



The Facts on Job Growth in Pennsylvania

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Fact: Pennsylvania’s ranking of job growth from January 2011 to December 2014 is 50th.

Methodology: The Bureau of Labor Statistics updates job numbers monthly based on a survey of businesses called the “Current Establishment Statistics Survey” (online at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.t05.htm>). Table 1 shows job growth by state from January 2011 to December 2014, ranked by percent change, with Pennsylvania highlighted in yellow.

Fact: Pennsylvania’s job growth ranking from December 2009 to December 2010 was 10th.

Methodology: Using the same source as above, Table 2 shows job growth by state from December 2009 to December 2010, with Pennsylvania again highlighted in yellow. Discussion of the policy choices that contributed to Pennsylvania’s change in job-growth ranking since 2010 can be found in *The State of Working Pennsylvania 2014* (online at <http://keystoneresearch.org/swp2014>).

Table 1. Job Growth by State, January 2011 to December 2014

State	Jobs				Rank by Percent Change in Job Growth (1=highest, 50=lowest)
	January 2011 (1000s)	December 2014 (1000s)	Change (number)	Change (percent)	
North Dakota	385.5	476.2	90,700	23.53%	1
Utah	1,193.0	1,353.9	160,900	13.49%	2
Texas	10,448.6	11,783.3	1,334,700	12.77%	3
Colorado	2,239.9	2,467.2	227,300	10.15%	4
Florida	7,214.2	7,911.2	697,000	9.66%	5
California	14,296.9	15,643.9	1,347,000	9.42%	6
South Carolina	1,810.5	1,968.0	157,500	8.70%	7
Arizona	2,398.9	2,605.4	206,500	8.61%	8
Nevada	1,124.0	1,220.4	96,400	8.58%	9
Georgia	3,851.4	4,180.8	329,400	8.55%	10
North Carolina	3,887.3	4,218.7	331,400	8.53%	11
Washington	2,857.2	3,094.0	236,800	8.29%	12
Oregon	1,614.9	1,748.0	133,100	8.24%	13
Tennessee	2,629.5	2,840.6	211,100	8.03%	14
Oklahoma	1,563.5	1,681.9	118,400	7.57%	15
Hawaii	588.8	632.4	43,600	7.40%	16
Montana	427.4	457.8	30,400	7.11%	17
Indiana	2,825.3	3,023.6	198,300	7.02%	18
Idaho	606.3	647.8	41,500	6.84%	19
Minnesota	2,662.7	2,844.8	182,100	6.84%	20
Michigan	3,910.1	4,170.4	260,300	6.66%	21
Delaware	417.1	444.4	27,300	6.55%	22
Massachusetts	3,236.1	3,447.6	211,500	6.54%	23
Iowa	1,476.2	1,560.6	84,400	5.72%	24

Wisconsin	2,747.8	2,902.3	154,500	5.62%	25
Kentucky	1,779.2	1,878.3	99,100	5.57%	26
Ohio	5,061.5	5,330.4	268,900	5.31%	27
Louisiana	1,892.5	1,992.2	99,700	5.27%	28
New York	8,618.9	9,072.2	453,300	5.26%	29
Wyoming	282.6	297.1	14,500	5.13%	30
Missouri	2,660.6	2,795.0	134,400	5.05%	31
Nebraska	947.4	990.6	43,200	4.56%	32
Alabama	1,864.2	1,948.2	84,000	4.51%	33
Rhode Island	458.3	478.9	20,600	4.49%	34
Connecticut	1,618.1	1,690.2	72,100	4.46%	35
Kansas	1,337.9	1,395.5	57,600	4.31%	36
New Hampshire	626.2	652.9	26,700	4.26%	37
South Dakota	404.5	421.5	17,000	4.20%	38
Illinois	5,648.1	5,880.3	232,200	4.11%	39
Maryland	2,529.6	2,629.3	99,700	3.94%	40
Alaska	328.4	340.9	12,500	3.81%	41
Vermont	298.9	310.2	11,300	3.78%	42
Arkansas	1,164.5	1,207.7	43,200	3.71%	43
West Virginia	747.1	772.8	25,700	3.44%	44
Virginia	3,673.3	3,797.3	124,000	3.38%	45
New Jersey	3,834.3	3,957.8	123,500	3.22%	46
New Mexico	799.9	824.3	24,400	3.05%	47
Maine	593.0	609.2	16,200	2.73%	48
Mississippi	1,091.2	1,120.3	29,100	2.67%	49
Pennsylvania	5,664.9	5,812.3	147,400	2.60%	50

