

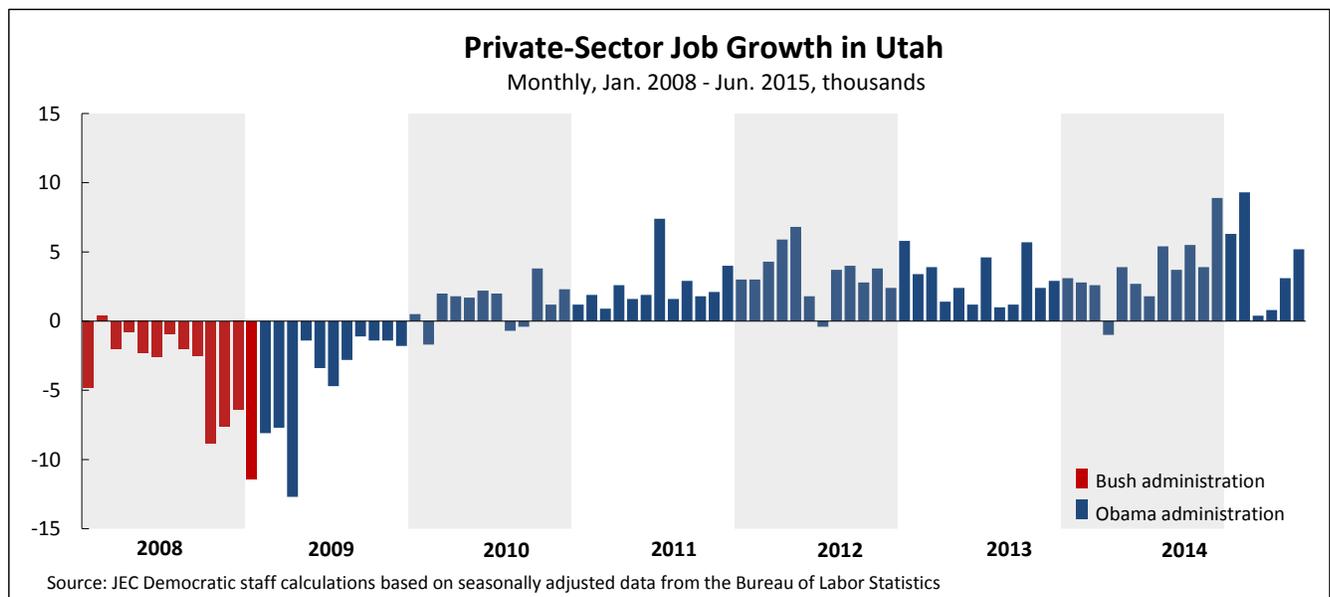


## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: UTAH

*\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through June 2015\*\*  
\*\*Last updated on July 21st; Data update next on August 21st\*\**

### JOBS

- In June, private-sector employment in Utah grew by 5,200 jobs. Over the past year, Utah businesses have added 54,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 31,900 jobs over the 12 months through June 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Utah businesses have added 191,200 jobs (an increase of 20.0 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.9 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 30.5 percent (45,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 28.5 percent (31,300 jobs) and construction at 24.5 percent (15,900 jobs).



### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Utah was 3.5 percent in June 2015, holding constant from May. The rate was 1.8 percentage points below the national rate of 5.3 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier and is 4.5 percentage points below its recent peak of 8.0 percent in May 2010.
- There were 51,700 Utah residents unemployed in June 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In June 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Utah were \$23.97. The average workweek was 34.8 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$834.16.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 2.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 1.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

## STATE QUICK FACTS

		Utah	United States
<b>Private-Sector Jobs Added</b> .....	Past 12 Months	54,300	2.9 million
	Since Feb. 2010	191,200	12.8 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> .....	June 2015	3.5%	5.3%
	June 2014	3.7%	6.1%
	Recession-Era Peak	8.0%	10.0%
<b>Median Household Income (2013 \$)</b> .....	2013	\$63,000	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$60,100	\$56,400
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2013	8.3%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	9.6%	12.5%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	4.9%	5.3%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2014	6.8%	7.2%
<b>Percentage Without Health Insurance</b> .....	2013	14.0%	14.5%

### STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Utah grew by 3.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.\*
- Since 2009, annual Utah GDP growth has averaged 2.4 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

### HOUSING

- Home prices in Utah increased by 5.8 percent from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. They are up 31.6 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011.
- In May 2015, builders in Utah broke ground on 17,730 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 16,233 units. That marks an increase of 2.6 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

### EXPORTS

- In Utah, goods exports totaled \$1.1 billion in May and \$12.3 billion over the past year, down 6.5 percent from the 12 months ending in May 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 11.4 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 Utah economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

\*\*\* For additional Utah-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Utah office: <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/pubs/une/>