

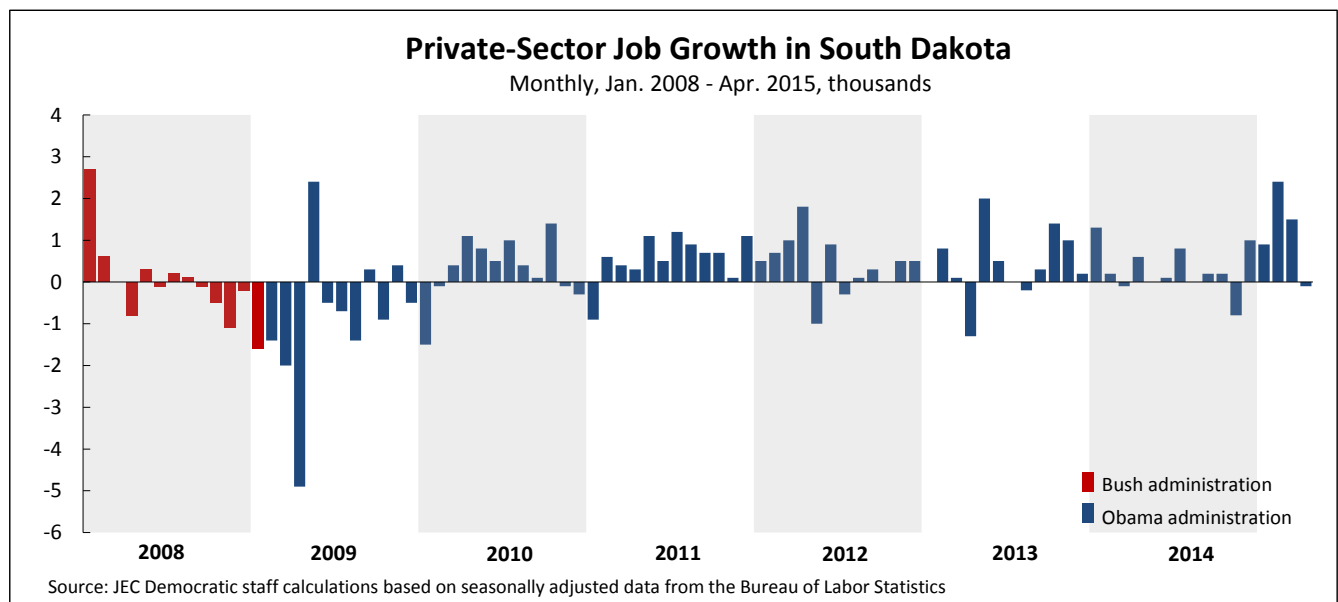


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: SOUTH DAKOTA

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

- In April, private-sector employment in South Dakota fell by 100 jobs. Over the past year, South Dakota businesses have added 6,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 7,200 jobs over the 12 months through April 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, South Dakota businesses have added 30,000 jobs (an increase of 9.3 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.5 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 16.8 percent (3,400 jobs) and education and health services at 9.2 percent (5,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was 3.6 percent in April 2015, up 0.1 percentage point from March. The rate was 1.8 percentage points below the national rate of 5.4 percent.
- Unemployment is up 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier but remains 1.6 percentage points below its recent peak of 5.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 16,400 South Dakota residents unemployed in April 2015.

EARNINGS

- In April 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in South Dakota were \$20.91. The average workweek was 33.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$706.76.
- 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

		South Dakota	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,200	2.9 million
	Since Feb. 2010	30,000	12.3 million
Unemployment Rate	April 2015	3.6%	5.4%
	April 2014	3.4%	6.2%
	Recession-Era Peak	5.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	2013	\$54,500	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$52,200	\$56,400
Poverty Rate	2013	10.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.4%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.7%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	3.9%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2013	11.3%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in South Dakota grew by 3.1 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which data are available), above the national average growth rate of 1.8 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual South Dakota GDP growth has averaged 2.7 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 2.0 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 March 2015, builders in South Dakota broke ground on 4,680 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 4,776 units. That marks an increase of 5.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In South Dakota, goods exports totaled \$113 million in March and \$1.5 billion over the past year, up 4.7 percent from the 12 months ending in March 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 41.0 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 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:

http://dol.sd.gov/lmic/menu_labor_force.aspx