

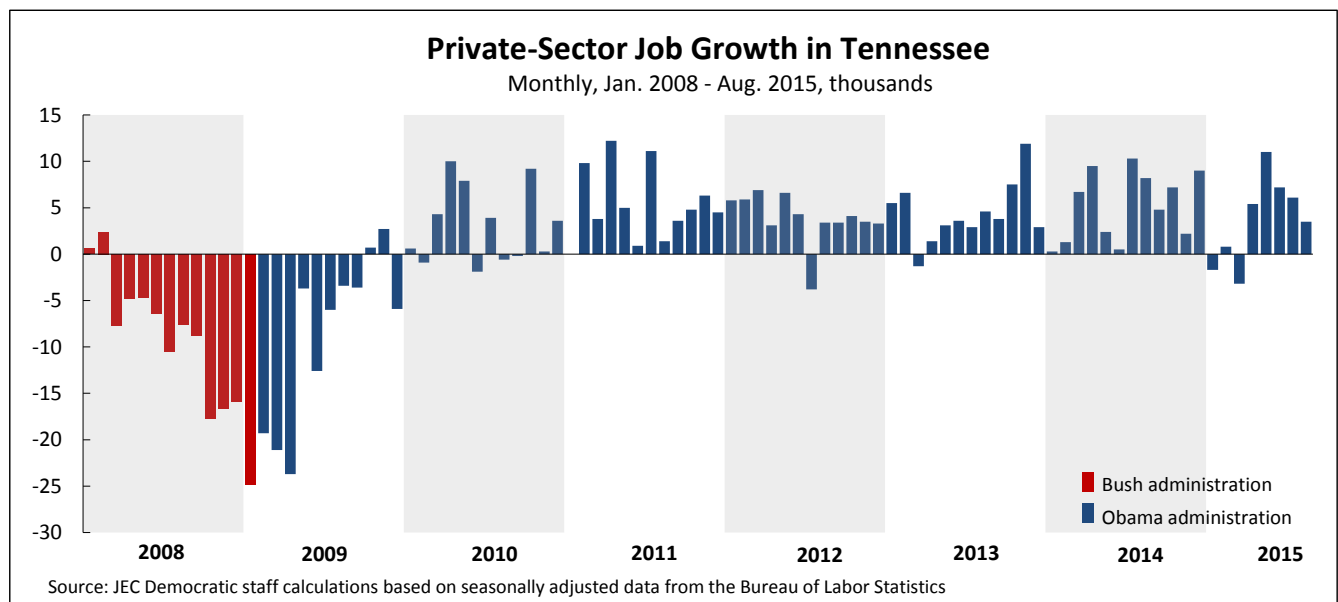


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: TENNESSEE

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

JOBS

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



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Tennessee was 5.7 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 0.6 percentage point above the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.4 percentage points below its recent peak of 11.1 percent in June 2009.
- There were 173,700 Tennessee residents unemployed in August 2015.

EARNINGS

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

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Tennessee	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	52,300	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	290,400	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	August 2015	5.7%	5.1%
	August 2014	6.6%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	11.1%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$43,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$47,000	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	17.3%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	14.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.5%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	2013	13.9%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Tennessee grew by 1.7 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Tennessee GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Tennessee increased by 5.7 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 21.3 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Tennessee broke ground on 29,990 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 28,408 units. That marks an increase of 22.5 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

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

* 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 Tennessee economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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