

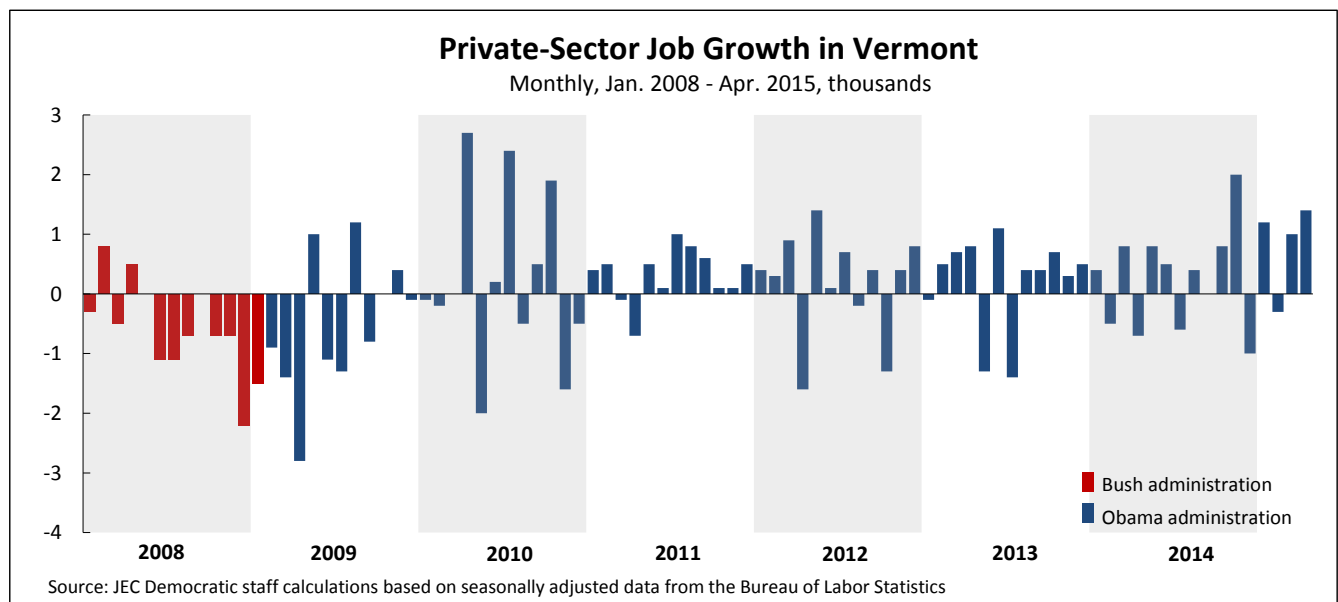


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: VERMONT

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

- In April, private-sector employment in Vermont grew by 1,400 jobs. Over the past year, Vermont businesses have added 6,200 jobs. This compares with an increase of 700 jobs over the 12 months through April 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Vermont businesses have added 18,000 jobs (an increase of 7.5 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: leisure and hospitality at 16.4 percent (5,300 jobs), professional and business services at 15.4 percent (3,500 jobs) and construction at 11.5 percent (1,500 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Vermont was 3.6 percent in April 2015, down 0.2 percentage point from March. The rate was 1.8 percentage points below the national rate of 5.4 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 12,600 Vermont residents unemployed in April 2015.

EARNINGS

- In April 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Vermont were \$24.12. The average workweek was 33.1 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$798.37.
- 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

		Vermont	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	6,200	2.9 million
	Since Feb. 2010	18,000	12.3 million
Unemployment Rate	April 2015	3.6%	5.4%
	April 2014	4.0%	6.2%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.0%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	2013	\$54,800	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,200	\$56,400
Poverty Rate	2013	8.7%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.2%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	2.3%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2013	7.2%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Vermont grew by 1.9 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 Vermont GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 2.0 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 March 2015, builders in Vermont broke ground on 1,760 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,367 units. That marks a decrease of 0.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Vermont, goods exports totaled \$308 million in March and \$3.5 billion over the past year, down 5.8 percent from the 12 months ending in March 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 4.2 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/>