

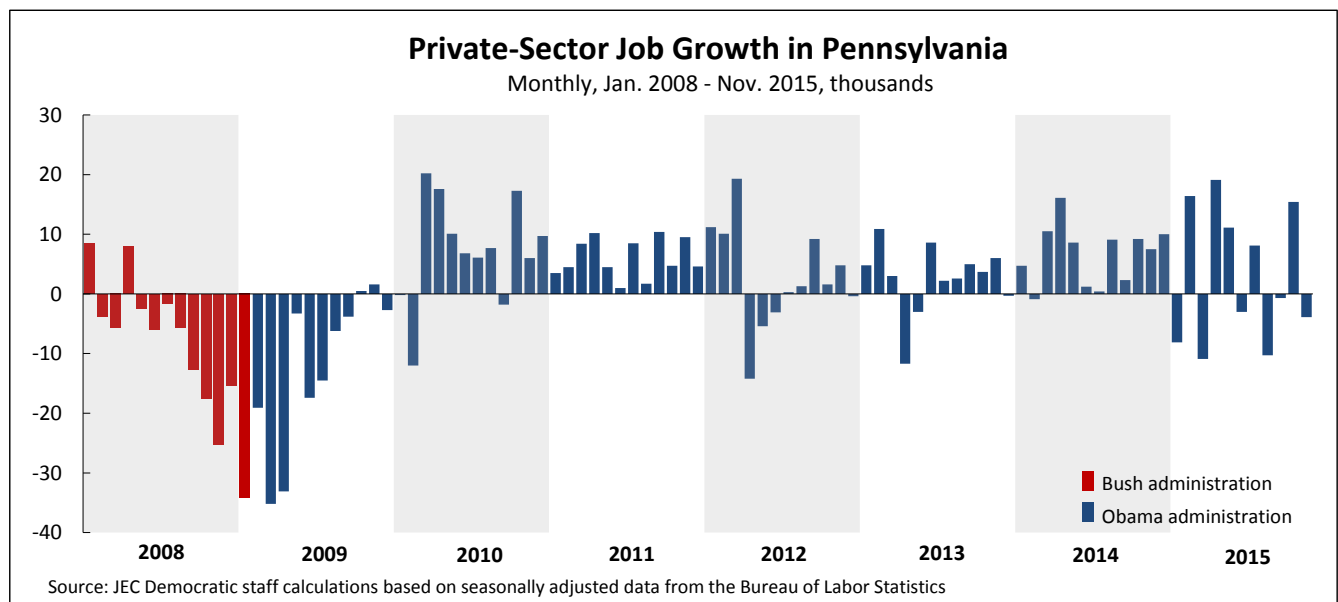


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: PENNSYLVANIA

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

- In November, private-sector employment in Pennsylvania fell by 3,900 jobs. Over the past year, Pennsylvania businesses have added 43,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 68,400 jobs over the 12 months through November 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Pennsylvania businesses have added 349,600 jobs (an increase of 7.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.8 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging at 47.7 percent (11,200 jobs), professional and business services at 13.5 percent (91,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality at 12.4 percent (60,600 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was 5.0 percent in November 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from October. The rate was the same as the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.1 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.7 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.7 percent in April 2010.
- There were 320,900 Pennsylvania residents unemployed in November 2015.

EARNINGS

- In November 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Pennsylvania were \$24.47. The average workweek was 34.3 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$839.32.
- 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 1.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

| | | Pennsylvania | United States |
|--|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Private-Sector Jobs Added | Past 12 Months | 43,200 | 2.5 million |
| | Since Feb. 2010 | 349,600 | 13.7 million |
| Unemployment Rate | November 2015 | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| | November 2014 | 5.1% | 5.8% |
| | Recession-Era Peak | 8.7% | 10.0% |
| Median Household Income (2014 \$) | 2014 | \$55,200 | \$53,700 |
| | 2007 (Pre-Recession) | \$55,300 | \$57,400 |
| Poverty Rate | 2014 | 12.5% | 14.8% |
| | 2007 (Pre-Recession) | 10.4% | 12.5% |
| All Veterans' Unemployment Rate | 2014 | 4.7% | 5.3% |
| Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate | 2014 | 7.8% | 7.2% |
| Percentage Without Health Insurance | 2014 | 8.5% | 11.7% |
| | 2013 | 9.7% | 14.5% |

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Pennsylvania grew by 1.5 percent in 2014, below the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Pennsylvania GDP growth has averaged 1.3 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.8 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Pennsylvania increased by 2.6 percent from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. They are up 10.6 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- In October 2015, builders in Pennsylvania broke ground on 26,490 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 20,270 units. That marks a decrease of 5.2 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Pennsylvania, goods exports totaled \$3.3 billion in October and \$38.7 billion over the past year, up 5.5 percent from the 12 months ending in October 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 31.7 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 Pennsylvania economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

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

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1216762&mode=2>