



## Economic Overview And Outlook: New Jersey

### JOBS

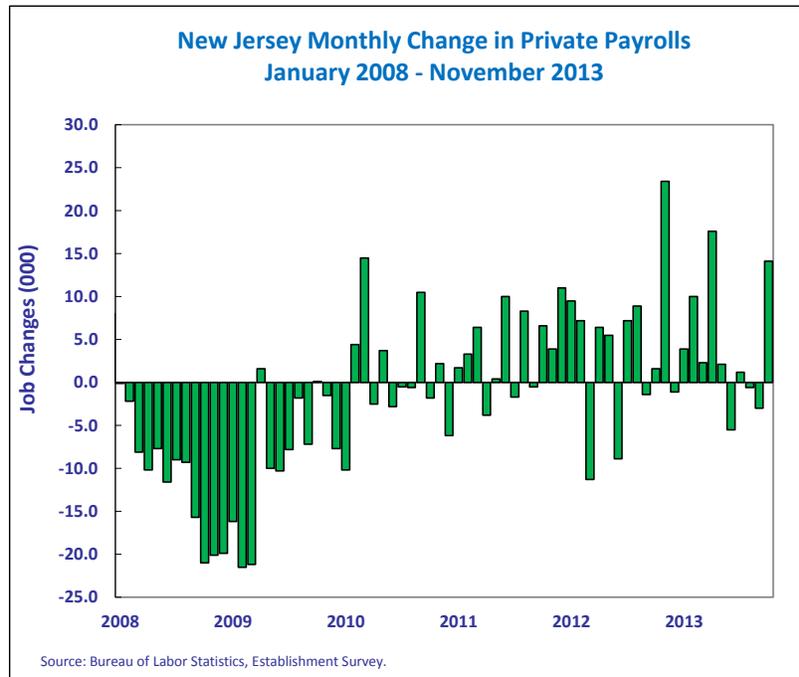
- Including November, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 45 consecutive months.
- In New Jersey, private sector employment fell by 7.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 4.9 percent.
- In New Jersey, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and mining sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in New Jersey have experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; education and health services; and professional and business services.\*
- As the economy continues its emergence from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2010 and 2020. The largest gains over this period are expected to occur in the healthcare and social assistance, professional and business services, and retail trade sectors. Job gains in the goods-producing sector of the economy will be led by the construction and mining industries.

### EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New Jersey was 7.8 percent in November 2013, up 3.2 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 9.7 percent in August 2012.
- 352,000 residents were counted among the unemployed in New Jersey during November 2013.
- In New Jersey, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 48,804 during November, down 4.5 percent from the previous month. Since their pre-Hurricane Sandy peak of 75,283 in February 2009, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits have declined by 35.2 percent.

### EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 3.0 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2013, total personal income is 6.6 percent above its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



- Real per capita personal income (in 2009 \$) in New Jersey was \$52,489.60 in the 3rd quarter of 2013, up from \$51,377.50 in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

### HOUSING

- After peaking in the first quarter of 2007, national home prices declined by 18.1 percent over 17 quarters. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the third quarter of 2013, the most recent quarter, national home prices rose by 5.9 percent.
- In New Jersey, home prices fell by 21.2 percent over 21 quarters from their peak in the first quarter of 2007. Since the second quarter of 2012, home prices in New Jersey have risen by 1.5 percent.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2013, 8.3 percent of all mortgages, including 27.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in New Jersey.
- Housing starts in New Jersey totaled 24,610 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in August 2013, an increase of 7.3
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes New Jersey, sales of new single-family homes totaled 31,000 units in October 2013, an increase of 19.2 percent from September. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 1.9 percent to 530,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from October to November 2013.

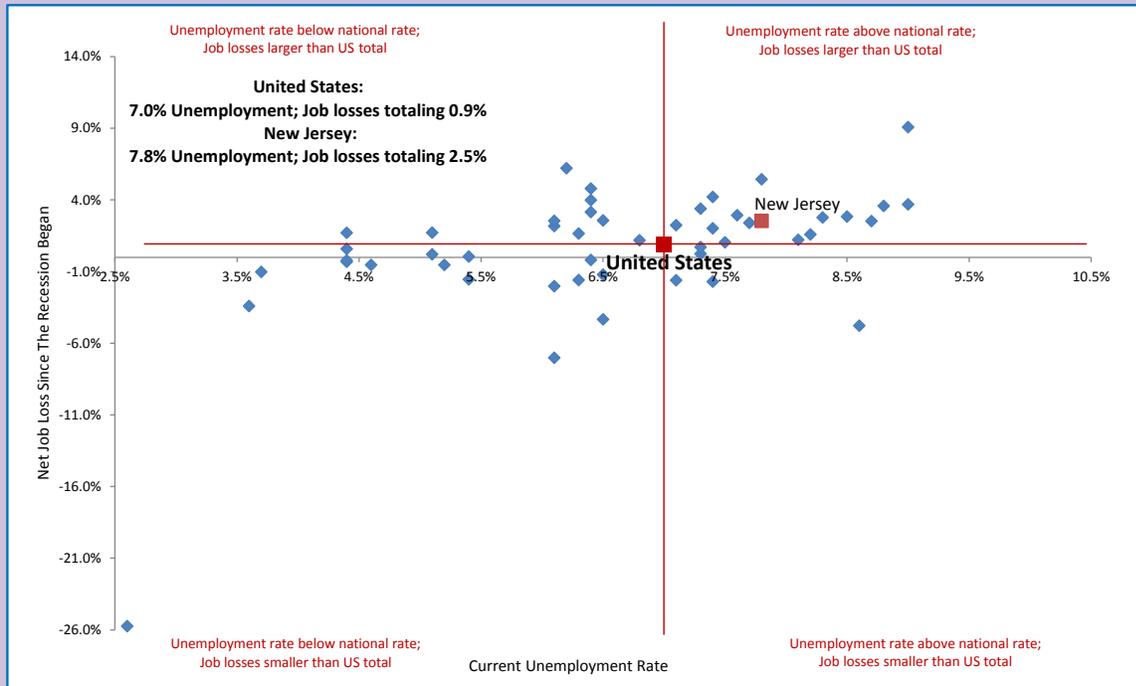
\* For New Jersey-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New Jersey office: [http://wd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/LMI\\_index.html](http://wd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/LMI_index.html)

## How Does New Jersey Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare New Jersey to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within New Jersey since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in New Jersey.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant are experiencing lower unemployment rates and smaller job losses than the national average.



### STATE QUICK FACTS

		New Jersey	United States
<b>Unemployment Rates</b> .....	November 2010	9.5%	9.8%
	November 2011	9.3%	8.6%
	November 2012	9.6%	7.8%
	November 2013	7.8%	7.0%
<b>Percent of Population Who Are Veterans</b> .....	2012	6.1%	9.0%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2012	10.0%	7.0%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2012	8.9%	9.9%
<b>Median Household Income</b> .....	2007	\$ 67,006	\$ 55,627
	(2012 \$)	2012	\$ 66,692
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2007	5.8%	12.5%
	2012	8.1%	15.0%
<b>No Health Insurance</b> .....	2007	14.6%	14.7%
	2012	14.0%	15.4%