. That marks a decrease of 14.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Kentucky, goods exports totaled \$2.6 billion in April and \$27.6 billion over the past year, up 12.6 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 47.1 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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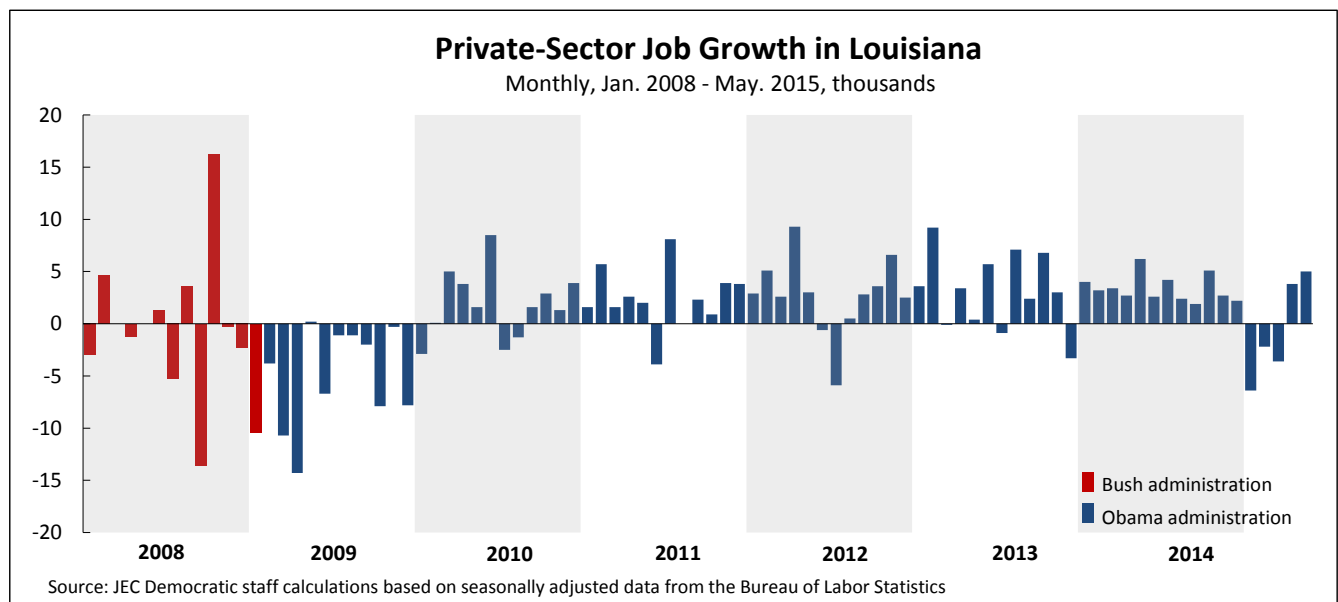


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: LOUISIANA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Louisiana grew by 5,000 jobs. Over the past year, Louisiana businesses have added 17,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 40,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Louisiana businesses have added 160,300 jobs (an increase of 10.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 17.0 percent (32,800 jobs), education and health services at 14.0 percent (37,500 jobs) and construction at 13.7 percent (16,600 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Louisiana was 6.6 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.1 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in December 2010.
- There were 145,700 Louisiana residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Louisiana were \$22.05. The average workweek was 35.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$789.39.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Louisiana	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	17,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	160,300	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$39,600	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$46,400	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	19.2%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.1%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 13.7 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Louisiana broke ground on 12,990 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,764 units. That marks an increase of 7.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Louisiana, goods exports totaled \$3.7 billion in April and \$57.2 billion over the past year, down 6.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 64.2 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:  
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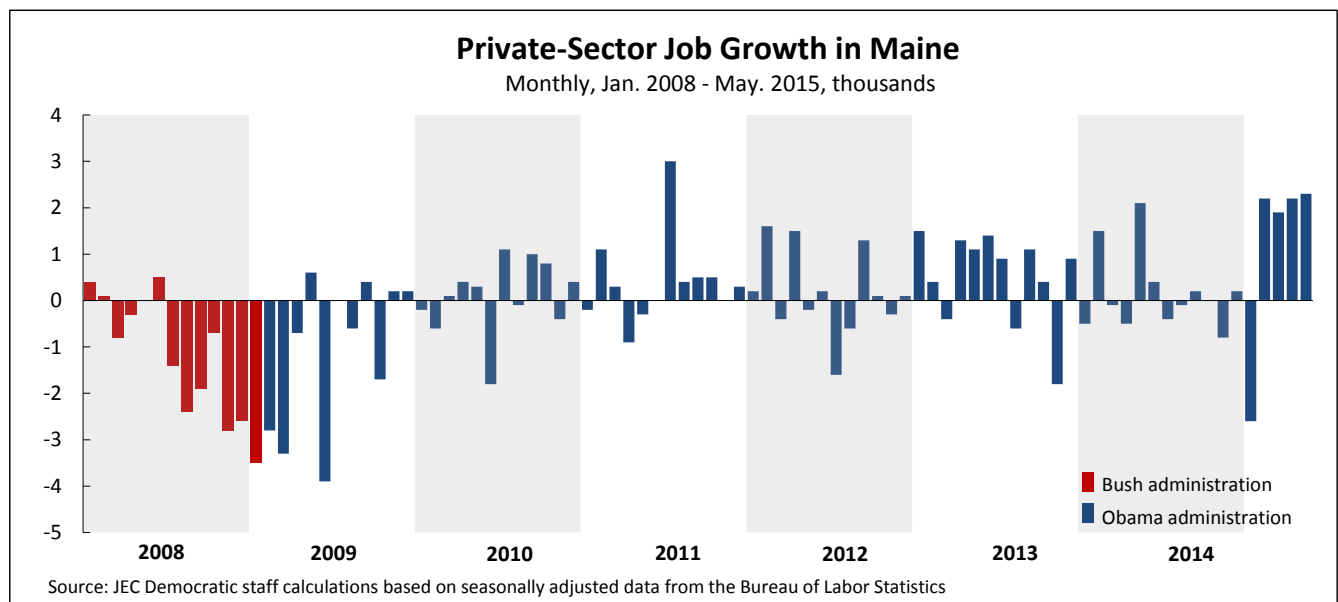


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MAINE

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Maine grew by 2,300 jobs. Over the past year, Maine businesses have added 5,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maine businesses have added 22,600 jobs (an increase of 4.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 16.1 percent (9,100 jobs), other services at 9.1 percent (1,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 7.4 percent (4,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maine was 4.7 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.8 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2009.
- There were 32,200 Maine residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maine were \$21.63. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$741.91.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maine	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	5,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	22,600	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$50,100	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,800	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	12.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.0%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 1.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 7.1 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in Maine broke ground on 2,980 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,978 units. That marks an increase of 0.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Maine, goods exports totaled \$184 million in April and \$2.7 billion over the past year, up 7.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 9.4 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>

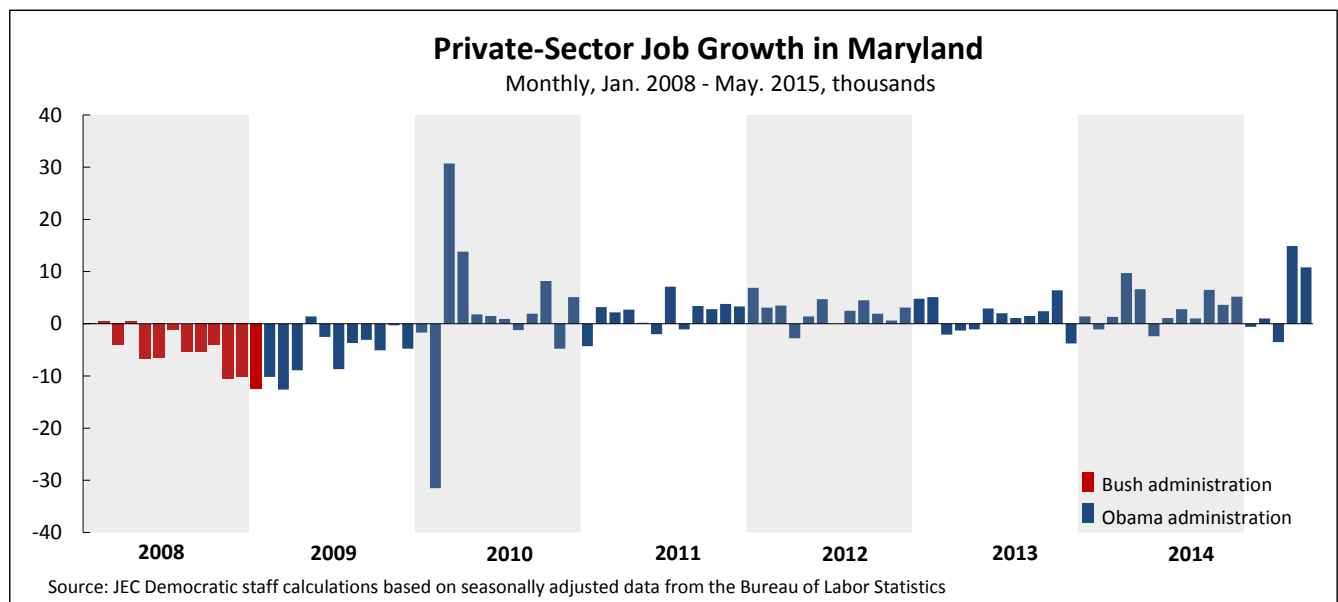


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MARYLAND

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Maryland grew by 10,800 jobs. Over the past year, Maryland businesses have added 40,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 30,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Maryland businesses have added 184,800 jobs (an increase of 9.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 22.0 percent (48,900 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 14.8 percent (20,400 jobs) and professional and business services at 14.1 percent (53,400 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Maryland was 5.3 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 165,900 Maryland residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Maryland were \$27.11. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$929.87.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Maryland	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	40,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	184,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.8%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$65,300	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$73,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	8.5%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	11.9%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 decreased by 0.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 12.1 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in Maryland broke ground on 14,240 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,778 units. That marks a decrease of 6.1 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Maryland, goods exports totaled \$834 million in April and \$11.0 billion over the past year, down 1.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 12.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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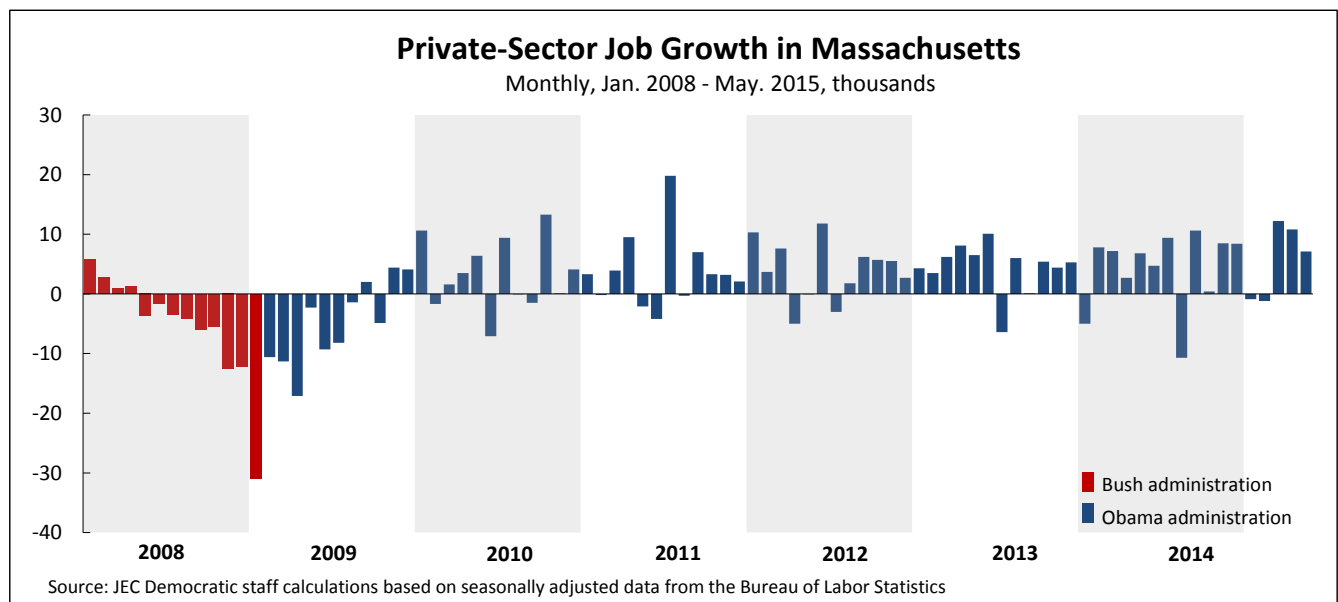


