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State Economic Snapshots

This monthly report provides a snapshot of the status of the economic recovery in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. This month's snapshots include state-level data on jobs, unemployment and earnings through June 2015. [Individual state reports can be accessed here.](#)

Highlights

- Private-sector employment increased in 27 states in June.
- The unemployment rate fell in 21 states and the District of Columbia.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 37 states over the past year.

Private-Sector Job Gains

Private-sector employment increased in 27 states in June. The largest private-sector gains were seen in California (25,700), New York (24,200), Virginia (13,500), Texas (12,700) and Florida (12,200). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in South Dakota, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Colorado, Kansas and Massachusetts.

Over the past 12 months, 48 states and the District of Columbia gained private-sector jobs, with California (435,900), Florida (265,200), Texas (248,000), New York (152,500) and Georgia (107,300) recording the largest increases. The largest percentage gains in private-sector employment during this period were in Utah (5.0 percent), Florida (3.9 percent), Washington (3.7 percent), Nevada (3.6 percent) and Oregon (3.3 percent). Nationally, in the past year, nearly 2.9 million private-sector jobs were added, a 2.5 percent increase.

Unemployment

The unemployment rate declined in 21 states and the District of Columbia in June. The largest declines were in New Jersey (-0.4 percentage point), Connecticut and the District of Columbia (-0.3 percentage point each) and Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, New York and South Carolina (-0.2 percentage point each). There was no change in 17 states.

Over the past 12 months, 42 states and the District of Columbia reported declines in the unemployment rate. The largest declines were in Rhode Island (-1.8 percentage points), Michigan (-1.6 percentage points), Oregon (-1.5 percentage points), Kentucky (-1.4 percentage points), California, Delaware and Georgia (-1.2 percentage points each).

Nebraska had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent) in June, followed by North Dakota (3.1 percent), Utah (3.5 percent), Vermont (3.6 percent) and Iowa (3.7 percent). West Virginia (7.4 percent) had the highest unemployment rate, followed by the District of Columbia (7.0 percent), Nevada (6.9 percent), Alaska (6.8 percent), Mississippi and South Carolina (6.6 percent each). The national unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in June, down from 6.1 percent a year prior.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, increased in 37 states over the past year. The largest earnings gains were posted in South Dakota (4.5 percent), Nevada (4.2 percent), Idaho (4.1 percent), Alaska (3.8 percent) and Vermont (3.7 percent). Earnings declined in 13 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, real average hourly earnings increased by 1.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted) in the past year. The District of Columbia (\$38.55) had the highest average hourly earnings in June, followed by Massachusetts (\$29.93), Washington (\$29.08), Connecticut (\$28.64) and New York (\$28.42).

Key Employment Sectors

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment expanded in 23 states during June. The largest increases were in California (3,100), Kentucky (2,800), Florida (2,700), New Jersey and Indiana (1,600 each). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in Hawaii, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Florida, Colorado, Mississippi, Nevada and New Jersey.

Over the past 12 months, 33 states added manufacturing positions. On a percentage basis, the biggest gains were in South Dakota (5.2 percent), Oregon (4.5 percent), Utah (4.4 percent), Michigan (3.2 percent) and Colorado (2.9 percent). Across the country, 161,000 manufacturing positions have been added in the last 12 months, a 1.3 percent increase.

Construction

Construction employment increased in 24 states during June. The largest gains were reported in New York (3,300), Minnesota (2,600), Connecticut (2,200), Michigan, Nevada and South Carolina (1,800 each). The largest percentage gains during the month were in Delaware, Connecticut, Hawaii, Arkansas and Nevada.

In the past 12 months, 39 states and the District of Columbia added construction jobs. The greatest percentage gains over the past year were in Idaho (12.9 percent), Nevada (11.2 percent), Michigan (9.8 percent), Arkansas and Washington (9.7 percent each). Nationally, over this period, construction employment increased by 259,000 positions, a 4.2 percent increase.

Professional and business services

Professional and business services employment increased in 31 states during June. The largest increases were posted in California (12,700), Texas (8,300), New York (6,000), Massachusetts (5,200) and Michigan (4,900). The largest percentage gains were in South Dakota, Kansas, Rhode Island, Louisiana and New Mexico.

