

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

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Percentage Growth in Number of People Employed (2009-2019)	Western Right to Work States	21.1%
	Western Forced-Unionism States	15.3%
	Montana	10.2%
Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Household Survey		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Compensation per Private-Sector Employee (2019)	Western Right to Work States	\$ 45,975
	Western Forced-Unionism States	\$ 45,611
	Montana	\$ 35,846
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau (BOC) and Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)		
Cost of Living-Adjusted, After-Tax Mean Income Per Household (2019)	Western Right to Work States	\$ 62,459
	Western Forced-Unionism States	\$ 58,965
	Montana	\$ 53,608
Source: BOC; MERIC; Tax Foundation		
Welfare (TANF) Recipients Per 1,000 Residents (2019 Fiscal Year Average)	Western Right to Work States	3.0
	Western Forced-Unionism States	14.0
	Montana	7.8
Source: U.S. Administration for Children and Families; BOC		
Growth in Population Aged 35-54 (2009-2019)	Western Right to Work States	7.9%
	Western Forced-Unionism States	-0.9%
	Montana	-6.8%
Source: BOC		
New Privately-Owned Single-Unit Housing Authorized Per 1,000 Residents (2019)	Western Right to Work States	5.0
	Western Forced-Unionism States	2.1
	Montana	2.8
Source: BOC; National Association of Home Builders		

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