

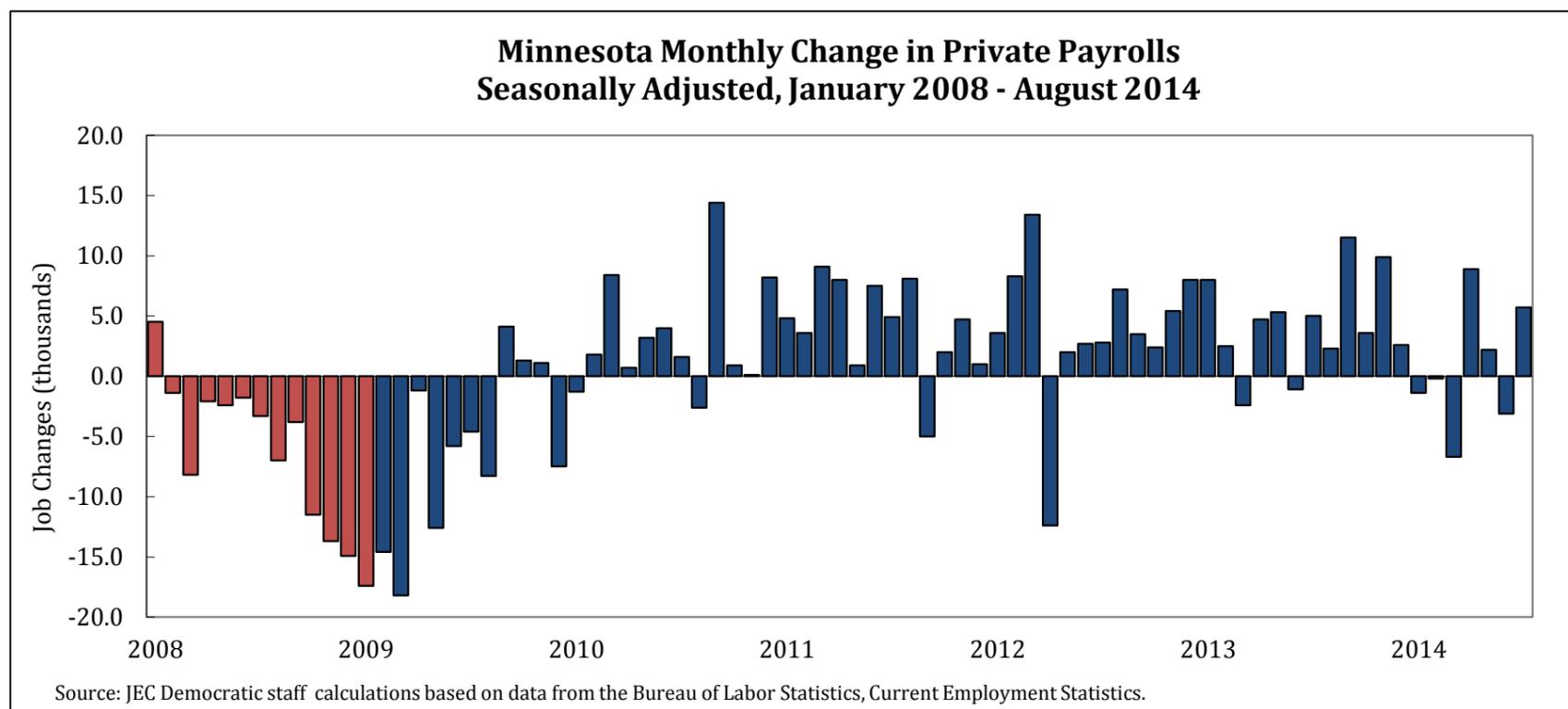


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MINNESOTA

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

JOBS

- In August, private-sector employment in Minnesota grew by 5,700 jobs. Over the past year, the Minnesota private sector has added 35,300 jobs. This compares with an increase of 48,500 jobs over the 12 months ending in August 2013.
- Minnesota private-sector employers have added 194,500 jobs (an increase of 8.8 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In Minnesota, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: professional and business services (46,600 jobs), education and health services (42,100 jobs) and manufacturing (27,700 jobs).
- The Minnesota sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: mining and logging (35.7 percent), construction (26.4 percent) and professional and business services (15.1 percent).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Minnesota was 4.3 percent in August 2014, down 0.2 percentage point from July. The rate is down 0.7 percentage point from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 8.3 percent in June 2009.
- 127,900 Minnesota residents were unemployed during August 2014, down from a recent high of 246,800 in May 2009. There are now 11,200 fewer people unemployed in Minnesota than when the recession began.
- In Minnesota, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 18,156 during August, up 6.1 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 8.4 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

EXPORTS

- In Minnesota, exports totaled \$1.8 billion in July and \$21.2 billion over the past year, up 4.9 percent from the 12 months ending in July 2013 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- Minnesota exports over the past 12 months are up 9.6 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

HOUSING

- Home prices in Minnesota increased by 6.0 percent from the second quarter of 2013 to the second quarter of 2014 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 11.7 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2012 but remain 12.1 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in Minnesota totaled 17,230 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in July 2014, a decrease of 26.9 percent from June.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Minnesota, sales of new single-family homes totaled 52,000 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in July 2014, a decrease of 8.8 percent from June. Sales of existing single-family homes increased by 1.8 percent to 1,140,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from June to July 2014.