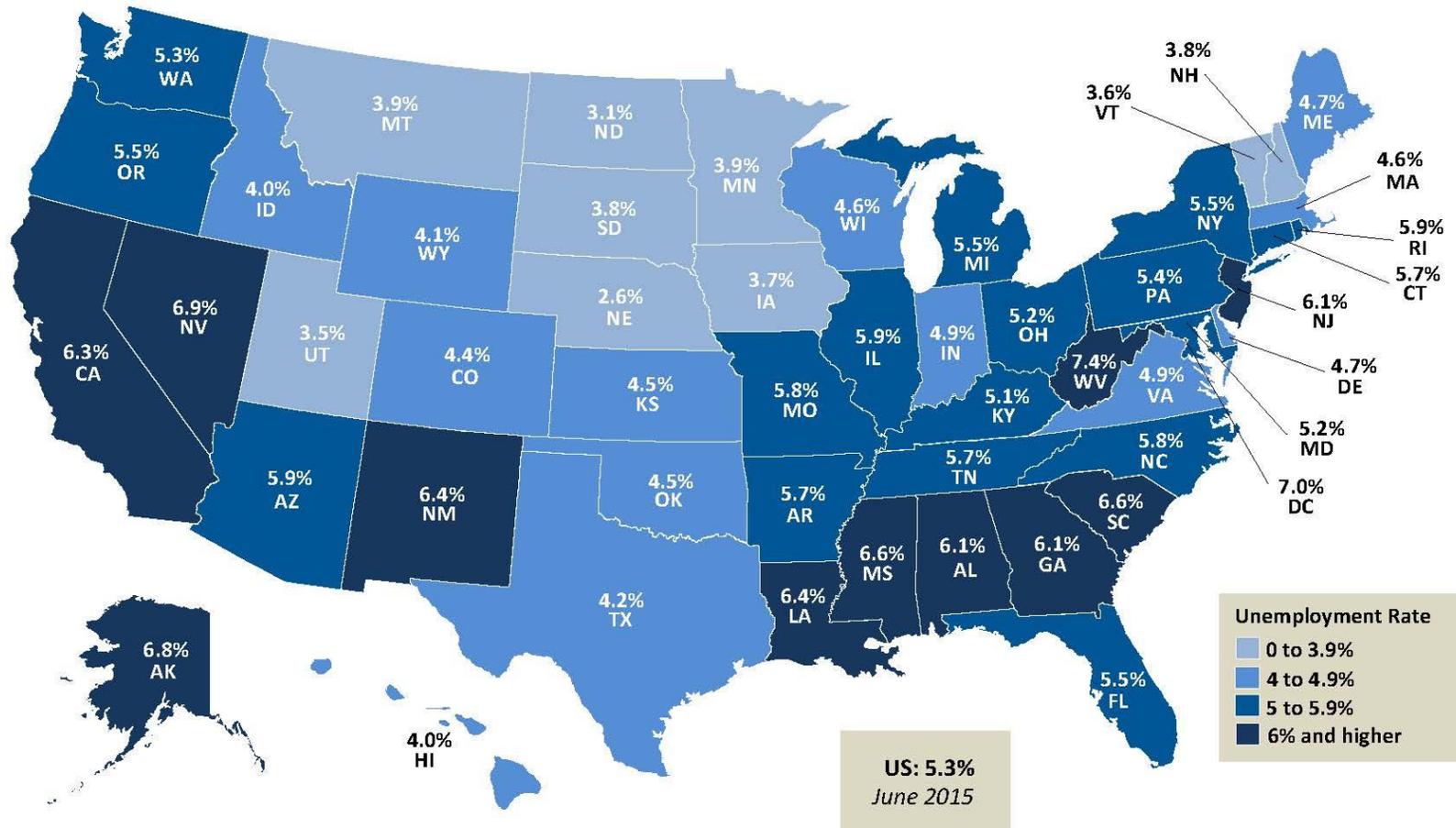
In the past year, 45 states and the District of Columbia added jobs in professional and business services. The largest percentage gains in South Carolina (5.7 percent), Utah, California (5.5 percent each), Rhode Island and Washington (5.1 percent each). The U.S. economy overall has added 672,000 professional and business services jobs during this time, a 3.5 percent increase.