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MASSACHUSETTS

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Massachusetts grew by 7,100 jobs. Over the past year, Massachusetts businesses have added 59,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 44,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Massachusetts businesses have added 254,500 jobs (an increase of 9.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.9 percent (25,500 jobs), professional and business services at 16.2 percent (74,400 jobs) and other services at 14.6 percent (17,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 4.6 percent in May 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.2 percentage points from one year earlier and is 4.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 168,700 Massachusetts residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Massachusetts were \$30.14. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$1009.69.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Massachusetts	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	59,300	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	254,500	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.8%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$63,000	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$65,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.2%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.7%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	11.9%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 14.6 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in Massachusetts broke ground on 11,870 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,443 units. That marks an increase of 1.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Massachusetts, goods exports totaled \$2.0 billion in April and \$25.1 billion over the past year, down 3.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are unchanged from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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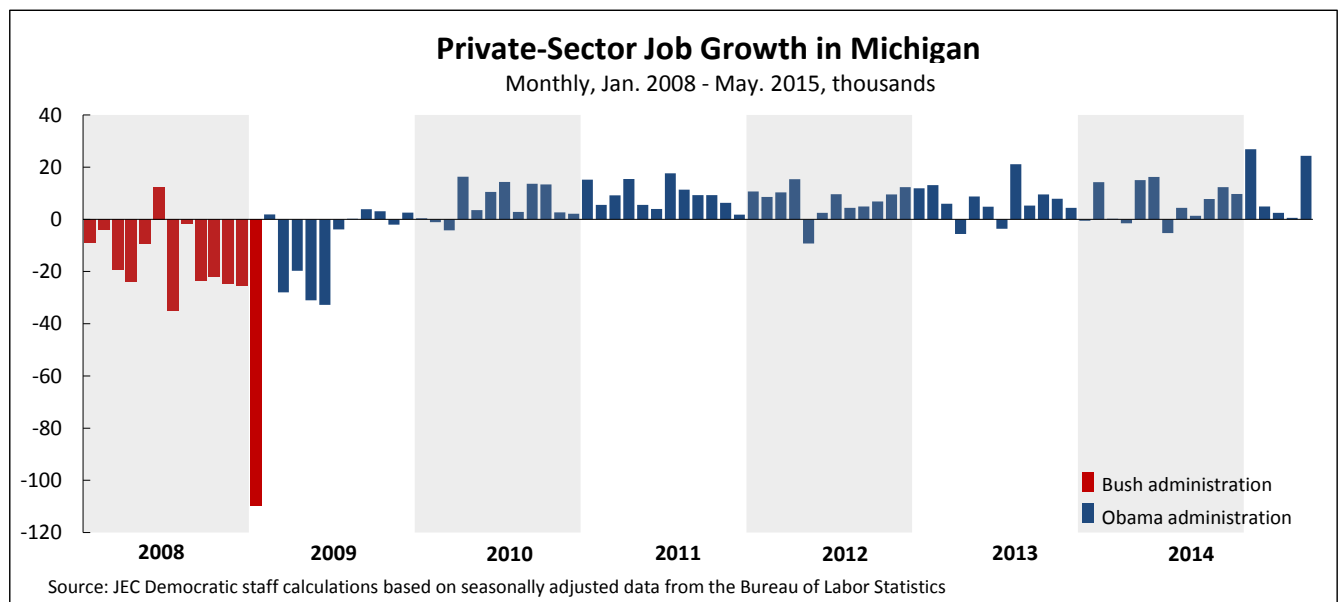


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MICHIGAN

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Michigan grew by 24,300 jobs. Over the past year, Michigan businesses have added 105,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 76,700 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Michigan businesses have added 487,900 jobs (an increase of 15.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 30.7 percent (36,600 jobs), manufacturing at 29.2 percent (134,900 jobs) and professional and business services at 26.6 percent (134,000 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Michigan was 5.5 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.8 percentage points from one year earlier and is 9.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 14.9 percent in June 2009.
- There were 263,600 Michigan residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Michigan were \$23.69. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$819.67.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Michigan</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	105,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	487,900	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.5%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.3%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	14.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$48,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,500	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.5%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.3%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 32.1 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Michigan broke ground on 22,220 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,398 units. That marks an increase of 15.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Michigan, goods exports totaled \$4.7 billion in April and \$52.6 billion over the past year, down 4.6 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 51.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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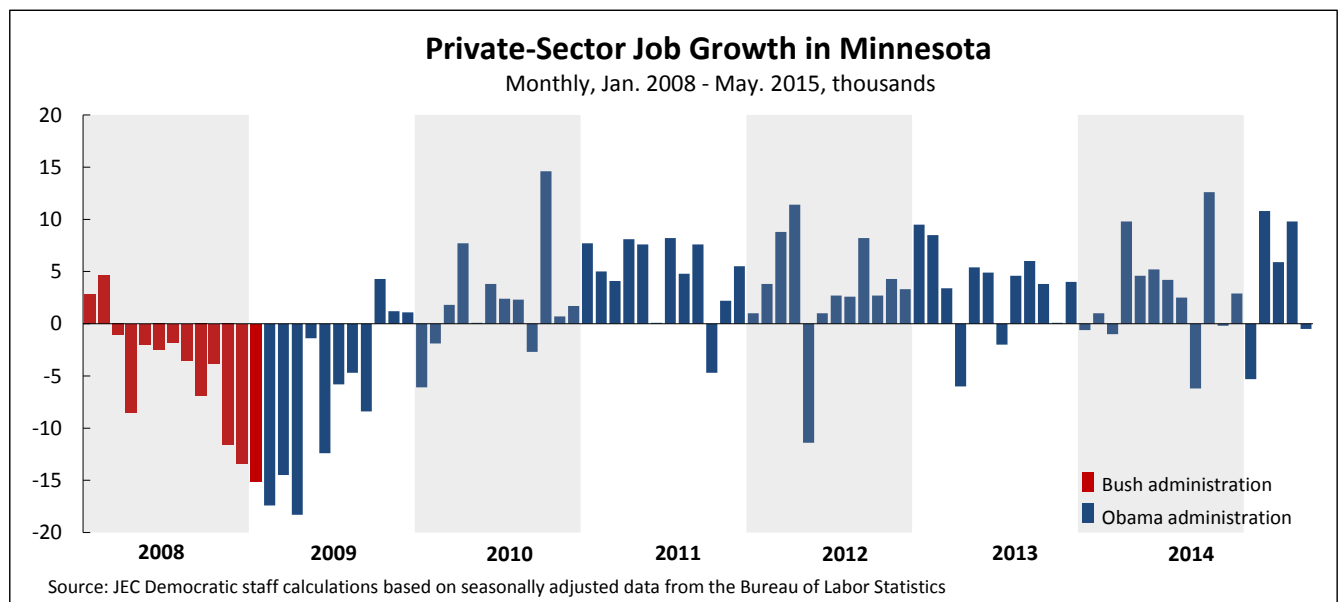


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MINNESOTA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Minnesota fell by 500 jobs. Over the past year, Minnesota businesses have added 41,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 35,200 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Minnesota businesses have added 224,700 jobs (an increase of 10.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 23.9 percent (20,900 jobs), mining and logging at 21.1 percent (1,200 jobs) and professional and business services at 15.4 percent (47,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 3.8 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 116,600 Minnesota residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Minnesota were \$25.87. The average workweek was 33.9 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$876.99.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.3 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
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	41,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	224,700	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.1%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.1%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$60,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$65,200	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	12.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	11.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.3 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 April 2015, builders in Minnesota broke ground on 15,700 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 17,948 units. That marks an increase of 14.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Minnesota, goods exports totaled \$1.7 billion in April and \$20.4 billion over the past year, up 3.9 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 23.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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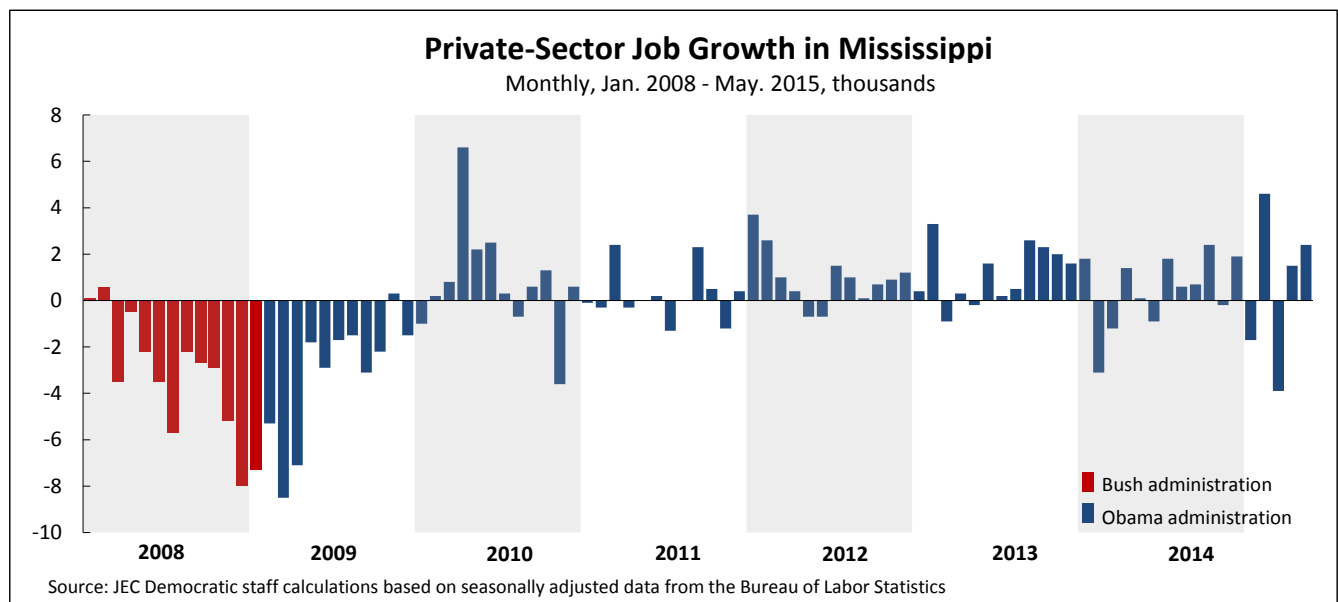


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSISSIPPI

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\*\*Last updated on June 19th; Data update next on July 21st\*\**

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Mississippi grew by 2,400 jobs. Over the past year, Mississippi businesses have added 9,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 9,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Mississippi businesses have added 46,800 jobs (an increase of 5.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 15.4 percent (13,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 9.9 percent (11,700 jobs) and information services at 9.0 percent (1,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Mississippi was 6.7 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.0 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.8 percent in March 2010.
- There were 84,000 Mississippi residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Mississippi were \$19.58. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$677.47.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Mississippi	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	9,200	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	46,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$40,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$41,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	22.5%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	22.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 1.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 8.6 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Mississippi broke ground on 5,860 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 5,876 units. That marks an increase of 10.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Mississippi, goods exports totaled \$871 million in April and \$10.8 billion over the past year, down 6.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 60.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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\*\* 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/>

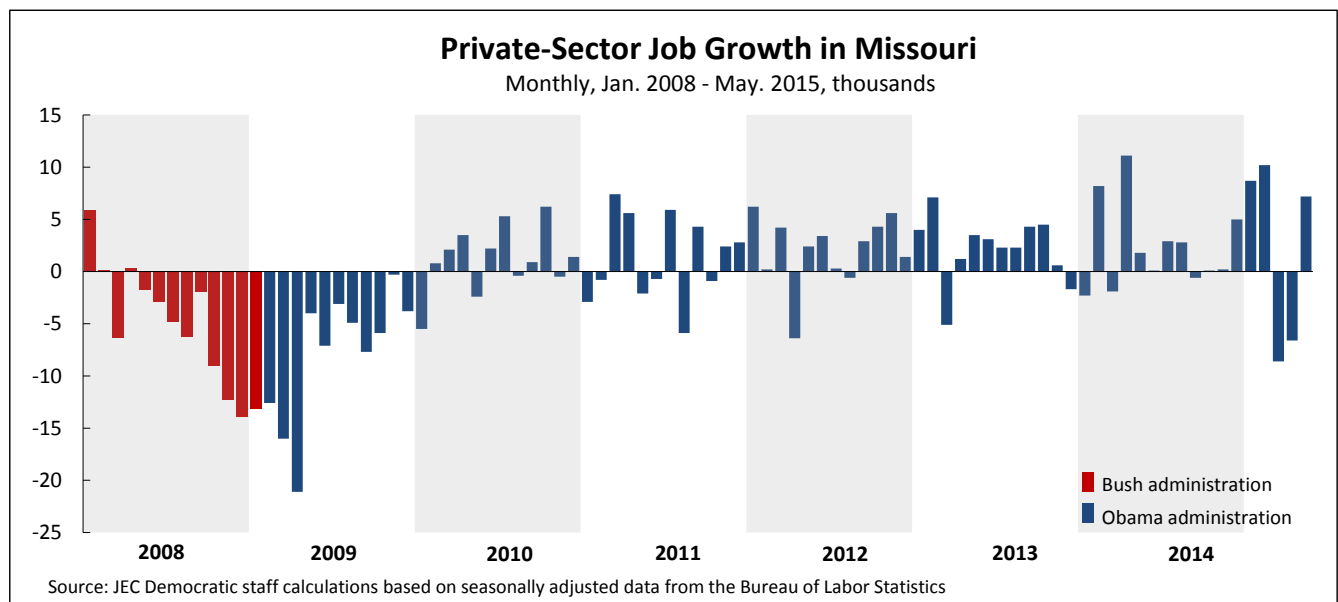


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MISSOURI

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Missouri grew by 7,200 jobs. Over the past year, Missouri businesses have added 21,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 32,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Missouri businesses have added 121,700 jobs (an increase of 5.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 13.6 percent (42,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 6.6 percent (17,900 jobs) and manufacturing at 6.5 percent (15,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Missouri was 5.8 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in February 2010.
- There were 181,700 Missouri residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Missouri were \$22.21. The average workweek was 33.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$741.81.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Missouri	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	21,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	121,700	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.1%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$50,300	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$51,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	13.7%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.7%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.3 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 13.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Missouri broke ground on 14,570 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,208 units. That marks an increase of 19.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Missouri, goods exports totaled \$1.2 billion in April and \$13.9 billion over the past year, up 16.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 37.2 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/>



