

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the fourth edition of state-by-state snapshots issued by the Joint Economic Committee during the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress and includes data through March 2011.

This month's report shows how the economic progress nationally is translating to individual states. The report highlights progress in creating private sector jobs and reducing unemployment and tracks the employment gains in key sectors, including manufacturing and professional and business services. Highlights include:

- Thirty-six states added private sector jobs in March. Texas's private sector saw the largest expansion in March, adding 36,400 jobs. Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Kentucky all added over 10,000 private sector jobs in March.
- The manufacturing sector expanded in 29 states in March. The largest gains were seen in Ohio, which added 7,100 manufacturing jobs in March. Since March 2010, Ohio has added 14,000 manufacturing jobs, and a 2.3 percent expansion. The other states seeing large expansions in manufacturing include Indiana (5,200 jobs) and Texas (4,000 jobs). The U.S. has added nearly 200,000 manufacturing jobs since March 2010, with expansions in manufacturing employment in 34 states.
- Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia added jobs in the professional and business services sector in March. While the most jobs were added in Texas (10,800 jobs), Nevada's gain of 4,100 jobs in this sector was largest jump in employment on a percent basis.
- The leisure and hospitality sector added jobs in 35 states and the District of Columbia in March. The states adding the most jobs in this sector include Texas (9,900 jobs), Florida (8,200 jobs), Missouri (6,300 jobs) and Kentucky (5,100 jobs).