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March State-by-State Numbers Show Continued Recovery from Great Recession 37 States and D.C. Add Jobs in March

WASHINGTON – The United States continued to rebound from the Great Recession in March, according to the most recent edition of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) Democrats' *State Economic Snapshots*. The report, released by JEC Ranking Member Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), shows that during the month of March, private-sector employment increased in 37 states and the District of Columbia and the unemployment rate fell in 21 states.

The report also shows that average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, have increased in 31 states over the past year.

"I continue to be encouraged by the strong recovery of our economy," Rep. Maloney said. "But, we're not all the way back and need to continue to build on these gains so that we can ensure everyone is reaping the benefits. The reported increase in the number of private-sector jobs and higher wages prove that we continue to head in the right direction."

The March economic report for all 50 states and the District of Columbia includes state-level data on jobs, unemployment and earnings. In addition, the snapshots include information on housing prices, housing starts, state GDP and exports.

Highlights from the current report include:

- Private-sector employment increased in 37 states and the District of Columbia in March.
- Since President Obama took office, 15 states and the District of Columbia have recorded private-sector job gains of greater than 10 percent.
- The unemployment rate fell in 21 states in March; 30 states had an unemployment rate below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Average hourly earnings, adjusted for inflation, increased in 31 states over the past year.

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