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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power*

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm, Private-Sector Payroll Employment (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	9.2%
	Forced-Unionism States.	4.0%
	National Average	6.1%
<small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small>		
Percentage Growth in Total Private- Sector, Non-Farm Employment (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	16.2%
	Forced-Unionism States	9.3%
	National Average	11.2%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)</small>		
Percentage Real Growth in Private- Sector Employee Compensation (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	15.1%
	Forced-Unionism States.	8.2%
	National Average	9.6%
<small>BEA; BLS</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Per Capita Disposable Personal Income (2013)	Right to Work States	\$38,915
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$36,959
	National Average	\$37,878
<small>Missouri Economic Research and Information Center; BEA</small>		
Growth in Number of Residents Aged 35-54 (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	+5.4%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-4.1%
	National Average	-0.8%
<small>U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (BOC)</small>		
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2009 Dollars (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	26.1%
	Forced-Unionism States.	13.8%
	National Average	18.1%
<small>BEA</small>		
Value Added by Manufacture Per Production Worker (2012)	Right to Work States	\$316,546
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$291,876
	National Average	\$302,711
<small>BOC</small>		
New Privately-Owned Single- Unit Housing Authorizations Per Thousand Residents (2014)	Right to Work States	2.8
	Forced-Unionism States.	1.3
	National Average	2.0
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Aggregate "Tax Freedom Day"*** (2014)	Right to Work States	April 14
	Forced-Unionism States.	April 27
	National Average	April 21
	<small>Tax Foundation; BEA</small>	
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2014 Calendar Year Average)	Right to Work States	5.0
	Forced-Unionism States.	12.5
	National Average	10.9
	<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>	
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private Health Insurance (2003-2013)	Right to Work States	+5.0%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-1.9%
	National Average	+0.2%
	<small>BOC</small>	

*Winter 2015 Update

**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.)

Indiana and Michigan became Right to Work states in early 2012 and early 2013, respectively. Both are counted as forced-unionism states for analyses featuring data no more recent than 2011. Indiana and Michigan are both excluded from multi-year analyses including 2013 data. For analyses covering 2013 or 2014 alone, both Indiana and Michigan are counted as Right to Work states.

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