

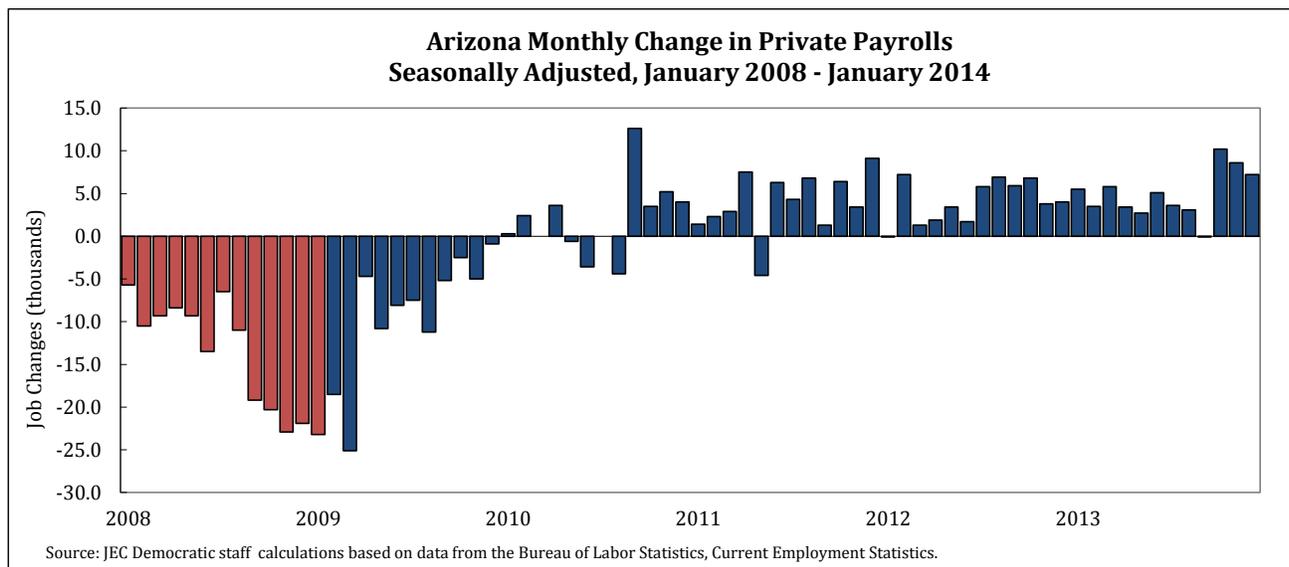


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: ARIZONA

Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through January 2014

JOBS

- In January, private-sector employment in Arizona grew by 7,200 jobs. Over the past year, the Arizona private sector has added 58,600 jobs. This compares with an increase of 48,600 jobs over the 12 months ending in January 2013.
- Arizona private-sector employers have added 177,000 jobs (an increase of 9.0 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In Arizona, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: education and health services (41,800 jobs), professional and business services (38,800 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (27,600 jobs).
- The Arizona sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging (22.7 percent), financial activities (15.1 percent) and information services (13.1 percent).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Arizona was 7.5 percent in January 2014, down 0.1 percentage point from December. The rate is down 0.5 percentage point from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 10.8 percent in January 2010.
- 226,200 Arizona residents were unemployed during January 2014, down from a recent high of 336,200 in January 2010. There are still 102,800 more people unemployed in Arizona than when the recession began.
- In Arizona, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 21,328 during January, up 2.5 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 5.5 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

EXPORTS

- In Arizona, exports totaled \$1.6 billion in January and \$19.4 billion over the past year, up 6.3 percent from the 12 months ending in January 2013 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- Arizona exports over the past 12 months are up 23.2 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

HOUSING

- Home prices in Arizona increased by 13.8 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012 to the fourth quarter of 2013 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 27.1 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011 but remain 31.1 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in Arizona totaled 29,970 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in January 2014, a decrease of 23.2 percent from December.
- Within the West census region, which includes Arizona, sales of new single-family homes totaled 111,000 units in January 2014, an increase of 11.0 percent from December 2013. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased by 8.3 percent to 880,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from December 2013 to January 2014.

