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New JEC Dems Report: Hourly Earnings up in 35 States in Past Year

~ Private-sector employment up in 28 states and D.C. in September ~

WASHINGTON – Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), today announced the release of the latest *State Economic Snapshots*, a new report aggregating September’s statistics on jobs, unemployment and earnings in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

According to the report, private-sector employment increased in 28 states and the District of Columbia in the month of September and the unemployment rate fell in 14 states. Hourly wages increased in 35 states and the District of Columbia between September of 2015 and September of 2016.

“Across the nation, we’ve seen the benefits of our impressive and steady recovery from the Great Recession,” Rep. Maloney said. “This report shows the specific gains in each of the 50 states. As unemployment drops and wages rise in a majority of our states, we still need to work to bring the benefits of our recovery to all Americans.”

The report allows for state-by-state comparisons across a variety of economic statistics. For example, the largest private-sector job gains in September were in Texas (31,600 jobs), California (22,800), Florida (17,900), Georgia (14,700) and Virginia (14,500). On a percentage basis, the largest gains were in the North Dakota, Kentucky, South Carolina, Washington, Montana and Virginia.

[Click here](#) to download the full report. To compare historic performances by states, previous months’ reports can be found by [clicking here](#).

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