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Right to Work States Benefit From Faster Growth, Higher Real Purchasing Power – 2008 Update

Percentage Growth in Non-Farm Private-Sector Employees (1997-2007)	Right to Work States	17.5%
	Forced-Unionism States.	8.6%
	National Average	11.9%
	Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2000 Dollars (2000-2007)	Right to Work States	20.8%
	Forced-Unionism States.	5.6%
	National Average	10.2%
	Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (BOC)	
Percentage Growth in Real Personal Income (2002-2007)	Right to Work States	18.6%
	Forced-Unionism States.	11.0%
	National Average	13.7%
	Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); BLS	
Cost of Living-Adjusted Median House- hold Income in Major Counties (2004)	Right to Work States	\$46,136
	Forced-Unionism States	\$41,488
	National Average	\$42,947
	ACCRA-the Council for Community and Economic Research; National Association of Counties (NACO); BOC	
Aggregate "Tax Freedom Day"* (2008)	Right to Work States	April 18
	Forced-Unionism States.	April 27
	National Average	April 23
	Tax Foundation, BOC	
Value Added by Manufacture Per Production Worker (2006)	Right to Work States	\$259,612
	Forced-Unionism States.	\$245,957
	National Average	\$251,179
	BOC	
Percentage Growth in Construction Employment (2002-2007)	Right to Work States	18.7%
	Forced-Unionism States.	7.5%
	National Average	12.3%
	BLS	

* 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 1000 Residents (2007)	Right to Work States	4.9
	Forced-Unionism States.....	2.2
	National Average	3.2
BOC		
Growth in the Number of People, Aged 25+, Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree (2000-2007)	Right to Work States	26.8%
	Forced-Unionism States.....	20.0%
	National Average	22.4%
American FactFinder (BOC)		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1000 Residents (2007 Calendar Year Average)	Right to Work States	7.3
	Forced-Unionism States.....	16.3
	National Average	12.7
U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC		
Percentage Growth in Number of People Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (1999-2007)	Right to Work States	+4.8%
	Forced-Unionism States.....	-2.2%
	National Average	+0.4%
BOC		
Percentage Growth in Number of Children Covered by Private, Employment-Based Health Insurance (1999-2007)	Right to Work States	-0.1%
	Forced-Unionism States.....	-9.4%
	National Average	-6.1%
BOC		

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.