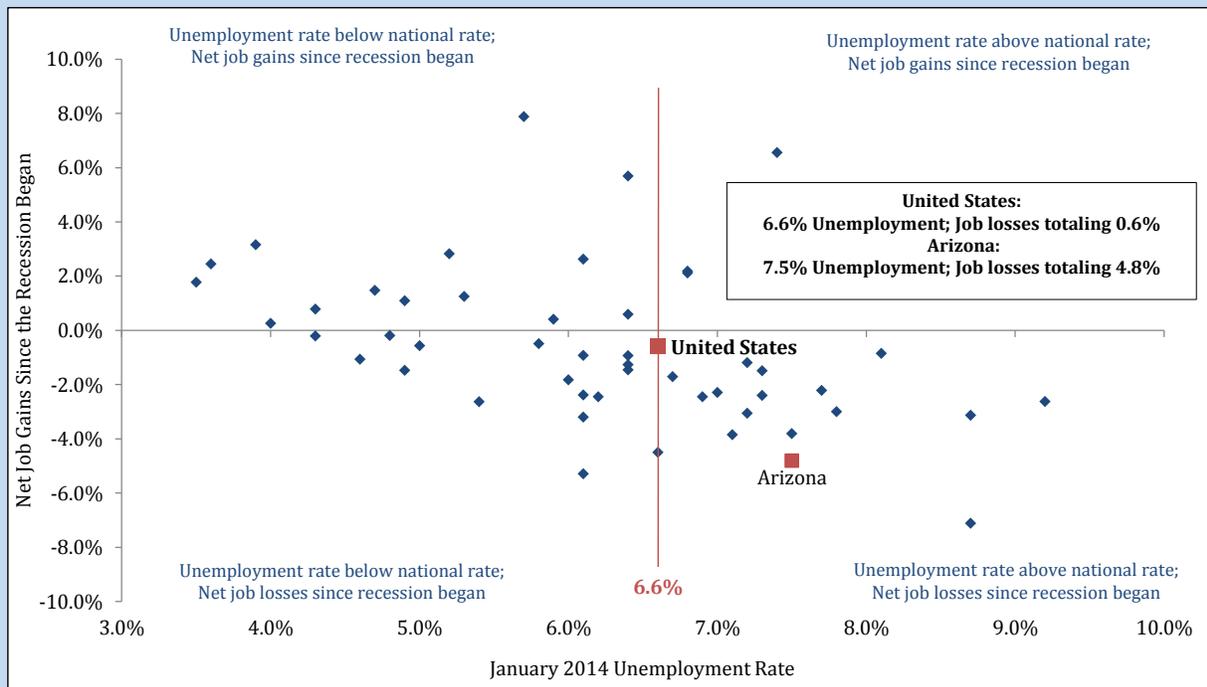
* For Arizona-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Arizona office: <http://www.workforce.az.gov/>

How Does Arizona Compare to Other States?

Workers across the country were hit hard during the recent recession. Since then, employment in some states has returned to pre-recession levels, while employment in other states remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows for a comparison of Arizona to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in Arizona, while net job gains since the recession began (current nonfarm jobs as a share of jobs prior to the recession) measures progress toward labor-market recovery (vertical axis).

States falling in the upper left quadrant have net job gains since the start of the recession and unemployment rates lower than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower right quadrant have higher unemployment rates than the United States overall and are still experiencing net job losses relative to pre-recession levels.



Note: The figure above excludes North Dakota, which has a current unemployment rate of 2.6% and net job gains totaling 24.7% since the start of the recession.

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Arizona	United States
Unemployment Rates	January 2014	7.5%	6.6%
	January 2013	8.0%	7.9%
	January 2012	8.6%	8.2%
	January 2011	9.8%	9.1%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2013	11.7%	9.0%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	5.8%	6.6%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	8.5%	9.0%
Median Household Income	2012	\$ 47,044	\$ 51,017
	(2012 \$) 2007	\$ 52,285	\$ 55,627
Poverty Rate	2012	19.0%	15.0%
	2007	14.3%	12.5%
No Health Insurance	2012	18.0%	15.4%
	2007	17.8%	14.7%