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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2006 Update

<p>Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (1995-2005)</p>	<p>Right to Work States 20.2% Forced-Unionism States. 11.3% National Average 14.5%</p> <p><small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small></p>	
<p>Cost of Living-Adjusted Median House- hold Income in Major Counties (2004)</p>	<p>Right to Work States \$46,136 Forced-Unionism States \$41,488 National Average \$42,947</p> <p><small>ACCRA-the Council for Community and Economic Research; National Association of Counties (NACO); Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau (BOC)</small></p>	
<p>Percentage Growth in Construction Employment (1995-2005)</p>	<p>Right to Work States 46% Forced-Unionism States. 37% National Average 41%</p> <p><small>BLS</small></p>	
<p>Share of Households Who Own Their Own Homes (2004)</p>	<p>Right to Work States 71% Forced-Unionism States. 68% National Average 69%</p> <p><small>BOC; Woods and Poole Economics, 2004 MSA Profile</small></p>	
<p>Percentage Growth in Manufacturing Establishments (1982-2004)</p>	<p>Right to Work States +4.5% Forced-Unionism States. - 9.3% National Average - 5.3%</p> <p><small>BOC</small></p>	
<p>Average Real Household Income In Metropolitan Areas (2002)</p>	<p>Right to Work States \$50,571 Forced-Unionism States. \$46,431 National Average \$48,310</p> <p><small>Dr. Barry Poulson, "The Standard of Living in Right to Work States"</small></p>	
<p>Percentage Growth in Utility Patents Annually Granted (1995-2005)</p>	<p>Right to Work States 37% Forced-Unionism States. 33% National Average 34%</p> <p><small>U.S. Patent and Trademark Office</small></p>	
<p>Percentage Growth in Real Personal Income (1995-2005)</p>	<p>Right to Work States 37% Forced-Unionism States. 26% National Average 31%</p> <p><small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); BLS</small></p>	

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Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2005)	Right to Work States	9.6
	Forced-Unionism States.	18.2
	National Average	14.9
	<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>	
Share of Population Receiving Medicaid (2003)	Right to Work States	17.1%
	Forced-Unionism States.	18.3%
	National Average	17.9%
	<small>U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; BOC</small>	
New Privately-Owned Single-Unit Housing Authorized Per 1000 Residents (2004)	Right to Work States	7.9
	Forced-Unionism States.	4.0
	National Average	5.5
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Value Added By Manufacture Per Production Worker (1999-2004)	Right to Work States	39%
	Forced-Unionism States.	29%
	National Average	33%
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Private Employees With Employer-Provided Pension Benefits (1987-89 to 2002-4)	Right to Work States	52%
	Forced-Unionism States.	25%
	National Average	33%
	<small>Economic Policy Institute; BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private Health Insurance (1995-2005)	Right to Work States	11.9%
	Forced-Unionism States.	4.4%
	National Average	7.0%
	<small>BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Number of Children Covered by Private Health Insurance (1995-2005)	Right to Work States	+9.3%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-0.5%
	National Average	+2.9%
	<small>BOC</small>	

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

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