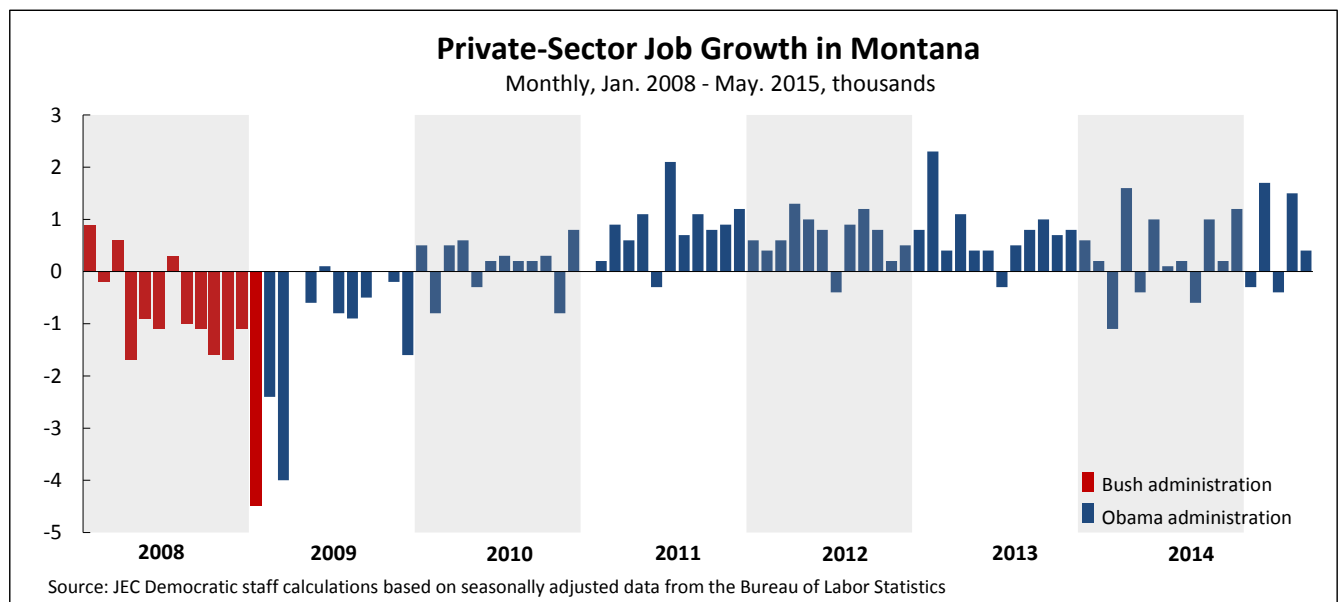


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MONTANA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Montana grew by 400 jobs. Over the past year, Montana businesses have added 6,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Montana businesses have added 35,000 jobs (an increase of 10.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 28.2 percent (2,000 jobs), financial activities at 24.9 percent (5,300 jobs) and construction at 14.7 percent (3,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Montana was 3.9 percent in May 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.6 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in April 2010.
- There were 20,300 Montana residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Montana were \$21.89. The average workweek was 32.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$711.43.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Montana</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	6,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	35,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.9%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$44,100	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.5%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.0%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.8%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.9 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 19.2 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Montana broke ground on 2,930 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,526 units. That marks an increase of 6.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Montana, goods exports totaled \$123 million in April and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 7.7 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 33.6 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 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:

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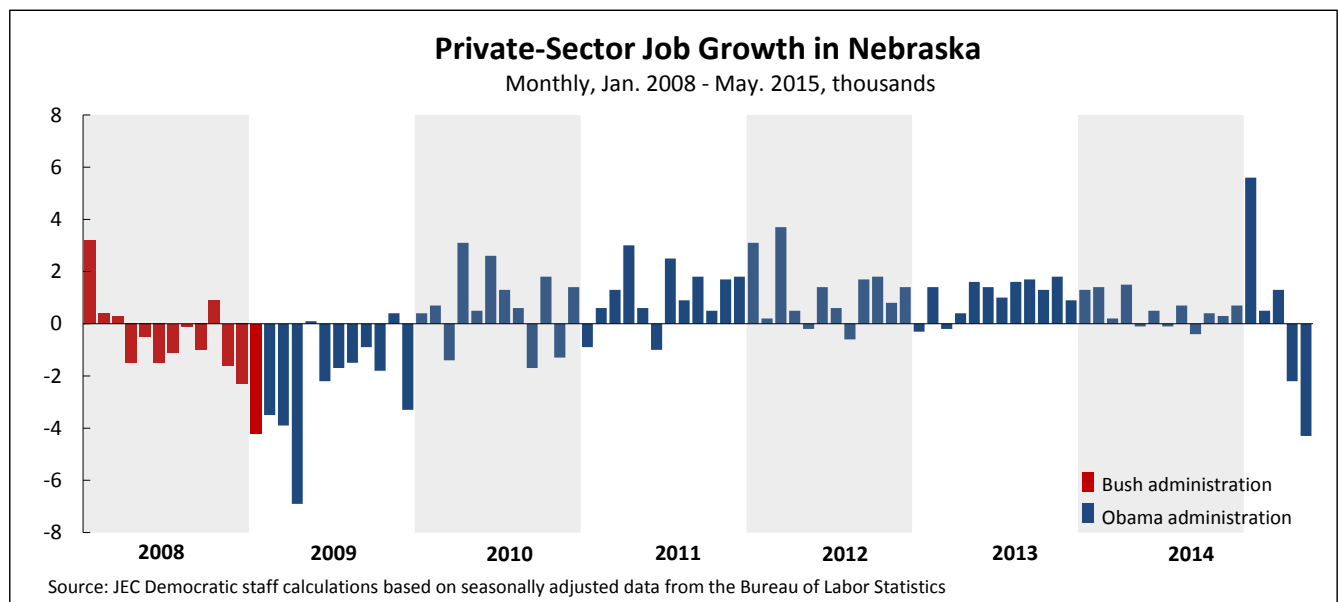


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEBRASKA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

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



### UNEMPLOYMENT

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

### EARNINGS

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

## STATE QUICK FACTS

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

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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

### HOUSING

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

### EXPORTS

- In Nebraska, goods exports totaled \$630 million in April and \$7.2 billion over the past year, down 1.0 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

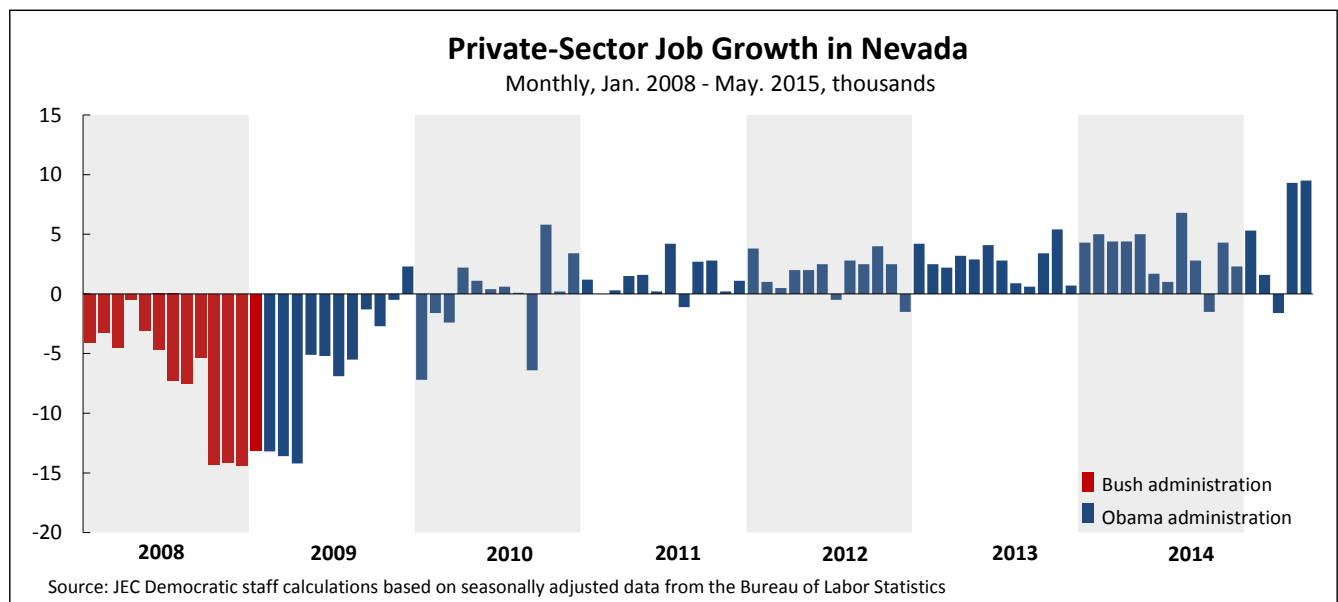


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEVADA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Nevada grew by 9,500 jobs. Over the past year, Nevada businesses have added 41,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 41,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Nevada businesses have added 138,800 jobs (an increase of 14.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: education and health services at 21.2 percent (21,200 jobs), professional and business services at 18.9 percent (25,300 jobs) and mining and logging at 15.3 percent (1,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Nevada was 7.0 percent in May 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.5 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 6.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 13.7 percent in November 2010.
- There were 99,200 Nevada residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Nevada were \$21.56. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$722.26.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Nevada	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	41,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	138,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	7.0%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	13.7%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$45,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	17.4%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.7%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 10.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 64.8 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Nevada broke ground on 12,860 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 13,252 units. That marks an increase of 21.9 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Nevada, goods exports totaled \$569 million in April and \$7.4 billion over the past year, down 7.0 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 21.8 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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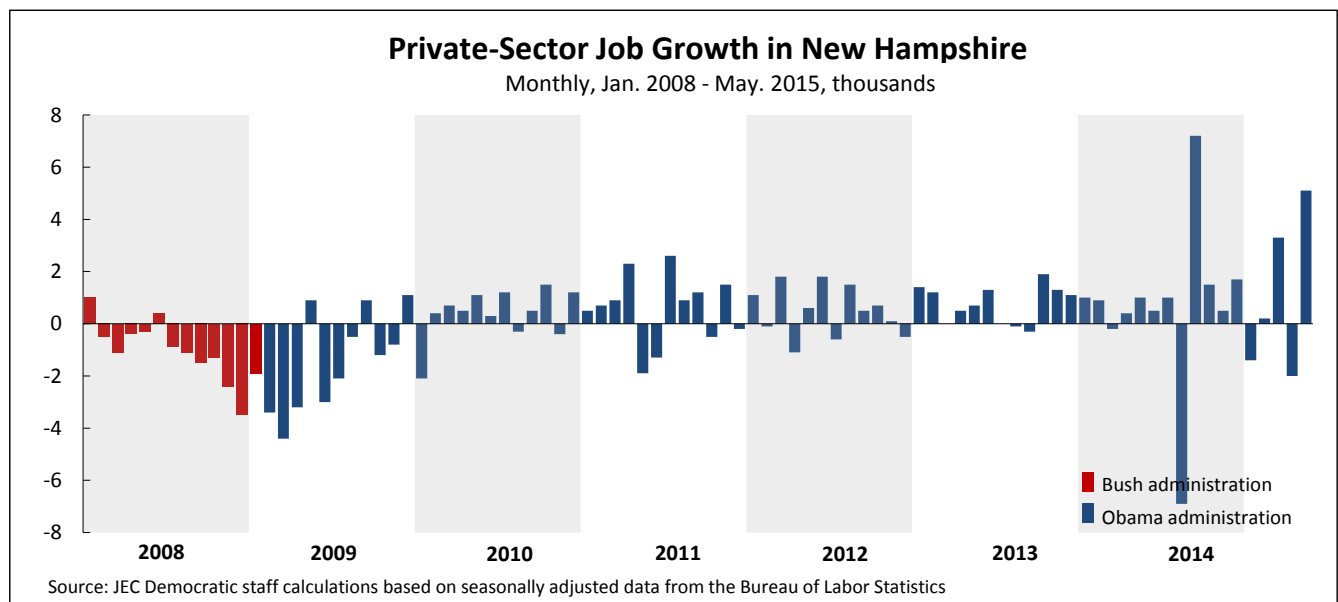


