**The Facts on Job Growth in Pennsylvania**

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**Fact:** Pennsylvania’s ranking of job growth from January 2011 to September 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/lau5.t05.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/lau5.t05.htm)). Table 1 shows job growth by state from January 2011 to September 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](http://keystoneresearch.org/swp2014)).

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