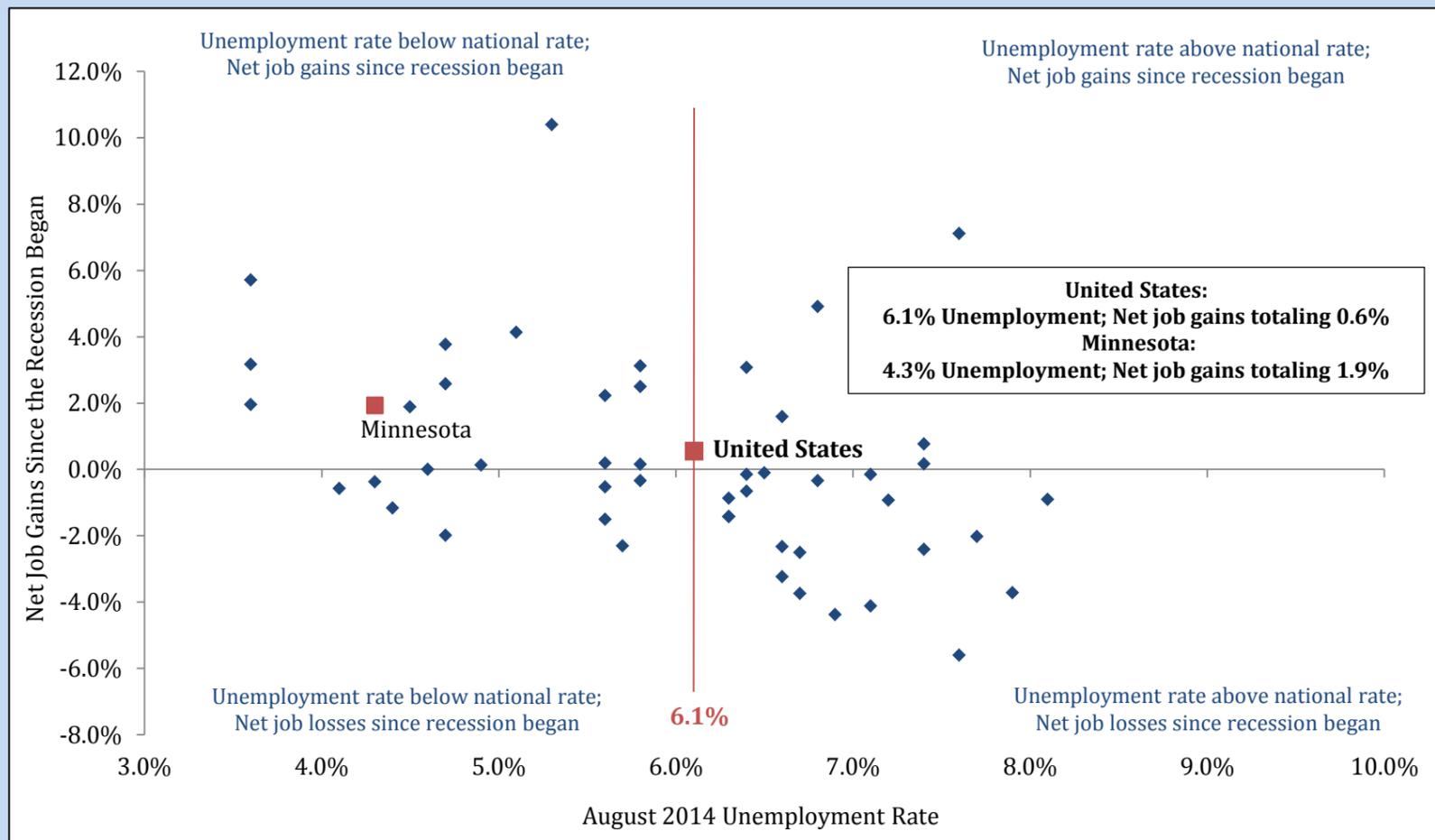
* For Minnesota-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Minnesota office: <http://www.mn.gov/deed/data/>

How Does Minnesota 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 Minnesota to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in Minnesota, 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 2.8% and net job gains totaling 29.0% since the start of the recession.

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Minnesota	United States
Unemployment Rate	August 2014	4.3%	6.1%
	August 2013	5.0%	7.2%
	August 2012	5.7%	8.1%
	August 2011	6.6%	9.0%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2013	9.1%	9.0%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	5.0%	6.6%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2013	8.8%	9.0%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	2013	\$ 60,907	\$ 51,939
	(Current Population Survey) 2007	\$ 65,227	\$ 56,436
Poverty Rate	2013	12.0%	14.5%
	(Current Population Survey) 2007	9.3%	12.5%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2013	8.2%	14.5%
(American Community Survey)			