

U.S. ECONOMY

AVERAGE MONTHLY CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

OBAMA AND TRUMP ADMINISTRATIONS 2009 TO 2019

ADMINISTRATION	AVERAGE MONTHLY CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT (000)
Barack Obama	
1st Term (January 2009 to December 2012)	
2009	-421
2010	86
2011	173
2012	181
Average (2009 to 2012)	5
2nd Term (January 2013 to December 2016)	
2013	192
2014	250
2015	227
2016	195
Average (2013 to 2016)	216
Donald J. Trump	
3 years prior to Covid lockdown in March 2020 (January 2017 to December 2019)	
2017	176
2018	193
2019	178
Average (2017 to 2019)	182

These summary employment statistics are collected and reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). They are also available from FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data), a database maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The statistics indicate that very few jobs were created, on average, in President Obama's first term (2009 through 2012). By Obama's second term, as the nation recovered from the Great Recession, 216,000 jobs were created monthly, on average. This record reveals the economy's resilience. In fact, the Obama administration's job creation success in its second term exceeds that of the Trump administration, where 182,000 jobs were created, on average, monthly, between 2017 and 2019. Jobs information reported here, also known as "Total Nonfarm Payroll", is one measure of employment in the U.S. economy. This measure does not include farm employees, private household employees, proprietors, and the unincorporated self-employed. "The measure provides useful insights into the current economic situation because it can represent the number of jobs added or lost in an economy."

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *All Employees: Total nonfarm* [PAYEMS] data series, retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/PAYEMS/>, February 07, 2020. Data originally collected by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, through the Establishment Survey. Data are seasonally adjusted.