



THE U.S. ECONOMY BY THE NUMBERS

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ECONOMIC GROWTH



Percentage change in GDP over the 2007-09 Bush-era recession: **-4.2%**

Percentage change in GDP since the start of the Obama administration: **+15.3%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+1.1%**

JOB CREATION



Number of private-sector jobs lost as a result of the recession: **-8,800,000**

Number of private-sector jobs gained during the recovery: **+15,100,000**

Highest ratio of unemployed workers to job openings since 2009: **6.6 to 1**

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in July 2016: **1.3 to 1**

UNEMPLOYMENT



Peak unemployment rate during the recession: **10.0%**

Current unemployment rate: **4.9%**

Number of people unemployed at the height of the recession: **15,400,000**

Number of people currently unemployed: **7,800,000**

INCOME & EARNINGS



Median income of U.S. households: **\$56,500**

Share of all income earned by the top 10% of families: **50%**

Share of all income earned by the bottom 90% of families: **50%**

Ratio of average income of the top 0.01% to the bottom 90%: **928 to 1**

POVERTY



Poverty threshold for a two-adult, two-child family: **\$24,000**

Total annual earnings from working full time at the federal minimum wage: **\$15,080**

Number of Americans currently living in poverty: **43,100,000**

Share of Americans living in poverty: **1 in 7**

Unemployment Rate (August 2016)	
South Dakota	2.9%
New Hampshire	3.0%
North Dakota	3.1%
Nebraska	3.2%
Vermont	3.3%
Hawaii	3.4%
Utah	3.7%
Colorado	3.8%
Idaho	3.8%
Arkansas	3.9%
Massachusetts	3.9%
Virginia	3.9%
Maine	4.0%
Minnesota	4.0%
Iowa	4.2%
Wisconsin	4.2%
Delaware	4.3%
Kansas	4.3%
Maryland	4.3%
Montana	4.3%
Tennessee	4.4%
Indiana	4.5%
Michigan	4.5%
North Carolina	4.6%
Florida	4.7%
Ohio	4.7%
Texas	4.7%
New York	4.8%
Georgia	4.9%
Kentucky	4.9%
UNITED STATES	4.9%
Missouri	5.1%
Oklahoma	5.1%
South Carolina	5.1%
New Jersey	5.3%
Alabama	5.4%
Oregon	5.4%
California	5.5%
Illinois	5.5%
Wyoming	5.5%
Connecticut	5.6%
Rhode Island	5.6%
Pennsylvania	5.7%
Washington	5.7%
West Virginia	5.7%
Arizona	5.8%
District of Columbia	6.0%
Mississippi	6.0%
Louisiana	6.3%
Nevada	6.3%
New Mexico	6.6%
Alaska	6.8%
Puerto Rico	11.3%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
<i>**Data through August 2016**</i>	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
UNITED STATES	5.5%	6,348,000	9.8%	10,911,000
Alabama	-2.6%	-42,000	3.1%	48,200
Alaska	8.5%	20,100	7.9%	18,800
Arizona	1.9%	43,600	9.9%	207,000
Arkansas	2.0%	20,200	4.8%	46,800
California	8.1%	1,048,700	13.5%	1,668,500
Colorado	11.0%	216,800	14.2%	271,800
Connecticut	-0.1%	-1,700	2.8%	39,400
Delaware	4.9%	18,400	9.4%	34,200
District of Columbia	15.0%	70,000	14.4%	67,600
Florida	7.2%	489,000	15.8%	995,600
Georgia	6.7%	232,600	12.6%	415,600
Hawaii	4.2%	21,200	10.3%	49,100
Idaho	6.3%	33,900	13.4%	67,500
Illinois	0.9%	45,800	4.8%	235,500
Indiana	3.5%	89,800	9.5%	230,300
Iowa	4.5%	57,900	6.7%	83,300
Kansas	1.1%	12,100	2.1%	23,100
Kentucky	2.8%	43,300	7.5%	111,200
Louisiana	4.6%	72,500	5.3%	82,900
Maine	0.2%	900	3.3%	16,300
Maryland	3.7%	78,000	7.0%	143,700
Massachusetts	8.3%	238,700	10.9%	307,200
Michigan	3.7%	131,800	13.0%	429,200
Minnesota	5.2%	123,000	8.1%	185,800
Mississippi	-1.6%	-14,900	3.2%	28,100
Missouri	1.1%	26,600	4.1%	92,900
Montana	2.8%	10,200	6.7%	23,300
Nebraska	4.7%	38,200	6.0%	47,400
Nevada	0.8%	8,800	10.0%	104,300
New Hampshire	4.6%	25,600	7.2%	39,100
New Jersey	1.0%	33,900	4.9%	161,700
New Mexico	-2.4%	-15,500	1.1%	6,800
New York	9.3%	677,700	11.2%	797,700
North Carolina	4.1%	142,400	10.1%	329,900
North Dakota	24.2%	69,400	22.8%	66,100
Ohio	2.0%	93,100	7.0%	308,400
Oklahoma	2.6%	33,600	3.6%	45,800
Oregon	6.3%	91,000	13.2%	178,500
Pennsylvania	2.5%	124,000	4.8%	238,500
Puerto Rico	-8.4%	-60,500	-4.3%	-29,600
Rhode Island	1.3%	5,600	5.9%	24,100
South Carolina	5.9%	95,000	12.5%	188,300
South Dakota	7.7%	25,700	7.9%	26,200
Tennessee	6.7%	160,400	12.5%	283,100
Texas	15.7%	1,379,600	16.4%	1,433,600
Utah	12.8%	135,300	18.6%	186,700
Vermont	2.6%	6,600	5.7%	14,100
Virginia	4.0%	124,900	7.0%	209,400
Washington	8.7%	214,700	12.1%	288,800
West Virginia	-1.7%	-10,800	-0.9%	-5,300
Wisconsin	2.3%	55,500	5.4%	129,400
Wyoming	-7.8%	-17,600	-7.4%	-16,700

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