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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2009 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (2003-2008)	Right to Work States	9.1%
	Forced-Unionism States	3.6%
	National Average	5.7%
<small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small>		
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2000 Dollars (2000-2008)	Right to Work States	20.9%
	Forced-Unionism States	6.5%
	National Average	10.4%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)</small>		
Percentage Growth in Real Personal Income (2003-2008)	Right to Work States	15.8%
	Forced-Unionism States	9.1%
	National Average	11.5%
<small>BEA; BLS</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Per Capita Disposable Personal Income (2008)	Right to Work States	\$34,878
	Forced-Unionism States	\$32,811
	National Average	\$33,654
<small>Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC); BEA; Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (BOC)</small>		
Aggregate "Tax Freedom Day"* (2009)	Right to Work States	April 8
	Forced-Unionism States	April 17
	National Average	April 13
<small>Tax Foundation; BEA</small>		
Value Added by Manufacture Per Production Worker (2006)	Right to Work States	\$259,612
	Forced-Unionism States	\$245,957
	National Average	\$251,179
<small>BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Construction Employment (2003-2008)	Right to Work States	10.6%
	Forced-Unionism States	1.8%
	National Average	7.1%
<small>BLS</small>		

* The term "Tax Freedom Day," was coined and popularized by the nonpartisan, Washington, D.C. -based Tax Foundation. As the Tax Foundation has explained, it is "the day when Americans . . . finally have earned enough money to pay off their total [federal, state and local] tax bill for the year." (For simplicity's sake, the Tax Foundation assumes an equal amount of income is earned every day, and does not distinguish weekdays from weekends.)

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New Privately-Owned Single-Unit Housing Authorizations Per 1000 Residents (2008)	Right to Work States	2.8
	Forced-Unionism States.	1.3
	National Average	1.9
<small>BOC</small>		
Growth in the Number of People, Aged 25+, Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree (2000-2008)	Right to Work States	29.8%
	Forced-Unionism States.	21.9%
	National Average	24.6%
<small>BOC, <i>Statistical Abstract</i> and American Community Survey</small>		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2008 Calendar Year Average)	Right to Work States	7.0
	Forced-Unionism States.	16.0
	National Average	12.5
<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (1999-2008)	Right to Work States	+4.4%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-2.9%
	National Average	-0.3%
<small>BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of Children Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (1999-2008)	Right to Work States	+0.2%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-10.8%
	National Average	-6.9%
<small>BOC</small>		

To obtain more detailed information about how any or all of the above comparative economic data were derived, contact Stan Greer – e-mail stg@nrtw.org or call 703-321-9606.