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# OBAMA: WRONG FOR COLORADO

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Colorado Has Lost 6,100 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 6.6 Percent To 8.0 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**“Colorado Has Faced One Of The Slowest Economic Recoveries In The Nation Coming Out Of The Recession.”** (Tyler Sandberg, “Real Unemployment Reaches 20% In 7 Colorado Counties,” [The Colorado Observer](#), 9/29/12)

- **In Seven Colorado Counties, Unemployed Individuals Are Close To Or Already Have Already Exceeded 20 Percent Of The Population.** “In seven counties in Colorado unemployed individuals are close to or exceeding 20% of the population, a letter from the Chief Economist of CDLE to the U.S. Department of Agriculture says.” (Tyler Sandberg, “Real Unemployment Reaches 20% In 7 Colorado Counties,” [The Colorado Observer](#), 9/29/12)
- **Costilla County’s Unemployment Rate Is At 23.56 Percent.** “Ranking highest was Costilla County at 23.56 percent. The list runs from larger counties like Pueblo (20.09%), Montrose (20.62%) and Fremont (19.66%) to smaller populations like Huerfano (21.78%), Archuleta (19.97%) and Dolores (19.85%).” (Tyler Sandberg, “Real Unemployment Reaches 20% In 7 Colorado Counties,” [The Colorado Observer](#), 9/29/12)

**Colorado Springs “Continues To Struggle To Find Traction In Its Recovery From The Recession.”** “Colorado Springs, plagued by high unemployment, continues to struggle to find traction in its recovery from the recession, a report by the Brookings Institution finds.” (Bill Radford, “Study Shows Springs Still Struggling In Its Economic Recovery,” [The Gazette](#), 9/18/12)

- **The Unemployment Rate In Colorado Springs In July Was 9.7 Percent, An 18-Month High.** “The Springs and Denver ended the second quarter with some of the region’s highest unemployment rates. And things have not improved since then: The unemployment rate in the Colorado Springs area jumped in July, the most recent data available, to 9.7 percent, an 18-month high.” (Bill Radford, “Study Shows Springs Still Struggling In Its Economic Recovery,” [The Gazette](#), 9/18/12)

**Unemployment:** Colorado Has 217,822 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Colorado Has Lost 27,600 Construction Jobs And 3,000 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Colorado Has Declined From \$59,544 To \$55,387. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **In 2010, Colorado Household Incomes Fell 2.5 Percent To \$54,046, Over \$5,000 Lower Than They Were In 1999.** “Even though the state’s economy grew last year, household incomes didn’t. They were down 2.5 percent in 2010 from 2009. The survey reports a 2010 median household income in Colorado of \$54,046, compared with a 1999 median household income, adjusted to 2010 dollars, of \$61,767 and 2009 household income of \$55,430. ‘That probably reflects two-earner households where one person got laid off or went part time,’ said Broomfield economist Gary Horvath.” (Aldo Svaldi, “Colorado Incomes Fall Sharply From 1999 To 2010, Analysis Says,” [Denver Post](#), 9/22/10)

**Foreclosures:** In September Of 2012, Colorado Had The Nation’s Tenth Highest Foreclosure Rate, As One In Every 216 Housing Units Having A Foreclosure Filing. “Other states with foreclosure rates



ranking among the top 10 in the third quarter were Illinois (one in 126 housing units with a foreclosure filing), Georgia (one in 151), Nevada (one in 158), Ohio (one in 197), Michigan (one in 201), South Carolina (one in 215), and Colorado (one in 216).” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Activity Drops To 5-Year Low In September,” [RealtyTrac](#), 10/11/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Coloradans Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Colorado Has \$22,283 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Colorado 12,200 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Colorado \$3.5 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Colorado Has Increased From \$1.609 To \$3.523. (“Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; “Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Colorado Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 67 Percent. (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; “Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 121,306 More People In Colorado Have Fallen Into Poverty. (“Poverty: 2007 And 2008,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; “Poverty: 2010 And 2011,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

- **In 2011, 46,000 More Coloradans Lived In Poverty.** “About 46,000 more Coloradans are living in poverty, according to a report released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. The data — which goes through 2011 — is not broken down by county at this time. Colorado’s poverty rate in 2011 was 13.2 percent — or 661,000 people — up from 12.3 percent in 2010.” (“Colorado’s Poverty Rate Up Slightly,” [Coloradoan](#), 9/12/12)
- **In 2011, Fort Collins’ Poverty Rate Increased To 18.7 Percent.** “Fort Collins’ poverty rate increased to 18.7 percent in 2011 from 18.2 percent in 2010. Colorado’s poverty rate remains stagnant at 13.4 percent.” (Sarah Jane Kyle, “Fort Collins’ Poverty Rate Above County, State Levels,” [Coloradoan](#), 9/19/12)

**Childhood Poverty:** Colorado’s Child Poverty Rate Is At 17.9 Percent. “Larimer County’s child poverty rate increased to 13.7 percent in 2011, up from 12.9 percent in 2010, but remains below a statewide child poverty rate of 17.9. Fort Collins’ child poverty remains stable at 13 percent.” (Sarah Jane Kyle, “Fort Collins’ Poverty Rate Above County, State Levels,” [Coloradoan](#), 9/19/12)

- **One Out Of Every Three Children In Denver Lives In Poverty.** “The U.S. Census Bureau says one out of every three children in Denver lives in poverty, according to 2010 data released Thursday. The figures show an increase from 30 percent in 2009, to 33 percent in 2010 in the city.” (“Census: 1 In 3 Denver Children Live In Poverty,” [KDVR](#), 9/22/11)
- **Greeley, Colorado’s Child Poverty Rate Reached 33.5 Percent.** “The American Community Survey, which collects data each year on poverty, education, income, health insurance and other issues, shows that 33.5 percent of Greeley kids 18 and younger lived in poverty in 2011 — a 7.3 percent increase since 2007. The Rocky Mountain Investigative News Network provided an analysis of the percentages over a five-year period.” (Analisa Romano, “Child Poverty In Greeley Reaches A Full Third Of Population,” [The Tribune](#), 9/19/12)

## OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR COLORADO

**“Colorado Businesses Could Lose Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars, Up To More Than \$1 Billion, Under Proposed Federal Defense Budget Cuts For Fiscal 2013, According To A National Security Organization.”** (Ann Schrader, “Colorado Defense Firms Could Lose Millions Of Dollars In Obama Budget Plan,” [Denver Post](#), 2/14/12)

- **Local Colorado Business “Concerned About A Potential Cutback.”** “DigitalGlobe of Longmont, which provides high-resolution satellite images to several federal agencies, primarily through the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, is concerned about a potential cutback.” (Ann Schrader, “Colorado Defense Firms Could Lose Millions Of Dollars In Obama Budget Plan,” [Denver Post](#), 2/14/12)

**According To The Center For Security Policy, “Colorado Businesses May Have To Fire Workers.”** “The Obama administration proposed a 9 percent defense cut that would result in \$608 million in annual business losses, said the Center for Security Policy, which describes itself as nonpartisan. Under that scenario, ‘Colorado businesses may have to fire workers,’ the group said.” (Ann Schrader, “Colorado Defense Firms Could Lose Millions Of Dollars In Obama Budget Plan,” [Denver Post](#), 2/14/12)

### *Obama's Sequestration Would Cost Colorado An Additional 18,442 Jobs*

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Colorado Losing 18,442 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**Colorado Could Lose More Than 42,000 Jobs As A Result Of Sequestration.** “With \$1.2 trillion in government spending cuts looming early next year as part of a deal negotiated during last year’s debt-ceiling fight, Colorado could lose more than 42,000 jobs, according to a study released last month.” (Brandon Johnson, “With Automatic Cuts Coming, Defense Jobs In Aurora Could Take A Hit,” [Aurora Sentinel](#), 8/9/12)

- **Colorado Could See A \$1.47 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### *Obama's Inaction On The Looming “Fiscal Cliff” Would Be “Disastrous” For Colorado*

**Aurora, Colorado, Home To Defense And Aerospace Contractors Like Raytheon And Lockheed, Could Be Hit Hard.** “And in Aurora, where defense and aerospace contractors like Raytheon Company and Lockheed Martin are some of the city’s biggest employers, officials say the spending cuts could hit particularly hard.” (Brandon Johnson, “With Automatic Cuts Coming, Defense Jobs In Aurora Could Take A Hit,” [Aurora Sentinel](#), 8/9/12)

- **Aurora Could Lose More Than 3,000 Jobs.** “Hinson estimated that Aurora could stand to lose more than 3,000 jobs if the proposed cuts take effect.” (Brandon Johnson, “With Automatic Cuts Coming, Defense Jobs In Aurora Could Take A Hit,” [Aurora Sentinel](#), 8/9/12)

**Senior Vice President Of The Aurora Economic Development Council: “We Are Looking At A Huge Financial Hit.”** “‘We are looking at a huge financial hit,’ said Dick Hinson, senior vice president at the Aurora Economic Development Council.” (Brandon Johnson, “With Automatic Cuts Coming, Defense Jobs In Aurora Could Take A Hit,” [Aurora Sentinel](#), 8/9/12)

**Colorado Springs’ Fall Off The “Fiscal Cliff” Could Be “Disastrous” As Sequestration And The Expiration Of Tax Cuts Could Knock The Local Economy Into A Downturn More Severe Than The Recent Recession.** “Colorado Springs’ fall off the so-called ‘fiscal cliff’ could be a disastrous one. The Southern Colorado Economic Forum predicts that the one-two punch of automatic spending cuts and the expiration of tax cuts, both scheduled to take effect in January, could knock the local economy into a downturn more severe than the recent recession.” (Wayne Heilman, “Forecast: One-Two Punch Would Pound Springs Economy,” [The Gazette](#), 9/28/12)

- **Local Defense-Related Spending Could Be Cut By \$350 Million Under Sequestration, And The Expiration Of Tax Cuts Could Lead To Area Economic Output Declining By 2.7 Percent.**

“Local defense-related spending could be cut by about \$350 million if the automatic cuts to the Department of Defense budget are not delayed or eliminated by Congress, the forum’s forecast says. Add to that the economic impact of the tax cuts that are scheduled to expire at year’s end and the result is area economic output declining by 2.7 percent next year, the largest decline in more than two decades.” (Wayne Heilman, “Forecast: One-Two Punch Would Pound Springs Economy,” [The Gazette](#), 9/28/12)

### ***Colorado Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration***

**“With At Least 9% Or Sequestration’s 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, Colorado’s Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **With Sequestration, Colorado Business Losses Could Be Greater Than \$1.22 Billion.** “With sequestration, or automatic cuts, to whittle the federal deficit, there would be 18 percent in defense cuts. The group said annual Colorado business losses could be greater than \$1.22 billion, and some businesses may have to shut down.” (Ann Schrader, “Colorado Defense Firms Could Lose Millions Of Dollars In Obama Budget Plan,” [Denver Post](#), 2/14/12)

**“Colorado Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Colorado Losing 8,802 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Colorado Losing 10,036 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Colorado Losing A Total Of 18,838 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

**“Colorado Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$1.44 Billion – Each Year.”** “Colorado defense prime contractors earned over \$7.99 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Colorado defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$1.44 billion – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Colorado Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Colorado’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$52,829,471.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Colorado’s Women Owned Businesses Will Lose \$40,276,639 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Colorado’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$89,137,665 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Colorado’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$3,994,017 In

**Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Hispanic American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Colorado's Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$3,994,017 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## **OBAMA'S "KILL COAL" POLICY IS FAILING COLORADO**

**According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, Due To EPA Regulations, 11 Coal Units In Colorado Are Retiring Or Being Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 1,271 Megawatts Of Electricity.** ("Coal Retirements As Of September 2012," [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed 9/19/12)

**Black Hills Corp. (BHC) Has Announced Its Utility Subsidiaries Black Hills Energy – Colorado Electric And Black Hills Power Are Suspending Operations At Some Of The Company's Coal Fired Power Plants.** "Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) today announced that utility subsidiaries Black Hills Energy - Colorado Electric and Black Hills Power are suspending operations at some of the company's older coal-fired and natural-gas-fired facilities this year." (Press Release, "Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities," [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)

- **"To Comply With Environmental Standards, Including New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations And Colorado's Clean Air - Clean Jobs Act, Black Hills Power And Black Hills Energy - Colorado Electric Plan To Permanently Retire 124 Megawatts Of Coal-Fired Generating Facilities In Colorado, South Dakota, And Wyoming."** (Press Release, "Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities," [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)

**Colorado Electric's W.N. Clark Coal-Fired Power Plant In Cañon City, Colorado Is Set To Suspend Operations At The End Of 2012.** "Colorado Electric's W.N. Clark coal-fired power plant in Cañon City, Colo. and natural-gas-fired steam units 5 & 6 in Pueblo, Colo. are set to suspend operations at year-end 2012." (Press Release, "Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities," [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)

- **12 Employees Will Lose Their Jobs When The Plant Closes.** "Black Hills Energy says it will close the W.N. Clark plant in Canon City by the end of the year. With operations coming to an end, 12 employees will lose their jobs." (David Ortiviz, "Canon City Coal-Fired Plant To Close By Year End," [KOAA](#), 8/8/12)

**David R. Emery, Chairman, President, And CEO Of BHC: After An Analysis Of New Environmental Regulations, The Company Must Change Our Resource Portfolio By Suspending Operations At Older Generating Facilities.** "'We are committed to providing our customers with reliable and low-cost energy,' said David R. Emery, chairman, president and chief executive officer of BHC. 'After a thorough analysis of new environmental regulations, coupled with changing market and operating conditions, we identified an opportunity to make changes to our resource portfolio by suspending operations at some of our older generating facilities in advance of permanently retiring those plants.'" (Press Release, "Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities," [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)

- **Emery: "Our Industry Continues To Face Increasingly Stringent Environmental Regulations And Changing Energy Demands Which Drive Up Costs For Customers."** "'Our industry continues to face increasingly stringent environmental regulations and changing energy demands which drive up costs for customers. Our company is working every day to balance these changes while improving our business to better serve our customers,' Emery said. 'Our forward-looking approach and outstanding track record of reliability has been the legacy of our business model for the past 130 years. We work diligently to provide our customers with the clean, reliable energy they need in the most cost-effective manner possible.'" (Press Release, "Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities," [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)



**Black Hills Colorado Electric Serves 94,000 Electric Customers In 21 Southeastern Colorado Communities.** “Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP d/b/a Black Hills Energy serves 94,000 electric customers in 21 southeastern Colorado communities. Black Hills Energy is a subsidiary of Black Hills Corp.” (Press Release, “Black Hills Corp. To Suspend Operations Of Older Coal-Fired Generation Facilities,” [Black Hills Corporation](#), 8/6/12)

**The New Elk Coal Mine In Trinidad, Colorado Laid Off 200 Workers In July 2012.** “Citing low demand for its coal, the New Elk Coal Mine laid off 200 of its 235 workers and suspended operations Wednesday.” (“Trinidad Coal Mine Lays Off 200,” [The Pueblo Chieftain](#), 7/12/12)

- **The New Elk Coal Mine’s Recently Announced Layoffs Will Continue Past The Expected 60 Days Announced In July, As “Market Conditions” And “Other Economic Factors” Make It Impossible To Know When Mine Workers Will Be Called Back.** “A Monday press release from Toronto-based Cline Mining Co., which owns the mine, said the layoffs will continue past the expected 60 days announced by the company July 11. The release says that while the company hopes to resume full production, market conditions and other economic factors make it impossible to predict when mine personnel will be called back to their jobs with any degree of certainty.” (Steve Block, “Mine Layoffs Continue; Return Date Unknown,” [The Trinidad Times](#), 9/21/12)

**The Mine Also Laid Off 75 Employees In May.** “New Elk Coal employed 305 miners at its most recent peak in early 2012, but reduced the workforce by 75 people in May, before laying off all its miners in July. Some maintenance and office workers will continue to be employed by New Elk, which reopened the mine in 2010 after it was closed for years.” (Steve Block, “Mine Layoffs Continue; Return Date Unknown,” [The Trinidad Times](#), 9/21/12)

- **Steve Kelly, Director Of the Trinidad-Las Animas Economic Development Inc: “The Impact On The City Is Going To Be Tremendous.”** “‘The impact on the city is going to be tremendous,’ said Steven Kelly, director of Trinidad-Las Animas Economic Development Inc. ‘It has been devastating to us. We are losing tax dollars, and the housing market is going to go berserk.’” (Howard Pankratz, “Sixty-Day Closure Of Trinidad Mine Results In Temporary Layoffs,” [Denver Post](#), 7/12/12)

**At Its Peak, The New Elk Coal Mine Employed 305 Miners.** “New Elk Coal employed 305 miners at its most recent peak in early 2012, but reduced the workforce by 75 people in May, before laying off all its miners in July. Some maintenance and office workers will continue to be employed by New Elk, which reopened the mine in 2010 after it was closed for years.” (Steve Block, “Mine Layoffs Continue; Return Date Unknown,” [The Trinidad Times](#), 9/21/12)

## **OBAMA’S GREEN ENERGY VENTURES FAILED COLORADO**

**Abound Solar Was Given A \$400 Million DOE Loan Guarantee.** “Abound Solar Inc., a Loveland, Colo.-based manufacturer that plans to open a massive solar-panel plant in Tipton, has raised \$110 million from investors and closed on a \$400 million government loan guarantee to increase its production capacity, the company announced Tuesday.” (“Abound Solar Completes Financing For Tipton Plant,” [Indianapolis Business Journal](#), 12/15/10)

- **“The New Federal Support Is In The Form Of A Conditional-Commitment Offer From The U.S. Department Of Energy For A \$400 Million Loan Guarantee Under The Stimulus Program, Known Formally As The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act.”** (Mark Harden, “Obama Announces Abound Solar To Get \$400M Federal Loan Guarantee,” [Denver Business Journal](#), 7/3/10)

**Obama Said The Abound Solar Plants Would Create 2,000 Construction Jobs And 1,500 Permanent Jobs.** OBAMA: “So just give you a couple examples, just last week, Abound Manufacturing in Colorado received backing for two plants to produce solar panels. This is going to create 2,000 construction jobs and 1,500 permanent jobs. One of the plants is actually taking over what’s now an empty Chrysler supplier factory.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks On The Economy](#), Kansas City, Missouri, 7/8/10)

**In February, Abound Solar Cut 280 Jobs, 70 Percent Of Its Workforce, From A Colorado Facility.**

“Abound Solar on Tuesday cut 280 jobs -- 70 percent of the workers -- at the company’s production facility along the Interstate 25 Frontage Road near Firestone. The company notified the workers, which had been running three shifts around the clock, on Tuesday, according to chief financial officer Steve Abely. The cuts affected 180 full-time workers and 100 temporary workers Abound had hired.” (Tony Kindelspire, “Abound Solar Cuts 280 Jobs At Longmont Facility,” [Longmont Times-Call](#), 2/29/12)

- **Now-Bankrupt Abound Solar Owes Colorado \$2 Million In Property Taxes.** “Following the bankruptcy of Abound Solar, a manufacturing plant near Longmont, Weld County is in the midst of a legal battle for nearly \$2 million in property taxes the company still owes for this year and next year. Abound owes more than \$950,000 in property taxes this year and will owe a similar amount next year, totaling about \$1.8 million in business personal property tax that was not collected before the solar panel plant filed for bankruptcy in July.” (Analisa Romano, “Abound Solar: County Fights For \$2M In Unpaid Taxes,” [Greeley Tribune](#), 8/7/12)

**Abound Solar “Is Under Investigation By The Weld County District Attorney’s Office.”** “A bankrupt Longmont-based company that received \$68 million in stimulus money is under investigation by the Weld County district attorney’s office. 7NEWS has confirmed Abound Solar is under investigation. Abound made solar panels which it sold across the country, Europe and India. The Department of Energy approved nearly \$370 million in federal stimulus money for Abound. The company received \$68 million before payments were stopped in 2011. Sources tell 7NEWS that the company’s finances are under scrutiny.” (Marshall Zelinger, “Abound Solar Under Investigation By Weld County District Attorney; Received \$68 Million Stimulus,” [Denver Channel ABC 7](#), 10/6/12)

- **In 2010, Abound Solar Received A \$100,000 Tax Break From Weld County, But Now The County “Is Seeking Nearly \$1 Million In Unpaid 2011 Property Taxes From Abound And More Than \$800,000 In Unpaid Property Taxes From 2012.”** “Weld County also gave Abound a tax break when it set up its headquarters in Longmont. In 2010, it received about \$100,000 in a tax break for meeting certain requirements, including job growth. In 2011, county commissioners suspended that tax break out of concern the criteria was no longer being met. The county is seeking nearly \$1 million in unpaid 2011 property taxes from Abound and more than \$800,000 in unpaid property taxes from 2012. Sources tell 7NEWS that the company’s finances are under scrutiny.” (Marshall Zelinger, “Abound Solar Under Investigation By Weld County District Attorney; Received \$68 Million Stimulus,” [Denver Channel ABC 7](#), 10/6/12)
- **In 2012, “Tens Of Thousands Of Replacement Solar Panels” Were Ordered Citing Different Reasons Describing The Original Panels As “Low Performance, Under Performance, And Catastrophic Failures.”** “7NEWS obtained internal documents from 2012 that show orders for tens of thousands of replacement solar panels. The orders cite different reasons for the replacements including, ‘low performance,’ ‘under performance’ and ‘catastrophic failures.’” (Marshall Zelinger, “Abound Solar Under Investigation By Weld County District Attorney; Received \$68 Million Stimulus,” [Denver Channel ABC 7](#), 10/6/12)
- **Curiously, The Replacement Order Solar Panels, Which Came In After The DOE Payments Ceased, “Said They Worked As Long As You Didn’t Put Them In The Sun.”** “The orders are for replacements requested after the Department of Energy stopped stimulus money payments to Abound. ‘These are solar panels we are now seeing reports that said they worked as long as you didn’t put them in the sun,’ said Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo. ‘Now the question is did the (Department of Energy) -- did they know something that the rest of should have known? Did Abound not tell the DOE something? These are questions that need to be answered.’” (Marshall Zelinger, “Abound Solar Under Investigation By Weld County District Attorney; Received \$68 Million Stimulus,” [Denver Channel ABC 7](#), 10/6/12)



## OBAMACARE LED TO COLORADOANS SEEING INSURANCE HIKES AND LOSING COVERAGE

**Denver Post Headline: "Health Insurers Seek Rate Hikes, Citing New Reform Law"** (Michael Booth, "Health Insurers Seek Rate Hikes, Citing New Reform Law," [Denver Post](#), 9/20/10)

**In 2012, Colorado Will Receive An Average 9.4 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.** "The bad news of Colorado's average 9.4 percent hikes in health insurance premiums for next year is actually good news compared with even sharper spikes in past years, according to a widely followed benefits survey for the state." (Michael Booth, "Colorado Insurance Premiums Rising At Slower Pace," [Denver Post](#), 10/28/11)

- **In 2011, Colorado Received An Average 14.4 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.** "But it's a huge improvement from 14.4 percent hikes this year and 11.8 percent in 2010, not to mention 19 and 18 percent hits in 2003 and 2004." (Michael Booth, "Colorado Insurance Premiums Rising At Slower Pace," [Denver Post](#), 10/28/11)

