



FACT SHEET

National Institute for Labor Relations Research

5211 Port Royal Road, Suite 510 • Springfield, VA 22151 • Phone: (703) 321-9606 • Fax: (703) 321-7342 • research@nilrr.org • www.nilrr.org

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

October 2012

Percentage Growth in Total Private-Sector Nonfarm Employment (2001-2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	+6.8%
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	-0.4%
	Michigan	-5.9%
<small>Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)</small>		
Growth in Real Manufacturing GDP in Chained 2005 Dollars (2001-2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	+23.9%
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	+5.4%
	Michigan	-11.7%
<small>U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau (BOC)</small>		
Cost of Living-Adjusted Disposable Per Capita Income (2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	\$40,357
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	\$37,212
	Michigan	\$35,340
<small>BOC; BEA; Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)</small>		
Growth in Population Aged 25+ With At Least a Bachelor's Degree Education (2000-2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	29.6%
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	26.9%
	Michigan	20.7%
<small>BOC</small>		
Percentage Growth in Real Private-Sector Employee Compensation (2001-2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	+13.0%
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	-2.7%
	Michigan	-16.5%
<small>BEA; BLS</small>		
Growth in Population Aged 25-34 (2000-2011)	Midwestern Right to Work States	+10.9%
	Midwestern Forced-Unionism States . . .	-2.3%
	Michigan	-14.1%
<small>BOC</small>		

NOTE: Since Indiana's Right to Work law was adopted in February 2012, it is counted as a forced-unionism state in all of the above data analyses.

* * *

The National Institute for Labor Relations Research is an organization whose primary function is to act as a research facility for the general public, scholars and students. It provides the supplementary analysis and research necessary to expose the inequities of compulsory unionism.

The Institute will, upon request, provide documentation to substantiate tax-deductibility of a contribution or grant. Nothing here is to be construed as an attempt to aid or hinder the passage of any bill before Congress or a state legislature.