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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – August 2012 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm, Private-Sector Payroll Employment (2001-2011)	Right to Work States	+2.4%
	Forced-Unionism States.	-3.4%
	National Average	-1.3%
<small>Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)</small>		
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2005 Dollars (2001-2011)	Right to Work States	33.0%
	Forced-Unionism States.	23.9%
	National Average	26.3%
<small>Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)</small>		
Percentage Real Growth in Private- Sector Employee Compensation (2001-2011)	Right to Work States	12.5%
	Forced-Unionism States.	3.1%
	National Average	6.4%
<small>BEA; BLS</small>		
Percentage Growth in Total Private- Sector, Non-Farm Employment (2000-2010)	Right to Work States	10.3%
	Forced-Unionism States	1.9%
	National Average	5.1%
<small>BEA</small>		
Aggregate “Tax Freedom Day”* (2011)	Right to Work States	April 6
	Forced-Unionism States.	April 15
	National Average	April 12
<small>Tax Foundation; BEA</small>		
Value Added by Manufacture Per Production Worker (2009)	Right to Work States	\$309,238
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$292,088
	National Average	\$298,597
<small>BOC</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Per Capita Disposable Personal Income (2011)	Right to Work States	\$36,821
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$34,638
	National Average	\$35,539
<small>Missouri Economic Research and Information Center; 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 (2011)	Right to Work States	2.0
	Forced-Unionism States.	0.9
	National Average	1.3
<small>BOC</small>		
Growth in Number of Residents Aged 25-34 (2000-2011)	Right to Work States	11.2%
	Forced-Unionism States.	0.7%
	National Average	4.8%
<small>BOC</small>		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2011 Calendar Year Average)	Right to Work States	7.0
	Forced-Unionism States.	18.4
	National Average	14.0
<small>U.S. Administration for Children and Families; 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.