**15.7 Percent Of Coloradans Lacked Health Coverage In 2011, Up From 12.9 Percent In 2010.**

"Colorado ran counter to the national trend, in which the percentage of uninsured Americans decreased to 15.7 percent from 16.3 percent. The Census Bureau said 15.7 percent of Coloradans lacked health coverage in 2011 versus 12.9 percent in 2010. That amounts to another 144,000 Coloradans without health coverage last year." ("More Coloradans Lack Health Coverage, Live In Poverty," [Denver Business Journal](#), 9/12/12)

**Aetna Announced It Was Halting Sales Of New Small Group Insurance Policies In Colorado, And Would Move Existing Clients Off Their Plan.** "Aetna will stop selling new health insurance to small groups in Colorado and move companies that are existing clients off the plan in the next year, affecting 1,200 companies and 5,200 employees and their dependents." (Michael Booth, "Aetna To Drop Small Groups In Colorado," [Denver Post](#), 9/29/10)

- **"The Insurance Giant's Decision Affects 1,200 Colorado Firms And 5,200 Insured People."** (Michael Booth, "Aetna To Drop Small Groups In Colorado," [Denver Post](#), 9/29/10)

### **Colorado Medical Device Companies Are Fearful Of ObamaCare's Medical Devices Tax**

**Colorado's Medical Device Companies Are Strategizing About How "To Cope" With ObamaCare's Medical Device Tax.** "Local companies are strategizing about how to cope with a 2.3 percent federal tax on medical devices that's slated to go into effect in 2013." (Beth Potter, "Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax," [Boulder County Business Report](#), 5/24/12)

- **The Tax Will Double The Tax Bills Of Most Medical Device Companies In The Region.** "The 2.3 percent excise tax on gross revenue of medical device companies will double the tax bills of most such companies in the region, said Holli Riebel, director of the Colorado Bioscience Association in Denver, an industry trade group with numerous Boulder and Broomfield county members. The trade group is watching the measure closely, Riebel said, adding that there's a move afoot in Congress to potentially repeal it before it takes effect." (Beth Potter, "Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax," [Boulder County Business Report](#), 5/24/12)

**Robert Kline, A Founder And Former Chief Executive Of Medivance Inc Said Startup Medical-Device Companies Will Also Struggle Under The New Tax.** "It's not only large medical-device companies that will be affected by the tax, said Robert Kline, a founder and former chief executive of Medivance Inc. in Louisville, a company that makes Arctic Sun cooling-blanket products used in hospitals. Startup medical-device companies also may struggle more from the new tax, said Kline, adding that he plans to start a new medical device company soon. He gave no specifics." (Beth Potter, "Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax," [Boulder County Business Report](#), 5/24/12)

- **Kline: “I Think It's Shortsighted And Will Have A Very Detrimental Effect On The Medical-Device Field And Job Creation.”** “Kline said the tax is expected to drive more funding and more fledgling medical-device companies offshore. ‘It's a huge burden before you have any critical mass or profits. It reduces the amount of capital you have to invest in products or people,’ Kline said. ‘I think it's shortsighted and will have a very detrimental effect on the medical-device field and job creation.’” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**Holli Riebel, Director Of The Colorado Bioscience Association In Denver: Small Companies Not Making Any Money Will Still Be Required To Pay The Tax At The Same Rate As The Big Medical Device Company.** “‘Small companies that are in the research-and-development phase and not making any money will still be required to pay the tax at the same rate as a big medical device company,’ Riebel said. ‘A lot of companies are thinking it's very unfair as to how it's applied.’” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**The Tax Will Cause Covidien Plc To Decrease How Much It Spends On Research And Development.** “Covidien Plc anticipates a decrease in how much it can spend on research and development at its new \$18 million Innovation Center in Boulder when the tax goes into effect, according to Marta Newhart, a spokeswoman for the company's energy-based device division in Boulder. Covidien workers in Boulder manufacture surgical and respiratory monitoring devices, among other things. ‘With innovation and research and development, the overall amount of dollars you could put into investment here would be decreased, so it could impact us here,’ Newhart said.” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**Lanx Inc Will Also Be Limited By How Much It Can Spend For Future Research And Development.** “Spinal device company Lanx Inc. in Broomfield is another company that says it will be limited by the tax in how much it can spend for future research and development, as well as for new jobs, said Steve Deutsch, a company spokesman.” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**Encision Inc. Expects The Tax To Cut Into The Company's Profitability.** “At Encision Inc. in Boulder, the feeling is much the same. Encision's 61 employees are involved in making and selling devices and monitors used in laparoscopic, or minimally invasive, surgeries, said Fred Perner, the company's chief executive. While a 2.3 percent tax may not sound like a lot, it's a significant amount of the company's profitability, Perner said. To respond, Encision may have to look at personnel costs in sales and marketing, as well as pricing and current research and development costs, he said.” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

- **Fred Perner, Encision Inc's Chief Executive: “I Really Believe It Was A Move By The Government, Perhaps With Little Forethought.”** “‘It's going to impact our bottom line,’ Perner said. ‘I really believe it was a move by the government, perhaps with little forethought.’” (Beth Potter, “Device Makers Brace For Fed Tax,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**Colorado Business Report: The Medical Device Tax Passed As Part Of ObamaCare Will Have A “Devastating Impact” On The Medical-Device Sector Which Represents Thousands Of Jobs In Boulder Valley, Colorado.** “But sometimes, Congress so bungles policy that it's truly staggering. That's the case with a planned 2.3 percent federal tax on medical devices — part of the Affordable Care Act that narrowly passed Congress in 2010. The tax, slated to go into effect in 2013, will have a devastating impact on the medical-device sector, which represents thousands of jobs in the Boulder Valley.” (Editorial, “Congress Should Rescind Tax On Medical Devices,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

- **Congress Should Repeal This Tax “Quickly.”** “We urge members of the Colorado congressional delegation to take the lead in repeal of this tax, quickly. To delay will cause more uncertainty for companies that are budgeting now, or soon will be, for 2013. Ineptitude got us into this mess. We hope that common sense will get us out.” (Editorial, “Congress Should Rescind Tax On Medical Devices,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)

**“To Tax The Gross Revenue Of An Entire Industry Is Akin To Deconstruction Of That Sector. Why Not Simply Bulldoze Their Research Laboratories? The Effect Will Be The Same.”** (Editorial, “Congress Should Rescind Tax On Medical Devices,” *Boulder County Business Report*, 5/24/12)





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**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Florida Has Lost 86,500 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Remained Unchanged At 8.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**According To The Economic Estimating Conference, Florida's Jobs Picture Will Remain Bleak Through 2016.** "Florida's unemployment rate probably won't change much between now and the end of the year, and the jobs picture is set to remain bleak through 2016, a team of state economists said Monday." (Toluse Olorunnipa, "Economists: Florida Jobless Rate To Remain Bleak," [The Miami Herald](#), 7/23/12)

- **Florida's Unemployment Rate Isn't Expected To Fall Below 7 Percent Until 2016.** "Florida's unemployment rate will probably not fall below 7 percent until 2016, and will be higher than the national unemployment rate until 2018." (Toluse Olorunnipa, "Economists: Florida Jobless Rate To Remain Bleak," [The Miami Herald](#), 7/23/12)
- **Florida's Economy "Faces A Prolonged Uphill Climb."** "With a troubled real estate market and trouble brewing in Europe, the state economy faces a prolonged uphill climb, according to the Economic Estimating Conference, a group of state labor experts." (Toluse Olorunnipa, "Economists: Florida Jobless Rate To Remain Bleak," [The Miami Herald](#), 7/23/12)

**Unemployment:** Florida Has 808,471 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Florida Has Lost 116,500 Construction Jobs And 28,500 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Florida Has Declined From \$49,916 To \$44,299. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **Florida's Median Household Income Dropped 2.9 Percent Last Year, A Sharp Reminder Of The State's "Deflated Economy."** "The income of the typical Florida family dropped 2.9 percent last year, one of the sharpest reminders that the Sunshine State's deflated economy remains mired in unemployment and lower-wage jobs. The decline means we will be financially challenged if we hope to spend our way out of this state's problems." (Robert Trigaux, "Florida's Household Income Slips, Signaling Tougher Recovery Ahead," [Tampa Bay Times](#), 9/21/12)
- **The "Bulk" Of New Jobs In Florida In 2011 "Paid On Average About 25 Percent Less Than The Jobs That Disappeared."** "The drop in Florida unemployment masks a troubling trend: The new jobs continue to pay far less than the ones that have been lost. The state added 114,000 jobs last year. But the bulk of them paid on average about 25 percent less than the jobs that disappeared, according to a Tampa Bay Times analysis of jobs and industry wage data." (Jeff Harrington, "Florida Still Losing Ground In Wages Despite Uptick In Jobs," [Tampa Bay Times](#), 2/6/12)

**Florida Will Add 2.9 Million Job Vacancies Between 2010 And 2020, Half Of Which Will Be Jobs For High School Graduates And Dropouts.** "Florida is poised to become a state of mostly low-wage, low-skilled jobs, some experts say. Between 2010 and 2020, the state will add 2.9 million job vacancies from new jobs and retiring workers. Of these, almost half will be jobs for high school graduates and dropouts rather than more educated workers, according to a recent Georgetown University study." (Marcia Heroux Pounds, "Good Jobs Are Hard To Find, Studies Say," [Sun Sentinel](#), 8/4/12)

- **Florida Jobs Available Tend To Be In Areas That Pay Lower Wages.** “J. Antonio Villamil, economist and business dean for St. Thomas University in Miami, said there continues to be a mismatch between jobs and skills in Florida. ‘There are a lot of jobs available, but they tend to be in areas that pay relatively lower wages,’ he said.” (Marcia Heroux Pounds, “Good Jobs Are Hard To Find, Studies Say,” [Sun Sentinel](#), 8/4/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Floridian’s Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Florida Has \$23,054 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Florida 39,400 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Florida \$10.1 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Florida Has Increased From \$1.862 To \$3.421. (“Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; “Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Florida Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 90 Percent. (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; “Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 802,648 More People In Florida Have Fallen Into Poverty. (“Poverty: 2007 And 2008,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; “Poverty: 2010 And 2011,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Childhood Poverty:** 23 Percent Of Florida Children Are Living In Poverty. “In 2010, 23 percent of Florida children were living in poverty. The parents of 34 percent lacked secure employment, up from 28 percent in 2008. Nearly half of Florida households – 49 percent – saw their housing costs grow to 30 percent or more, up from 42 percent in 2005. The number of teens who were neither in school nor working was 10 percent, the same as in 2008.” (“Report Says Recession Hurts More Florida Children,” [Herald-Tribune](#), 7/25/12)

- **The Number Of Florida Children Living In Poverty Has Increased 28 Percent From 2005 To 2010.** “The number of Florida children living in poverty is up 28 percent from 2005 to 2010, the last year for which data were included in the study. That measurement considers such factors as whether the parents have secure employment or the ability to cover their housing costs.” (“Report Says Recession Hurts More Florida Children,” [Herald-Tribune](#), 7/25/12)

### ***Obama’s Housing Policies Devastated Florida***

**Foreclosures:** In September 2012, Florida Had The Nation’s Highest Foreclosure Rate, With One In Every 117 Housing Units Having A Foreclosure Filing. “Florida foreclosure activity in the third quarter increased 14 percent from a year ago, the third consecutive quarter with an annual increase and boosting the state’s foreclosure rate to highest in the nation. One in every 117 Florida housing units had a foreclosure filing in the third quarter, more than twice the national average.” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Activity Drops To 5-Year Low In September,” [RealtyTrac](#), 10/11/12)

**Negative Equity:** In The Second Quarter Of 2012, Florida Had The Second Highest Percentage Of Negative Equity In The Nation, As 43 Percent Of Mortgaged Properties Were In Negative Equity. “Nevada had the highest percentage of mortgaged properties in negative equity at 59 percent, followed by Florida (43 percent), Arizona (40 percent), Georgia (36 percent) and Michigan (33 percent).”

These top five states combined account for 34.1 percent of the total amount of negative equity in the U.S.” (Press Release, “CoreLogic Reports Number Of Residential Properties In Negative Equity Decreases Again In Second Quarter Of 2012,” [CoreLogic](#), 9/12/12)

**Home Values:** As Of August 2012, Florida Has Had The Second Largest Peak-To-Current Decline In Home Prices In The Nation, Dropping 44.3 Percent. “The five states with the largest peak-to-current declines, including distressed transactions, are Nevada (-54.7 percent), Florida (-44.3 percent), Arizona (-42.0 percent), California (-37.7 percent) and Michigan (-36.5 percent).” (Press Release, “CoreLogic August Home Price Index Rises 4.6 Percent Year-Over-Year,” [CoreLogic](#), 10/2/12)

### ***Obama Is More Focused On Getting The Votes Of Those Who Have Been Foreclosed Upon Than The Foreclosed Themselves***

**In Florida, The Obama Campaign Is Knocking On Doors In Hispanic Neighborhoods With Foreclosure Rates As High As 30 Percent, “Where Once-Registered Democrats Have Been Evicted, Their Homes Now Owned By The Bank.”** “By day, Lynnette Acosta, a 34-year-old mother of two, is an information-technology manager in Orlando, Florida. By night, she’s a sleuth for President Barack Obama’s re-election campaign, scouring for potential voters. In central Florida, that means knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods with foreclosure rates as high as 30 percent, where once-registered Democrats have been evicted, their homes now owned by the bank. Volunteers walk house-to-house to determine the number of empty homes per precinct, then look for contact information for voters who once lived in them.” (Hans Nichols, “Obama Campaign Detectives Hunt For Foreclosed Florida Voters,” [Bloomberg](#), 7/18/12)

**“As Obama Confronts A Housing Crisis That He’s Acknowledged Underestimating, His Campaign Is Facing A Different Kind Of Foreclosure Problem On The Streets Of Florida And Other Battleground States, Where Evictions Have Left Holes In Its Voter Lists.”** “As Obama confronts a housing crisis that he’s acknowledged underestimating, his campaign is facing a different kind of foreclosure problem on the streets of Florida and other battleground states, where evictions have left holes in its voter lists.” (Hans Nichols, “Obama Campaign Detectives Hunt For Foreclosed Florida Voters,” [Bloomberg](#), 7/18/12)

**According To Democrat State Representative Darren Soto, Convincing Hispanics In Central Florida That Obama’s Housing Policies Are Working “Is A Daunting Task.”** “‘At least in central Florida, he’s got to be at least 66, 67, 68 percent,’ among non-Cuban Hispanics, said Darren Soto, a Democratic state representative whose district includes parts of Osceola County, where the Puerto Rican population increased 138 percent in the last 10 years, according to U.S. Census data. ...Convincing Hispanics in central Florida that his housing prescriptions are working is a ‘daunting task,’ said Soto, who campaigned with Obama in 2008. ‘He’s not quite yet there.’” (Hans Nichols, “Obama Campaign Detectives Hunt For Foreclosed Florida Voters,” [Bloomberg](#), 7/18/12)

## **OBAMA’S INACTION ON SEQUESTRATION *DIDN’T* WORK FOR FLORIDA**

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost Florida An Additional 41,905 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Florida Losing 41,905 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **“Under Sequestration, 7,107 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Florida Will Lose 56,000 Jobs In 2014 Due To Sequestration.** “‘This is a national problem, but it hits especially close to home for Floridians,’ said AIF President and CEO Tom Feeney. ‘With Florida set to lose approximately 56,000 jobs in 2014 alone, the pain from these cuts will be felt across the state. These manufacturing, aerospace and defense jobs are high-tech, high-wage positions that pay substantially better wages than the average Florida income. Manufacturing jobs generally pay 55 percent more than other non-farm employment. Jobs lost in these sectors also have a trickle-down effect on the more than



900,000 Florida jobs indirectly connected to the vitality of our manufacturing industry.” (The National Center For Simulation, “Study Says Sequestration Defense Cuts Would Cost More Than 56,000 Florida Jobs,” [Press Release](#), 10/8/12)

- **Florida Would Lose \$2.30 Billion In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Florida Could See A \$3.35 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Florida Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Florida Losing 20,000 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Florida Losing 15,626 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Florida Losing A Total Of 35,626 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

**“Florida Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$2.40 Billion – Each Year.”**

“Florida defense prime contractors earned over \$13.34 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Florida defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$2.40 billion – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**“Florida Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Florida Could Lose As Many As 40,000 Jobs Next Year From Companies That Do Work For The U.S. Military.** “Florida could lose as many as 40,000 jobs next year from companies that do work for the U.S. military if Congress doesn't delay billions in automatic defense spending reductions slated to take effect in January -- a move that has even critics of federal spending on edge. Most defense contractors who operate in Manatee believe it's still too early to gauge the full scope of the cuts. But they all agree they will hurt.” (Josh Salman, “Manatee Defense Contractors Brace for Cuts,” [Bradenton Herald](#), 8/8/12)

**A Company At MacDill Airforce Base In Tampa May Have To Lay Off 200 Workers If A Defense Contract Is Not Renewed.** “Already, a company that operates at MacDill Airforce Base in Tampa has filed a notice that it may lay off 200 workers if a defense contract is not renewed.” (Josh Salman, “Manatee Defense Contractors Brace for Cuts,” [Bradenton Herald](#), 8/8/12)

**Pierce Manufacturing in Bradenton Will Lay Off 325 Workers Next Year As It Closes Its MedTec Ambulance Line Due To Dwindling Federal Spending.** “The parent of Pierce Manufacturing in Bradenton also has said dwindling federal spending likely will eat away at its profits from tactical military vehicles. The company will lay off 325 Bradenton workers by next year as it closes its MedTec ambulance line.” (Josh Salman, “Manatee Defense Contractors Brace for Cuts,” [Bradenton Herald](#), 8/8/12)

**Hann Powerboats, A Company That Builds Specialty Armored Boats And Smaller Target Boats For Military Shooting Drills Is Preparing To Extend Its Reach Into International Markets.** “For Hann Powerboats, the cuts will force a tightening of the belt. The company builds specialty armored boats designed to go extremely fast and also smaller target boats for military shooting drills. A quarter of the firm's business is directly tied to government spending. Now working on a \$425,000 Air Force contract to build 17 boats, Hann is preparing next year to extend its reach into international markets to supplement the expected loss of income.” (Josh Salman, “Manatee Defense Contractors Brace for Cuts,” [Bradenton Herald](#), 8/8/12)

- **C Products Defense, Which Sells Magazines For AR Rifles To The Military, Is Also Preparing For A Shift In Demand.** “C Products Defense, which recently completed its move to South Manatee, sells magazines for AR rifles to law enforcement, the military and some private distributors. Anticipated reductions in defense spending have been countered with strong demand from private gun holders, fearing potential weapon bans following the mass shootings in Colorado and Wisconsin.” (Josh Salaman, “Manatee Defense Contractors Brace for Cuts,” [Bradenton Herald](#), 8/8/12)

**Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Florida’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$267,071,672 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Florida’s Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$81,643,032 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Florida’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$240,215,781 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Florida’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$31,149,038 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Florida’s Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$102,632,034 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## **OBAMACARE LED TO FLORIDANS SEEING INSURANCE HIKES AND LOSING COVERAGE**

**In 2014, According To A Florida State Senate Analysis, ObamaCare Will Cost Florida \$142 Million.** “The costs of PPACA to Florida Medicaid will be significant. Florida is expected to have over 379,000 new enrollees from the expanded PPACA Medicaid population in 2014, at a cost of \$1.5 billion (of which \$142 million will be paid by the state), bringing the total cost of Medicaid that year to \$25 billion.” (SM 1854, [Florida State Senate](#), 2/17/12)

- **By The End Of The Decade, ObamaCare Will Cost Florida \$1 Billion Annually.** “By 2019, Florida Medicaid will have 1.9 million additional enrollees, at an additional cost of over \$7.7 billion (of which \$1 billion will be paid by the state). In subsequent years, the state share may increase.” (SM 1854, [Florida State Senate](#), 2/17/12)

**In 2012, Florida Is Expected To See An 8 Percent Increase In Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Costs.** “The cost for employer-sponsored health insurance in Florida is expected to increase 8 percent next year or about half that if companies offer higher deductible plans, according to a national survey by Mercer, a benefits consulting company.” (Liz Freeman, “Study: Florida Workers Face 8 Percent Health Insurance Cost Hike Or Higher Deductible,” [Naples News](#), 11/21/11)

**The University Of North Florida Area Director For The Small Business Development Said ObamaCare’s Mandates On Insurance Companies Will “Drive Up Premiums.”** “Reform contains the immediate ending of several practices health care insurance companies used to hold down costs. The law includes a requirement to cover children through age 26, ending of the rejection of people who have pre-existing medical conditions and the placement of caps on what policies pay out. ‘One of the things all this will do is drive up premiums,’ Hagan said.” (Kevin Turner, “Health Care Reform May Not Offer Enough To Small Businesses,” [The Florida Times-Union](#), 4/25/10)

## ***ObamaCare's Medical Devices Tax Threatens Florida Businesses***

**Florida Has 528 Medical Device Manufacturers, The Second Most In The Nation, Employing More Than 20,000 People.** “According to the Florida Medical Manufacturers Consortium, Florida has 528 medical device manufacturers — second-most in the nation — employing more than 20,000 people.”

(Anthony Clark, “Medical Device Makers Fear New Tax Would Cripple Them,” [The Gainesville Sun](#), 6/03/12)

**Bill Petty, CEO Of Exactech In Florida, Says The Medical Device Tax Could Cost More Than \$3 Million And Lead To Fewer New Jobs.** “For an established company like Exactech, an excise tax scheduled to start next year on medical devices could cost more than \$3 million and lead to fewer new jobs, CEO Bill Petty says.” (Anthony Clark, “Medical Device Makers Fear New Tax Would Cripple Them,” [The Gainesville Sun](#), 6/03/12)

**President Stephanie Warrington Of TrueMotion Spine Says The Tax Would Deter Interest From Investors And Have A Disproportionate Effect On Florida.** “For an early stage company like TrueMotion Spine, the cost of the tax could cool interest from investors, slowing development of implants to restore spinal mobility, President Stephanie Warrington says. ... Warrington said Florida would be disproportionately impacted by the tax because of the size of the medical device industry in the state.”

