

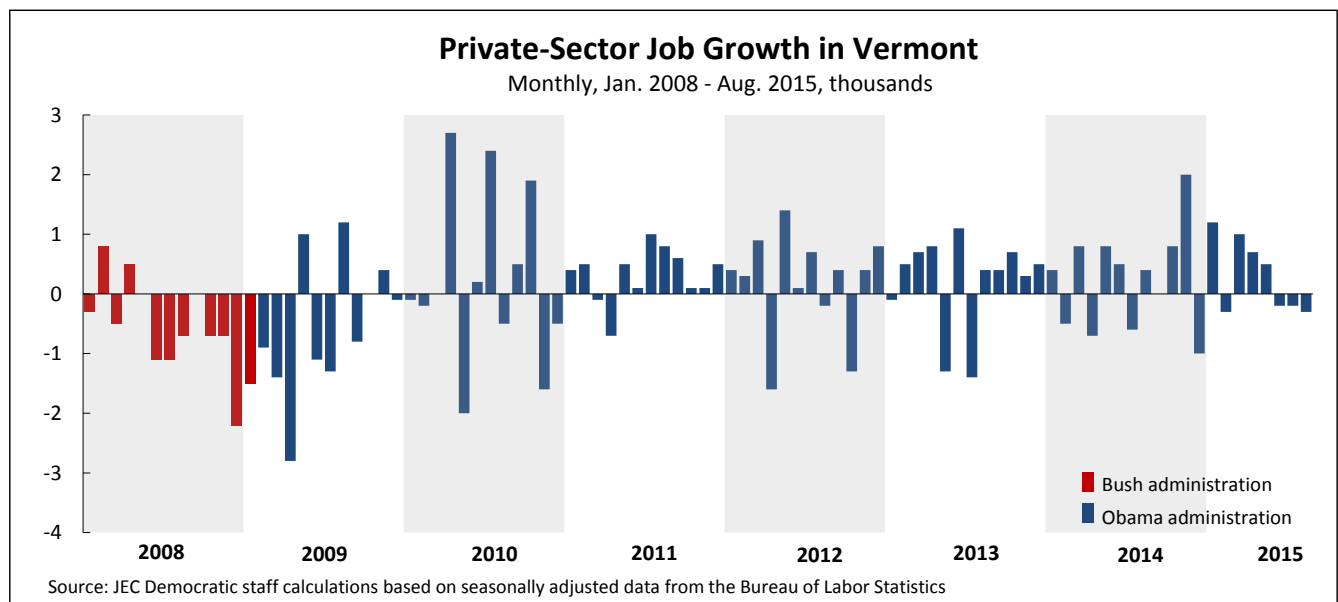


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VERMONT

*\*\*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 Vermont fell by 300 jobs. Over the past year, Vermont businesses have added 4,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 3,000 jobs over the 12 months through August 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Vermont businesses have added 17,100 jobs (an increase of 7.1 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 18.4 percent (4,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 12.4 percent (4,000 jobs) and other services at 11.1 percent (1,100 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 3.6 percent in August 2015, holding constant from July. The rate was 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.5 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 August 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In August 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Vermont were \$23.93. The average workweek was 33.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$806.44.
- 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 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		<b>Vermont</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	4,200	2.8 million
	Since Feb. 2010	17,100	13.1 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	August 2015	3.6%	5.1%
	August 2014	4.1%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2014 \$)</b> .....	2014	\$60,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$54,100	\$57,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2014	9.3%	14.8%
	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> .....	2014	5.0%	11.7%
	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 0.5 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 7.5 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In July 2015, builders in Vermont broke ground on 2,940 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,482 units. That marks an increase of 14.3 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Vermont, goods exports totaled \$253 million in July and \$3.4 billion over the past year, down 3.0 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 0.9 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 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/>