Source: Keystone Research Center based on Bureau of Labor Statistics data

Table 2. Job Growth by State, December 2009 to December 2010

State	Jobs				Rank by Percent Change in Job Growth (1=highest, 50=lowest)
	December 2009 (1000s)	December 2010 (1000s)	Change (number)	Change (percent)	
North Dakota	368.3	384.0	15,700	4.26%	1
Alaska	319.0	327.2	8,200	2.57%	2
Texas	10,207.1	10,435.6	228,500	2.24%	3
South Carolina	1,784.1	1,817.0	32,900	1.84%	4
Kentucky	1,759.2	1,786.1	26,900	1.53%	5
Delaware	410.4	416.6	6,200	1.51%	6
Utah	1,174.2	1,191.8	17,600	1.50%	7
Tennessee	2,592.3	2,630.7	38,400	1.48%	8
Michigan	3,835.7	3,891.8	56,100	1.46%	9
Pennsylvania	5,580.5	5,659.5	79,000	1.42%	10
Oklahoma	1,544.8	1,566.6	21,800	1.41%	11
Wyoming	279.3	283.1	3,800	1.36%	12
Indiana	2,777.0	2,814.7	37,700	1.36%	13
North Carolina	3,846.8	3,895.8	49,000	1.27%	14
Massachusetts	3,195.6	3,234.5	38,900	1.22%	15
New York	8,489.8	8,592.8	103,000	1.21%	16
Hawaii	583.0	589.9	6,900	1.18%	17
Ohio	5,003.7	5,061.0	57,300	1.15%	18
Maryland	2,502.3	2,530.8	28,500	1.14%	19
Virginia	3,627.0	3,666.6	39,600	1.09%	20
Oregon	1,592.0	1,608.7	16,700	1.05%	21
Florida	7,128.0	7,201.0	73,000	1.02%	22
Vermont	295.4	298.4	3,000	1.02%	23
Illinois	5,584.9	5,641.2	56,300	1.01%	24
South Dakota	400.7	404.7	4,000	1.00%	25
Wisconsin	2,713.1	2,739.9	26,800	0.99%	26
California	14,155.9	14,286.7	130,800	0.92%	27
Mississippi	1,085.5	1,095.5	10,000	0.92%	28
Arkansas	1,155.6	1,166.2	10,600	0.92%	29
Nebraska	939.4	948.0	8,600	0.92%	30
Washington	2,825.2	2,850.0	24,800	0.88%	31
Colorado	2,213.8	2,232.8	19,000	0.86%	32
Minnesota	2,633.0	2,655.2	22,200	0.84%	33
Iowa	1,462.8	1,474.9	12,100	0.83%	34
West Virginia	742.4	748.2	5,800	0.78%	35
Georgia	3,844.7	3,873.3	28,600	0.74%	36
Connecticut	1,606.4	1,616.9	10,500	0.65%	37
Louisiana	1,878.6	1,889.2	10,600	0.56%	38
Kansas	1,324.1	1,331.0	6,900	0.52%	39
Alabama	1,864.2	1,873.4	9,200	0.49%	40
Arizona	2,382.4	2,393.5	11,100	0.47%	41
Rhode Island	456.3	458.4	2,100	0.46%	42
New Hampshire	624.8	626.6	1,800	0.29%	43

Idaho	603.7	605.1	1,400	0.23%	44
Montana	426.5	427.3	800	0.19%	45
Missouri	2,658.4	2,662.6	4,200	0.16%	46
Maine	592.6	593.5	900	0.15%	47
New Mexico	802.5	802.0	-500	-0.06%	48
New Jersey	3,862.8	3,840.9	-21,900	-0.57%	49
Nevada	1,126.5	1,119.2	-7,300	-0.65%	50

Source. Keystone Research Center based on Bureau of Labor Statistics data