(Anthony Clark, “Medical Device Makers Fear New Tax Would Cripple Them,” [The Gainesville Sun](#), 6/03/12)

**CEO Of The BioFlorida Trade Association, Russell Allen, Says “The Costs Will Be Passed To The Consumer And Defeat The Purpose Of Health Care Reform.”** “Proponents of the tax say the expanded pool of insured people will increase demand for devices and ultimately help the manufacturers. Russell Allen, president and CEO of the BioFlorida trade association, said the industry universally disagrees. ‘The costs will be passed to the consumer and defeat the purpose of health care reform,’ he said.” (Anthony Clark, “Medical Device Makers Fear New Tax Would Cripple Them,” [The Gainesville Sun](#), 6/03/12)

**Chief Executive Officer Of C2C Said ObamaCare's Medical Device Tax Will Lead To “Layoffs And Less Investment” And Smaller Companies Will “Ow[e] More In Taxes Than They Earn In Profit.”** “‘The way the bill is currently written, the impact of the device tax will have some smaller medical device companies owing more in taxes than they earn in profit,’ said Matt Solar, C2C’s chief executive officer. ‘The overall effect will be layoffs and less investment in research and development. This needs to be fixed.’” (Wayne T. Price, “Tax A Concern In Medical Device Field,” *Florida Today*, 4/7/10)

**The Florida Software-Engineering Firm Audigence Inc Doesn't “See The Benefit” Of The Medical Device Tax And Says “It Will Really Hurt Device Development.”** “Lee Krause, chief executive officer of Melbourne-based Audigence Inc., a software-engineering firm for hearing aid systems, said while the impact on the tax will not affect his company, as an entrepreneur in a medical field he sees where it might stifle innovation and research. ‘In general I don’t see the benefit in creating this device tax and agree it will really hurt device development,’ Krause said.” (Wayne T. Price, “Tax A Concern In Medical Device Field,” *Florida Today*, 4/7/10)

**CEO Of AxoGen In Alachua, Florida: The Tax Would Take Money From All Sales And Hinder The Young Company's Expansion Efforts As It Works To Break Even.** “AxoGen, a nerve repair company based in Alachua, has grown quickly in a few years to just fewer than 70 employees. CEO Karen Zaderej said the problem is that the tax would take money from all sales instead of just profits, which would hurt the young company's expansion efforts as it works toward break-even.” (Anthony Clark, “Medical Device Makers Fear New Tax Would Cripple Them,” [The Gainesville Sun](#), 6/03/12)





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**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Iowa Has Lost 13,200 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- Under Obama, Iowa's Unemployment Rate For 20 To 24 Year Olds Has Increased From 10.7 Percent To 11.4 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12; [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** Iowa Has 85,751 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, Iowa Has Lost 9,700 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- Since The Stimulus Passed, Iowa Has Lost 4,000 Construction Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)
- Iowa's Manufacturing Saw A 20 Percent Decline Over The Past Decade, With A Loss Of 51,000 Positions. "Manufacturing, with the state's third-best-paying jobs at \$49,773, has eroded dramatically in Iowa. Jobs tumbled 20 percent over the past decade, a loss of 51,000 positions, based on annual averages." (Donnelle Eller, "Register Exclusive: Iowans Lose Ground On Income," *Des Moines Register*, 8/11/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Iowa Has Decreased From \$51,172 To \$49,427. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Iowan's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (U.S. Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

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- Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Iowa \$2 Billion In Lost Economic Output. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Electricity Rates:** Iowa's MidAmerican Energy Raising Rates "For The First Time Since 1995" By Four Percent In 2012 And Two To Three Percent In 2013. "For the first time since 1995 MidAmerican Energy is raising rates. The company is asking the Iowa Utilities Board for a 2 year rate increase. For 2012, the company is raising prices by 4%, which is about a \$2.33 monthly increase for the average homeowner. In 2013, the company is asking for another 2%-3% increase, for the average homeowner that's about \$1.30 more per month." (Erika Cervantes, "Iowa MidAmerican Rates Increasing," [KWOC News](#), 2/29/12)

- MidAmerican Energy Cites EPA Mandated Improvements As Reason For Rate Hike. "MidAmerican's president says it's because the EPA is mandating environmental improvements to their plants. The company has to improve the pollution system at their coal fired power plants. Also, freight is costing the company more. A long term coal transportation contract is about to expire and MidAmerican expects the rates to increase dramatically." (Erika Cervantes, "Iowa MidAmerican Rates Increasing," [KWOC News](#), 2/29/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Iowa Has Increased From \$1.847 To \$3.335. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Iowa Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 44 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 43,945 More People In Iowa Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**"One In Four Iowa Families Are Failing To Keep Up With The Rising Costs Of Living."** "Nearly one in four Iowa families are failing to keep up with the rising costs of living, and the Iowa City metropolitan area ranks among the state's most expensive places for families to live, according to a report issued Thursday." (Josh O'Leary, "Report: One In Four Iowa Families Failing To Keep Up With Cost Of Living," *Iowa Press Citizen*, 5/31/12)

- **Twenty-Three Percent Of Iowa's Working Households Are "Earning Incomes Below What Is Needed To Meet Their Basic Needs."** "Twenty-three percent of the state's working households are earning incomes below what is needed to meet their basic needs, according to a study conducted by the Iowa Policy Project, an Iowa City-based group which bills itself as a non-partisan research group. That's nearly twice the percentage of Iowans who fall below the federal poverty threshold, the researchers said." (Josh O'Leary, "Report: One In Four Iowa Families Failing To Keep Up With Cost Of Living," *Iowa Press Citizen*, 5/31/12)

**Co-Author Of The Iowa Policy Project Report, Lily French: "It's Clear That Something Must Be Done To Ensure That Iowans Are Able To Both Live And Work In Our Communities."** "'The results are frankly quite staggering,' said Lily French, co-author of the report. 'When you realize this many Iowans are working day in and day out but are unable to meet their basic needs, it's clear that something must be done to ensure that Iowans are able to both live and work in our communities.'" (Josh O'Leary, "Report: One In Four Iowa Families Failing To Keep Up With Cost Of Living," *Iowa Press Citizen*, 5/31/12)

**Co-Author Peter Fisher: "The Study Highlights The Inadequacy Of The Government Standards Used To Determine The Eligibility For A Number Of State And Federal Programs."** "Co-author Peter Fisher said with the research showing almost double the number of Iowa families unable to meet basic costs of living than fall below the federal poverty threshold, the study highlights the inadequacy of the government standards used to determine eligibility for a number of state and federal programs." (Josh O'Leary, "Report: One In Four Iowa Families Failing To Keep Up With Cost Of Living," *Iowa Press Citizen*, 5/31/12)

**Childhood Poverty: In Iowa, The Percentage Of Children In Poverty Has Increased From 14 Percent In 2005 To 16 Percent In 2010.** "The percentage of children in poverty has increased from 14 percent in 2005 to 16 percent in 2010. An increasing percentage of Iowa children are living in poverty and a quarter of the state's children have parents who lack secure employment, according to a national study released Wednesday." (Mary Stegmeir, "Child Poverty Is Growing Across Iowa, Report Finds," *Des Moines Register*, 7/26/12)

- **"The Percentage Of Children Living In Households With A High Housing Cost Burden Increased From 25 Percent In 2005 To 27 Percent In 2010."** (Mary Stegmeir, "Child Poverty Is Growing Across Iowa, Report Finds," *Des Moines Register*, 7/26/12)

## **OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET PROPOSED ELIMINATING JOBS AT THE DES MOINES AIR FORCE BASE**

**Obama's FY2013 Budget Proposed To Eliminate 492 Positions At The Des Moines Air Force Base.** "The U.S. Air Force today asked Congress today to eliminate 492 positions with the Des Moines-based 132nd, a 39 percent reduction in staffing, according to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa." (William Petroski, "Air Force Recommends Cutting 492 Positions At Des Moines Air Force Guard Unit," *Des Moines Register*, 3/6/12)

**Obama's Budget Includes Air Force Plan To Retire 21 Jets Operated By The Air National Guard 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing In Iowa.** "Rep. Tom Latham's office confirmed Monday that President Barack Obama's \$3.8 trillion budget for next fiscal year includes an Air Force plan to retire the 21 jets operated by the Air National Guard's 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing." (Tony Leys, "Budget Includes Removal Of Fighter Jets Based In Des Moines," *Des Moines Register*, 2/13/12)

- **The Budget Would "Cost Approximately Half" Of The Base's 1,000 Full And Part Time Jobs.** "The Air Force recommended recently that the F-16 operation be replaced with a unit that would operate unmanned drones. Latham's office has been told the change would cost approximately half of the Air Guard base's 1,000 full- and part-time jobs." (Tony Leys, "Budget Includes Removal Of Fighter Jets Based In Des Moines," *Des Moines Register*, 2/13/12)

**Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, Adjutant General Of The Iowa National Guard Expressed Objections Over Budget Cuts To Air National Guard Units.** "Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard, is among a group of National Guard generals throughout the United States who have signed a letter sent to Congress expressing objections over proposed budget cuts to Air National Guard units." (William Petroski, "Iowa's Maj. General Orr Signs Letter Citing 'Flawed' Plan For Air Guard Budget Cuts," *Des Moines Register*, 2/28/12)

### ***Members Of Iowa's Congressional Delegation Vowed To Fight Obama's Defense Budget***

**"Members Of Iowa's Congressional Delegation Have Vowed To Battle The Air Force's Proposal."** "Congress will have the final say on the matter, and members of Iowa's congressional delegation have vowed to battle the Air Force's proposal. Forty-nine of the nation's governor's last week signed a letter criticizing the Air Force's plan, saying the cuts in the Guard would be disproportionate to reductions facing full-time Air Force units. The reductions have also been criticized by National Guard leaders nationwide, including Maj. Gen. Tim Orr, adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard." (William Petroski, "Air Force Recommends Cutting 492 Positions At Des Moines Air Force Guard Unit," *Des Moines Register*, 3/6/12)

**Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA): "I Will Continue To Fight" For The Des Moines Unit.** "Loebsack, a Democrat from Iowa City, in a statement said "The 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing is one of the finest in the country. ... The Air National Guard, including the 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, has played a critical role in defending our states here at home as well as our nation overseas, and I will continue to fight for them.'" (Jennifer Jacobs, "Iowa Lawmakers Grill Air Force Leaders About Plan To Cut 500 D.M Jobs," *Des Moines Register*, 2/9/12)

- **Loebsack: "The Proposal To Move The F-16's Out Of Des Moines Was Short-Sighted."** "I am very proud to offer this amendment. The men and women of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing have proven time and again they are some of the hardest working and most experienced in the National Guard. Their performance is second to none. The proposal to move the F-16s out of Des Moines was short-sighted and wasn't a good deal for taxpayers or our national security. I am pleased the other members of the House Armed Services Committee agree and I strongly encourage the passage of this amendment," Loebsack said." (William Petroski, "Loebsack Seeks Bipartisan Support To Keep 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing In Des Moines," *Des Moines Register*, 5/9/12)
- **Loebsack Introduced An Amendment To Prevent The Shutdown Of Iowa's 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing.** "U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa City, said today he will offer an amendment in the House Armed Services Committee to prevent the shutdown of the Iowa Air National Guard's 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing in Des Moines." (William Petroski, "Loebsack Seeks Bipartisan Support To Keep 132<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing In Des Moines," *Des Moines Register*, 5/9/12)

**Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA): "The Air Force Still Cannot Provide An Adequate Explanation For Targeting Des Moines."** "Though the proposal to decommission the 132<sup>nd</sup>'s F-16s is not final, the Air Force still cannot provide an adequate explanation for targeting Des Moines, the cost-effectiveness of decommissioning this unit, or the impact it will have on the local community," Harkin, a Democrat, said in a statement." (Jennifer Jacobs, "Iowa Lawmakers Grill Air Force Leaders About Plan To Cut 500 D.M Jobs," *Des Moines Register*, 2/9/12)

## ***Obama's Sequestration Would Cost Iowa An Additional 5,238 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Iowa Losing 5,238 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **"Under Sequestration, 433 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**A Study Conducted By George Mason University Predicts That Iowa Could Lose 4,730 Private Sector Jobs.** "A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University predicts that Iowa could lose thousands of private sector jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars under the Sequestration law: Iowa could lose 4,730 jobs." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Iowa Would Lose \$279 Million In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Iowa Could See A \$406 Million Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## ***Iowa Businesses Are "At Risk" Under Obama's Sequestration***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Iowa Losing 2,500 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

- **"With At Least 9% Or Sequestration's 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, Iowa's Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**"Iowa Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$230 Million – Each Year."** "Iowa defense prime contractors earned over \$1.28 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Iowa defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$230 million – each year." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"From 2000-2011, 1,965 Iowa Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America's National Defense."** "From 2000-2011, 1,965 Iowa businesses provided goods and services for America's national defense. In 2011, many Iowa businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 26 minority-owned businesses, including 6 owned by Black Americans, 7 owned by Hispanic Americans, 2 owned by Native Americans, 5 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 6 owned by other minority Americans." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**"Iowa Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**In Iowa, 350 Of The Potential 1,000 Job Reductions At Rockwell Collins, An Aerospace Electronics Company, Are Due To Sequestration.** "One issue is whether Congress acts to halt budget sequestration, across-the-board federal budget cuts expected to delay, reduce or halt some defense contracts involving Rockwell Collins. About 350 of the 1,000 job reductions are projected entirely due to sequestration." ("Rockwell Collins Job Cuts Could Read 1,000," [The Gazette](#), 9/27/12)

- **Rockwell Collins Has Already Laid Off 250 Employees In The Past Three Months.** "Job reductions of 1,000 are possible across Rockwell Collins on top of 250 in the past three months, the company's chairman informed employees Thursday." ("Rockwell Collins Job Cuts Could Read 1,000," [The Gazette](#), 9/27/12)



**Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Iowa's Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$6,990,691 In Revenue.**

(Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Iowa's Women Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,800,027 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Iowa's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$12,737,132 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Iowa's Black American Businesses Will Lose \$1,031,345 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## OBAMACARE IS HARMING IOWA

**Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Is Imposing A 9.3 Percent Increase On Individual Policyholders' Premiums Who Are Under The Age Of 65.** "Iowa has approved a 9.3 percent rate increase by Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for individual health insurance premiums. Iowa Insurance Commissioner Susan Voss approved the request last week. The decision means rate increases of up to \$45 a month beginning April 1 for 86,000 individual Wellmark policyholders ages 65 and under. Wellmark insures about 1.8 million Iowa residents, most through employers. The Des Moines-based company proposed the increase, citing rising health care costs." ("State Approves 9.3% Rate Increase For Wellmark," [The Associated Press](#), 1/3/12)

- **Wellmark Is "Iowa's Largest Health Insurance Provider."** "Iowa's largest health insurance provider wants to raise rates 9.35 percent for Iowa individual policyholders under 65, high enough to trigger a review under state law." (Dave DeWitte, "Wellmark Asks 9.35% Individual Health Insurance Rate Hike," [Business380.com](#), 10/17/11)

**Des Moines-Based American Enterprise Group's Decision To Stop Providing Individual Insurance Due To The "Widespread Anxiety Among Insurance Companies Over The Raft Of Regulation Resulting From The Health Care Overhaul Bill" Cost 40 Iowa Jobs.** "Des Moines-based American Enterprise Group announced Thursday that it will exit the individual major medical insurance market, making it the 13th company to pull out of some portion of Iowa's health insurance business since June 2010. The move means 110 employees will lose their jobs over the next three years — 40 in Des Moines and 70 in Omaha. It also underscores the widespread anxiety among insurance companies over the raft of regulation resulting from the health care overhaul bill. 'It's a fairly predictable consequence of the regulation,' said Michael Abbott, the president and CEO of American Enterprise Group, the parent company of American Republic Insurance. 'The regulatory environment's getting really complicated.'" ("Iowa Insurer Exits Some Individual Health Policies," [Des Moines Register](#), 10/20/11)

**Steve Morency, Owner Of M.A. Ford Manufacturing: ObamaCare Is A Mess And Uncertainty Of The Law Leads To A "Tremendous Apprehension To Push Forward."** "Morency said he is concerned about what he sees is a lack of direction, pointing to taxes and health care costs as big hurdles facing manufacturing companies. 'This health care plan is such a mess and we don't have a clue of what that will cost us,' he said. 'There is a tremendous apprehension to push forward.'" (Kurt Allemeier, "Quad-City Area Business Leaders Offer Their Advice To President Barack Obama," [Quad-City Times](#), 6/28/11)

**Bettendorf, IA Mayor And Small Business Owner: ObamaCare Has Kept His Company From Hiring.** "Freemire said he could have added another employee at Results Integrated Marketing and Freemire Enterprises if not for the health care law." (Jennifer Jacobs and Adam Belz, "President Touts Jobs, Knocks Cynicism," [Des Moines Register](#), 6/28/11)

- **In Addition To Double-Digit Increases In Health Care Costs That Will Continue To Grow “Exponentially Greater.”** “Bettendorf Mayor Michael Freemire, a Republican, said the federal health care law meant 18 percent in additional costs last year to his two small businesses, which together employ 19. The law will add 17.5 percent this year, and he expects it to get ‘exponentially greater.’” (Jennifer Jacobs and Adam Belz, “President Touts Jobs, Knocks Cynicism,” [Des Moines Register](#), 6/28/11)

**Craig Kinzer, President And General Manager Of Seaberg Industries:** “Seaberg insurance costs have increased nearly 15 percent annually for the past several years.” (Kurt Allemeier, “Quad-City area business leaders offer their advice to President Barack Obama,” [Quad-City Times](#), 6/28/11)

- **Kinzer Expects Increased Costs And Reduced Coverage Due To ObamaCare.** “‘We expect to see more cost increase resulting from the new health care requirements,’ he said. Kinzer would like to see the scope of mandated coverage reduced or see the federal government work with small business in bearing the burden. (Kurt Allemeier, “Quad-City Area Business Leaders Offer Their Advice To President Barack Obama,” [Quad-City Times](#), 6/28/11)

**Vermeer Corp. Said ObamaCare Will Cause The Company To Pay 15 To 20 Percent More For Health Care Costs.** “Federal health care legislation will cost Vermeer Corp. in Pella an extra 15 percent to 20 percent for health care, said Mary Andringa, the company’s CEO.” (Jennifer Jacobs and Adam Belz, “President touts jobs, knocks cynicism,” [Des Moines Register](#), 6/28/11)



# OBAMA: WRONG FOR MICHIGAN

**Jobs:** In September, Michigan Lost 13,000 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **Flint Is The Fifth Hardest Hit Metropolitan Area During The Recession, Losing 20,000 Jobs, Or 13.3 Percent Of Its Workforce.** “Flint’s economy, which is primarily based on auto manufacturing, has been suffering for a number of years. In the first quarter of 2007, employment reached its peak with over 151,300 residents employed. By the end of the first quarter of 2012, IHS projects employment to reach a floor, after a loss of over 20,000 positions. Recovery, it seems, will also be slow as only 600 jobs are projected to be recovered by the end of the year, or just 2.8% of jobs lost. The value of exports from the region has dropped 81.9% since 2005 — one of the largest decreases in the country. This, of course, has had a huge effect on Flint’s economy and population. Poverty rate in the area has risen to 21%, one of the worst rates in the country.” (“The Nine American Cities Nearly Destroyed by the Recession,” AOL Money & Finance, [24/7 Wall Street](#), 1/23/12)

**Unemployment:** Michigan Has 432,276 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Michigan Has Lost 15,800 Construction Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Michigan Has Declined From \$50,766 To \$45,981. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**From 2010 To 2011, Michigan’s Statewide Median Income Fell By 1.5 Percent And The Percentage Of People Living In Poverty Jumped From 16.8 Percent To 17.5 Percent.** “From 2010 to 2011, the statewide median household income fell by 1.5 % and the percentage of people living in poverty jumped from 16.8% to 17.5%. Several communities have seen significant increases in child poverty rates: From 2008 to 2011, Waterford, Sterling Heights and Shelby Township saw their rates go up by 15, 14 and 14 percentage points, respectively, the largest increases in the tri-county area in that time.” (John Wisely, Kristin Tanner, “Michigan’s Kids Suffer Hard Times As Incomes Fall, Poverty Climbs,” *Detroit Free Press*, 9/20/12)

- **“Michigan’s Income Fell More Than The Nation’s As A Whole.”** “Michigan’s income fell more than the nation’s as a whole, which declined by 1.3% between 2010 and 2011. The typical Michigan household brought in \$45,981 in 2011, about 9% less than it did in 2008, generally regarded as the height of the recession. The drop caused Michigan to fall to 35th from 34th in state income rankings.” (John Wisely, Kristin Tanner, “Michigan’s Kids Suffer Hard Times As Incomes Fall, Poverty Climbs,” *Detroit Free Press*, 9/20/12)

**Foreclosures:** In September Of 2012, Michigan Had The Nation’s Eighth Highest Foreclosure Rate, With One In Every 201 Housing Units Having A Foreclosure Filing. “Other states with foreclosure rates ranking among the top 10 in the third quarter were Illinois (one in 126 housing units with a foreclosure filing), Georgia (one in 151), Nevada (one in 158), Ohio (one in 197), Michigan (one in 201), South Carolina (one in 215), and Colorado (one in 216).” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Activity Drops To 5-Year Low In September,” [RealtyTrac](#), 10/11/12)

- **Negative Equity:** In The Second Quarter Of 2012, Michigan Had The Second Highest Percentage Of Negative Equity In The Nation, As 33 Percent Of Mortgaged Properties Are In Negative Equity. “Nevada had the highest percentage of mortgaged properties in negative equity at 59 percent, followed by Florida (43 percent), Arizona (40 percent), Georgia (36 percent) and

Michigan (33 percent). These top five states combined account for 34.1 percent of the total amount of negative equity in the U.S.” (Press Release, “CoreLogic Reports Number Of Residential Properties In Negative Equity Decreases Again In Second Quarter Of 2012,” [CoreLogic](#), 9/12/12)

- **Home Values: As Of August 2012, Michigan Has Had The Fifth Largest Peak-To-Current Decline In Home Prices In The Nation, Dropping 36.5 Percent.** “The five states with the largest peak-to-current declines, including distressed transactions, are Nevada (-54.7 percent), Florida (-44.3 percent), Arizona (-42.0 percent), California (-37.7 percent) and Michigan (-36.5 percent).” (Press Release, “CoreLogic August Home Price Index Rises 4.6 Percent Year-Over-Year,” [CoreLogic](#), 10/2/12)

**National Debt: Since Obama Took Office, Each Michigan Resident’s Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63.** (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition: The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Michigan Has \$27,451 In Debt.** ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes: Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Michigan 21,300 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Michigan \$5.2 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices: Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Michigan Has Increased From \$1.957 To \$3.407.** (“Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; “Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Michigan Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 32 Percent.** (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; “Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty: Since 2008, 283,018 More People In Michigan Have Fallen Into Poverty.** (“Poverty: 2007 And 2008,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; “Poverty: 2010 And 2011,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Nine Of The 21 Communities In Michigan With A Population Of 65,000 Or More Experienced An Increase In Poverty Rates.** “But Detroit isn’t the only place where poverty rose. Nine of the 21 communities in Michigan with populations of 65,000 or more experienced increases in their poverty rates, and eight of those reported increases in child poverty as well, according to the data.” (John Wisely, Kristin Tanner, “Michigan’s Kids Suffer Hard Times As Incomes Fall, Poverty Climbs,” *Detroit Free Press*, 9/20/12)

- **In Detroit, Poverty Rose To 40.9 Percent, While Childhood Poverty Rose To 57.3 Percent.** “Poverty, which the census defines as annual income of \$23,021 or less for a family of four, rose in Detroit to 40.9%, with the figure for children younger than 18 at 57.3%.” (John Wisely, Kristin Tanner, “Michigan’s Kids Suffer Hard Times As Incomes Fall, Poverty Climbs,” *Detroit Free Press*, 9/20/12)
- **“More Than One Out Of Every Five Michigan Residents Are Surviving At Or Below The Poverty Level.”** “Statewide, poverty levels have risen from 16 percent in 2007 to nearly 21 percent in 2011. That means more than one out of every five residents are surviving at or below the poverty level of \$23,021 for a family of four. Michigan has the 15th highest percentage of poor residents, and median household income continues to fall.” (Steve Pardo, “Census Paints Bleak Picture As 1 In 5 In Michigan Live In Poverty,” [The Detroit News](#), 9/21/12)



## OBAMA'S BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR MICHIGAN

### *Obama FY 2013 Budget Cuts Funding For Rare Isotope Lab At Michigan State University*

**Funding For An Advanced Rare Isotopes Lab At Michigan State Cut From \$55 Million To \$22 Million.** "The fate of funding for the multimillion Dollar Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, Or FRIB, At MSU is on shaky ground after president Barack Obama's fiscal year 2013 budget proposal was announced Monday. It recommends \$22 million for FRIB in 2013 — less than half the \$55 million originally stipulated under the university's agreement with the Department of Energy." (Andrew Kreitz, "FRIB Faces Drastic Cuts To Federal Funding For 2013," [The State News](#), 2/13/12)

