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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2010 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (1999-2009)	Right to Work States	+3.7%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-2.8%
	National Average	-0.3%
	<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 (1999-2009)	Right to Work States	28.3%
	Forced-Unionism States.	14.7%
	National Average	19.5%
	<small>BEA; BLS</small>	
Cost of Living-Adjusted Per Capita Disposable Personal Income (2009)	Right to Work States	\$35,543
	Forced-Unionism States	\$33,389
	National Average	\$34,256
	<small>Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC); BEA; Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (BOC)</small>	
Aggregate "Tax Freedom Day"* (2010)	Right to Work States	April 6
	Forced-Unionism States.	April 14
	National Average	April 9
	<small>Tax Foundation; BEA</small>	
Value Added by Manufacture Per Production Worker (2008)	Right to Work States	\$261,239
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$253,162
	National Average	\$256,327
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Construction Employment (1999-2009)	Right to Work States	-6.0%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-9.7%
	National Average	-7.8%
	<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 (2009, first 11 months)	Right to Work States	1.9
	Forced-Unionism States.	0.9
	National Average	1.3
<small>BOC</small>		
Growth in the Number of People, Aged 25+, Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree (2000-2009)	Right to Work States	31.8%
	Forced-Unionism States.	24.0%
	National Average	26.8%
<small>BOC</small>		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2009 Calendar Year Average)	Right to Work States	7.6
	Forced-Unionism States.	17.3
	National Average	13.3
<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (1999-2009)	Right to Work States	+0.9%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-6.9%
	National Average	-4.0%
<small>BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Any Form of Private Health Insurance (1999-2009)	Right to Work States	+1.0%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-5.7%
	National Average	-3.1%
<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.