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### Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2005 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	21.1%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	12.4%
	National Average . . . . .	15.5%
<small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small>		
Average Real Household Income In Metropolitan Areas (2002)	Right to Work States . . . . .	\$50,571
	Forced-Unionism States . . . . .	\$46,431
	National Average . . . . .	\$48,310
<small>Dr. Barry Poulson, "The Standard of Living in Right to Work States"</small>		
Percentage Growth in Construction Employment (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	42.2%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	38.3%
	National Average . . . . .	39.8%
<small>BLS</small>		
Share of Households Who Own Their Own Homes (2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	71%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	68%
	National Average . . . . .	69%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (BOC); Woods and Poole Economics, 2004 MSA Profile</small>		
Percentage Growth in Manufacturing Establishments (1982-2003)	Right to Work States . . . . .	+4.9%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	- 8.3%
	National Average . . . . .	- 4.5%
<small>BOC</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Average Per Capita Personal Income In Metro Areas (2002)	Right to Work States . . . . .	\$25,900
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	\$22,926
	National Average. . . . .	\$24,104
<small>Cities Ranked and Rated by Bert Sperling and Peter Sander</small>		
Percentage Growth in Utility Patents Annually Granted (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	57%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	49%
	National Average . . . . .	50%
<small>U.S. Patent and Trademark Office</small>		
Percentage Growth in Real Personal Income (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	37.4%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	27.1%
	National Average . . . . .	30.5%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); BLS</small>		

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Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2003)	Right to Work States . . . . .	12.9
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	19.0
	National Average . . . . .	17.0
	<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>	
Share of Population Receiving Medicaid (2000)	Right to Work States . . . . .	14.4%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	15.6%
	National Average . . . . .	15.2%
	<small>U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; BOC</small>	
New Privately-Owned Single-Unit Housing Authorized Per 1000 Residents (2003)	Right to Work States . . . . .	7.0
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	3.8
	National Average . . . . .	5.0
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Value Added By Manufacture Per Production Worker (1998-2003)	Right to Work States . . . . .	30.9%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	23.3%
	National Average . . . . .	26.0%
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private Health Insurance (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	11.5%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	5.6%
	National Average . . . . .	7.6%
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Number of Children Covered by Private Health Insurance (1994-2004)	Right to Work States . . . . .	8.0%
	Forced-Unionism States. . . . .	3.0%
	National Average . . . . .	4.7%
	<small>BOC</small>	

Figures that compare years prior to Idaho's implementation of the 21<sup>st</sup> state Right to Work law in 1986 or Oklahoma's adoption of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Right to Work law in 2001 with more recent years exclude Idaho and/or Oklahoma.

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