**Democrat Sens. Carl Levin And Debbie Stabenow Echoed Disappointment From University President Over Cut To Facility.** "MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon said in a statement that she is very concerned with the project's funding, given the fact the Department of Energy's Office of Science received a 2 percent increase in funding while at the same time, the nuclear physics program was cut 3.8 percent — including FRIB... U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, both D-Mich., echoed such sentiments in their own statements and said funding the project fails to meet the federal commitment to MSU and the state." (Andrew Kreitz, "FRIB Faces Drastic Cuts To Federal Funding For 2013," [The State News](#), 2/13/12)

- **Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) Expressed Frustration With The Energy Department's Delays And Studies.** STABENOW: "As a member of the budget committee and moving forward with the appropriations committee, it's my intent to make sure we do everything possible to make sure we have the full commitment to be able to move forward with this project. I hope the department is going to keep its commitment going into the fifth year of a very important, not only science project but economic development project that's going to create over a billion dollars in economic activity and makes no sense to me why as we go into the fifth year that we're having this conversation when those conversations were conducted at the very beginning of all of this and priorities were set, decisions were made, dollars were spent. And now we go into the fifth year. It's in the budget. It seems to me we ought to be talking about what we need to break ground and to be able to move forward with this rather than another evaluation. I'm all for evaluations, but this project has been evaluated and evaluated and, in fact, has come out with stellar reviews every step of the way. I would hope that the department will keep its commitment." (Senator Debbie Stabenow, Energy And Natural Resources Committee, U.S. Senate, Testimony, 2/16/12)

**Lansing Journal Editorial: Obama's Cutting Funding For The Facility For Rare Isotope Beams "Foolish."** "President Barack Obama's budget proposal for fiscal year 2013 includes just \$22 million of what should have been a \$55 million commitment as development of the \$615 million project continues. That's foolish, especially when the Department of Energy budget proposal includes some \$150 million for an international project based in France, a project with runaway costs that are endangering the United States' ability to fund scientific research at home." (Editorial, "Michigan Can't Afford To Lose The MSU FRIB," [The Lansing State Journal](#), 2/14/12)

- **Lansing Journal Editorial: FRIB Could Support 400 Permanent Jobs, 5,000 Construction Jobs.** "The research done at FRIB could impact medicine, energy, the environment, national security and more. It would create some 400 jobs for scientists and support staff as well as 5,000 construction jobs. Some 1,100 scientists from around the world would visit. The economic impact in Michigan for FRIB's first decade is estimated at \$1 billion." (Editorial, "Michigan Can't Afford To Lose The MSU FRIB," [The Lansing State Journal](#), 2/14/12)
- **Lansing Journal Editorial: FRIB "Must Be Saved."** "Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Rep. Mike Rogers have been strong advocates, but all Michigan leaders must fight for full funding and insist the DOE's reviews are fair and timely. FRIB is too important to Michigan and to the nation; it must be saved." (Editorial, "Michigan Can't Afford To Lose The MSU FRIB," [The Lansing State Journal](#), 2/14/12)

## ***“Michigan Just Continues To End Up Losing” In Obama’s Defense Budget***

**Obama’s Defense Cuts Could Eliminate 850 Full - And Part-Time Jobs At Selfridge Air National Guard Base And Kellogg Air Guard Station In Battle Creek.** “Last week, the U.S. Air Force said Michigan could lose more than 850 full- and part-time jobs as part of proposed cuts at Selfridge and Kellogg Air Guard Station in Battle Creek. The cuts would include more than a quarter of the state’s Air National Guard. ... Under President Barack Obama’s proposed budget, the Air Force would be reduced to 501,000, with net reductions of 3,900 active duty, 5,100 Air National Guard and 900 Air Force Reserve personnel.” (David Shepardson, “Michigan’s U.S. Reps Urge Rejection Of Selfridge Cuts,” *The Detroit News*, 12/13/12)

**Selfridge Air National Guard Base Will Lose 21 A-10 Fighters.** “The biggest proposed cuts in Michigan are at least 561 jobs that would be cut at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, which is losing 21 A-10 fighters. ... Most of the changes at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base are expected to happen next year. The base currently has 986 positions, not all of which are filled.” (Maureen Groppe, “Air Force May Cut 70 Guard Jobs In Battle Creek,” *Battle Creek Enquirer*, 3/7/12)

- **On Base Closures, “Michigan Just Continues To End Up Losing.”** “The Michigan Air National Guard would lose at least 652 jobs, including about 70 in Battle Creek, under an Air Force proposal released Tuesday that details manpower reductions tied to aircraft changes announced last month. ‘Michigan just continues to end up losing,’ said Maj. Gen. Greg Vadnais, Michigan’s adjutant general.” (Maureen Groppe, “Air Force May Cut 70 Guard Jobs In Battle Creek,” *Battle Creek Enquirer*, 3/7/12)

### **Michigan Congressional Leaders Urge Congress To Save Over 800 Jobs At Selfridge Air Base.**

“Michigan’s 15 House members urged congressional leaders to reject proposed cuts at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, saying the military should further study the costs of the move.” (David Shepardson, “Michigan’s U.S. Reps Urge Rejection Of Selfridge Cuts,” *The Detroit News*, 12/13/12)

- **Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) Has “Serious Doubts And Many Questions” About The Amount Of Cuts To The Air National Guard.** “Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who chairs the committee, said he had ‘serious doubts and many questions’ about the wisdom of having a disproportionate amount of cuts in manpower and aircraft landing on the Air National Guard.” (Peter Urban, “Air Force Says It’s Open To Revision Of Guard Cuts,” *Arkansas News*, 3/22/12)
- **The State House Unanimously Passed A Democrat-Sponsored Resolution “Asking Washington To Consider The Negative Impact Defense Cuts In Calhoun County Would Have On The Local Economy.”** “State Rep. Kate Segal, D-Battle Creek, is asking Washington to consider the negative impact defense cuts in Calhoun County would have on the local economy. Segal’s resolution urging the Department of Defense to maintain its commitment to bring new C-27J aircraft to 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard unanimously passed the Michigan House on Thursday.” (“B.C. May Be In For New Fight To Save Military Facilities,” *Battle Creek Enquirer*, 1/27/12)

## ***Sequestration Would Cost Michigan An Additional 13,531 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Michigan Losing 13,531 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**“Under Sequestration, 2,243 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**A Study Conducted By George Mason University Predicts That Michigan Could Lose 12,398 Private-Sector Jobs.** “A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University predicts that Michigan could lose tens of thousands of private sector jobs and billions of dollars under the Sequestration law: Michigan could lose 12,398 jobs.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Michigan Would Lose \$732 Million In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Michigan Could See A \$1.07 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**If Sequestration Goes Into Effect, Michigan Could Lose \$1 Billion.** “Michigan stands to lose as much as \$1 billion of its \$48.2 billion budget in 2013 if the sequester goes into effect, state officials said, adding the Michigan government had no intention of making up the shortfall.” (Christine Tierney, “Mich. May Lose \$1B If U.S. Goes Off Fiscal Cliff,” [The Detroit News](#), 9/24/12)

- **Defense Firms And Other Industries In Michigan Would “Feel The Pinch” From Sequestration, Including TACOM.** “But defense firms and other industries in Michigan benefiting from government contracts would feel the pinch. They include the armored vehicle developer TACOM, the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, and its research unit, part of a burgeoning defense contractor hub in Macomb County.” (Christine Tierney, “Mich. May Lose \$1B If U.S. Goes Off Fiscal Cliff,” [The Detroit News](#), 9/24/12)

**“Michigan Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Sequestration Threatens Michigan Businesses***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Michigan Losing 6,458 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Michigan Losing 7,356 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Michigan Losing A Total Of 13,814 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 7)

**“Michigan Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$824 Million – Each Year.”** “Michigan defense prime contractors earned over \$4.58 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Michigan defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$824 million – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Michigan Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Michigan’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$25,548,820 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Michigan’s Women Owned Businesses Will Lose \$12,081,705 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Michigan’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$128,963,211 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Michigan's Black American Businesses Will Lose \$3,308,648 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## OBAMACARE: WRONG FOR MICHIGAN

**According To A State Senate Analysis, In 2014, ObamaCare Will Cost Michigan \$200 Million Per Year.** "The 2014 Medicaid expansion would not have any initial State costs. By 2020, the State would be paying roughly \$200.0 million General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) yearly to support the costs of the expansion." (Steve Angelotti and David Fosdick, "Fiscal Analysis Of The Federal Health Reform Legislation," [Michigan Senate](#), 4/10)

**The Obama Administration Denied Michigan's Request For A Waiver From ObamaCare's Medical Loss Ratio Rule.** "The Health and Human Services Department on Monday denied a sixth state's request for an adjustment to certain rules under the new healthcare law. HHS rejected Michigan's request for an adjustment to the law's medical loss ratio (MLR) requirements. The law requires insurance plans for individuals to meet an 80 percent MLR, meaning they must spend 80 percent of their premiums on medical costs. Only the remaining 20 percent can go toward profits and administrative costs." (Sam Baker, "HHS Rejects Michigan's Request For MLR Adjustment," [The Hill](#), 12/19/11)

### *Michigan Insurance Premiums Are Rising*

**In 2011, Michigan Family Health Insurance Plan Premiums Increased 2.4 Percent.** "Monthly premiums for a family health plan grew to an average \$1,007 for 2011, an increase of 2.4 percent from 2010." (Mark Sanchez, "Survey: Health Insurance Premium Increases Moderate, Wellness Grows," [Business Review West Michigan](#), 8/3/11)

- **In 2011, Michigan Two-Person Health Insurance Plan Premiums Increased 4.7 Percent.** "Premiums for a two-person plan increased an average of 4.7 percent to \$799 per month ... according to the annual cost survey conducted by The Employers' Association and Alliance for Health in Grand Rapids." (Mark Sanchez, "Survey: Health Insurance Premium Increases Moderate, Wellness Grows," [Business Review West Michigan](#), 8/3/11)

**In 2011, Michigan Employees Paid A Larger Share Of Their Premiums Than In 2010.** "Among the changes employers continue to make — as they have for many years — is requiring employees to pay a higher share of the premium. The percentage of the employee contribution to the premium increased to 27 percent in 2011 from 24 percent in 2010 for both family two-person plans." (Mark Sanchez, "Survey: Health Insurance Premium Increases Moderate, Wellness Grows," [Business Review West Michigan](#), 8/3/11)

**Employers In Detroit To Face A 7.3 Percent Increase In Health Care Costs Per Employee in 2012.** "Detroit area employers can expect a 7.3 percent increase in health care plan costs per employee next year, a higher jump than last year and slightly outpacing the 7 percent average rise expected nationally, according to a report issued Monday by global human resource consultant Aon Hewitt." (Melissa Burden, "Health Plans To Go Up 7.3% In 2012 In Metro Detroit," [The Detroit News](#), 9/3/11)

- **Detroit Employees To Pay Higher Premiums In 2012.** "Employees in Metro Detroit, like others across the United States, also can contribute more for their health coverage in 2012. Detroit workers on average will pay a projected \$2,279 in 2012 in health plan premiums, up from \$2,053 in 2011." (Melissa Burden, "Health Plans To Go Up 7.3% In 2012 In Metro Detroit," [The Detroit News](#), 9/3/11)

### *ObamaCare Threatens Small Business Jobs In Michigan*

**Detroit Small Business Owner Worried He Wouldn't Be Able To Provide His Employees With Health Insurance Any Longer.** "Sales are off by 20 percent this year at Image Computer, which repairs printers in suburban Detroit. So President Steve Olis is worried about whether he can continue paying the \$71,000 a year it costs him to provide health insurance for his employees." (David Lerman and Liz Smith, "Small Businesses Skip the Health-Care Tax Credit," [Bloomberg](#), 8/26/10)



- **Image Computer Doesn't Qualify For Obama's "Small Business" Tax Credit Because His 15 Employees Are Paid Too Well.** "The Obama Administration's answer for Olis and other small-business owners: a tax credit of as much as 35 percent of the insurance premiums they pay for employee medical coverage a signature part of the health-care reform bill signed into law in March. Image Computer, however, doesn't qualify for the credit because Olis pays his 15 employees an average of \$55,600 annually, and companies with average salaries above \$50,000 aren't eligible." (David Lerman and Liz Smith, "Small Businesses Skip the Health-Care Tax Credit," Bloomberg, 8/26/10)
- **"'At Some Point I Can't Do This Any Longer,' Olis Says Of His Rising Health-Care Premiums."** (David Lerman and Liz Smith, "Small Businesses Skip the Health-Care Tax Credit," Bloomberg, 8/26/10)

### ***Obama's Medical Device Tax Is Causing Michigan Employers To Cut Their Workforce***

**ObamaCare's Medical Devices Tax Caused Michigan-Based Medical Device Manufacturer Stryker To Cut Five Percent Of Its Workforce – Approximately 1,000 Employees.** "Stryker, the Kalamazoo-based maker of artificial hips and knees, will cut 5% of its global workforce by the end of next year to reduce costs in the face of new fees on device makers required by the U.S. health care law. The job cuts will reduce annual pretax operating costs by more than \$100 million beginning in 2013, when the medical-device excise tax is scheduled to take effect, Stryker said Thursday in a statement. Stryker had more than 20,000 employees as of Dec. 31, according to Bloomberg News data." ("Stryker To Cut 5% Of Workforce," *Detroit Free Press*, 11/11/11)

**CEO Of MichBio In Ann Arbor, MI: "There's A Tsunami Coming And You Probably Won't Know What Hit You Until It's Too Late. ... The Biggest Assault On Our Industry Is The Medical Devices Tax."** (Tom Henderson, "MichBio CEO Says Tax Is An 'Assault' On Medical Device Companies," [Crain's Detroit Business](#), 4/22/10)

- **"The Tax Is On Revenue, Not Profits, And Rapundalo Said The State's Fledgling Medical Device Companies, Many, Or Most, Of Which Have Yet To Generate Profits, Will Be Hard Hit."** (Tom Henderson, "MichBio CEO Says Tax Is An 'Assault' On Medical Device Companies," [Crain's Detroit Business](#), 4/22/10)

**In Response To The White House, CEO Of MichBio Stephen Rapundalo Says "We Disagree With The President's Premise That The Device Industry Will Benefit From The New Health Care Law."** "As the House sets to vote today to repeal the medical device tax, MichBio takes strong issue with yesterday's statement released by the White House that threatens to veto any tax repeal legislation. 'We disagree with the President's premise that the device industry will benefit from the new health care law,' said Stephen Rapundalo, Ph.D., president and CEO of MichBio, and chair of AdvaMed's State Medical Technology Alliance." (Press Release, "MichBio Challenges White House's Statement On Device Tax Repeal," MichBio, 6/7/12)

- **Rapundalo: The White House Makes "Faulty Assumptions Based On Erroneous Data."** "'The medical device industry and others have asked for evidence to substantiate that claim but the White House has not done so. They make faulty assumptions based on erroneous data. Indeed, while initial estimates called for \$20 billion in taxes, the latest White House budget estimates it will cost over \$30 billion -- a 50% increase! In addition, they don't account for anticipated industry job losses, expenses associated with managing the tax tracking and accounting, and lower expected device sales, as others reduce their healthcare costs through reduced procurement.'" (Press Release, "MichBio Challenges White House's Statement On Device Tax Repeal," MichBio, 6/7/12)
- **Rapundalo: The Tax "Has Meant Job Layoffs And Downsizing."** "'Our device companies have already taken and are continuing to pursue strategic steps to contend with the impending device tax,' stated Rapundalo. 'Unfortunately, this has meant job layoffs and downsizing, along with the consideration of moving manufacturing operations off-shore. The medical device tax is a job-killer for Michigan, and the U.S., and will only ensure that this sector of the bio-industry will lose its competitive edge.'" (Press Release, "MichBio Challenges White House's Statement On Device Tax Repeal," MichBio, 6/7/12)



# OBAMA: WRONG FOR NEVADA

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Nevada Has Lost 60,700 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 9.6 Percent To 11.8 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Nevada Has More To Lose In Another Recession Because It Is Dependent On The Health Of The National Economy.** “Compared to states with more diversified economies, Nevada has more to lose in another U.S. recession because it is so heavily dependent on the health of the U.S. economy. Simply put, as Americans lose their jobs or face foreclosure, they're less likely to visit casinos in places like Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Mesquite and Laughlin.” (Steve Green, “Analysts See Potential Dark Cloud For Las Vegas Economy In 2013,” [Vegas Inc.](#) 8/23/12)

**“Nevada’s Economic Recovery Remains Tepid As The State Struggles With Both Cyclical And Structural Challenges.”** (Economic Briefing, [Nevada State Bank](#), 9/12)

- **“Nevada Is Struggling To Create Enough Jobs To Materially Reduce Its Real Unemployment Rate.”** “The labor force (i.e., the total number of people with jobs and the total number of people actively looking for jobs) shrunk by 1.3 percent during the past year; the number of employed workers has increased by 0.8 percent and the number of unemployed job seekers has fallen by 14.4 percent. Taken together, these data suggest Nevada is struggling to create enough jobs to materially reduce its real unemployment rate and many unemployed workers are simply giving up their job search.” (Economic Briefing, [Nevada State Bank](#), 9/12)

**State Chief Economist William Anderson Thinks “That It Will Be A Long Time Before The State Finds Replacements For The 170,000 Jobs Lost During The Recession.”** “Anderson said that job growth in Nevada will range about 2 percent a year for several more years and that it will be a long time before the state finds replacements for the 170,000 jobs lost during the recession. Economists say the recession nationally ended in June 2009, but Nevada still has a 12 percent unemployment rate, top in the nation.” (Ed Vogel, “Nevada’s Fastest-Growing Jobs Require No Degrees,” [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 4/27/12)

## ***Nevada Had The Top Two Hardest Hit Metropolitan Areas During The Recession***

**Carson City Was The Single Hardest Hit Metropolitan Area During The Recession, Losing 4,800 Jobs, Or 15.1 Percent Of Its Workforce.** “Carson City, Nevada has the dubious honor to be the only metropolitan area that is not projected to recover any jobs at all this year. The region has lost thousands of jobs during the recession, and will continue to lose them through the end of 2012. By the end of this year, the region is projected to lose 4,800 jobs from the beginning of 2007, according to the report. It is the only area not to reach a bottom this year so that it could start recovering. Between June and November of last year, the region lost roughly 600 government jobs. Between 2005 and 2009, the metro region’s exports dropped \$94 million, or nearly 40%.” (“The Nine American Cities Nearly Destroyed by the Recession,” AOL Money & Finance, [24/7 Wall Street](#), 1/23/12)

**Reno-Sparks Was The Second Hardest Hit Metropolitan Area During The Recession, Losing 38,200 Jobs, Or 16.9 Percent Of The Workforce.** “Between 2007 and 2010, the median home value in Reno-Sparks, Nevada declined 37.4%, the 13th biggest drop in the country among metro areas. The problems of the recession have plagued states in the southwest, which once had booming housing markets, arguably more than any other part in the country. From the beginning of 2007 to the third quarter of this year, jobs are projected to decline by 38,200, or 16.9% of the workforce. And according to the report,

only 600 jobs, a mere 1.6%, will be recovered by the end of the year.” (“The Nine American Cities Nearly Destroyed by the Recession,” AOL Money & Finance, [24/7 Wall Street](#), 1/23/12)

## **Northern Nevada**

### **Northern Nevada “Still Has Years To Go” Before Recovery Reaches Consumers And Retailers.**

“Empty storefronts dot Northern Nevada retail centers standing testament that the region still has years to go before a recovery reaches consumers and retailers.” (Yun Long, “Small Retailers Struggle To Survive; Vacancy Near Record High In Reno-Sparks,” *Reno Gazette Journal*, 9/2/12)

- **Reno-Sparks Retail Market Has An Almost 20 Percent Vacancy Rate.** “Hillygus is reinventing the store in order to survive a tough Reno-Sparks retail market that has an almost 20 percent vacancy rate. It will reopen as Give Gift Boutique on Aug. 10, 2013.” (Yun Long, “Small Retailers Struggle To Survive; Vacancy Near Record High In Reno-Sparks,” *Reno Gazette Journal*, 9/2/12)
- **More Than 2 Million Square Feet Is Vacant In The Reno-Sparks Area.** “Overall, the Reno and Sparks vacancy rate increased to 18.83 percent from 17.6 percent in the previous quarter, which meant an additional 32,405 square feet available on the market. More than 2 million square feet is vacant, including 20 anchor shopping center spaces with more than 20,000 square feet.” (Yun Long, “Small Retailers Struggle To Survive; Vacancy Near Record High In Reno-Sparks,” *Reno Gazette Journal*, 9/2/12)

## **Southern Nevada**

**Southern Nevada’s Economy Is Only Experiencing A “Modest” Recovery.** “Southern Nevada's economy continues its modest recovering from the recession as its two largest industries, tourism and gaming, remain the driving force behind the region's economic growth, according to an economist with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.” (Chris Sieroty, “Las Vegas Recovery Remains Muted, Analyst Says,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 5/31/12)

- **Unemployment In Southern Nevada Won’t Recover To A Natural Rate Of 5.6 Percent Until 2017.** “Brown said unemployment in Southern Nevada wouldn't recover to a natural rate of 5.6 percent, or full employment, until 2017.” (Chris Sieroty, “Las Vegas Recovery Remains Muted, Analyst Says,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 5/31/12)
- **In Clark County, The Unemployment Rate Is 11.6 Percent, But The Number Doesn’t Include People Who Have Dropped Out Of The Labor Force Or The Shadow Unemployed. If The Number Included Them, Unemployment Rate Would Be 23.6 Percent.** “The unemployment rate in Clark County was 11.6 percent in April. Brown said the current number didn't include ‘people who have dropped out of the labor force’ or the ‘shadow unemployed,’ which included would add another 12 percent to the unemployment rate.” (Chris Sieroty, “Las Vegas Recovery Remains Muted, Analyst Says,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 5/31/12)

**According To Stephen Brown, A Professor Of Economics AT UNLV, Real Estate And Unemployment Will Continue To Slow Down The Region’s Recovery.** “Stephen Brown, professor of economics and director of UNLV's Center for Business & Economic Research, said Wednesday that real estate and unemployment, two sectors battered by the recession, would continue to slow down the region's recovery.” (Chris Sieroty, “Las Vegas Recovery Remains Muted, Analyst Says,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 5/31/12)

**The Region’s Construction Industry Has Declined To A “Level Deeper Than Anyone Had Realized.”** “The region's construction industry has declined to a level deeper than anyone had realized. Brown said there's ‘evidence construction is coming off the bottom, but it's a very deep bottom.’” (Chris Sieroty, “Las Vegas Recovery Remains Muted, Analyst Says,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, 5/31/12)