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW HAMPSHIRE

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in New Hampshire grew by 5,100 jobs. Over the past year, New Hampshire businesses have added 10,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Hampshire businesses have added 41,600 jobs (an increase of 7.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: other services at 17.8 percent (4,000 jobs), professional and business services at 16.7 percent (10,500 jobs) and construction at 15.1 percent (3,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Hampshire was 3.8 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 6.6 percent in July 2009.
- There were 28,700 New Hampshire residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Hampshire were \$24.95. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$843.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Hampshire	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	10,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	41,600	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.4%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	6.6%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$71,300	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$75,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	9.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	5.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.8%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	1.5%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 12.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in New Hampshire broke ground on 3,170 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 3,162 units. That marks an increase of 25.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In New Hampshire, goods exports totaled \$428 million in April and \$4.1 billion over the past year, down 2.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 25.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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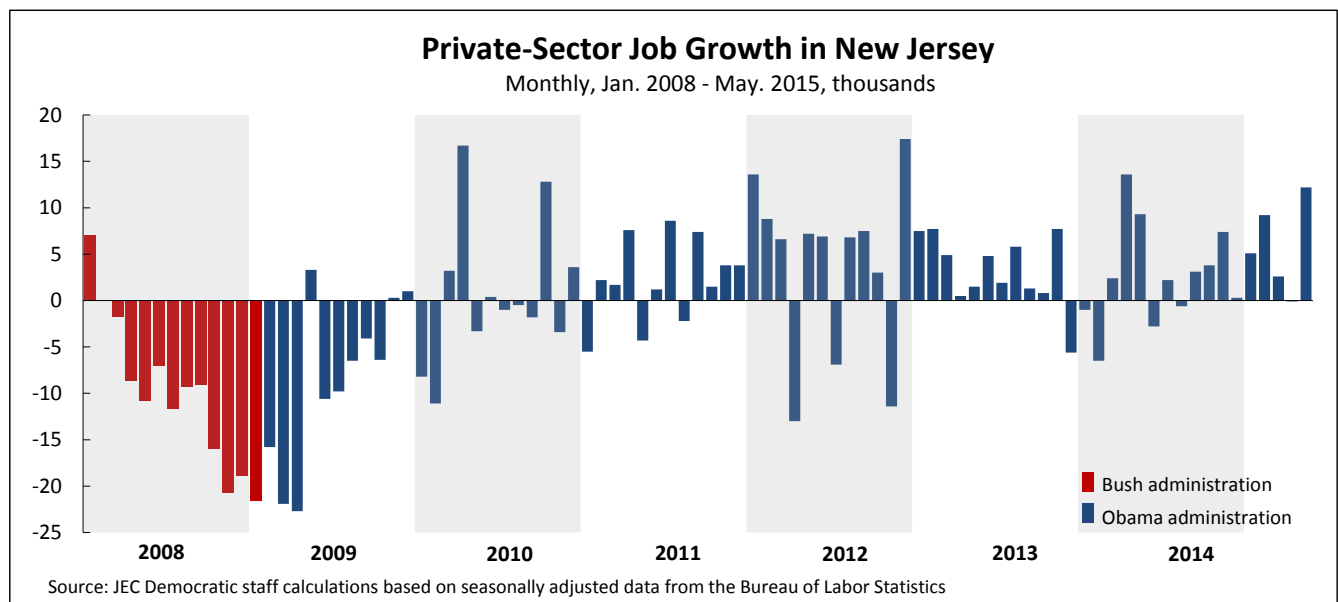


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW JERSEY

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in New Jersey grew by 12,200 jobs. Over the past year, New Jersey businesses have added 42,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 34,500 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Jersey businesses have added 198,000 jobs (an increase of 6.2 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 16.9 percent (22,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 9.5 percent (31,200 jobs) and other services at 9.2 percent (14,700 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Jersey was 6.5 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.0 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.8 percent in January 2010.
- There were 297,100 New Jersey residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Jersey were \$27.57. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$931.87.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 3.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Jersey	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	42,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	198,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.5%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.6%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$61,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$68,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.7%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	12.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.0 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 8.0 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2012.
- In April 2015, builders in New Jersey broke ground on 42,400 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 24,348 units. That marks an increase of 5.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In New Jersey, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in April and \$34.6 billion over the past year, up 2.7 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 19.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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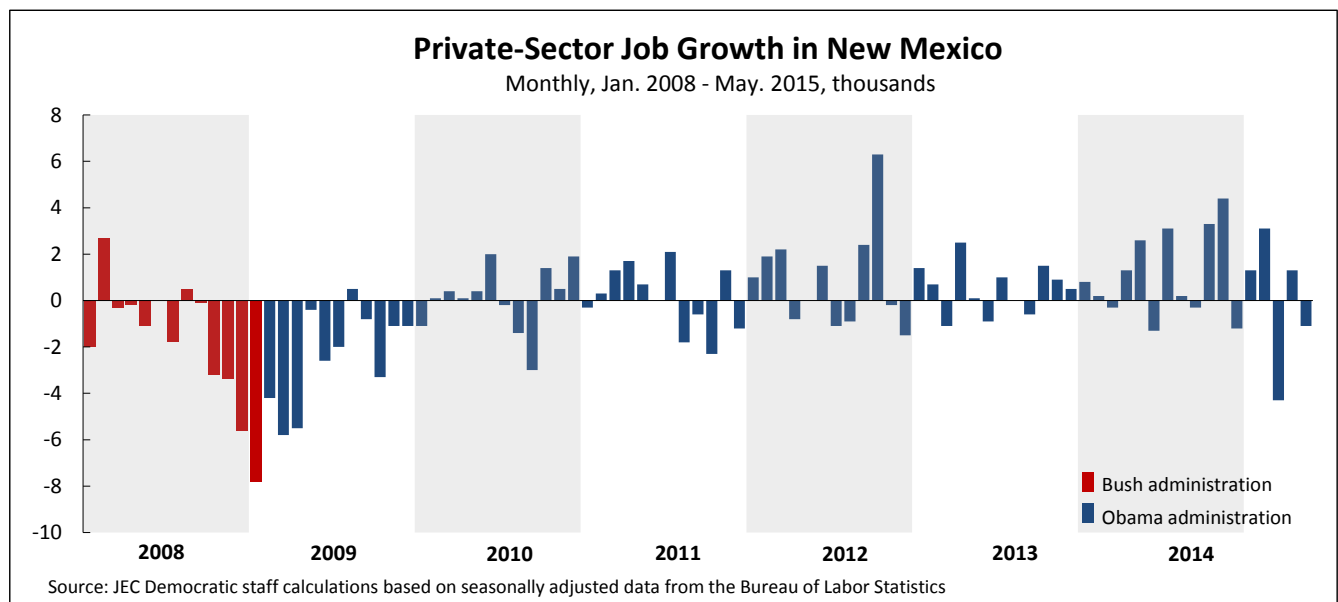


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW MEXICO

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in New Mexico fell by 1,100 jobs. Over the past year, New Mexico businesses have added 8,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New Mexico businesses have added 33,200 jobs (an increase of 5.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 55.1 percent (9,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 11.5 percent (9,600 jobs) and education and health services at 11.3 percent (13,500 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Mexico was 6.2 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in July 2010.
- There were 58,200 New Mexico residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New Mexico were \$20.54. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$694.25.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.1 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Mexico	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	8,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	33,200	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.2%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$42,100	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,800	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	21.7%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.0%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.3%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	9.3%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 1.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 6.0 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in New Mexico broke ground on 5,950 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,192 units. That marks a decrease of 10.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In New Mexico, goods exports totaled \$313 million in April and \$3.6 billion over the past year, up 20.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 167.4 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 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>

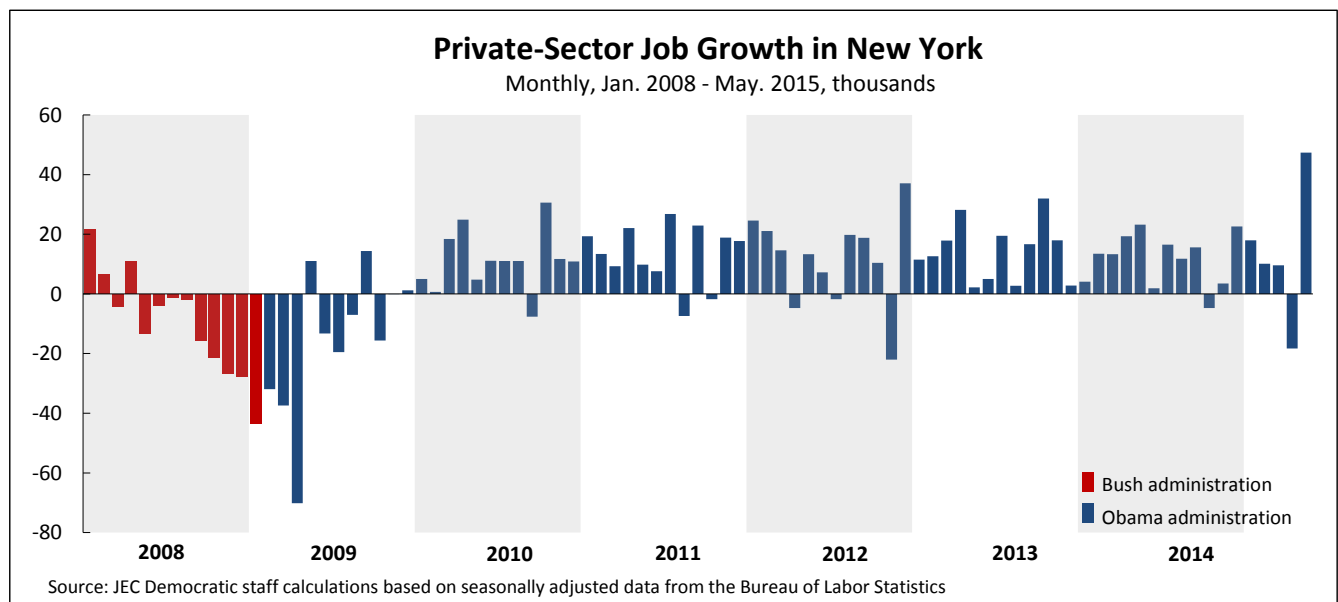


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW YORK

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in New York grew by 47,400 jobs. Over the past year, New York businesses have added 134,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 170,100 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, New York businesses have added 800,300 jobs (an increase of 11.5 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 22.2 percent (160,000 jobs), construction at 16.0 percent (48,900 jobs) and professional and business services at 15.7 percent (170,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New York was 5.7 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in December 2009.
- There were 551,900 New York residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in New York were \$28.53. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$961.46.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		New York	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	134,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	800,300	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.4%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$53,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.5%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.8%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	8.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 7.4 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in New York broke ground on 83,510 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 37,308 units. That marks an increase of 10.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In New York, goods exports totaled \$6.3 billion in April and \$82.4 billion over the past year, up 7.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 34.9 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 York economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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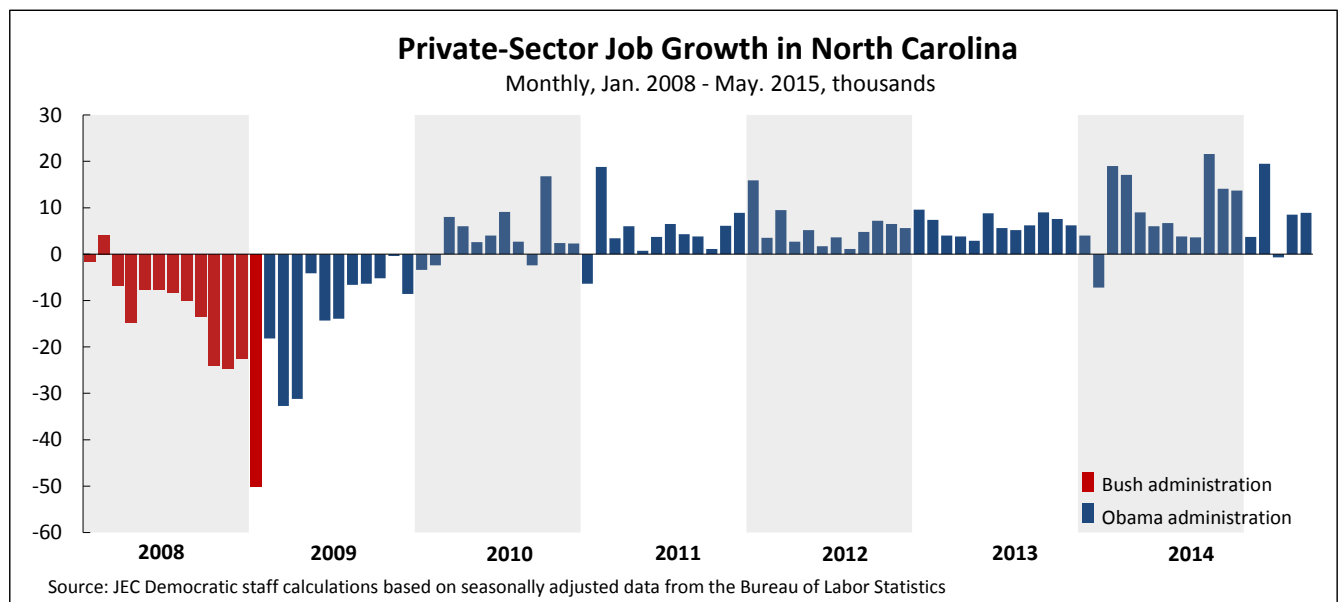


