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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2011 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	+0.3%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-5.5%
	National Average	-3.3%
<small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small>		
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2005 Dollars (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	18.6%
	Forced-Unionism States.	8.3%
	National Average	11.3%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)</small>		
Percentage Real Growth in Private- Sector Employee Compensation (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	11.3%
	Forced-Unionism States.	0.7%
	National Average	4.3%
<small>BEA; BLS</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Compensation Per Private-Sector Employee (2010)	Right to Work States	\$56,575
	Forced-Unionism States	\$55,420
	National Average	\$55,896
<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 (2009)	Right to Work States	\$265,606
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$258,567
	National Average	\$261,261
<small>BOC</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Per Capita Disposable Personal Income (2010)	Right to Work States	\$35,643
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$33,762
	National Average	\$34,541
<small>MERIC; BEA</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 Thousand Residents (2010)	Right to Work States	2.1
	Forced-Unionism States.	1.0
	National Average	1.4
<small>BOC</small>		
Growth in Number of Residents Aged 25-34 (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	+9.2%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-1.0%
	National Average	+2.9%
<small>BOC</small>		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2010 Fiscal Year Average)	Right to Work States	7.7
	Forced-Unionism States.	18.2
	National Average	14.2
<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	-3.2%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-9.1%
	National Average	-6.9%
<small>BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Any Form of Private Health Insurance (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	-1.7%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-6.5%
	National Average	-4.7%
<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.