**Unemployment: Nevada Has 161,559 Unemployed Seeking Work.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **The Bureau Of Labor Statistics Reported That The Las Vegas Metro Area Experienced “The Largest Unemployment Rate Decline From June 2011” Due To A Rapidly Shrinking Labor Force.** “The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week that year-on-year the Las Vegas metro area experienced ‘the largest unemployment rate decline from June 2011 (-2.3 percentage points).’ That turns out, however, not to be driven by a surge in Vegas employment. Instead the size of the Las Vegas labor force is shrinking rapidly, as seen above.” (Matthew Yglesias, “The Shrinking Las Vegas Labor Force,” [Slate’s Money Box](#), 8/6/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Nevada Has Lost 47,600 Construction Jobs And 5,700 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Nevada Has Declined From \$58,883 To \$48,927. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Nevadans Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Nevada Has \$19,954 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Nevada 6,100 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Nevada \$1.7 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Nevada Has Increased From \$1.960 To \$3.743. (“Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; “Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Nevada Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 99 Percent. (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; “Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 136,544 More People In Nevada Have Fallen Into Poverty. (“Poverty: 2007 And 2008,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; “Poverty: 2010 And 2011,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Childhood Poverty:** Nevada Is Ranked 48<sup>th</sup> In Child Welfare, As More Kids Are Likely To Live In Poverty, Come From A Single-Parent Home, And Are Less Likely To Attend Preschool Or Graduate On Time. “Compared to the rest of the country, Nevada’s kids are more likely to live in poverty, come from a single-parent home and less likely to attend preschool or graduate high school on time. Trailing just behind New Mexico and Mississippi, a report ranked Nevada 48th in child welfare indicators.” (Siobhan McAndrew, “Nevada Takes Hit On Kids’ Well-Being,” [Reno-Gazette Journal](#), 7/25/12)

- **Between 2005 And 2010, The Child Poverty Rate In Nevada Rose 47 Percent.** “In 2010, 22 percent of Nevada children younger than 18 lived in poverty. Between 2005 and 2010, the child poverty rate rose 47 percent, representing an increase of 54,000 children.” (Siobhan McAndrew, “Nevada Takes Hit On Kids’ Well-Being,” [Reno-Gazette Journal](#), 7/25/12)

## OBAMA’S HOUSING PROGRAMS **DIDN’T** HELP NEVADA

**Foreclosures:** In September Of 2012, Nevada Had The Nation’s Sixth Highest Foreclosure Rate, As One In Every 158 Housing Units Having A Foreclosure Filing. “Other states with foreclosure rates ranking among the top 10 in the third quarter were Illinois (one in 126 housing units with a foreclosure filing), Georgia (one in 151), Nevada (one in 158), Ohio (one in 197), Michigan (one in 201), South



Carolina (one in 215), and Colorado (one in 216).” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Activity Drops To 5-Year Low In September,” [RealtyTrac](#), 10/11/12)

**Negative Equity: In The Second Quarter Of 2012, Nevada Had The Highest Percentage Of Negative Equity In The Nation, As 59 Percent Of Mortgaged Properties Are In Negative Equity.** “Nevada had the highest percentage of mortgaged properties in negative equity at 59 percent, followed by Florida (43 percent), Arizona (40 percent), Georgia (36 percent) and Michigan (33 percent). These top five states combined account for 34.1 percent of the total amount of negative equity in the U.S.” (Press Release, “CoreLogic Reports Number Of Residential Properties In Negative Equity Decreases Again In Second Quarter Of 2012,” [CoreLogic](#), 9/12/12)

**Home Values: As Of August 2012, Nevada Has Had The Largest Peak-To-Current Decline In Home Prices In The Nation, Dropping 54.7 Percent.** “The five states with the largest peak-to-current declines, including distressed transactions, are Nevada (-54.7 percent), Florida (-44.3 percent), Arizona (-42.0 percent), California (-37.7 percent) and Michigan (-36.5 percent).” (Press Release, “CoreLogic August Home Price Index Rises 4.6 Percent Year-Over-Year,” [CoreLogic](#), 10/2/12)

## *Las Vegas*

**68.5 Percent Of Las Vegas Valley Homeowners Are Underwater With Their Mortgages.** “About 68.5 percent of Las Vegas Valley homeowners with mortgages were underwater — meaning their debt exceeds the home’s value — during the second quarter this year. That’s compared with the U.S. rate of 30.9 percent, according to a report Wednesday from Seattle-based research firm Zillow.” (Eli Segall, “Nearly 70 Percent Of Las Vegas Homeowners Remain Underwater,” [Vegas Inc.](#), 8/23/12)

- **36 Percent Of Las Vegas Homeowners Owe More Than Double Their Home’s Value.** “In the valley as a whole, 36 percent of underwater homeowners owe more than double their home’s value; nationally, it’s 14.5 percent.” (Eli Segall, “Nearly 70 Percent Of Las Vegas Homeowners Remain Underwater,” [Vegas Inc.](#), 8/23/12)

**Las Vegas Had The Highest Rate Of Underwater Borrowers Among The 30 Largest Markets.** “Nationwide, Las Vegas had the highest rate of underwater borrowers among the 30 largest markets tracked by Zillow. Pittsburgh had the lowest, at 15.6 percent.” (Eli Segall, “Nearly 70 Percent Of Las Vegas Homeowners Remain Underwater,” [Vegas Inc.](#), 8/23/12)

**In North Las Vegas, 79.2 Percent Of Homeowners Are Underwater.** “Nevertheless, when it comes to borrowers, numerous problems remain. In North Las Vegas alone, 79.2 percent of homeowners are underwater, says Zillow.” (Eli Segall, “Nearly 70 Percent Of Las Vegas Homeowners Remain Underwater,” [Vegas Inc.](#), 8/23/12)

**Federal Formulas Are Leaving Las Vegas Homeless Un-Helped.** “Homeless numbers in greater Las Vegas have topped 13,000, with the recession leaving people jobless, then pushing parents and children out of their homes and onto the street. It’s happening all around the country, but the human toll here could be compounded because federal formulas lead to uneven homeless funding, giving cities such as Pittsburgh more than \$10,000 to serve each homeless person while the Las Vegas area receives about \$500 per individual. Southern Nevada has 2 percent of the country’s homeless, but gets just 0.4 percent of \$1.7 billion in funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.” (Joe Schoenmann, “Las Vegas Shortchanged In Federal Funding For Homeless,” [Las Vegas Sun](#), 8/18/10)

- **Nearly 270,000 Residences Are Underwater In The Las Vegas Metro Area And “The Number Of Southern Nevadans Helped By Federal Mortgage Relief Programs Has Been Minimal.”** “Considering the 269,560 mortgaged residences in the Las Vegas metro area that were underwater as of June, according to real estate analytics firm CoreLogic of Santa Ana, Calif., the number of Southern Nevadans helped by federal mortgage relief programs has been minimal.” (Steve Kanhigher, “Federal Housing Program Fails To Help Most Underwater Homeowners,” [KLAS \[Las Vegas, NV\]](#), 11/16/11)
- **The Las Vegas Constable’s Office Performs Nearly 300 Evictions A Day.** “Foreclosures are forcing people out of their homes and onto the streets. The Las Vegas Constable’s Office has the

dirty job of kicking people out. They do nearly 300 evictions a day -- the most in the city's history. This is the human side of the foreclosure crisis. What the deputy constables see everyday is not a financial statement but a family's life packed up in boxes and trash bags being forced out." (Calvert Collins, "Nearly 300 Evictions Take Place Daily In Las Vegas Valley," [KLAS \[Las Vegas, NV\]](#), 11/16/11)

## **Reno**

**In 2011, Reno, Nevada Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> In The Nation For Metropolitan Area Foreclosure Rates.** "Other metro areas with foreclosure rates ranking among the top 20 were Phoenix at No. 6 (5.10 percent); Reno, Nev., at No. 8 (4.37 percent); Atlanta at No. 12 (3.69 percent); Prescott, Ariz., at No. 14 (3.50 percent); Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla., at No. 15 (3.29 percent); Greeley, Colo., at No. 17 (2.97 percent); Detroit at No. 18 (2.94 percent); Boise, Idaho, at No. 19 (2.85 percent); and Salt Lake City at No. 20 (2.81 percent)." (RealtyTrac, "2011 Year-End Foreclosure Market Report: Foreclosures On The Retreat," [Press Release](#), 1/12/12)

**In The Fourth Quarter Of 2011, More Than 50,000 Homes In The Reno-Sparks Area – 53 Percent Of Homes With An Active Mortgage – Suffered From Negative Equity.** "In the fourth quarter of 2011, for example, an estimated 50,083 homes in Reno-Sparks, 53 percent of homes with an active mortgage, suffered from negative equity, according to data tracker CoreLogic." (Jason Hidalgo, "Region Enters Sellers' Market As Homes For Sale Are Dwindling," *Reno Gazette Journal*, 5/5/12)

## **OBAMA'S BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR NEVADA**

### ***Obama's Flip Flop On Hardrock Mining Threatens Nevada Jobs***

**THEN: In 2007, Obama Opposed A 4 Percent Royalty On Hardrock Mining.** "The recent mining reform billed passed by the U.S. House is 'not optimal' and should be rewritten to reduce the economic burden on mining companies, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday. During a conference call with Nevada reporters to present his rural agenda, Obama said he would seek a better compromise on the bill now that it is in the U.S. Senate. ... The legislation, passed 244-166, would impose 4 percent royalty fees on existing mines operating on federal land. New mines would be charged 8 percent." (Anjeanette Damon, "Obama: New Mining Bill Too Tough On Companies," *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 11/7/07)

- **Obama: 4 Percent Mining Royalty "Places A Significant Burden On The Mining Industry And Could Have A Significant Impact On Jobs."** OBAMA: "What's clear to me is that the legislation that has been proposed places a significant burden on the mining industry and could have a significant impact on jobs. ... We are going to have to keep on working to find the kind of legislation that is going to provide fair compensation for these federal lands and also enhances environmental protection (and) cleans up abandoned mines." (Anjeanette Damon, "Obama: New Mining Bill Too Tough On Companies," *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 11/7/07)

**NOW: Obama's Budget Proposes A Royalty On Hardrock Minerals And Increased "Dirt Tax" On The Mining Industry.** A royalty on hardrock minerals and a 'dirt tax' on mining are in President Barack Obama's proposed budget again this year, after failing to go anywhere last year." (Adella Harding, "Obama Budget Eyes Mining, Grazing, Tourism," [Elko Daily Free Press](#), 2/18/12)

- **Obama's Budget Called For 5 Percent Royalty, Dirt Tax Of 7.8 Cents Per Ton.** "The budget calls for a gross royalty of at least 5 percent, transition to a leasing system for hardrock minerals and a dirt tax of roughly 7.8 cents per ton of material moved or displaced to be used for reclamation purposes, according to the Northwest Mining Association bulletin." (Adella Harding, "Obama Budget Eyes Mining, Grazing, Tourism," [Elko Daily Free Press](#), 2/18/12)
- **Obama's Royalty On Hardrock Minerals "Would Be World's Highest."** "The mining industry opposes the royalty and dirt tax, and Nevada's senators are against them - if they kill jobs in Nevada. 'The royalty alone would be the world's highest imposed by a federal government. Individually and together, they would make investments in the U.S. even less attractive,' said

National Mining Association spokeswoman Carol Raulston. ‘It is the same set of proposals in the last budget proposal from the administration,’ she said.” (Adella Harding, “Obama Budget Eyes Mining, Grazing, Tourism,” [Elko Daily Free Press](#), 2/18/12)

**Nevada’s Mining Industry Employs 11,500 Nevadans With Average Annual Salary Of \$78,700 Plus Benefits.** “There were over 11,500 direct mining jobs in the state in 2009. ... Mining wages are the highest in Nevada. In 2009, average annual salary was \$78,700 plus benefits. In the metal ore mining segment, earnings were at \$81,800 plus benefits. This compares with state-wide average earnings in all industries of about \$43,000.” ([Nevada Mining Association](#), Accessed 10/23/12)

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost Nevada An Additional 4,256 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Nevada Losing 4,256 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**“Under Sequestration, 580 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Nevada Would Lose \$236 Million In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Nevada Could See A \$285 Million Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Nevada Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Nevada Losing 2,031 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Nevada Losing 2,561 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Nevada Losing A Total Of 4,592 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**“Nevada Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$239 Million – Each Year.”**

“Nevada defense prime contractors earned over \$1.33 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Nevada defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$239 million – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Nevada Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Nevada’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$10,047,361.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Nevada’s Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$162,740,854 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Nevada's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$8,504,347 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Nevada's Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$2,716,752 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Nevada's Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$738,325 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**More Than 500 Nevada Firms Doing Business With The Pentagon May Be Impacted Under Sequestration.** "From a company that supplies milk and ice cream at Nellis Air Force Base to a contractor that builds drone facilities at Creech Air Force Base, more than 500 Nevada firms doing business with the Pentagon have a lot to lose if budget cutbacks take effect next year under a plan to reduce the deficit." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

- **Nevada Contractors Could Lose More Than \$239 Million Per Year As A Result Of Sequestration.** "Given that Nevada contractors received more than \$1.33 billion for defense work in 2011, cuts of 18 percent under sequestration translate to revenue losses of more than \$239 million per year starting in 2013." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)
- **Sequestration Would Result In 6,247 Job Losses And A \$285 Million Decrease In Gross State Product.** "The ripple effect would result in 6,247 job losses or a \$285 million decrease in gross state product, and \$236 million in annual lost earnings, according to the national average cited by the Center for Security Policy." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

**Sequestration Could "Devastate" Southern Nevada Companies That Rely On Defense Contracts For Their Existence.** "The automatic cuts, under what's called 'sequestration,' would affect a cross-section of Nevada's economy and possibly devastate some Southern Nevada companies that rely on defense contracts for their existence." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

- **Steve Brooke, Executive Vice President Of Jaynes Corp: "This Is Just One More Blow To Southern Nevada."** "'This is just one more blow to Southern Nevada,' said Steve Brooke, executive vice president of Jaynes Corp. The general contracting company built facilities for Unmanned Aerial Systems, or drones, at Creech Air Force Base at Indian Springs, 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas, and the Green Flag air combat training operations building at Nellis." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

**Laura Craig, President Of C. Martin Co.: Sequestration "Would Be Devastating."** "For C. Martin Co. in North Las Vegas, which provides services at Creech, Nellis and the Tonopah Test Range, sequestration 'would be devastating,' company President Laura Craig said." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

- **Craig: "Something Like That Would Devastate C. Martin, Not To Mention 300 Families Would Be Without Employment And Health Care."** (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)

**The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Would Lose \$13,000 In Automated Services Shared By District Branches With The Nellis Base Library.** "Las Vegas-Clark County Library District spokeswoman Karen Bramwell said, 'The whole community would lose out,' if the Pentagon doesn't provide roughly \$13,000 for automated services shared by district branches with the Nellis base library." (Keith Rogers, "Nevada Businesses Fear Defense Cutbacks," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 10/22/12)



## OBAMA'S GREEN ENERGY VENTURES FAILED NEVADA

**Push Of Renewable Energy Projects In Nevada Has Failed To Create Jobs.** "The Nevada Commission on Economic Development has been aggressively pushing renewable energy projects, but as a percentage of the state's total jobs, 'it's not much, to be honest,' said Lindsay Anderson, director of business research and development with the commission. 'It's in its infancy--as a percentage of our employment, it's probably not even measurable, it's probably not even a blip in our radar. But it's something we're willing to invest in for the future.'" (Coral Davenport, "Promise Of Jobs From Solar, Wind Power A Hard Sell In The Desert," [National Journal](#), 8/30/11)

- **Clean-Energy Boom Hasn't Created Jobs At The Scale Anywhere Near "What's Needed To Restore Nevada's Staggering Economy."** "So what do Nevadans think? Interviews with about two dozen voters in Searchlight, Las Vegas, and the key swing city of Henderson yielded remarkably similar responses: The clean-energy boom may have brought a sliver of new jobs, but nowhere near what's needed to restore Nevada's staggering economy." (Coral Davenport, "Promise Of Jobs From Solar, Wind Power A Hard Sell In The Desert," [National Journal](#), 8/30/11)

**Amonix Inc., A California-Based Solar Company, Announced It Would Lay Off 200 Of Its Employees At Its North Las Vegas Solar Power Manufacturing Plant.** "Just seven months after California-based solar power company Amonix Inc. opened its largest manufacturing plant, in North Las Vegas, the company's contractor has laid off nearly two-thirds of its workforce. Flextronics Industrial, the Singapore solar panel manufacturer that partnered with Amonix to staff the new \$18 million, 214,000-square-foot plant, laid off about 200 of its 300-plus employees Tuesday." (Justin M. Bowen, "Some 200 Laid Off At North Las Vegas Amonix Solar Plant," [Las Vegas Sun](#), 1/26/12)

- **In 2010, Amonix Received A \$5.9 Million Federal Stimulus Tax Credit.** "Amonix received a \$5.9 million investment tax credit through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act in 2010, and another \$12 million in private capital helped finance the plant." (Justin M. Bowen, "Some 200 Laid Off At North Las Vegas Amonix Solar Plant," [Las Vegas Sun](#), 1/26/12)
- **At The Time In 2010, Obama Cited Amonix's Example To Support His Program Of Clean Energy Investments.** OBAMA: "A solar panel company -- a solar power company called Amonix received a roughly \$6 million tax credit for a new facility they're building in the Las Vegas area -- a tax credit they were able to match with roughly \$12 million in private capital. That's happening right now. And that's just one of over, that's just one of over 180 projects that received manufacturing tax credits in over 40 states. Now, here's the -- the only problem we have is these credits were working so well, there aren't enough tax credits to go around. Now, here's the -- the only problem we have is these credits were working so well, there aren't enough tax credits to go around. There are more worthy projects than there are tax credits. When we announced the program last year, it was such a success we received 500 applications requesting over \$8 billion in tax credits, but we only had \$2.3 billion to invest. In other words, we had almost four times as many worthy requests as we had tax credits." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At University Of Las Vegas](#), Las Vegas, NV, 7/9/10)

**In July 2012, Amonix Inc. Closed Its North Las Vegas Plant, Only A Year After It Opened.** "The Amonix solar manufacturing plant in North Las Vegas, subsidized by more than \$20 million in federal tax credits and grants, has closed its 214,000-square-foot facility about a year after it opened." (Hubble Smith, "Amonix Closes North Las Vegas Solar Plant After 14 Months, Heavy Federal Subsidies," [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), 7/18/12)

**Nevada Geothermal Power (NGP) Received A \$98.5 Million Loan Guarantee And Has Never Operated Profitably And Is At Risk Of Failing.** "Nevada Geothermal Power (NGP) said in its financial filings that it has never operated profitably and that the company is at risk of failing as a going concern. ... NGP received a \$98.5 million loan guarantee under the same program that awarded Solyndra a loan guarantee." (Aamer Madhani, "Profits Elude Geothermal Companies," [USA Today](#), 10/6/11)

- **NGP Has Never Reached Forecasted Production.** “NGP operates a geothermal plant called Blue Mountain that was forecast to produce about 45 megawatts, but has only reached 35 megawatts of power—not enough production to cover the company's loans and overhead.” (Aamer Madhani, “Profits Elude Geothermal Companies,” [USA Today](#), 10/6/11)
- **NRG “Warns Of Multiple Defaults” In Its SEC Filings And Was “Already Having Trouble Paying The Bills.”** “Others are also struggling with potential problems. Nevada Geothermal -- a home state project personally endorsed by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid -- warns of multiple potential defaults in new SEC filings reviewed by CBS News. It was already having trouble paying the bills when it received \$98.5 million in Energy Department loan guarantees.” (Sharyl Attkisson, “Tax Dollars Backing Some ‘Risky’ Energy Projects,” [CBS News](#), 1/13/12)

**Nevada Tileworker Doesn’t Know Anyone Employed By Renewable Energy Industry.** “Kirstin Peart, a tileworker who lost her job in Las Vegas about 18 months ago and came out to Searchlight to find work in the mines, said she doesn’t know anybody who has found employment in the renewable energy industry.” (Coral Davenport, “Promise Of Jobs From Solar, Wind Power A Hard Sell In The Desert,” [National Journal](#), 8/29/11)

## OBAMACARE FAILED NEVADA

**Nevada Business Journal: ObamaCare “Will Increase State Medicaid Costs From \$5.4 Billion To \$5.7 Billion Over The Period From 2014 To 2023.”** “Under a variety of assumptions regarding the future of federal match rates for the newly eligible population, the legislation will increase state Medicaid costs from \$5.4 billion to \$5.7 billion over the period from 2014 to 2023. When added to the \$11.99 billion that Nevada taxpayers are projected to spend on Medicaid over the same time period without PPACA, the total approaches \$17.7 billion.” (“ObamaCare Will Squeeze Education, Other Needs,” *Nevada Business Journal*, 8/11)

**Even 2010 Nevada Democrat Nominee (And Son Of Harry Reid), Rory Reid (D-NV), Said ObamaCare Has The Potential “To Put Significant Pressure On States Because Medicaid Rates Could Go Up Significantly.”** “Gubernatorial candidate Rory Reid (D) said Thursday that the new health reform law could hurt Nevada. During a televised debate, Rory Reid, the son of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), said he does not support the legal challenges against the health overhaul. Yet, he does believe that President Obama’s signature achievement could negatively affect Nevada. ‘I don’t deny, however,’ Rory Reid said, ‘that Nevada needs to be vigilant on this issue. The law that was passed gives time for the new system to go into effect, but there is potential for it to put significant pressure on states because Medicaid rates could go up significantly.’” (Bob Cusack, “Rory Reid: Healthcare Reform Could End Up Hurting Nevada,” *The Hill’s HealthWatch*, 10/7/10)

**10 Percent Of Nevada’s Population Will Remain Uninsured In 2020.** “Even with the advent of health care reform, the director of the state agency that will implement parts of the Affordable Care Act said on Wednesday that 10 percent of the state population, or more than 313,000 residents, will remain uninsured in 2020.” (Ed Vogel, “State Official: 10 Percent Of Nevadans Will Remain Uninsured Under Health Care Reform,” [Las Vegas Review Journal](#), 8/29/12)

**Employees In Henderson, Nevada Will See Their Health Care Costs Rise To \$41.28 A Month As A Result Of ObamaCare.** “September of every year, and we know what those are going to be for 2013 and if you’re in the self enrolment plan you are going to get a self funded packet and I just want to tell you what that looks like. And based on these pressures we are breaking the Holy Grail. City of Henderson single coverage has always been free. You were a single employee or you were only covering yourself and your spouse was someplace else that was always free. Well in 2013 it will not be free. It will be \$41.28 a month for the first time.” (Daniel Halper, “Obama Prepping For Debate In City To Be Hit Hard By ObamaCare,” [The Weekly Standard](#), 10/2/12)



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**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, New Hampshire Has Lost 14,400 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.2 Percent To 5.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** New Hampshire Has 42,012 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire Has Lost 9,900 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire's Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.5 Percent To 5.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)
- Since The Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire Has Lost 2,100 Construction Jobs And 5,900 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In New Hampshire Has Declined From \$66,583 To \$62,647. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each New Hampshire Resident's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In New Hampshire Has \$32,440 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost New Hampshire 3,400 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost New Hampshire \$0.9 Billion In Lost Economic Output. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In New Hampshire Has Increased From \$1.724 To \$3.587. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In New Hampshire Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 60 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

***Obama's Economic Policies Have Pushed New Hampshire Residents Into Poverty As Food Banks Struggle "To Stay Afloat"***

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 15,557 More People In New Hampshire Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Food Banks In New Hampshire Are Struggling To Stay Afloat As A Result Of Shrinking Donations, High Food Prices, And Increased Demand.** "The Fall Mountain Food Shelf is not the only area food pantry scrambling to stay ahead of its patrons' need. A combination of shrinking donations, high food

prices and increased demand has pantries struggling to stay afloat.” (Garrett Brnger, “Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy,” [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