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH CAROLINA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in North Carolina grew by 8,900 jobs. Over the past year, North Carolina businesses have added 109,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 90,500 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Carolina businesses have added 403,300 jobs (an increase of 12.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 25.5 percent (120,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.9 percent (73,300 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 11.4 percent (80,600 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Carolina was 5.7 percent in May 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in March 2010.
- There were 272,700 North Carolina residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Carolina were \$22.10. The average workweek was 34.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$762.45.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Carolina	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	109,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	403,300	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.7%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.3%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$41,200	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	18.6%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	15.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.2%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 14.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in North Carolina broke ground on 46,550 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 49,680 units. That marks an increase of 5.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In North Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.7 billion in April and \$30.5 billion over the past year, up 9.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.3 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 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:  
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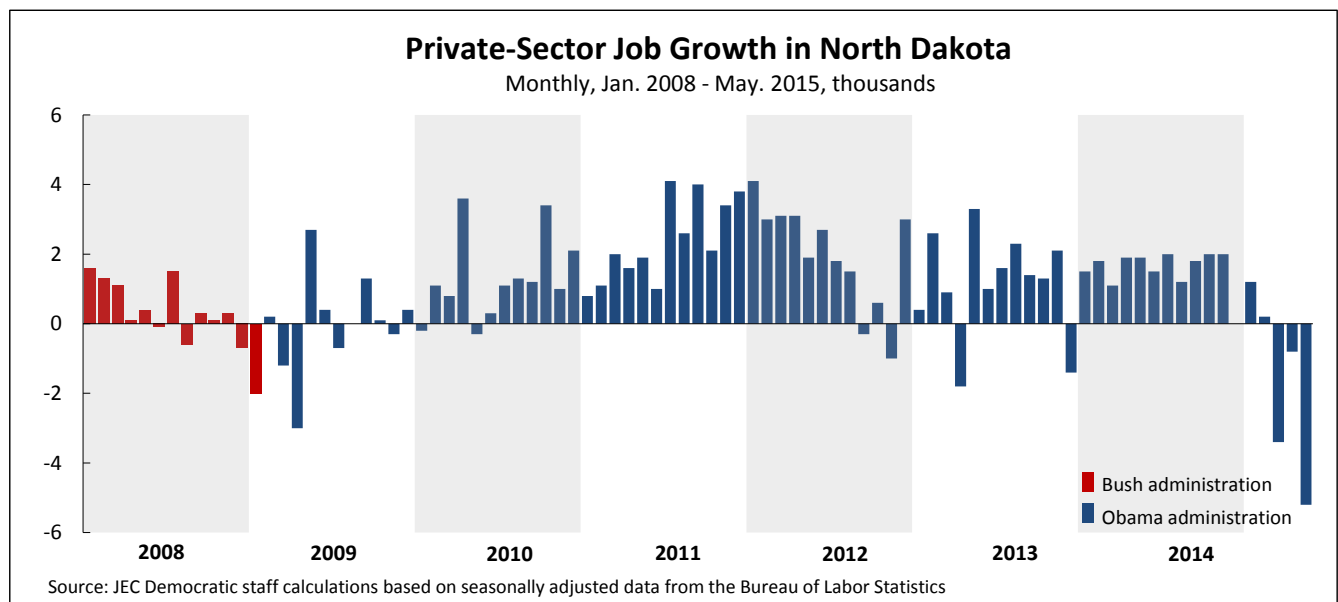


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NORTH DAKOTA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in North Dakota fell by 5,200 jobs. Over the past year, North Dakota businesses have added 2,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 16,500 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, North Dakota businesses have added 90,800 jobs (an increase of 31.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 230.6 percent (19,600 jobs), construction at 70.9 percent (15,100 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities at 34.4 percent (27,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in North Dakota was 3.1 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 2.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 4.3 percent in May 2009.
- There were 13,100 North Dakota residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in North Dakota were \$25.21. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$877.31.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		North Dakota	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	2,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	90,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	2.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	4.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$52,900	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,000	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	9.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.3%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	1.4%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.3%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are now 43.4 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In April 2015, builders in North Dakota broke ground on 6,950 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 9,813 units. That marks an increase of 4.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In North Dakota, goods exports totaled \$352 million in April and \$5.0 billion over the past year, up 34.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 115.4 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

\*\*\* For additional North Dakota-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the North Dakota office:  
<https://www.ndworkforceintelligence.com/analyzer/default.asp>

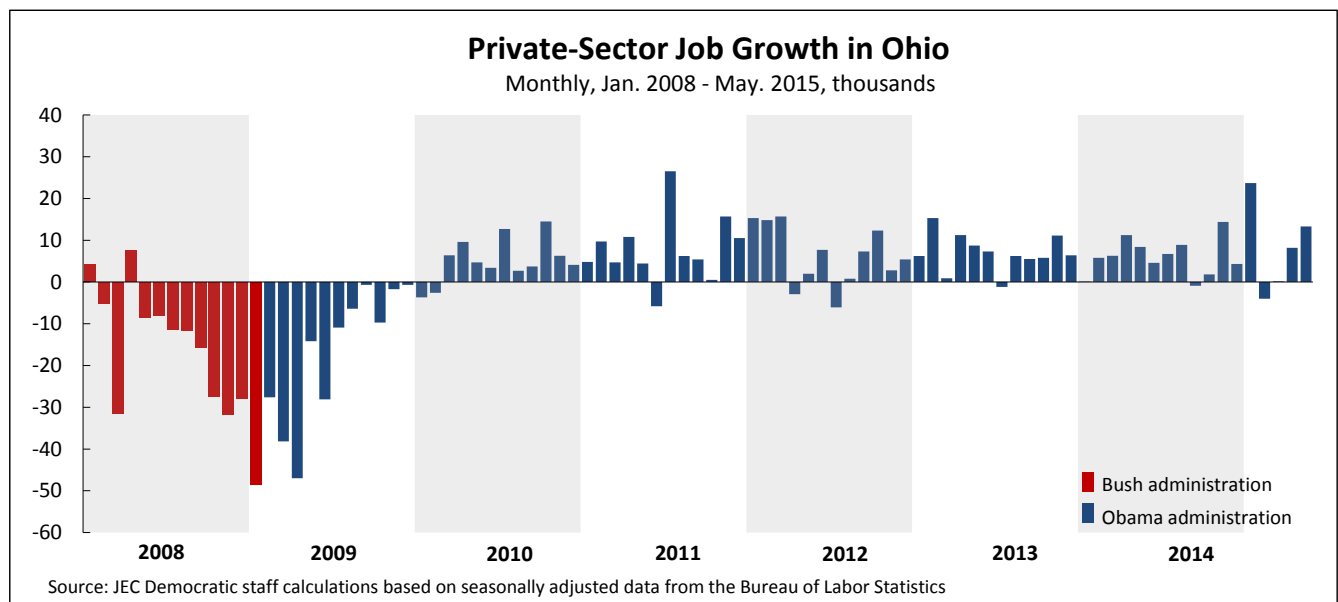


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OHIO

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Ohio grew by 13,300 jobs. Over the past year, Ohio businesses have added 81,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 72,900 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Ohio businesses have added 433,000 jobs (an increase of 10.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 32.4 percent (3,600 jobs), professional and business services at 16.9 percent (103,700 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.8 percent (74,700 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Ohio was 5.2 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 0.3 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.0 percent in January 2010.
- There were 301,900 Ohio residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Ohio were \$22.45. The average workweek was 34.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$765.55.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Ohio	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	81,200	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	433,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.2%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$46,400	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,200	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	13.7%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.6%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 14.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Ohio broke ground on 19,340 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 19,830 units. That marks an increase of 1.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Ohio, goods exports totaled \$4.1 billion in April and \$50.4 billion over the past year, up 6.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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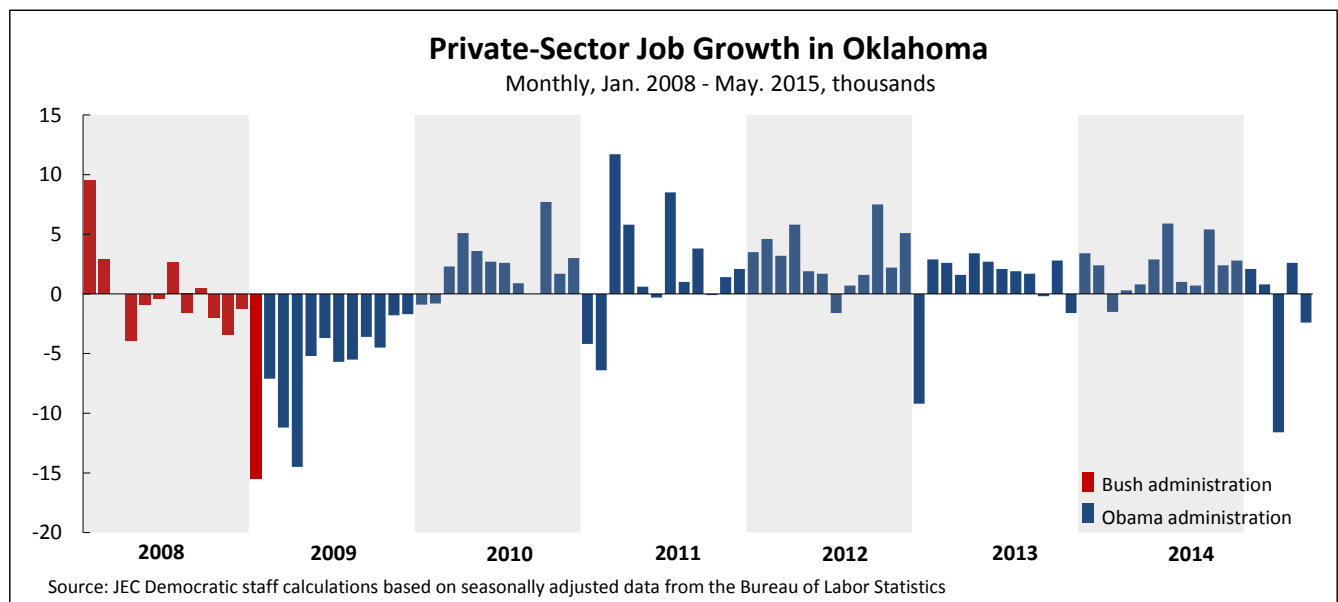


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OKLAHOMA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Oklahoma fell by 2,400 jobs. Over the past year, Oklahoma businesses have added 12,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 14,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oklahoma businesses have added 118,400 jobs (an increase of 9.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 33.7 percent (13,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.3 percent (25,200 jobs) and construction at 18.2 percent (11,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oklahoma was 4.3 percent in May 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.8 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.1 percent in March 2010.
- There were 80,100 Oklahoma residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oklahoma were \$21.77. The average workweek was 34.2 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$744.53.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Oklahoma	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	12,600	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	118,400	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.6%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.1%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$43,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$48,600	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	14.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	13.4%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.0%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 18.3 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Oklahoma broke ground on 8,950 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 12,985 units. That marks an increase of 3.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Oklahoma, goods exports totaled \$472 million in April and \$6.0 billion over the past year, down 4.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 26.7 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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\*\*\* For additional Oklahoma-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Oklahoma office:  
[http://www.ok.gov/oesc\\_web/Services/Find\\_Labor\\_Market\\_Statistics/](http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/Services/Find_Labor_Market_Statistics/)



## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: OREGON

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Oregon fell by 1,100 jobs. Over the past year, Oregon businesses have added 48,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 40,300 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Oregon businesses have added 177,100 jobs (an increase of 13.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 24.3 percent (45,000 jobs), construction at 18.9 percent (12,900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 17.4 percent (28,000 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Oregon was 5.3 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.2 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 1.7 percentage points from one year earlier and is 6.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.9 percent in May 2009.
- There were 102,700 Oregon residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Oregon were \$23.34. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$786.56.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Oregon</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	48,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	177,100	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.0%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.9%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$56,300	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$56,400	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	15.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	12.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.4 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 31.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Oregon broke ground on 13,020 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,618 units. That marks an increase of 9.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Oregon, goods exports totaled \$1.7 billion in April and \$20.4 billion over the past year, up 11.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 28.4 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 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>



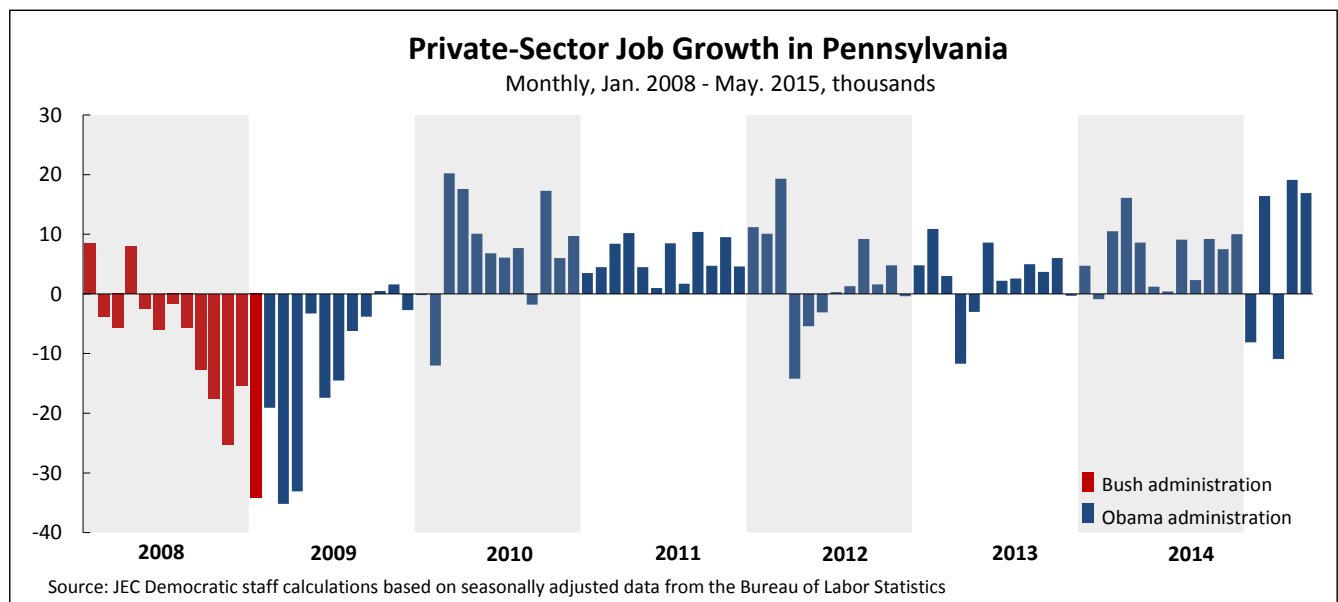


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: PENNSYLVANIA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Pennsylvania grew by 16,900 jobs. Over the past year, Pennsylvania businesses have added 73,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 66,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Pennsylvania businesses have added 349,800 jobs (an increase of 7.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 55.3 percent (13,000 jobs), construction at 16.3 percent (34,300 jobs) and professional and business services at 12.4 percent (84,300 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was 5.4 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.1 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in April 2010.
- There were 347,600 Pennsylvania residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Pennsylvania were \$23.98. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$815.32.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Pennsylvania	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	73,100	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	349,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.4%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.7%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$54,000	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,400	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	12.4%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.4%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.7%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	7.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.7 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 8.9 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Pennsylvania broke ground on 32,980 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 20,003 units. That marks a decrease of 6.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Pennsylvania, goods exports totaled \$3.6 billion in April and \$39.5 billion over the past year, up 4.4 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.3 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