Unemployment Rate (June 2015)	
Nebraska	2.6%
North Dakota	3.1%
Utah	3.5%
Vermont	3.6%
Iowa	3.7%
South Dakota	3.8%
New Hampshire	3.8%
Minnesota	3.9%
Montana	3.9%
Idaho	4.0%
Hawaii	4.0%
Wyoming	4.1%
Texas	4.2%
Colorado	4.4%
Oklahoma	4.5%
Kansas	4.5%
Wisconsin	4.6%
Massachusetts	4.6%
Delaware	4.7%
Maine	4.7%
Virginia	4.9%
Indiana	4.9%
Kentucky	5.1%
Ohio	5.2%
Maryland	5.2%
Washington	5.3%
UNITED STATES	5.3%
Pennsylvania	5.4%
Oregon	5.5%
Michigan	5.5%
Florida	5.5%
New York	5.5%
Arkansas	5.7%
Tennessee	5.7%
Connecticut	5.7%
North Carolina	5.8%
Missouri	5.8%
Arizona	5.9%
Rhode Island	5.9%
Illinois	5.9%
Alabama	6.1%
Georgia	6.1%
New Jersey	6.1%
California	6.3%
New Mexico	6.4%
Louisiana	6.4%
Mississippi	6.6%
South Carolina	6.6%
Alaska	6.8%
Nevada	6.9%
District of Columbia	7.0%
West Virginia	7.4%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
Data through June 2015	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	3.4%	3,958,000	7.7%	8,534,000
Alabama	-4.3%	-69,700	1.3%	20,500
Alaska	8.2%	19,500	7.7%	18,300
Arizona	-1.9%	-43,000	5.8%	120,100
Arkansas	0.3%	2,600	3.0%	29,200
California	5.6%	728,100	11.1%	1,359,500
Colorado	7.0%	137,700	10.1%	192,700
Connecticut	0.0%	0	2.9%	41,300
Delaware	0.6%	2,200	5.0%	18,000
District of Columbia	12.7%	59,200	12.1%	56,800
Florida	2.9%	194,000	11.1%	700,600
Georgia	2.9%	101,200	8.7%	285,300
Hawaii	1.1%	5,300	7.0%	33,100
Idaho	2.5%	13,500	9.3%	47,100
Illinois	-0.8%	-42,300	3.0%	148,100
Indiana	1.9%	47,400	7.8%	187,900
Iowa	3.1%	39,000	5.2%	64,400
Kansas	1.8%	20,400	2.8%	31,500
Kentucky	1.5%	23,100	6.2%	91,000
Louisiana	6.1%	96,000	6.8%	106,400
Maine	-1.2%	-6,300	1.8%	9,100
Maryland	1.1%	23,000	4.3%	88,700
Massachusetts	5.2%	148,200	7.7%	217,300
Michigan	2.6%	92,500	11.8%	388,300
Minnesota	3.4%	80,800	6.3%	143,600
Mississippi	-3.6%	-32,500	1.2%	10,500
Missouri	-1.4%	-34,100	1.4%	32,200
Montana	2.4%	8,600	6.3%	21,700
Nebraska	2.4%	19,500	3.6%	28,500
Nevada	-3.0%	-33,500	6.0%	62,600
New Hampshire	1.5%	8,500	4.0%	22,000
New Jersey	-1.4%	-48,900	2.4%	79,700
New Mexico	-2.8%	-18,300	0.6%	4,000
New York	7.4%	538,200	9.2%	658,000
North Carolina	2.1%	71,000	7.9%	258,500
North Dakota	33.2%	95,100	31.7%	91,800
Ohio	0.3%	15,200	5.2%	230,500
Oklahoma	2.9%	37,500	4.0%	50,900
Oregon	1.8%	26,100	8.4%	114,400
Pennsylvania	1.5%	77,900	3.9%	191,800
Rhode Island	0.0%	100	4.6%	18,600
South Carolina	2.7%	43,100	9.0%	135,700
South Dakota	6.6%	21,900	6.7%	22,400
Tennessee	2.6%	62,700	8.2%	185,200
Texas	13.4%	1,174,700	14.1%	1,228,600
Utah	8.7%	91,800	14.3%	143,500
Vermont	1.5%	3,700	4.5%	11,200
Virginia	0.8%	25,500	3.6%	109,600
Washington	6.0%	147,400	9.2%	220,700
West Virginia	-2.3%	-14,200	-1.4%	-8,400
Wisconsin	0.4%	8,800	3.5%	83,700
Wyoming	-2.7%	-6,000	-2.3%	-5,100

Current Unemployment Rates Across States

June 2015 (Released July 21st)



Source: JEC Democratic staff based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