- **“When You Include The Cost Of Living In New Hampshire, For Housing And Utilities, You Dramatically Increase The Number Of People Having Difficulty Making Ends Meet.”** “‘When you include the cost of living in New Hampshire, for housing and utilities, you dramatically increase the number of people having difficulty making ends meet, which is really what we’re talking about when we measure poverty,’ said Steve Norton, the executive director of the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies.” (Ted Siefer, “Census Numbers: More Poor In NH,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/21/11)

**New Hampshire Food Banks Can’t Provide Enough Food To Meet The Demand.** “Around the country soup kitchens and food pantries are reporting a spike in demand. Here in New Hampshire, food bank officials say they can’t keep up with requests for help. The state’s food assistance safety net is showing signs of serious strain.” (Dan Gorenstein, “Economy Stresses N.H. Food Safety Net,” New Hampshire Public Radio, 10/26/11)

- **Increased Demand Has Forced New Hampshire Food Kitchens To Institute Rations.** “‘So now, instead of being able to get food every day of the week, we can get two days out of the week. And once a month we can go on Monday. And that by itself shows you how much has changed.’ Since July demand at the Soup Kitchen has nearly doubled. To meet that, staff has had to ration how often people like Persall can pick up perishable foods like carrots, potatoes and bananas. Eileen Brady- who’s run the place for 18 years- has never had to take such a drastic step before.” (Dan Gorenstein, “Economy Stresses N.H. Food Safety Net,” New Hampshire Public Radio, 10/26/11)
- **Mel Gosselin, The Executive Director Of The New Hampshire Food Bank: “It’s Never Been Like This.”** “‘No, it’s never been like this.’ That’s Mel Gosselin, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Food Bank. When you ask Gosselin how’s she’s doing, she’ll say she’s tearing her hair out. So far, her organization has distributed 5.8 million pounds of food, with distribution up 15%. ‘To put it in perspective, today our distribution number will be between 30-40 thousand pounds out the door. If we had more food that number would be much higher.’” (Dan Gorenstein, “Economy Stresses N.H. Food Safety Net,” New Hampshire Public Radio, 10/26/11)

**The Fall Mountain Food Shelf In New Hampshire Only Has Enough Money To Buy A Few More Weeks Of Groceries.** “The food shelf has had an increase in the number of people it feeds and a simultaneous drop in donations. The result is that it has enough money to buy only a few more weeks of groceries.” (Garrett Brnger, “Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy,” [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

**The Keene Kitchen Is Seeing A 10 Percent Increase In Demand Over Last Year.** “The Keene kitchen has simultaneously had a slight increase in food donations, however, which Bray credits to a pledge program in which people buy an item for the kitchen every time they go shopping. It’s heartwarming for Bray to see the regular donors come in, she said. However, the kitchen is also seeing a 10 percent increase in demand over last year. Bray said it had yet to feel too much pressure because of a series of cost-saving measures she instituted, such as turning off lights when not in use.” (Garrett Brnger, “Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy,” [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

**In 2010, The Monadnock Area Food Pantry Fed 8,310 People; In 2011 The Number Increased To 11,316, And The Pantry Has Already Fed 6,105 People This Year.** “At the Monadnock Area Food Pantry, demand has also been up significantly in the past two years. In 2010 the pantry, run out of All Saints Parish in Peterborough, fed 8,310 people, said Director Meredith E. White. In 2011, the number jumped to 11,316, and this year it is already on track to overtake last year’s number, with 6,105 people fed.” (Garrett Brnger, “Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy,” [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

- **So Far In 2012, The Pantry Has Spent \$72,938 – Last Year It Spent \$44,308.** “As a result, White has been forced to purchase a significant portion of the pantry’s food because of a slump in



donations. So far this year the pantry has spent \$72,938. At this time last year it had spent \$44,308.” (Garrett Brnger, “Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy,” [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

## **OBAMA’S DEFENSE BUDGET: WRONG FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Questioned The Need For Obama’s Department Of Defense Request For Another BRAC.** “New Hampshire U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte are questioning the Department of Defense’s request for another Base Realignment and Closure round. During a Senate Armed Services Committee meeting Tuesday, Shaheen expressed misgivings about the lack of investment in the nation’s public shipyards.” (“NH’s Shaheen, Ayotte Question Base Closings,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/15/12)

- **Shaheen: “It Is Difficult To Conceive How A BRAC Round Could Be Done Effectively At This Time, Given The President’s New Strategy And The Subsequent Uncertainty Regarding Our Future Force Structure And Overseas Basing Requirements.”** “While I appreciate the Department’s effort to reduce costs and improve efficiency, it is difficult to conceive how a BRAC round could be done effectively at this time, given the President’s new strategy and the subsequent uncertainty regarding our future force structure and overseas basing requirements,” Shaheen said. ‘Frankly, the last time we went through this process, it ended up costing us 50 percent more than we were told and it achieved significantly less savings than we expected. Until we better understand what our future needs are and what went wrong last time, it would be premature to consider another round.’” (“Senate Armed Services Subcommittee Rejects BRAC, Repeals Misguided Shipyard Provisions,” [Press Release](#), 5/22/12)

**Proposed Reductions In Procurement Practices At Hanscom Air Force Base In Bedford, Massachusetts Would Wage A “Huge Blow” On Small New Hampshire Companies That Subcontract At The Base.** “Specifically, major proposed reductions in procurement practices at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass., could wage a huge blow on the small New Hampshire companies that subcontract services at the base, said U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H.” (Kathleen Callahan, “Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts,” [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)

- **Hanscom Is Home To The Electronic Systems Center, Which Acquires Electronic Command And Control Systems For The Air Force.** “Hanscom is home to the Electronic Systems Center, which acquires electronic command and control systems for the Air Force, such as the E-3 Sentry, an airborne warning and control system developed by Boeing. The ESC is currently responsible for 200 projects and a \$5 billion budget.” (Kathleen Callahan, “Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts,” [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)
- **Over The Next Four Years, The Base’s Funding For Contract Workers Will Be Reduced By Three-Quarters, Eliminating A Majority Of The 1,250 Contractors There.** “But most concerning to defense firms in New Hampshire are the planned changes to procurement practices at the ESC, which include major reductions to its funding for contract services. Over the next four years, the base’s funding for contract workers will reportedly be reduced by three-quarters, which would eliminate a majority of the 1,250 contractors that serve the base.” (Kathleen Callahan, “Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts,” [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost New Hampshire An Additional 3,601 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In New Hampshire Losing 3,601 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **“New Hampshire Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Under Sequestration, 262 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Sequestration Is A “Serious Threat” To The Country’s Shipyards, Including The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.** “A ‘serious threat’ including potential layoffs is awaiting the country's shipyards, including the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, if so-called sequestration goes into effect in January. That's the assessment of retired Vice Adm. Pete Daly, chief executive officer of the U.S. Naval Institute, an assessment shared to a large extent by Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., a U.S. Senate expert on sequestration.” (Deborah McDermott, “Sequestration Threatens Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Jobs, Workload,” [Seacoast Online](#), 9/20/12)

- **Funding For The Repair Of The USS Miami Is “In Peril” If Sequestration Occurs.** “At the very least, Ayotte has learned, funding for the repair of the USS Miami is in peril if sequestration occurs. The Miami was damaged in a fire at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard earlier this year.” (Deborah McDermott, “Sequestration Threatens Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Jobs, Workload,” [Seacoast Online](#), 9/20/12)

**Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH): The Portsmouth Naval Yard Provides “Lots Of Good Jobs,” And To Look At The Cuts Without Factoring That In “Would Be Shortsighted.”** “In bipartisan accord was her Democratic neighbor, Shaheen who said after hearing, ‘The number one priority is national security. The Portsmouth Naval shipyard was created ... because of national security – but there are a lot of good jobs there. To look at the equation without factoring that in, along with costs, would be shortsighted.’” (Tom Curry, “New Defense Cuts Threaten Bases, Shipyards,” [MSNBC](#), 2/14/12)

- **Shaheen: “I’m ... Concerned About Our Four Public Shipyards And The Fact That This Year’s Military Construction Budget Does Not Again Contain Much Needed Dollars For The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.”** “‘I’m ... concerned about our four public shipyards and the fact that this year’s military construction budget does not again contain much needed dollars for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard,’ Shaheen told Mabus. ‘We have a request for a modernization report that Senator Collins, Senator Ayotte and I included in the Defense Authorization bill last year and it’s due back by September 1st. I hope that report will be on time and we will see what your commitment is to supporting our public shipyards.’” (“Shaheen Presses Navy Secretary On Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Modernization Efforts,” [Press Release](#), 3/15/12)

### ***New Hampshire Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In New Hampshire Losing 1,719 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **“With At Least 9% Or Sequestration’s 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, New Hampshire’s Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **“From 2000-2011, 1,451 New Hampshire Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America’s National Defense.”** “From 2000-2011, 1,451 New Hampshire businesses provided goods and services for America’s national defense. In 2011, many New Hampshire businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 22 minority-owned businesses, including 3 owned by Black Americans, 3 owned by Hispanic Americans, 3 owned by Native Americans, 7 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 6 owned by other minority Americans.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**“New Hampshire Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$224 Million – Each Year.”** “New Hampshire defense prime contractors earned over \$1.25 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. New Hampshire defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$224 million – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“New Hampshire Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined**

**\$8,987,532.00 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire’s Women- Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,703,353 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$3,124,718 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire’s Black American Businesses Will Lose \$29,260 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## OBAMACARE WILL COST NEW HAMPSHIRE

**ObamaCare Will Cost New Hampshire \$177 Million By The End Of The Decade.** “Several of the health care reform proposals currently circulating in Congress would require all states to extend their Medicaid coverage to residents who earn less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$29,300 for a family of four, the Concord Monitor reported. Currently, New Hampshire offers Medicaid coverage to pregnant women, low-income children and low-income parents if the family income is less than 63 percent of the poverty level, or \$13,900 for a family of four. The new limit would make about 83,000 additional citizens eligible for coverage, costing the state of New Hampshire an estimated \$177 million over the program’s first six years, the Monitor reported.” (Lauren Vespoli, “Gov. Comes Out Against Expansion Of Medicaid,” [The Dartmouth](#), 10/16/09)

- **Gov. John Lynch (D-NH) “Raised Concerns” About The Costs Of ObamaCare.** “Gov. John Lynch, D-N.H., has raised concerns about potentially costly Congressional health care reform proposals to expand Medicaid. Medicaid costs for the state have already risen due to the economic downturn, and Lynch believes they will increase further with the proposed reform measures, Collin Manning, Lynch’s press secretary, said in an interview with The Dartmouth. Medicaid, the government-run insurance program for low-income individuals and families, has seen increased demand this year due to the economic downturn. ‘It’s a burden — we simply can’t absorb these costs in good times, let alone right now,’ Manning said.” (Lauren Vespoli, “Gov. Comes Out Against Expansion Of Medicaid,” [The Dartmouth](#), 10/16/09)

**New Hampshire Union Leader Editorial On ObamaCare: “Rushing Such A Colossal Piece Of Legislation Into Law Was A Huge Mistake.”** “This comes after the news that the law did not extend insurance coverage to ‘children’ as old as 26, as intended, and would be highly unlikely to reduce insurance premiums or health care costs (also reported in The New York Times after the bill passed). We are only beginning to discover what this bill will actually do versus what its advocates claimed it would do. The more that comes out, the clearer it is that rushing such a colossal piece of legislation into law was a huge mistake.” (Editorial, “Oops, We Did That? More Health Care Surprises,” *New Hampshire Union Leader*, 4/14/10)

### ***Under ObamaCare, New Hampshire Insurance Premiums Are Skyrocketing***

**In 2011, Clients Of New Hampshire-Based E&S Insurance Services Saw Health Insurance Premiums Increase By 15-17 Percent.** “Our clients are seeing increases of 15–17 percent,” says Eleanor Spinazzola, owner of E&S Insurance Services. She says more employers are passing on those

higher costs to their employees.” (Rachel Gotbaum, “New Hampshire’s Small Employers Grapple With Higher Health Insurance Rates,” [NPR State Impact](#), 9/30/11)

- **“In Some States Like New Hampshire, Groups Of More Than 20 Workers Have Experienced Premium Increases Of Around 20 Percent This Year, While Smaller Groups Have Seen Increases Of 40 Percent Or More.”** (Robert Pear, “Insurers Told to Justify Rate Increases Over 10 Percent,” *The New York Times*, 5/19/11)
- **“‘It’s Out Of Control,’ Says Kevin Boyarsky Owner Of Print Solutions In Concord. ‘Our Premiums Went Up 28 Percent This Year.’”** (Rachel Gotbaum, “New Hampshire’s Small Employers Grapple With Higher Health Insurance Rates,” [NPR State Impact](#), 9/30/11)

### ***ObamaCare Led To New Hampshire Seniors Losing Medicare Coverage***

**7,600 New Hampshire Seniors’ Medicare Advantage Plans Were Discontinued Due To “Pending Funding Cuts And Provisions Within The New Health Care Law.”** “Many local Medicare Advantage users are being left in the lurch by their health plan providers. About 7,600 seniors in Rockingham, Carroll, and Hillsborough Counties received notice earlier this month that their Medicare Advantage coverage is being discontinued. New Hampshire has one of the highest percentages of Medicare Advantage enrollees in New England. ... Pending funding cuts and provisions within the new health care law will make it impossible for providers to continue providing Medicare Advantage plans and remain solvent, he said.” (Julie Hanson, “Medicare Questions Just Keep Coming,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/30/11)

- **Lawmakers In Part Blamed ObamaCare.** “Local lawmakers are placing the blame on the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act passed in June 2008 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.” (Julie Hanson, “Medicare Questions Just Keep Coming,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/30/11)
- **22,000 Seniors From New Hampshire Were Notified That Their Medicare Advantage Plans Have Been Dropped.** “Harvard Pilgrim Health Care has notified customers that it will drop its Medicare Advantage health insurance program at the end of the year, forcing 22,000 senior citizens in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine to seek alternative supplemental coverage. The decision by Wellesley-based Harvard Pilgrim, the state’s second-largest health insurer, was prompted by a freeze in federal reimbursements and a new requirement that insurers offering the kind of product sold by Harvard Pilgrim - a Medicare Advantage private fee for service plan - form a contracted network of doctors who agree to participate for a negotiated amount of money. Under current rules, patients can seek care from any doctor.” (Robert Weisman, “Harvard Pilgrim Cancels Medicare Advantage Plan,” [The Boston Globe](#), 9/28/10)

**New Hampshire Union Leader Noted Americans Will Lose Coverage Along With Their Health Providers.** “Its regulations will so skew the private insurance market that millions will lose the coverage they have and be forced into plans preferred by bureaucrats in Washington. They will lose access to their doctors, too. It would make a lot more sense to reform the health insurance market by working to give people more control over their own care, not less.” (Editorial, “A Small Taste: New Hampshire Samples ObamaCare,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 12/1/11)

### ***ObamaCare Is Harming New Hampshire Businesses***

**Mike Somers, President And CEO Of The New Hampshire Lodging And Restaurant Association: “The Real Crushing Impact” Of Obamacare “Is The Business Owner.”** ““The real crushing impact of this bill is the business owner with between 50 and 100 employees,’ he said. ‘If you have fewer than 50 employees, you are exempt. If you are a larger company with literally hundreds of employees, you can get some economy of scale.’” (Dave Solomon, “Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

- **Somers: ObamaCare “Is A Huge Concern.”** “That’s when employers with more than 50



employees will be required to offer health insurance to anyone working more than 30 hours a week. 'I wouldn't be understating the situation if I said it is a huge concern,' said Mike Somers, president and CEO of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association." (Dave Solomon, "Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?" [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

**New Hampshire Restaurant And Hotel Operators Have Put Expansion Plans On Hold Or Have Eliminated Health Benefits To Cope With ObamaCare.** "Somers said he knows restaurant and hotel operators in the state who have put expansion plans on hold or have eliminated health benefits in the hope of 'banking some money to help cope with this.'" (Dave Solomon, "Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?" [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

- **ObamaCare Puts The Transient Population Of Employees Of Restaurant And Hotel Owners "In A Difficult Situation."** "The transient population of employees puts restaurant and hotel owners in a difficult situation when it comes to health insurance, according to Somers. 'It's exorbitantly expensive to have people rotate in and out of health insurance,' he said, 'especially given the size of our operations.'" (Dave Solomon, "Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?" [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

**ObamaCare Hits New Hampshire Ski Resorts Who Will Face "As Much As \$1 Million In Fines."** "The assessment is \$2,000 per employee, which, according to SkiNH lobbyist Bruce Berke and group president Alice Pearce, could mean as much as \$1 million in fines to the big ski resorts, some of which hire as many as 500 seasonal workers. Also affected would be any business that hires on a seasonal basis, and, like most nationally, do not offer health insurance." (John DiStaso, "Granite Status: Ski Resorts Worry Health Care Reform Will Have Chilling Effect," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/25/10)

- **ObamaCare Will Lead New Hampshire Ski Resorts To Either Cut Jobs Or Raise Prices.** "Otherwise, Pearce said, it will be up to each ski resort (and presumably, seasonal attractions statewide) to figure out how to handle it. The choices are pretty clear, either increase prices or cut costs, which could mean hiring fewer workers next winter." (John DiStaso, "Granite Status: Ski Resorts Worry Health Care Reform Will Have Chilling Effect," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/25/10)

**ObamaCare Will Impact An Industry That Generates Hundreds Of Jobs And \$560 Million For New Hampshire Annually.** "The New Hampshire ski industry generates about \$560 million annually in visitor spending and about \$60 million in tax revenue. Approximately 10 percent of the state's wintertime jobs are related to skiing, and New Hampshire is one of the nation's top five states in terms of the total economic benefit derived from skiing." (University Of New Hampshire, "NH Skiers Facing Downhill Slide Of Diminishing Ski Areas," [Press Release](#), 11/9/06)



# OBAMA: WRONG FOR NORTH CAROLINA

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, North Carolina Has Lost 57,200 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 9.0 Percent To 9.6 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **“North Carolina’s Middle Class Is Starting To Show The Wear And Tear.”** “But after more than three years with an unemployment rate higher than the national rate, North Carolina’s middle class is starting to show the wear and tear.” (Craig Jarvis, “North Carolina’s Middle Class Shows The Strain Of Years Of Job Losses,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)
- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, North Carolina’s Economic Recovery “Is Still Shrouded In Shadows.”** “After some very tough sledding, the American economy has been improving over recent months. The unemployment rate has fallen, the manufacturing sector has been picking up, the stock market has headed north and the savings rate is rising, along with consumer confidence... The picture in North Carolina, alas, is still shrouded in shadows. Not surprising, given the fact that the so-called Great Recession of 2007-2008 hit our already economically beleaguered state particularly hard. Borrowing from Robert Frost, we might say that for North Carolina, this recession proved extremely unlovely, dark, and deep.” (Peter A. Coclanis & Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed: “Hardship Lingers In North Carolina,” [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)

**North Carolina’s Unemployment Rate “Is More Than Twice Pre-Recession Levels Of 4.7 Percent In December 2007.”** “North Carolina ranks sixth in the nation for most jobs lost since the start of the Great Recession in late 2007, the report said. The state’s unemployment rate – 9.6 percent in August – is more than twice pre-recession levels of 4.7 percent in December 2007.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

- **“The State’s Labor Market Will Take At Least Twice As Long To Return To Pre-Recession Employment Levels.”** “At its current pace, the state’s labor market will take at least twice as long to return to pre-recession employment levels as it did in following previous recessions,’ according to the report. “That will leave larger numbers of workers unemployed for longer periods of time than in the past. For example, about 46 percent of North Carolinians who were unemployed in 2011 were in that scenario for at least 26 weeks.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

**The Charlotte Metro Unemployment Rate Is 10 Percent.** “And if Democrats were hoping that North Carolina would provide a narrative to support the president’s case that the economy is on the rebound, they must be disappointed. The state has an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent — one of the highest in the country. The Charlotte metro rate is even higher at 10 percent, making it more difficult to portray the city of 750,000 as on the cusp of recovery after its once-soaring banking industry tumbled.” (Gary D. Robertson, “For Some In Party, Charlotte Looking Like Curious Choice,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/1/12)

- **“48,000 People Were Looking For Work In Mecklenburg County In July, The Highest Level Since January.”** “More than 48,000 people were looking for work in Mecklenburg County in July, the highest level since January. The local unemployment rate remains higher than the state and national average. Bankruptcy filings have ticked upward. And even a turnaround in Mecklenburg’s housing market hasn’t been enough to bolster consumer confidence amid continued uncertainty in the U.S. and abroad.” (Kristen Valle Pittman, “Despite DNC Boost, Economic Recovery Dragging In Host City Charlotte,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/1/12)

**Unemployment:** North Carolina Has 448,332 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, Underemployment Averaged 17.9 Percent In 2011.** “Other measures of the labor market in North Carolina tell a similar story. For example, the labor underutilization rate -the unemployed, people working part-time but preferring full-time work, as well as individuals marginally attached to the labor force (discouraged workers and ‘conditionally interested’ workers) - averaged 17.9 percent during 2011.” (Peter A. Coclanis & Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed: “Hardship Lingers In North Carolina,” [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)
- **The Percent Of North Carolina’s Working-Age Population Is “Near 35-Year Lows.”** “In December [2011] only 55.6 percent of working-age North Carolinians were employed, and the civilian working-age population in the workforce was only slightly higher, at 61.7 percent - near 35-year lows.” (Peter A. Coclanis and Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed, “Hardship Lingers In North Carolina,” [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)
- **According To The N.C. Justice Center, There Were 356,000 More Working-Age Adults Employed In North Carolina In 2001 Than In 2010.** “The nonprofit group determined there were 356,000 more working-age adults employed in the state in 2001 than in 2010, with manufacturing taking the brunt of the job decline.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, North Carolina Has Lost 37,700 Construction Jobs And 34,600 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In North Carolina Has Declined From \$48,632 To \$43,916. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **In The Last Decade, North Carolina’s Median Household Income Fell By 10 Percent, And Unemployment Has Lasted 6 Months Or More For Nearly Half Of Those Out Of Work.** “Median household income in the state fell over the decade by nearly 10 percent, to \$43,326, according to the Budget and Tax Center, a nonprofit advocacy group in Raleigh. The center, in a report coming out this weekend, also found that North Carolina lost high-wage jobs and gained low-wage jobs. The report found that unemployment has lasted six months or more for nearly half of those who are out of work.” (Craig Jarvis, “North Carolina’s Middle Class Shows The Strain Of Years Of Job Losses,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)
- **North Carolina’s Job Growth Has Been In Low-Wage Industries; 83 Percent Of The State’s Job Growth Came With Average Wages Less Than The \$23.47-An-Hour Living Income Standard For A Family Of Four.** “Where North Carolina did have job growth, it mostly came in low-wage industry sectors, the group said. About 83 percent of the job growth came with average wages of less than the \$23.47-an-hour living income standard for a family of four. For example, 15 percent of the state’s job growth from 2001 to 2010 came in the food-services and accommodation sectors, which paid \$7.15 an hour.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each North Carolinian’s Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In North Carolina Has \$20,800 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost North Carolina 21,200 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost North Carolina \$5.9 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices: Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In North Carolina Has Increased From \$1.763 To \$3.375.** ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In North Carolina Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 55 Percent.** ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty: Under Obama, 379,034 More People In North Carolina Have Fallen Into Poverty.** ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, Poverty Rates In North Carolina Are "Grim."** "[T]here are large numbers of North Carolinians who do in fact fall beneath the federal poverty line. In 2010, 17.4 percent of the state's population was beneath that line - the third highest yearly figure since 1980 - and other statistics are equally grim. In the same year, 25 percent of all children in North Carolina, roughly 560,000, lived in poverty, and over 35 percent of the state's population lived precariously on the economic edge, with incomes less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line." (Peter A. Coclanis and Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed, "Hardship Lingers In North Carolina," [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)