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

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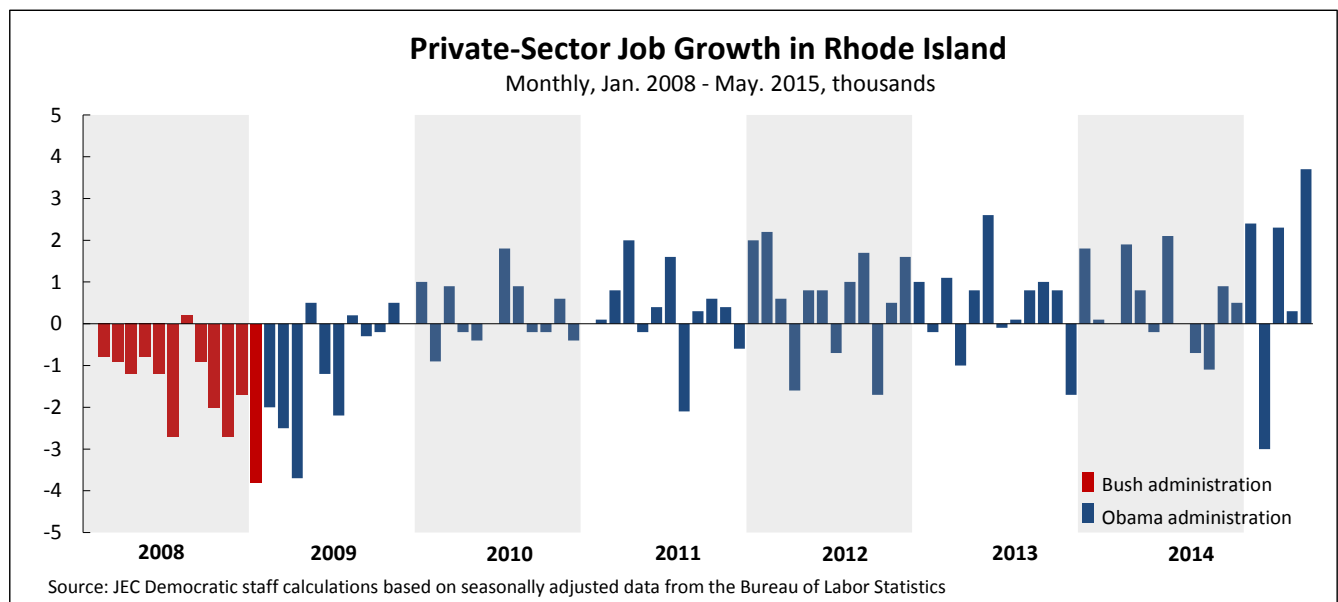


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: RHODE ISLAND

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Rhode Island grew by 3,700 jobs. Over the past year, Rhode Island businesses have added 7,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 8,100 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Rhode Island businesses have added 30,300 jobs (an increase of 7.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 18.9 percent (9,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 18.6 percent (9,100 jobs) and other services at 10.0 percent (2,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 5.9 percent in May 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.4 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 2.0 percentage points from one year earlier and is 5.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.3 percent in August 2009.
- There were 33,100 Rhode Island residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Rhode Island were \$25.02. The average workweek was 33.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$828.16.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Rhode Island	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	7,200	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	30,300	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.9%	5.5%
	May 2014	7.9%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.3%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$57,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,900	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	13.5%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	10.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.9 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 10.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2013.
- ▣ In April 2015, builders in Rhode Island broke ground on 800 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 832 units. That marks an increase of 2.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ▣ In Rhode Island, goods exports totaled \$194 million in April and \$2.3 billion over the past year, up 15.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ▣ Exports over the past 12 months are up 45.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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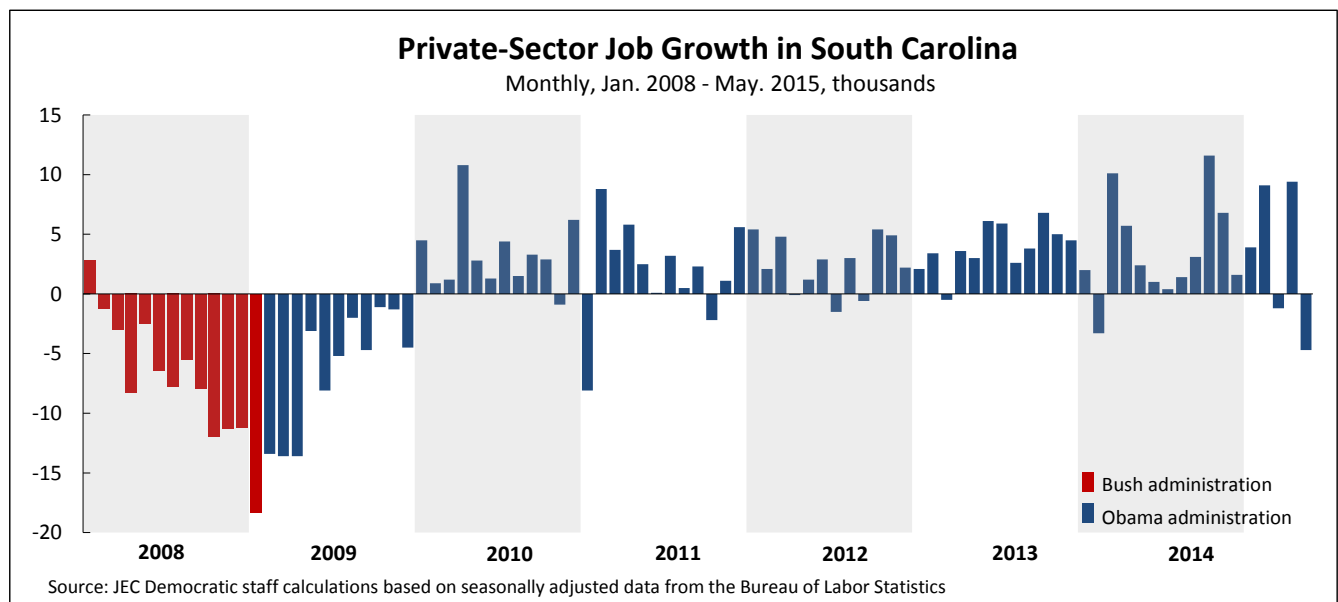


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH CAROLINA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in South Carolina fell by 4,700 jobs. Over the past year, South Carolina businesses have added 42,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 51,600 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Carolina businesses have added 192,100 jobs (an increase of 13.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 28.6 percent (59,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 14.6 percent (30,000 jobs) and manufacturing at 13.6 percent (28,000 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Carolina was 6.8 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.3 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.6 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 4.9 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.7 percent in January 2010.
- There were 153,300 South Carolina residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Carolina were \$21.05. The average workweek was 34.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$728.33.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 1.8 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Carolina	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	42,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	192,100	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	6.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.2%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.7%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$43,700	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$49,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	15.9%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.1%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.5%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.6%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 18.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in South Carolina broke ground on 34,320 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 27,101 units. That marks an increase of 10.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In South Carolina, goods exports totaled \$2.8 billion in April and \$29.0 billion over the past year, up 14.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 64.8 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>

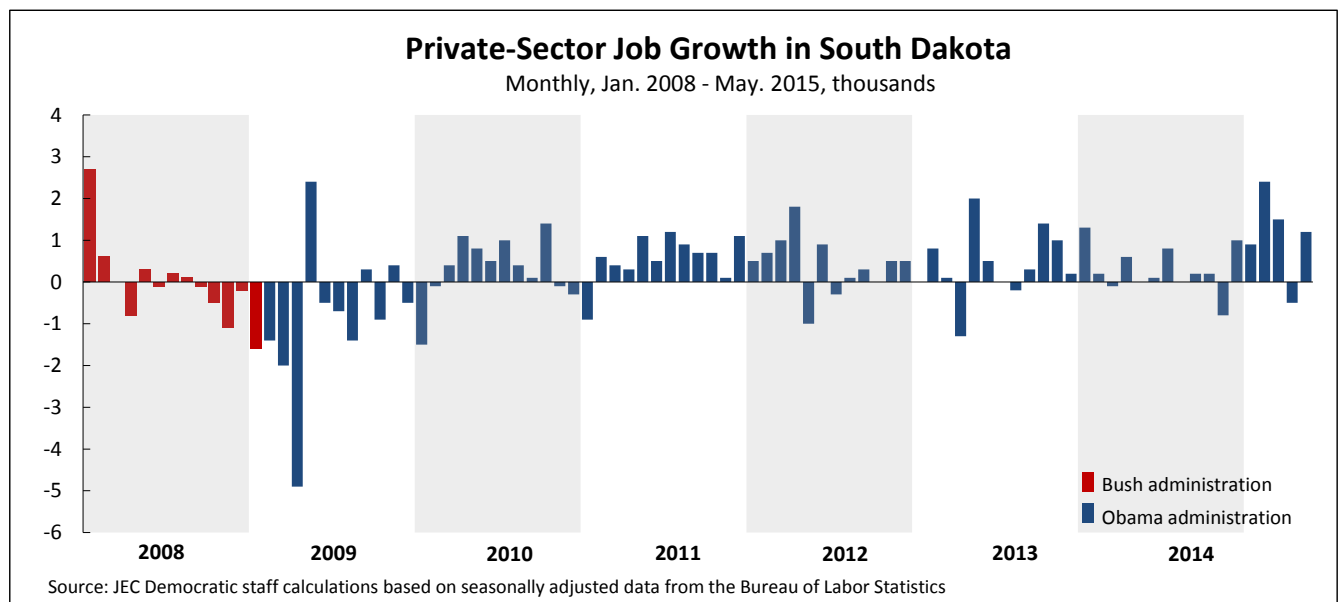


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH DAKOTA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in South Dakota grew by 1,200 jobs. Over the past year, South Dakota businesses have added 7,000 jobs. This compares with an increase of 5,200 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Dakota businesses have added 30,800 jobs (an increase of 9.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 21.8 percent (7,900 jobs), logging, mining and construction at 13.4 percent (2,700 jobs) and professional and business services at 10.4 percent (2,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was 3.8 percent in May 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.7 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 5.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 17,200 South Dakota residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Dakota were \$21.00. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$707.70.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 4.2 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		South Dakota	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	7,000	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	30,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	3.4%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	5.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$54,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,200	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.4%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.7%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.9%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are now 13.1 percent above their level in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- In April 2015, builders in South Dakota broke ground on 4,790 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,422 units. That marks a decrease of 6.8 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In South Dakota, goods exports totaled \$107 million in April and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 2.5 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 38.9 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:  
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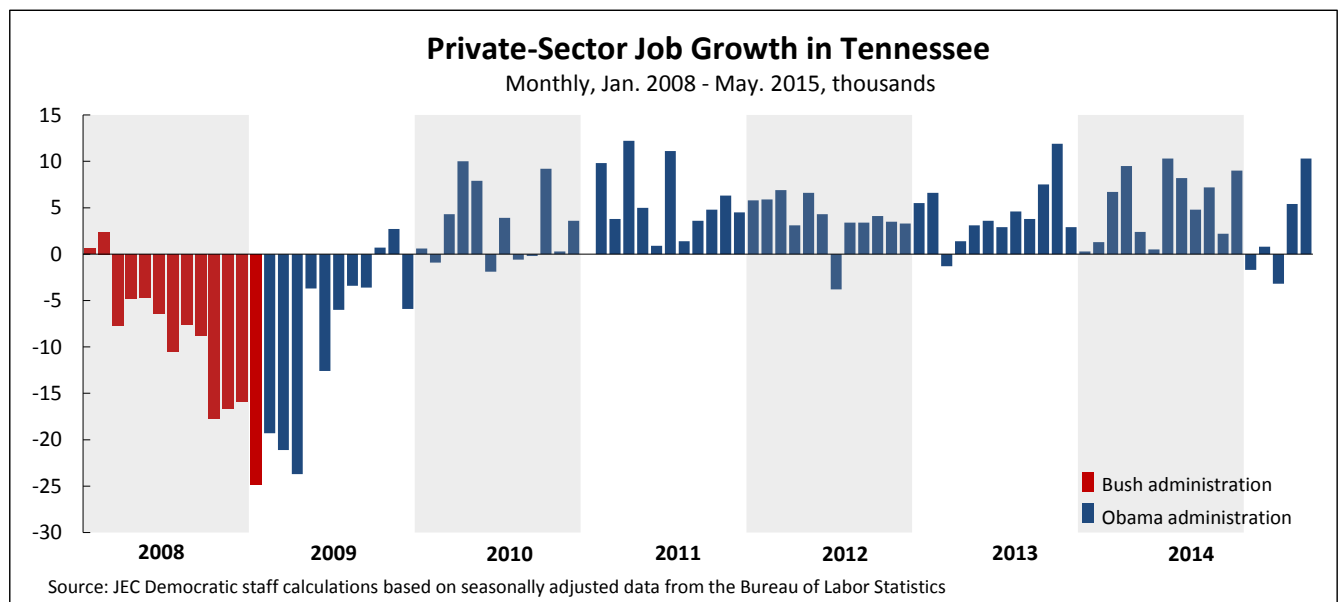


