



# 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: **+14.5%**

Annual growth rate of GDP in the past quarter: **+1.0%**

## JOB CREATION



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

Current consecutive months of private-sector job creation: **72**

Number of private-sector jobs gained over that period: **+14,300,000**

Highest ratio of unemployed workers to job openings since 2009: **6.8 to 1**

Ratio of unemployed workers to job openings in January 2016: **1.4 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: **\$53,700**

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%: **878 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: **46,700,000**

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

Unemployment Rate (January 2016)	
North Dakota	2.8%
South Dakota	2.8%
New Hampshire	2.9%
Nebraska	3.0%
Hawaii	3.2%
Colorado	3.2%
Utah	3.4%
Vermont	3.4%
Iowa	3.5%
Minnesota	3.7%
Maine	3.8%
Idaho	3.9%
Kansas	4.0%
Montana	4.1%
Oklahoma	4.1%
Virginia	4.1%
Missouri	4.3%
Arkansas	4.4%
Texas	4.5%
New Jersey	4.5%
Wisconsin	4.6%
Indiana	4.6%
Pennsylvania	4.6%
Wyoming	4.7%
Massachusetts	4.7%
Delaware	4.7%
Ohio	4.9%
New York	4.9%
Michigan	4.9%
Maryland	4.9%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Florida	5.0%
Oregon	5.1%
Rhode Island	5.3%
Georgia	5.4%
Tennessee	5.4%
Connecticut	5.5%
South Carolina	5.5%
North Carolina	5.6%
Arizona	5.6%
California	5.7%
Kentucky	5.8%
Washington	5.8%
Louisiana	5.9%
Alabama	6.2%
Nevada	6.2%
Illinois	6.3%
West Virginia	6.3%
District of Columbia	6.5%
New Mexico	6.5%
Alaska	6.6%
Mississippi	6.7%
Puerto Rico	11.9%

Job Growth in America: Change in Private-Sector Jobs				
<i>**Data through January 2016**</i>	Since Before Recession (December 2007)		Under President Obama (January 2009)	
	Percentage	Net Jobs	Percentage	Net Jobs
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>5,251,000</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9,814,000</b>
Alabama	-3.5%	-57,800	2.1%	32,400
Alaska	8.6%	20,300	8.0%	19,000
Arizona	1.3%	28,500	9.2%	191,900
Arkansas	1.3%	13,300	4.1%	39,900
California	6.4%	832,300	11.8%	1,452,100
Colorado	9.7%	190,600	12.8%	245,600
Connecticut	-0.6%	-8,800	2.3%	32,300
Delaware	3.6%	13,700	8.1%	29,500
District of Columbia	14.8%	69,100	14.2%	66,700
Florida	5.3%	357,900	13.7%	864,500
Georgia	5.2%	181,200	11.1%	364,200
Hawaii	3.0%	15,300	9.1%	43,200
Idaho	5.5%	29,800	12.5%	63,400
Illinois	0.2%	12,100	4.1%	201,800
Indiana	2.9%	73,900	8.9%	214,400
Iowa	4.0%	51,200	6.1%	76,600
Kansas	1.2%	13,700	2.2%	24,700
Kentucky	2.6%	40,800	7.4%	108,700
Louisiana	5.2%	82,400	5.9%	92,800
Maine	-0.3%	-1,600	2.8%	13,800
Maryland	2.4%	50,900	5.7%	116,600
Massachusetts	6.1%	176,800	8.7%	245,300
Michigan	3.1%	112,800	12.4%	410,200
Minnesota	3.9%	91,700	6.7%	154,500
Mississippi	-1.8%	-16,800	3.0%	26,200
Missouri	-0.1%	-2,600	2.8%	63,700
Montana	3.7%	13,400	7.7%	26,500
Nebraska	4.6%	36,900	5.8%	46,100
Nevada	-1.5%	-16,600	7.6%	78,900
New Hampshire	2.4%	13,300	4.9%	26,800
New Jersey	0.4%	15,400	4.3%	143,200
New Mexico	-2.4%	-15,800	1.0%	6,500
New York	8.4%	607,800	10.2%	727,800
North Carolina	3.3%	115,800	9.3%	303,300
North Dakota	26.8%	76,600	25.3%	73,300
Ohio	1.8%	82,600	6.8%	297,900
Oklahoma	3.3%	41,500	4.3%	53,700
Oregon	4.5%	65,500	11.3%	153,000
Pennsylvania	1.8%	89,900	4.1%	204,400
Puerto Rico	-8.1%	-59,000	-4.1%	-28,100
Rhode Island	0.7%	3,000	5.3%	21,500
South Carolina	4.0%	63,200	10.4%	156,500
South Dakota	6.3%	20,900	6.4%	21,400
Tennessee	6.0%	142,600	11.7%	265,300
Texas	15.0%	1,317,800	15.7%	1,371,800
Utah	10.0%	105,600	15.6%	157,000
Vermont	1.9%	4,900	5.0%	12,400
Virginia	3.2%	100,200	6.1%	184,700
Washington	7.3%	179,700	10.6%	253,800
West Virginia	-2.1%	-13,200	-1.3%	-7,700
Wisconsin	1.2%	29,800	4.3%	103,700
Wyoming	-5.2%	-11,800	-4.8%	-10,900

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