**In North Carolina, The Poverty Rate Has Reached 17.5 Percent.** "Whatever your preferred euphemism, know this: They are an army and they are growing. The poverty rate stands at 15.1 percent as of 2010, the last year for which statistics are available. In North Carolina, the rate is even higher at 17.5 percent. In absolute numbers, the national rate translates to 46.2 million Americans, the most ever recorded in the 53 years America has been calculating poverty." (Leonard Pitts, "The Nation's Poor: A Story You Won't Hear This Week In Charlotte," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)

- **There Has Been A 40 Percent Growth In Poverty In The Suburbs Of North Carolina Over The Last Decade.** "It's hardly a surprise that poverty exists in the suburbs just as it does in urban and rural areas. But the 40 percent growth in poverty in the suburbs of North Carolina over the last decade is a gut check. It is one more indicator of the deep reach of the recession's impact on people who traditionally fare better." (Editorial, "Poverty Gave A Body Blow To N.C. Suburbs," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 8/13/12)

**Nearly 670,000 North Carolinians Were Pushed Into Poverty Between 2000 And 2010.** "According to a report last week from the Budget and Tax Center, a project of the North Carolina Justice Center, the Great Recession pushed nearly 670,000 North Carolinians into poverty between 2000 and 2010, and suburban areas were particularly hard hit. The poor population grew 13 times more in the suburbs than in urban areas. By 2010, the poverty rate in the suburbs was 13.2 percent." (Editorial, "Poverty Gave A Body Blow To N.C. Suburbs," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 8/13/12)

- **The Number Of North Carolinians Living In Poverty Rose 24.1 Percent Between 2001-2010.** "The center found the number of North Carolinians living in poverty – \$22,314 annual income for a family of four – rose by 24.1 percent during the decade." (Richard Craver, "Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)
- **North Carolina Lost 380,000 Jobs From 2001- 2010, With 75 Percent Of That Concentrated In Industries With Wages That Allowed Individuals And Families To Stay Above The Living Income Standard.** "The state lost 380,000 jobs in that period, with about 75 percent concentrated in industries with average hourly wages that enabled individuals and families to stay above the living income standard. A family of four needed to earn at least \$23.47 an hour in 2010 to have



enough money to meet basic expenses, according to N.C. state government standards.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

**Childhood Poverty: One In Four North Carolina Children Lives In Poverty.** “North Carolina ranks 34th in the nation in terms of the overall wellbeing of its children, according to the Kids Count survey released Wednesday. The report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation finds that one in four North Carolina children lives in poverty. The percent of North Carolina children living in families where no parent has full-time, year round employment jumped to 35 percent in 2010.” (NC Ranks 34<sup>th</sup> In Overall Wellbeing Of Its Children,” *The Associated Press*, 7/25/12)

- **The Number Of North Carolina Children Living In High-Poverty Increased From 76,000 In 2000 To 212,000 In 2010.** “The number of North Carolina children living in high-poverty neighborhoods more than doubled over the past decade, increasing from 76,000 in 2000 to 212,000, the report showed. Overall, North Carolina ranked 35th in the nation when it comes to its children’s economic wellbeing.” (NC Ranks 34<sup>th</sup> In Overall Wellbeing Of Its Children,” *The Associated Press*, 7/25/12)

### ***Obama’s Economic Policies Have Failed North Carolina’s Youth***

**Unemployment: Under Obama, The North Carolina Unemployment Rate For 20 To 24 Year Olds Has Increased From 18.3 Percent To 19.6 Percent.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12; [Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition: The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In North Carolina Has \$20,800 In Debt.** ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Higher Tuition Costs Have Resulted In An Increase In Registration Cancellations At North Carolina Colleges.** “Higher tuition costs and changes to financial-aid programs have resulted in a big jump in registration cancellations, according to officials at some area colleges.” (Lisa O’Donnell, “Some Students Not Able To Return To College,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

**UNC Greensboro Canceled The Registration Of 1,300 Students Because They Had Not Paid Their Tuition Bills.** “UNC Greensboro canceled the registrations of about 1,300 students nearly two weeks ago because they had not paid their tuition bills.” (Lisa O’Donnell, “Some Students Not Able To Return To College,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

**N.C. A&T State University Will Cancel The Registration Of 541 Students.** “At N.C. A&T State University, Akua Matherson, interim associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, said the university was scheduled to cancel the registrations of 541 students, a 2.5 percent increase from last year, as of last Friday.” (Lisa O’Donnell, “Some Students Not Able To Return To College,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

**Winston-Salem State University Spokeswoman Nancy Young: “Like The Other Schools, The Issues Are Connected To The Economy.”** “Winston-Salem State University has also experienced an increase in cancellations, though the total was not available, said spokeswoman Nancy Young. ‘Like the other schools, the issues are connected to the economy,’ Young said. ‘We’re seeing students not get the paperwork in by the deadlines, which creates issues in getting any financial aid packaged.’” (Lisa O’Donnell, “Some Students Not Able To Return To College,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

- **Young Said The Biggest Issue Was Related To Tuition Increases.** “Young said the biggest issue was related to tuition increases. ‘With the reduction in state funding, schools were allowed to increase tuition and did not have a crystal ball to indicate the cuts that would be coming in financial aid at all levels. Therefore, we end up with situations where students just cannot find the dollars needed to fill the gap between what they receive from financial aid and the cost of attending the university,’ she said.” (Lisa O’Donnell, “Some Students Not Able To Return To College,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

**Graduates: North Carolina's Law School Grads Face Dim Job Prospects.** "For the students poised to graduate from North Carolina law schools this spring, the recession may be over, but the damage it inflicted on their chosen profession lingers. Whereas a decade ago many top law graduates would have had no shortage of job opportunities, today's graduates face a far more uncertain future." (David Ranii, "N.C. Law School Graduates Face Tough Job Market," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 4/21/12)

- **Zipporah Edwards, An Attorney And Recruiter At The Charlotte Firm Horack Talley, Says "We Didn't Want To Have People Here For The Summer, Because Looking Ahead, We Knew We Weren't Planning To Hire."** "'This is really not a good market for law students to be entering,' said Zipporah Edwards, an attorney who oversees recruitment efforts with Charlotte firm Horack Talley. In the past, the firm had a traditional summer program, in which a few prospective hires would spend an entire summer with the firm. But for the past three years, the recession has basically done away with that program, Edwards said. Now, the firm has a handful of law students come, but only for a few weeks, similar to a short internship. 'We didn't want to have people here for the summer, because looking ahead, we knew we weren't planning to hire,' she said." (David Ranii, "N.C. Law School Graduates Face Tough Job Market," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 4/21/12)

## **OBAMA'S CUTS ON DEFENSE ARE "EXPECTED TO DRIVE" NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESSES "THAT DEPEND ON THE MILITARY OUT OF THE MARKET"**

**Obama Defense Spending Cuts Are "Expected To Drive" North Carolina Businesses "That Depend On The Military Out Of The Market."** "An estimated \$487 billion in defense spending cuts over 10 years could include reductions in forces at the Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune. The ripple effect is expected to drive some small contractors and small businesses that depend on the military out of the market." (Franco Ordoñez, "What's At Stake For North Carolina?" [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 2/14/12)

**The Military Spends \$14.7 Billion Annually In North Carolina.** (Bloomberg Government Study, "Defense Spending Impact On States," Accessed 4/4/12)

- **North Carolina Has Six Major Military Bases And "The Fourth Highest Number Of Military Personnel In The Country."** "With six major military bases and the fourth highest number of military personnel in the country, North Carolina created the NCMBC to leverage more of this business for firms in the state." ([North Carolina Military Business Center](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

### ***Obama's Sequestration Is "Putting A Huge Chill" On North Carolina***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In North Carolina Losing 11,895 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**Sequestration Could Cost North Carolina 34,000 Jobs.** "North Carolina's chamber of commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers estimate that the defense spending cuts, part of an across-the-board budget balancing law, could cost 34,000 jobs in the state." ("NC Business Groups Warn Of Pending US Budget Cuts," [WRAL](#), 7/11/12)

- **North Carolina Will Lose 20,000 Civilian Jobs As A Result Of Sequestration.** "It is estimated there are 30,000 civilian employees at Fort Bragg, Camp LeJeune, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station and the Coast Guard Air Station. These jobs are not only vital to those employees but also essential to our state's economy. Unless something happens before December 31, we stand to lose as many as 20,000 of those jobs." (Tom Campbell, "Sequestration Could Cost NC Thousands Of Jobs," [Citizen-Times](#), 7/27/12)

**Director Of Government Affairs For Lord Corp., A Company Based In Cary NC: "It's Just Putting A Huge Chill On Business."** "'It's just putting a huge chill on business,' said Will Austin, director of government affairs for Lord Corp., a Cary-based company with 2,800 employees worldwide making

adhesives, coatings, electronics and other items. Fifteen to 20 percent of the company's \$789 million business last year was with the military. How much it will be this year or next remains to be seen." (Martha Quillin, "N.C. Businesses Sweat Looming Defense Cuts," [The News & Observer](#), 8/10/12)

### ***North Carolina Businesses Are "At Risk" Under Obama's Sequestration***

**"With At Least 9% Of Sequestration's 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, North Carolina's Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"From 2000-2011, 6,496 North Carolina Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America's National Defense."** "From 2000-2011, 6,496 North Carolina businesses provided goods and services for America's national defense. In 2011, many North Carolina businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 201 minority-owned businesses, including 91 owned by Black Americans, 38 owned by Hispanic Americans, 17 owned by Native Americans, 19 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 36 owned by other minority Americans." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **In 2011, North Carolina Companies Secured \$4 Billion In Defense Contracts And Millions More As Subcontractors.** "Last year was the best ever for North Carolina companies competing for defense contracts; companies here secured more than \$4 billion in defense contracts and untold millions more as subcontractors performing work for companies based in other states. While companies in Cumberland and Onslow counties, home to Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, bagged the most federal money, businesses in 87 of the state's 100 counties got defense contracts last year. Many of those were founded by or employ former service members." (Martha Quillin, "N.C. Businesses Sweat Looming Defense Cuts," [The News & Observer](#), 8/10/12)

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In North Carolina Losing 5,677 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**"North Carolina Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$420 Million – Each Year."** "North Carolina defense prime contractors earned over \$2.34 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. North Carolina defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$420 million – each year." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"North Carolina Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina's Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$149,171,967.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina's Women Owned Businesses Will Lose \$35,145,563 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$66,070,190 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina's Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$9,541,315 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**North Carolina Will Lose Veteran's Services And Employment Help If Sequestration Goes Into Effect.** "A U.S. Senate committee report says North Carolina will lose health screenings, education, senior nutrition, veteran's services and employment help worth more than \$100 million." ("Perdue, Defense Firms Warn Of \$1 Trillion In Cuts," [The Associated Press](#), 8/1/12)

**In Fayetteville, North Carolina, Home To Fort Bragg, The Unemployment Rate Has Soared And Things Will Get Worse If Sequestration Goes Into Effect.** "Here in the military town home to Fort Bragg, long fighting off its nickname 'Fayette-nam,' the unemployment rate has soared above that in the rest of the country for years. And things could get much worse, military officials, contractors and voters here fear, if Congress doesn't work out a deal before Jan. 2, when \$500 billion in automatic defense cuts will take effect." (Stephanie Gaskell, "Sequester Ground Zero: 'Fayette-nam,'" [Politico](#), 8/20/12)

- **Fayetteville, North Carolina, Could Lose \$640 Million In Government Contracts If Sequestration Takes Effect.** "In Fayetteville alone, that could take a bite out of \$640 million in government contracts that flow into companies here, like major contractors Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Booz Allen Hamilton." (Stephanie Gaskell, "Sequester Ground Zero: 'Fayette-nam,'" [Politico](#), 8/20/12)
- **Fayetteville Gets \$12.9 Billion A Year From Defense-Related Spending.** "The economy in Fayetteville gets \$12.9 billion a year from defense-related spending, according to Fayetteville State University economics professor Dr. Inder Nijhawan." (Stephanie Gaskell, "Sequester Ground Zero: 'Fayette-nam,'" [Politico](#), 8/20/12)

## **OBAMACARE IS HARMING NORTH CAROLINA**

**ObamaCare Will Cost North Carolina "Between \$171 Million To \$299 Million Each Year" For The Rest Of The Decade.** "To help explain the benefits and costs of this expansion, the respected Kaiser Family Foundation released estimates this week about what states can expect to spend on Medicaid between 2014 and 2019 as a part of the expansion of health reform. Kaiser gives a range of figures based on expected participation in Medicaid. According to this analysis, additional costs to the state will range between \$171 million to \$299 million each year or between \$1.02 billion and \$1.8 billion between 2014 and 2019." (Adam Searing, Op-Ed, "Health Reform Will Save North Carolina's Poorest," [The Herald Sun](#), 5/10)

### ***Cost Of Health Insurance In North Carolina Has Increased***

**In 2012, North Carolinians Will See An Average 5.2 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.** "Mercer, a human-resource consulting company in Charlotte, annually tracks health-insurance charges nationwide. The survey of 86 North Carolina employers — all with at least 10 employees — found an average projected premium increase of 5.2 percent over 2011 costs." (Richard Craver, "Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

- **60 Percent Of Survey Respondents "Said They Are Shifting Cost To Their Employees By Raising Deductibles, Copays/Coinsurance Or Out-Of-Pocket Maximums, Increasing Employees' Share Of The Premium Contribution."** "Mercer said 60 percent of N.C. respondents — up from 40 percent in 2011 — said they are shifting cost to their employees by raising deductibles, copays/coinsurance or out-of-pocket maximums, increasing employees' share of the premium contribution, or in some other way." (Richard Craver, "Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

**In 2011, North Carolinians Received An Average 5.7 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.** "[Mercer, a human-resource consulting company in Charlotte] determined that 2011 costs actually went up 5.7 percent for an average employee cost of \$9,412." (Richard Craver, "Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)



- **In 2011, ObamaCare Contributed To An Increase In Employees' Share Of Health Care Costs.** "Without making those changes — some of which are required by the federal Affordable Care Act — the average increase would be 7.8 percent compared with an 8.7 percent increase in 2011." (Richard Craver, "Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

### ***ObamaCare Has Increased The Premiums Of Already Struggling North Carolina College Students***

**North Carolina Education Officials Complicate Obama's Campaign Message By Citing ObamaCare As A Reason For The Rising Cost Of Student Health Insurance Plans.** "But as the president fights to keep the conservative-leaning state in his column this November, education officials here are complicating his campaign message by citing 'Obamacare' as a reason for the rising cost of student health insurance plans on campuses from Asheville to Wilmington." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

- **64,000 North Carolina College Students Will See "Substantial" Increases In Health Coverage Costs For The 2012-2013 Academic Year.** "Ross explained that at least 64,000 North Carolina college students - roughly a third of those enrolled in the state's 17 public universities - should expect to see 'substantial' increases in health coverage costs for the 2012-2013 academic year." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

**Tom Ross, President Of The University Of North Carolina System: As A Result Of New Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act, "We Are Facing Large Increases In Premiums For Our Students."** "In April, Tom Ross, the president of the University of North Carolina system, sent a letter to the university's board of governors announcing that students should brace for a hike in the cost of university-provided insurance plans. 'Based on more than three semesters of actual claims experience, as well as the new provisions of the Affordable Care Act, we are facing large increases in premiums for our students,' Ross wrote in the letter." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

**Guilford College Students Will See Their Health Insurance Plan Cost Go From \$668 A Semester To \$1,179.** "Rising premiums are not limited to public universities. Students at Guilford College, a private liberal arts college in Greensboro, were informed in July that the cost of their school-provided health insurance plan was set to rise from \$668 per semester in 2011 to \$1,179 per semester this fall." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

- **According To A Letter From The School, "Our Student Health Insurance Policy Premium Has Been Substantially Increased Due To Changes Required By Federal Regulations Issued On March 16, 2012 Under The Affordable Care Act."** "Our student health insurance policy premium has been substantially increased due to changes required by federal regulations issued on March 16, 2012 under the Affordable Care Act,' reads the letter, which was distributed Greg Bursavich, the school's Vice President for Finance." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)



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**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Ohio Has Lost 26,900 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** Ohio Has 405,884 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **“44.2 Percent Of The Unemployed In Ohio Have Been Out Of Work For Six Months Or Longer.”** “An all-time high of 44.2 percent of the unemployed in Ohio have been out of work for six months or longer. That’s up from 42.4 percent in 2010. The study notes the longer people do not have a job, the more difficult it is for them to get hired because of skill degradation and employer discrimination.” (Russ Zimmer, “Study: Wages, Jobs Suffering In Ohio,” *Newark Advocate*, 9/3/12)
- **286,000 Ohio Children, Or 11 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Ohio Has Lost 17,400 Construction Jobs And 10,700 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Ohio Has Declined From \$50,136 To \$45,749. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- **In 2010, Ohio Households Were “Poorer” Than They Had Been In More Than 25 Years.** “Ohio households were poorer last year than they’ve been in more than 25 years, and the number of people living in poverty is higher than it’s been in more than 30 years, according to a census report released yesterday.” (Bill Bush, “Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low,” *Columbus Dispatch*, 9/14/12)

**Median Wage:** “Between 2000 And 2011, The Median Wage In Ohio Fell To \$15.20, A Loss Of \$1.33.” “Real wage loss in Ohio since 2000 has been second only to Michigan, says a report released Sunday by Policy Matters Ohio. Between 2000 and 2011, the median wage in Ohio fell to \$15.20, a loss of \$1.33. Declines have sped up since 2006.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, 9/3/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Ohioan’s Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Ohio Has \$28,683 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Ohio 27,500 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Ohio \$6.5 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Ohio Has Increased From \$1.903 To \$3.317. (“Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; “Current State Averages,” [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Ohio Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 30 Percent. (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action](#))

**Poverty: Under Obama, 353,646 More People In Ohio Have Fallen Into Poverty.** ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Ohio's Poverty Rate Is At 15.3 Percent, Worse Than The Nation's.** "Ohio's level of poverty — 15.3 percent — was worse than the nation's, which was at 15.1 percent. Ohio's level jumped 2 percentage points from 2009; it has never been this high since those records were first kept in 1980. The worst year before 2010 was 1994, when 14.1 percent of Ohioans were in poverty." (Bill Bush, "Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/14/12)

- **1.74 Million Ohio Residents Live Below The Poverty Line.** "The 15.3 percent translates into 1.74 million Ohio residents living below the poverty line last year, which means a family of four making less than \$22,300 a year. About 639,000 Ohioans younger than 18 were in poverty, and 244,000 children younger than 5 were." (Bill Bush, "Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/14/12)
- **1 In 6 Ohio Households Struggle To Put Food On The Table.** "The recession may have ended but 1 in 6 Ohio households continues to struggle to put food on the table." (Catherine Candisky, "Report: Ohioans Still Struggling With 'Food Insecurity,'" [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/5/12)

**Childhood Poverty: The Number Of Children In Ohio Living In Poverty Has Increased 4 Percent Since The Recession Started.** "A new national study has ranked Ohio 27th in the nation when it comes to child well-being and found that the number of children living in poverty in the state has increased by 4 percentage points amid the recession." (Amanda Lee Myers, "More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says," [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)

- **According To A Survey By Kids Count, 624,000 Ohio Children Were Living In Poverty In 2010.** "The annual Kids Count survey, published today, found that 624,000 Ohio children, or 23 percent, were living in poverty in 2010. The national figure was 22 percent in 2010, the most recent figures available." (Amanda Lee Myers, "More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says," [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)
- **The Number Of Children Living In High-Poverty Areas In The State Has Increased From 5 To 12 Percent.** "The survey also found that the number of children living in high-poverty areas in Ohio has nearly doubled, increasing by 5 percentage points to 12 percent, or 324,000 children." (Amanda Lee Myers, "More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says," [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)
- **Cincinnati, Ohio's Childhood Poverty Rate Is At 45.3 Percent.** "Cincinnati's childhood poverty estimate of 45.3 percent ranked 12th among cities with more than 100,000 residents, and 70 percent of Cincinnati Public Schools' 33,000 students live in poverty." (Mark Curnutte, "Kids, Families Slide Into Poverty," [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 9/20/12)

### ***Ohio's New Jobs Have Been Primarily Lower In Wages***

**The Growth In New, Lower Wage Jobs Is Forcing Ohioans To Sacrifice "Not Only Wages In Many Cases, But Also Full Health Care And Pensions."** "One of the big storm clouds hovering over the economic recovery in Ohio is the quality of jobs coming back to the Buckeye State. ... And while the unemployment rate has finally begun to come down, most of the new jobs being created are in retail and other low-wage occupations. That means Ohioans are sacrificing not only wages in many cases, but also full health care and pensions." (Randy Tucker, "Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

- **"The Pocketbooks Of Workers Who Lost Their Jobs At The Height Of The Last Recession Have Been Hit The Hardest."** "Even professional occupations are not as lucrative as they once were because most companies have learned to maintain productivity while adopting sharp cost-cutting measures to operate more efficiently. The pocketbooks of workers who lost their jobs at

the height of the last recession have been hit the hardest...." (Randy Tucker, "Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

**According To A Study, The Average Worker That Lost Their Jobs Between October 2008 And April 2009 Took A New Job With An Average Pay Cut Of 17 Percent.** "The pocketbooks of workers who lost their jobs at the height of the last recession have been hit the hardest, according to analysis of government labor statistics by the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based public policy think tank. Researchers for Brookings' Hamilton Project tracked the earnings and employment of full-time workers who lost their jobs between October 2008 and April 2009 and were re-employed sometime over the past two years. Before they lost their jobs, those workers earned about \$43,700 a year, on average. Two years later, the workers who found new jobs were earning an average of \$36,400 a year, a 17 percent cut." (Randy Tucker, "Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

**"The Middle" Has Fallen Out Of The Cleveland Labor Market, As Jobs That Traditionally Supported A Middle-Class Lifestyle Are "Disappearing."** "The middle may have fallen out of the Cleveland area labor market. On this Labor Day, upper- and lower-level jobs are proliferating, but jobs that traditionally supported a middle-class lifestyle - often with only a high school diploma -are disappearing." (Olivera Perkins, "Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

- **Bruce Weinberg, An Economics Professor At Ohio State University: "The Hollowing Out Takes A Group Of People Who Otherwise Would Have Had A Pretty Good Shot At Maintaining A Middle-Class Standard Of Living And Makes That Increasingly Difficult To Do."** "'The hollowing out takes a group of people who otherwise would have had a pretty good shot at maintaining a middle-class standard of living and makes that increasingly difficult to do,' said Bruce Weinberg, an economics professor at Ohio State University." (Olivera Perkins, "Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