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TENNESSEE

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Tennessee grew by 10,300 jobs. Over the past year, Tennessee businesses have added 53,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 57,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Tennessee businesses have added 272,900 jobs (an increase of 12.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 27.7 percent (82,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 17.4 percent (45,400 jobs) and logging, mining and construction at 13.2 percent (13,500 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 5.8 percent in May 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.3 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 181,100 Tennessee residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Tennessee were \$20.61. The average workweek was 35.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$721.35.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 0.6 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Tennessee	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	53,800	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	272,900	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.8%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.5%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.1%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$42,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$46,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	18.1%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.5%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.0%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 6.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 20.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Tennessee broke ground on 31,650 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 25,934 units. That marks an increase of 11.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Tennessee, goods exports totaled \$2.8 billion in April and \$31.6 billion over the past year, up 3.0 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 45.1 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 Tennessee-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Tennessee office: <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/lmr/>

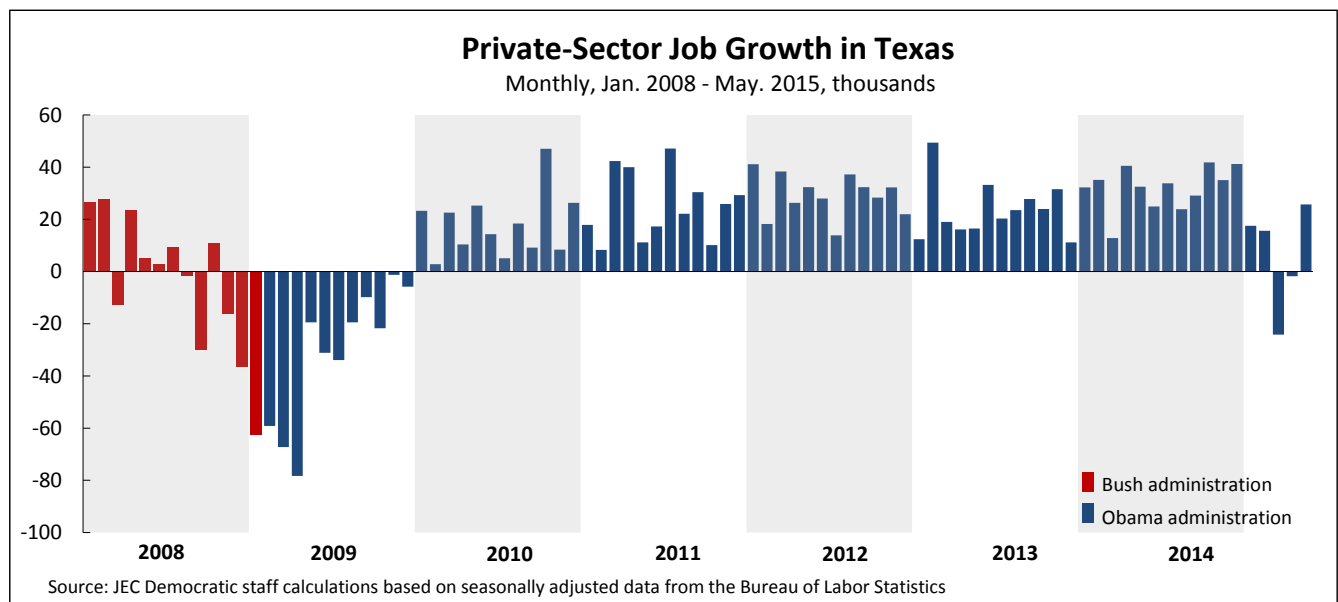


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TEXAS

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Texas grew by 25,700 jobs. Over the past year, Texas businesses have added 262,500 jobs. This compares with an increase of 324,600 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Texas businesses have added 1,539,500 jobs (an increase of 18.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 52.0 percent (100,600 jobs), professional and business services at 25.7 percent (323,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 25.1 percent (250,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Texas was 4.3 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.2 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.4 percent in October 2009.
- There were 559,900 Texas residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Texas were \$24.41. The average workweek was 35.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$873.88.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Texas	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	262,500	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	1,539,500	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.3%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.1%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.4%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$53,000	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$51,700	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	16.8%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	16.5%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	5.2%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2013	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 6.5 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 26.4 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Texas broke ground on 155,010 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 161,022 units. That marks an increase of 10.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Texas, goods exports totaled \$22.1 billion in April and \$267.8 billion over the past year, down 0.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 54.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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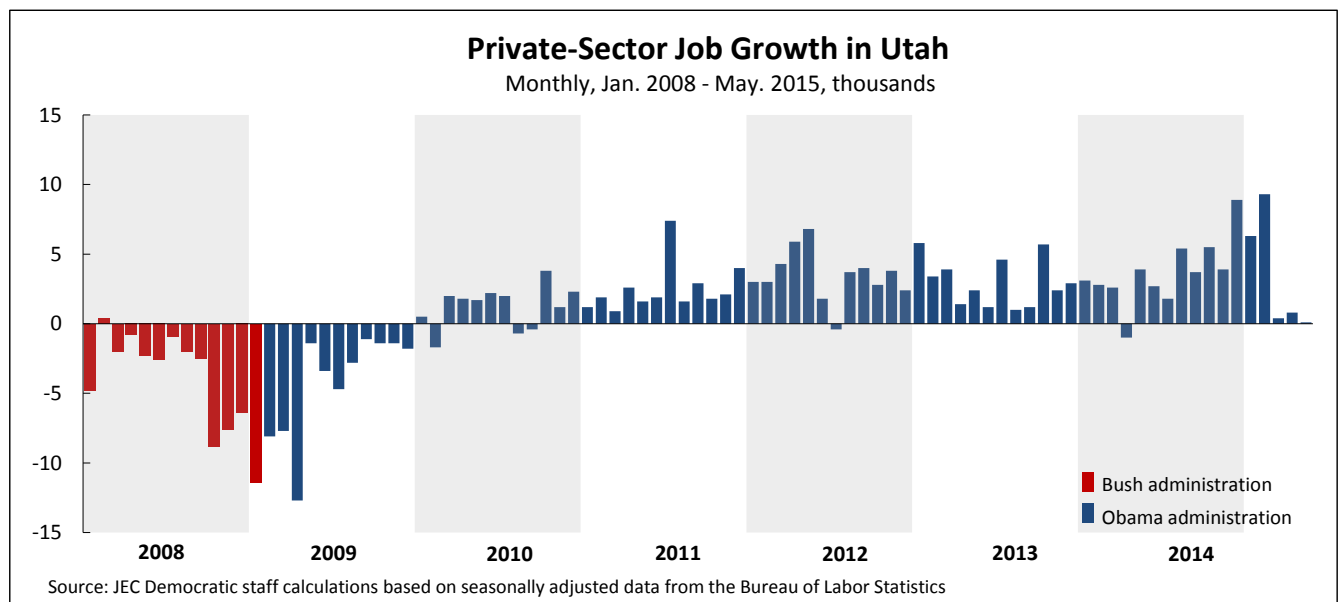


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: UTAH

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Utah grew by 100 jobs. Over the past year, Utah businesses have added 48,800 jobs. This compares with an increase of 30,400 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Utah businesses have added 183,000 jobs (an increase of 19.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 28.9 percent (43,000 jobs), construction at 25.5 percent (16,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 23.8 percent (26,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Utah was 3.5 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 2.0 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in May 2010.
- There were 50,800 Utah residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Utah were \$23.86. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$830.33.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Utah	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	48,800	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	183,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.5%	5.5%
	May 2014	3.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$63,000	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,100	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	8.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 31.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Utah broke ground on 21,310 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 15,776 units. That marks a decrease of 0.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Utah, goods exports totaled \$1.0 billion in April and \$12.0 billion over the past year, down 11.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 8.9 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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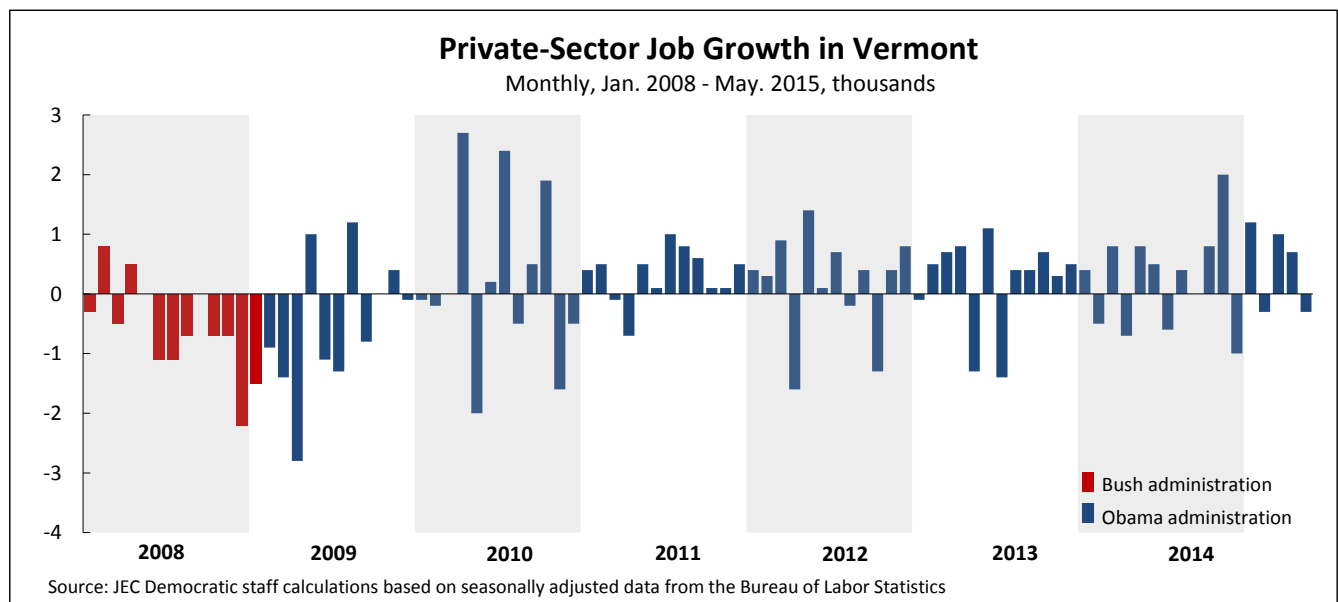


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VERMONT

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Vermont fell by 300 jobs. Over the past year, Vermont businesses have added 4,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 2,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Vermont businesses have added 17,000 jobs (an increase of 7.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 16.2 percent (3,700 jobs), construction at 16.0 percent (2,100 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 12.7 percent (4,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 3.6 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.9 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 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 May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Vermont were \$24.20. The average workweek was 33.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$810.70.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 5.9 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Vermont	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	4,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	17,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	3.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.0%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$54,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,200	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	8.7%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.2%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.3%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 4.6 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 5.4 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Vermont broke ground on 1,490 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,355 units. That marks a decrease of 3.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Vermont, goods exports totaled \$270 million in April and \$3.5 billion over the past year, down 5.2 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 4.4 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 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/>



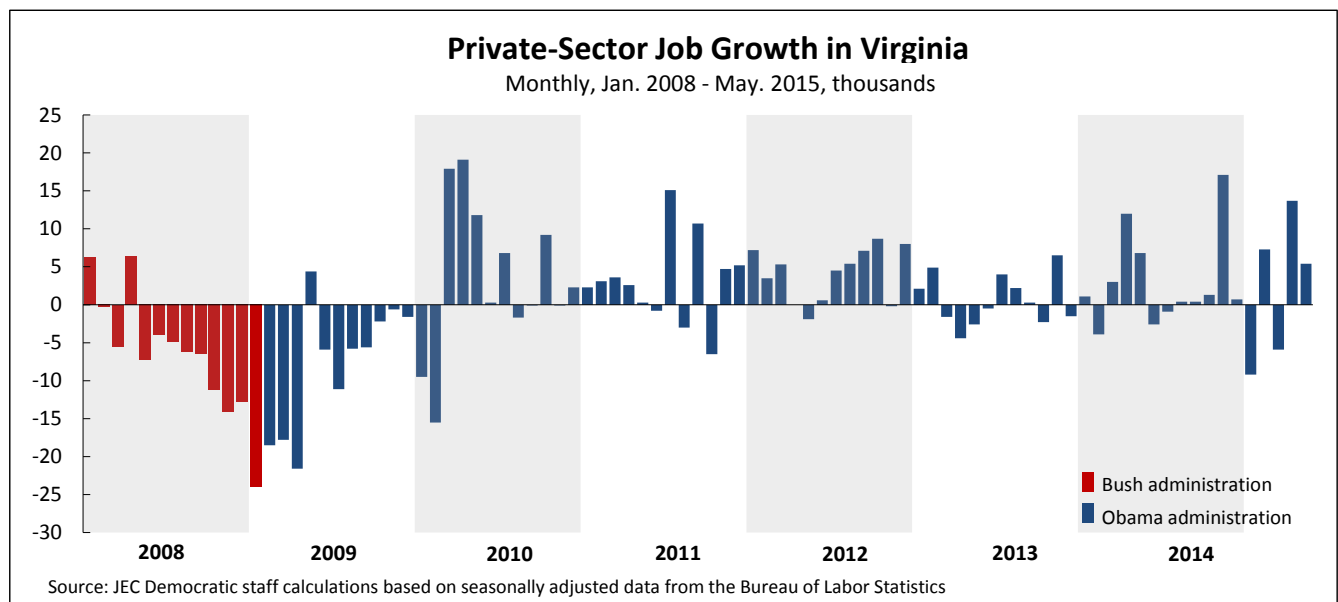


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VIRGINIA

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Virginia grew by 5,400 jobs. Over the past year, Virginia businesses have added 27,700 jobs. This compares with an increase of 27,700 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Virginia businesses have added 204,800 jobs (an increase of 7.1 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality at 12.6 percent (41,800 jobs), education and health services at 11.0 percent (49,900 jobs) and financial activities at 9.4 percent (16,700 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Virginia was 4.9 percent in May 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.3 percentage point from one year earlier and is 2.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.4 percent in February 2010.
- There were 209,500 Virginia residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Virginia were \$25.98. The average workweek was 35.4 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$919.69.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Virginia	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	27,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	204,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.9%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.2%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.4%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$67,600	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$66,500	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	10.4%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	8.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.2%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	3.6%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 2.2 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 12.8 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- ❑ In April 2015, builders in Virginia broke ground on 36,420 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,643 units. That marks an increase of 7.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- ❑ In Virginia, goods exports totaled \$1.6 billion in April and \$18.2 billion over the past year, up 3.5 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- ❑ Exports over the past 12 months are up 13.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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



## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WASHINGTON

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

### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Washington grew by 8,400 jobs. Over the past year, Washington businesses have added 100,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 64,800 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Washington businesses have added 333,000 jobs (an increase of 14.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: construction at 21.3 percent (30,700 jobs), professional and business services at 20.6 percent (66,000 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 15.2 percent (40,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Washington was 5.4 percent in May 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.1 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.8 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.0 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.4 percent in January 2010.
- There were 191,000 Washington residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Washington were \$29.35. The average workweek was 34.0 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$997.90.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Washington	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	100,400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	333,000	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	5.4%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.2%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.4%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$60,100	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$65,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	12.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.2%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.4%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	11.4%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 7.6 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 27.4 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Washington broke ground on 34,280 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 36,250 units. That marks an increase of 23.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Washington, goods exports totaled \$7.3 billion in April and \$87.9 billion over the past year, up 8.7 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 59.5 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 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/>

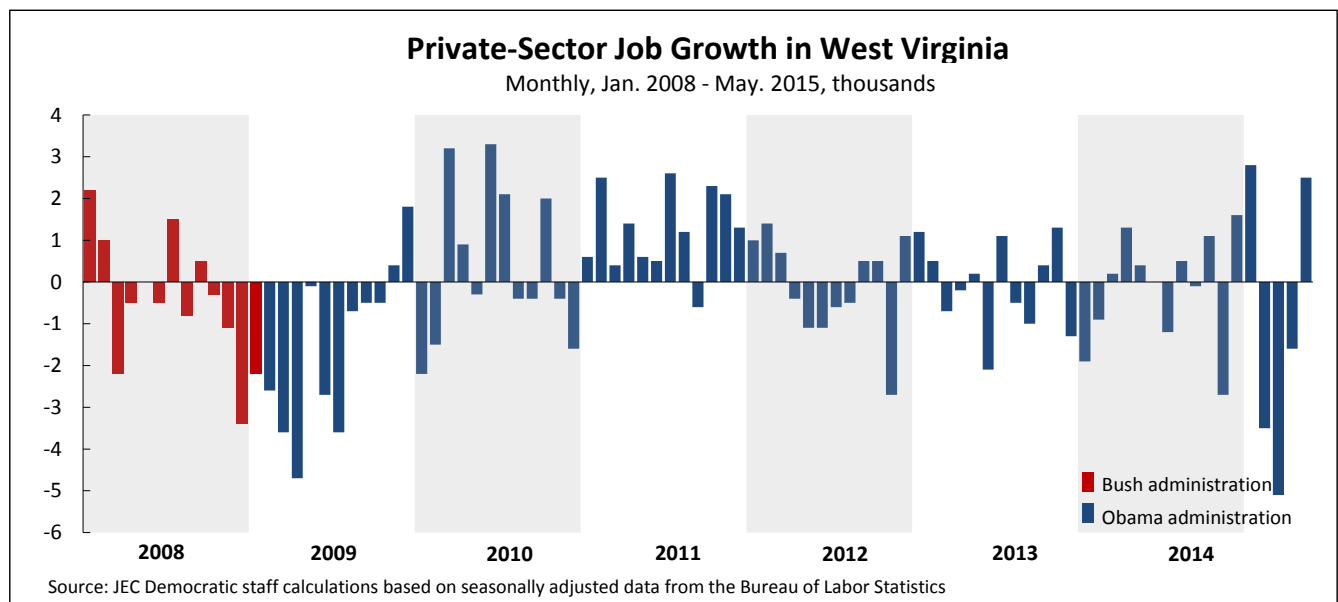


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WEST VIRGINIA

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in West Virginia grew by 2,500 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 5,700 jobs. This compares with a decrease of 3,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, West Virginia businesses have added 14,400 jobs (an increase of 2.4 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 13.7 percent (8,300 jobs), education and health services at 6.8 percent (8,100 jobs) and government at 1.9 percent (2,800 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in West Virginia was 7.2 percent in May 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 1.7 percentage points above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.8 percent in November 2010.
- There were 56,400 West Virginia residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in West Virginia were \$20.58. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$716.18.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		West Virginia	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	-5,700	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	14,400	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	7.2%	5.5%
	May 2014	6.7%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.8%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$40,200	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,300	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	17.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	11.1%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 decreased by 3.9 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 8.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in West Virginia broke ground on 2,980 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 2,296 units. That marks an increase of 19.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In West Virginia, goods exports totaled \$537 million in April and \$6.7 billion over the past year, down 13.3 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 30.5 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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

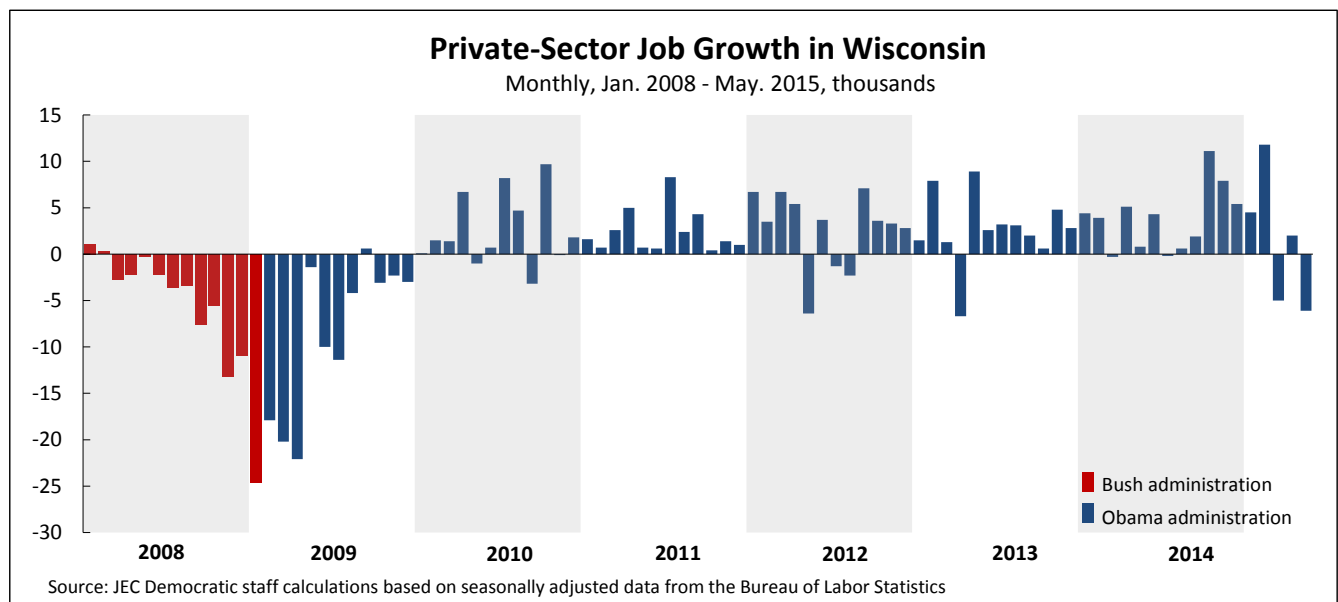


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WISCONSIN

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through May 2015\*\*  
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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Wisconsin fell by 6,100 jobs. Over the past year, Wisconsin businesses have added 38,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 33,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wisconsin businesses have added 174,800 jobs (an increase of 7.6 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 41.4 percent (1,200 jobs), professional and business services at 15.8 percent (42,000 jobs) and construction at 11.7 percent (11,200 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin was 4.6 percent in May 2015, up 0.2 percentage point from April. The rate was 0.9 percentage point below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 9.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 140,800 Wisconsin residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wisconsin were \$23.34. The average workweek was 33.6 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$784.22.
- 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 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wisconsin	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	38,200	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	174,800	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.6%	5.5%
	May 2014	5.5%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	9.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$55,300	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$57,600	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.0%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.0%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.1%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	2.5%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 5.1 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 11.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In April 2015, builders in Wisconsin broke ground on 16,180 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 14,825 units. That marks an increase of 7.7 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Wisconsin, goods exports totaled \$1.9 billion in April and \$22.5 billion over the past year, up 4.1 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 26.3 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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



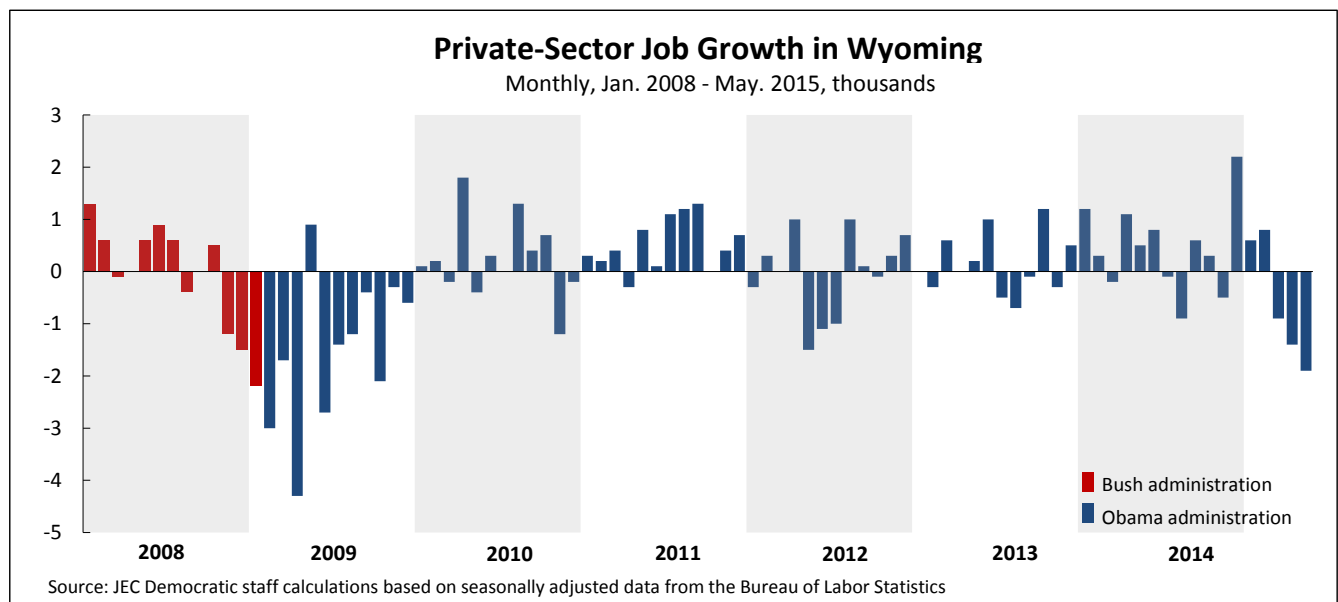


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WYOMING

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### JOBS

- In May, private-sector employment in Wyoming fell by 1,900 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,000 jobs over the 12 months through May 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wyoming businesses have added 12,200 jobs (an increase of 5.9 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.7 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 14.0 percent (1,200 jobs), professional and business services at 13.7 percent (2,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 11.5 percent (3,700 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wyoming was 4.1 percent in May 2015, holding constant from April. The rate was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 12,700 Wyoming residents unemployed in May 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In May 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wyoming were \$22.98. The average workweek was 35.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$811.19.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have fallen by 1.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wyoming	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	-400	3.0 million
	Since Feb. 2010	12,200	12.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	May 2015	4.1%	5.5%
	May 2014	4.3%	6.3%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.2%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$55,700	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,800	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	11.8%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.3%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.4%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	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 3.0 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 16.0 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2010.
- In April 2015, builders in Wyoming broke ground on 2,570 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,617 units. That marks a decrease of 16.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Wyoming, goods exports totaled \$128 million in April and \$1.7 billion over the past year, up 34.8 percent from the 12 months ending in April 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 70.0 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

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## 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

Includes data available as of June 19, 2015.

Most of the data used to create the state snapshots were accessed through Haver Analytics.

### 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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