**Six Of The 10 Occupations Losing The Most Jobs Were Moderate Or Higher-Paying, Including Administrative Assistants And Secondary-School Teaching Positions.** "Six of the 10 occupations losing the most jobs were moderate or higher-paying. They included executive secretaries and administrative assistants; business operation specialists, including brokers; and most secondary-school teaching positions." (Olivera Perkins, "Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

- **Six Of The 10 Fastest Growing Occupations Are Lower-Paying, Most Less Than \$2 Above Ohio's Minimum Wage.** "Six of the 10 fastest-growing occupations are lower-paying, most with median hourly pay less than \$2 above Ohio's minimum wage of \$7.70, according to a Plain Dealer analysis of U.S. Labor Department data from 2006-11." (Olivera Perkins, "Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

### ***Obama Has Left Ohio's Youth Jobless And In Debt***

**In 2011, The Unemployment Rate For Ohio Workers Ages 16-24 Was 15.7 Percent.** "In Ohio, the annualized unemployment rate for the 869,000 workers ages 16-24 was 15.7 percent last year, down sharply from 23.6 percent in 2010, but still much higher than pre-recession levels of 12.9 percent, based on the latest figures available from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services." (Randy Tucker, "Young Adults Face Toughest Job Prospects Since WWII," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 8/9/12)

- **Fewer Than 2 In 5 Ohio Teens Found Summer Work In 2011.** "Fewer than two in five Ohio teenagers were able to find summer jobs in 2011, a rate that has continued to drop every year since 2000. Only 38.5 percent of Ohio teenagers ages 16-19 held jobs in the summer last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey." (Kelsey Cundiff, "Ohio Teens' Job Rate Worsens," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 6/16/12)



**In 2010, 68 Percent Of Ohio College Students Graduated With An Average Debt Of \$27,713.** “In 2010, about 68 percent of Ohio college students graduated with an average debt of \$27,713, according to the latest figures available from Project on Student Debt.” (Randy Tucker, “Young Adults Face Toughest Job Prospects Since WWII,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 8/9/12)

## **OBAMA’S HOUSING POLICIES HAVE LEFT OHIO HOMEOWNERS STRUGGLING**

**In September Of 2012, Ohio Had The Nation’s Seventh Highest Foreclosure Rate, As One In Every 197 Housing Units Having A Foreclosure Filing.** “Other states with foreclosure rates ranking among the top 10 in the third quarter were Illinois (one in 126 housing units with a foreclosure filing), Georgia (one in 151), Nevada (one in 158), Ohio (one in 197), Michigan (one in 201), South Carolina (one in 215), and Colorado (one in 216).” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Activity Drops To 5-Year Low In September,” [RealtyTrac](#), 10/11/12)

**“The Rising Number Of ‘Underwater’ Homeowners, Or Those Who Owe More On Their Mortgages Than Their Homes Are Worth, Continues To Restrain Growth In Ohio And The Rest Of The Nation.”** “Unemployment is down. The stock market is up. And the economy is improving faster than most economists had expected. But the rising number of ‘underwater’ homeowners, or those who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, continues to restrain growth in Ohio and the rest of the nation.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)

- **“Nearly A Quarter Of Ohio Homeowners” Owe More Than Their House Is Worth.** “Nearly a quarter of Ohio homeowners were drowning in mortgage debt at the end of last year, based on figures from housing data tracker, CoreLogic. That was slightly higher than the U.S. rate of about 23 percent of all residential properties. Nationally, that means about 11 million homeowners are under water. Ohio has the nation’s ninth highest percentage of mortgages under water.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)
- **“On Average, Ohio Mortgage Borrowers Were Under Water By \$30,878.”** “Locally, 38,950 mortgages — or about 21 percent of all residential mortgages in the Dayton Area — were in negative equity in the fourth quarter last year, compared with 36,390 mortgages in the prior three-month period. On average, Ohio mortgage borrowers were under water by \$30,878.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)

## **OBAMA’S ENERGY POLICY IS DESTROYING OHIO JOBS**

**According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, Due To EPA Regulations, 30 Coal Units In Ohio Are Retiring Or Being Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 6,623 Megawatts Of Electricity.** (“Coal Retirements As Of September 2012,” [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed 9/25/12)

**ACCE CEO Mike Duncan: “EPA Continues To Ignore The Damage That Its New Regulations Are Causing To The U.S. Economy And To States That Depend On Coal For Jobs And Affordable Electricity.”** (Evan Weese, “30 Coal-Fired Power Plants In Ohio Threatened, Industry Charges,” [Columbus Business First](#), 9/19/12)

### ***FirstEnergy***

**As A Result Of EPA Regulations, FirstEnergy Will Close Three Ohio Coal-Fired Power Plants, Eliminating Over 400 Jobs.** “At the first of the year, FirstEnergy said it would close the old power plants by Sept. 1, estimating that some 400 jobs in Ohio would be lost. Also on the death list were two small power plants in Maryland and two in West Virginia, which the company intends to close this year as originally planned. The company decided to close the old plants because it did not want to install expensive new pollution controls to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new restrictions on emissions of mercury and other toxic metals. Those standards take effect 2014, or with an EPA-approved extension, 2015.” (John Funk, “FirstEnergy Will Keep Older Power Plants Open Until 2015, Launch Nearly \$1 Billion In Transmission Upgrades,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 5/1/12)

- **FirstEnergy's Eastlake Plant Closing Will Cost 100 Jobs And Five Percent Of The City's Revenues.** "With the elimination of the plant and its roughly 100 employees, the city will be losing about \$400,000 in local income tax revenue, and another \$190,000 in real estate tax revenue. This nearly \$600,000 shortfall is the equivalent of 5 percent of the city's annual budget. Andrzejewski says the city's already in a bind because of the downturn in the economy, and more cuts to the budget will only make existing problems worse." (Nate Berg, "What Happens To A Small Town When Its Coal Plant Shuts Down?" [The Atlantic](#), 2/1/12)
- **Democrat Mayor Ted Andrzejewski: "It's A Huge Hit."** (Nate Berg, "What Happens To A Small Town When Its Coal Plant Shuts Down?" [The Atlantic](#), 2/1/12)

***The Cleveland Plain Dealer: "These Plant Closures Will Be A Punch In The Gut For Communities Already Battling Sour Unemployment Numbers."*** "These plant closures will be a punch in the gut for communities already battling sour unemployment numbers. Three of the plants are in Cleveland, Eastlake and Ashtabula, which stand to lose millions in property taxes as well as many jobs." (Editorial, "Coal Plants' Loss Will Hurt Ohio," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 1/29/12)

**FirstEnergy Reduced Operations At Its Sammis Coal-Fired Power Plant On September 16; Affecting 400 Workers.** "Akron's FirstEnergy Corp. intends to reduce operations at its giant W.H. Sammis coal-fired power plant because the electricity is not needed. Minimal operations will begin Sept. 16 at the plant southeast of Akron in Jefferson County and will affect 440 workers, company spokesman Mark Durbin said Thursday." (Bob Downing, "FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant," [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

**According To FirstEnergy Spokesman Mark Durbin, The Cutbacks Will Continue "Indefinitely" Until The Economy Improves.** "The cutbacks will continue indefinitely — until the stagnant economy improves, he said. 'It's tough to say how long the reduced operations might last. It could be awhile. We'll just have to wait and see,' Durbin said." (Bob Downing, "FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant," [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

- **In 2010, FirstEnergy Completed Installing Anti-Pollution Control Equipment At The Sammis Plant – A \$1.8 Billion Project.** "FirstEnergy in late 2010 completed installing anti-pollution equipment, including scrubbers, at the Sammis plant. It was a \$1.8 billion project that began in 2005." (Bob Downing, "FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant," [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

**FirstEnergy Expects To Eliminate 200 Jobs From Akron, Ohio In November As A Result Of The "Continued Weak Economy."** "The utility company said Wednesday that it expects in November to eliminate 200 employees at support departments and FirstEnergy Solutions. Most of the jobs are located in Akron. In the news release announcing the cuts, FirstEnergy said it 'is conducting an organizational study to determine how its workforce should be aligned to best meet the challenges of the continued weak economy.' The study will be finished in November and employees will know if they will lose their jobs." ("FirstEnergy May Cut 200 Akron Jobs In November," [The Canton Repository](#), 9/19/12)

- **The Job Cuts Are "In Response To A Combination Of Economic Factors."** "The job cuts are 'in response to a combination of economic factors, including continued slow customer load growth and an abundance of electric generation supply resulting in low power prices,' said Anthony J. Alexander, FirstEnergy president and chief executive officer." ("FirstEnergy May Cut 200 Akron Jobs In November," [The Canton Repository](#), 9/19/12)

## ***Duke Energy***

**Duke Energy Will Close Its Walter C. Beckjord Generating Station In Clermont County.** "Large Ohio coal plants will go dark within a few years. Duke Energy announced that the Walter C. Beckjord Generating Station in Clermont County east of Cincinnati will cease operating coal-fired units in 2015.

The plant has produced energy for six decades.” (Steve Bennish, “EPA Rules To Force Old Coal Plants To Adapt, Close,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 1/6/12)

- **According To Duke Energy, The New EPA Rules “Would Require Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars – To Which Our Customers Would Be Exposed – To Bring The Plant Into Compliance.”** “Due to the age and physical limitations of the Beckjord facility, the (new EPA rules) would require hundreds of millions of dollars — to which our customers would be exposed — to bring the plant into compliance. This fact, combined with a lower plant usage forecast, compelled Duke Energy Ohio to accelerate Beckjord’s anticipated retirement date,’ Duke said.” (Steve Bennish, “EPA Rules To Force Old Coal Plants To Adapt, Close,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 1/6/12)

### ***American Electric Power***

**AEP’s Ohio Picway Plant Is Scheduled For Shutdown On June 1, 2015, When Tougher Federal Air Pollution Rules Take Effect.** “After nearly 60 years of producing power, the Picway plant is headed for retirement. Nestled along the Scioto River near Lockbourne, Picway is scheduled for shutdown by June 1, 2015, when tougher federal air pollution limits take effect.” (Spencer Hunt, “Coal Power Plants May Be Razed Or Sold Once Closed,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/10/12)

- **Two Of AEP’s Generating Units At Conesville Will Continue To Operate. One Generator At AEP’s Muskingum Plant Might Be Converted To Burn Natural Gas.** “Two of Conesville’s three generating units have scrubbers and will continue to operate, McHenry said. One of five generators at AEP’s Muskingum plant might be converted to burn natural gas, McCullough said.” (Spencer Hunt, “Coal Power Plants May Be Razed Or Sold Once Closed,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/10/12)

### ***GenOn***

**GenOn Will Close Plants In Niles And Avon Lake, OH.** “Ohio plants affected include those in Niles and Avon Lake, and plants retiring in Pennsylvania are in New Castle, Portland, Shawville, Titus and Elrama. The closures will occur between 2012 and 2015.” (Chelsea Miller, “7 Coal-Powered Plants To Close In Ohio And Pa.,” [Youngstown Vindicator](#), 3/1/12)

**GenOn Energy Will Close Its Avon Lake, OH, Coal-Fired Power Plant In 2015 Due To “Insufficient Returns” As A Result Of EPA Regulations.** “GenOn Energy is moving forward with its plan to close the Avon Lake power plant in April 2015. According to an email from GenOn spokesman Mark Baird, after more review of the viability of adding additional controls to bring the plant into conformity with EPA regulations, ‘forecasted returns are insufficient.’” (Cheryl Higley, “GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

**City Schools Will Face An Annual Revenue Loss Of \$3.9 Million Due To The Plant’s Closure.** “Replacing the revenue generated from the plant will be crucial for the city schools, which could lose \$3.9 million annually when the plant closes. Those losses come on top of state funding cuts and past devaluations of the power plant that are contributing to a projected \$3 million deficit by fiscal year 2014.” (Cheryl Higley, “GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

- **According To School Superintendent Bob Scott, The Plant Closure Is “Disheartening.”** “Scott said the closure is disheartening since the district had worked to build a cushion after voters approved a 2006 levy. Before the revenue cuts, the district believed it would be able to extend the life of that money to 2014-15 or beyond. That is no longer a possibility, according to Autumn Streng, treasurer.” (Cheryl Higley, “GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)
- **School Layoffs Cannot Be Ruled Out As A Way To Offset The Revenue Losses.** “The district will try to minimize the impact on education by focusing cutbacks in the administrative areas whenever possible, including reducing staff by attrition. Scott said it was too early to tell whether

layoffs will be needed in 2013-14 to help offset the losses, but they cannot be ruled out.” (Cheryl Higley, “GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

### ***Murray Energy***

#### **OhioAmerican Energy, Inc., A Subsidiary Of Murray Energy, Announced The Closure Of Its Coal Mining Operations In Brilliant, Ohio, Citing Obama And His Appointees As The Reason.**

“OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. (“OhioAmerican”), a Subsidiary Of Murray Energy Corporation (“Murray Energy”), today announced the closure of its coal mining operations near Brilliant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Regulatory Actions By President Barack Obama And His Appointees And Followers Were Cited As The Entire Reason. ‘Mr. Obama has already destroyed 83,000 megawatts of coal-fired electricity generation in America,’ said Mr. Michael T.W. Carey, Vice President of Government Affairs for Murray Energy. ‘Electric Prices in the recent PJM Interconnection monthly auction were bid up 800 percent (8 times) for 2015-2016 because of this,’ he added.” (Press Release, “OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio,” [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

- **Murray Energy Estimates That The Obama Administration Has Destroyed 2,868 Jobs In Eastern Ohio.** “‘At its peak, OhioAmerican employed 239 local people in high-paying, well-benefited jobs,’ said Mr. Stanley T. Piasecki, General Manager and Superintendent. ‘University studies show that our Mines can create up to eleven (11) secondary jobs in our communities, for store clerks, teachers, etc., to serve our direct employees. Thus, if one uses the eleven (11) to one (1) multiplier, the Obama Administration has destroyed 2,868 jobs in eastern Ohio with this forced Mine closure,’ stated Mr. Piasecki.” (Press Release, “OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio,” [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

#### **Mr. Stanley T. Piasecki, General Manager And Superintendent Of Murray Energy: “There Will Be Additional Layoffs” Throughout The Country’s Coal Industry “Due To Mr. Obama’s ‘War On Coal.’”**

“‘There will be additional layoffs, not only at Murray Energy, but also throughout the United States coal industry due to Mr. Obama’s ‘War on Coal’ and the destruction that it has caused to so many jobs and families in the Ohio Valley area and elsewhere,’ said Mr. Murray. ‘Both Mr. Obama and Vice President Biden stated that there would be ‘no coal in America’ prior to their elections,’ said Mr. Piasecki. ‘They are making good on their intentions while they destroy so many lives and family livelihoods in this area for no benefit whatsoever,’ he concluded.” (Press Release, “OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio,” [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

#### **Another Affiliate Of Murray Energy, Ohio Valley Coal Company, Recently Announced The Elimination Of 29 Hourly Jobs At Its Powhatan No. 6 Mine Citing “Regulatory Excess Of The Obama Administration As A Direct Cause Of The Layoffs.”**

“The Ohio Valley Coal Company announced Friday it has been forced to reduce its workforce at the Powhatan No. 6 Mine in Belmont County, Ohio. According to a news release 29 hourly jobs will be cut. The company cites regulatory excess of the Obama Administration as a direct cause to the layoffs.” (Colin Lawler, “Ohio Valley Coal Co. Announces Layoffs,” [WTRE](#), 7/21/12)

- **General Manager Ronald Koontz: The Obama Administration’s War On Coal Is “Seeking To Destroy The Coal Industry And The Jobs Of Our Own Employees And The Livelihoods Of Their Families.”** “Announcing the reduction of 29 jobs at its Powhatan No. 6 Mine in Belmont County, Ohio, General Manager Ronald Koontz attacked the Obama administration for a ‘war on coal seeking to destroy the coal industry and the jobs of our own employees and the livelihoods of their families.’” (Erich Schwartzel, “Two Coal Companies Downsize,” [Pittsburgh Post Gazette](#), 7/20/12)

**Manager Of Industrial Engineering For Murray Energy Corp: We Are Using Less And Less Coal “Because Of The Environmental Restrictions From The EPA.”** “Sener Calis, manager of industrial engineering for Murray Energy Corp. in Alledonia, has been working in the coal industry for 42 years. He testified that EPA regulations are making it harder for companies to mine coal. ‘We have enough coal in



this country to last us 300 years, to provide us with a clean source of energy, a reliable source of energy, but we are using less and less because of the environmental restrictions from the EPA. ... I had been in the (Ohio) Valley since 1972 and it's a much cleaner environment, it's a much better environment. As far as I'm concerned, it's about the cleanest we've ever been,' he said." (Sarah Harmon, "War On Coal' Hearing Held In St. Clairsville," [The Intelligencer. Wheeling News-Register](#), 8/1/12)

## FERROALLOYS

**EPA Regulations Could Lead To Closure Of Eramet Ferroalloys Plant In Marietta, Ohio And Felman Production In Letart, WV.** "New emission regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could result in the shutdown of a local ferroalloys plant, a company representative said Tuesday." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

**The EPA's National Emissions Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants Ferroalloys Production Rule Was Released In November 2011 And Will Take Effect This June.** "The EPA released its National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ferroalloys Production at the end of November. The rule, which takes effect in June, is similar to the EPA's Maximum Achievable Control Technology rule over toxic emissions that impacted coal-fired power plants, resulting in the closure of three facilities in West Virginia, including at Willow Island." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

**The Ferroalloys Rule Requires The Plants To Install Emissions Controls. Costs At The Eramet Ohio Plant Could Reach \$80 Million, Dwarfing The \$40 Million Already Spent By The Plant In The Last Four Years To Improve Environmental Performance.** "The ferroalloys rule also requires the plants to install emissions controls to meet the stricter standards, Frank-Collins said. The cost at Eramet would be from \$70 million to \$80 million, dwarfing the \$40 million spent there in the last four years to improve environmental performance, an investment that could not be recovered, she said." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

**The Two Plants Employ 450 People, 200 Of Them At Eramet.** "We don't want to panic people, but people need to understand what's going on,' said Joy Frank-Collins, a spokesman for Eramet Marietta and Felman Production of Letart, W.Va., the only two manganese ferroalloy plants in the United States, which are about 80 miles apart. The plants employ more than 450 people, with 200 at Eramet." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

**Joy Frank-Collins, A Spokesman For Eramet Marietta And Felman Production Of Letart, WV: "If The Rule Is Finalized As It Is Proposed, It Would Be Nearly Impossible For These Two Companies To Continue Operating."** (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

- **Frank-Collins: "Basically This Rule Has The Potential To Kill Our Industry."** (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

**As A Result Of The EPA Regulation, The United States' Trade Deficit Will Increase By More Than \$500 Million And American Steel Producers Will Be Reliant On Foreign Sources.** "It's a national issue impacting the United States steel industry and will increase the trade deficit by more than \$500 million. American producers of steel, of which ferromanganese is a component, will be reliant on foreign sources, Frank-Collins said." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

## OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET THREATENS OHIO JOBS

### *Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – Dayton, Ohio*

**Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Will Lose 452 Positions Under Obama's FY2013 Budget.** "Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will lose 452 positions among active-duty and civilian ranks this year and next, part of a cost-cutting reduction of approximately 10,000 positions across the Air Force, defense officials said Tuesday. The 445th Airlift Wing, the unit at Wright-Patterson that flies C-17 transport aircraft for the

Air Force, will see a net gain of 57 positions among weekend and full-time reservists, the Air Force said.” (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, “452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

- **The 452 Positions Include 162 Active-Duty Military And 235 Civilian Positions.** “The 452 positions — 290 civilian and 162 active-duty military — to be eliminated at Wright-Patterson this year and in 2013 include the base’s net loss of 235 civilian positions previously announced by the Air Force in November and January. The job cuts will affect the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Institute of Technology and the base’s Band of Flight musicians, among others, base spokesman Daryl Mayer said.” (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, “452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)
- **The Civilian Positions Being Eliminated Involve Intelligence, Surveillance And Reconnaissance Operations.** “The bulk of the civilian positions being eliminated involve intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations, Mayer said.” (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, “452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

**Wright-Patterson Drives \$4.7 Billion In Business, 27,000 Direct Jobs, And An Estimated 35,000 Off-Base Jobs And Accounts For 14 Percent Of The Gross Domestic Product In The Dayton Area.**

“The huge military installation just outside Dayton is a full-throated, super-charged engine driving an estimated \$4.7 billion in business, 27,000 direct jobs and an estimated 35,000 off-base jobs from defense contractors and suppliers, hotels, restaurants and the service industry. It is the largest single-site employer in Ohio, with spending accounting for nearly 14 percent of the gross domestic product of the entire Dayton metropolitan area.” (Alan Johnson, “Anxiety High Over Defense Spending,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 10/19/12)

- **Wright-Patterson’s Computer, Math, Architecture And Engineering Jobs Represent 6 Percent Of The Area’s Total Jobs.** “Wright-Patterson is a big reason why the area has so many computer, math, architecture and engineering jobs, Stock said. Together, those fields represent 6 percent of the area’s total jobs, the bureau said.” (Chelsey Levingston, “Base, Health Care Jobs Keep Wages Up,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 6/18/12)

***Obama’s Sequestration Would Further Harm Dayton’s Economy***

**Executive Director Of The Dayton Development Coalition: Sequestration “Has Potentially Disastrous Consequences For The Economy Of The Dayton Region Which Depends So Heavily On Defense Spending.”**

“‘That has potentially disastrous consequences for the economy of the Dayton region which depends so heavily on defense spending,’ said Jeff Hoagland, executive director of the Dayton Development Coalition. ‘The implementation of the cuts would result in significant job losses in Dayton and in the state. National defense is by far the biggest creator of jobs in the Dayton region.’” (Barrie Barber, “Possible Military Cuts Unnerve Contractors,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 8/14/12)

- **President Of The Dayton Chamber Of Commerce, Phil Parker, Said Defense Job Losses Have The Potential To Eliminate The Job Gains The Region Has Experienced With An Expansion Of Jobs At Wright-Patterson.** “Phil Parker, president of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, said defense job losses have the potential to eliminate the job gains the region has reached with an expansion of jobs at Wright-Patterson while manufacturing faded.” (Barrie Barber, “Possible Military Cuts Unnerve Contractors,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 8/14/12)
- **GemCity Engineering and Manufacturing In Dayton Said Sequestration Would Hurt Science, Engineering, And Technology Jobs.** “David Harry, president of GemCity Engineering and Manufacturing in Dayton, said sequestration would hurt the kind of science, engineering and technology jobs, such as mechanical, electrical and computer science at his company, the nation says it most wants and needs.” (Barrie Barber, “Possible Military Cuts Unnerve Contractors,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 8/14/12)

**Montgomery And Greene Counties In Ohio Would Have A Projected Annual Decline To Defense Contractors Of \$92.5 Million And \$70.1 Million.** “Montgomery and Greene counties, home to Wright-Patterson, would have a projected annual decline to defense contractors of \$92.5 million and \$70.1 million, respectively, through 2021 if the full cuts land on Ohio, the Center for Security Policy estimated. In Hamilton County, home of GE Aviation in suburban Cincinnati, the reduction could hit \$306.8 million a year.” (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, “Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action,” *Detroit News*, 7/1/12)

- **Montgomery County Would Lose \$46,277,872 For A 9 Percent Reduction And \$92,555,745 For A 18 Percent Reduction.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Greene County Would Lose \$35,079,304 For A 9 Percent Reduction And \$70,158,608 For A 18 Percent Reduction.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Mansfield Air National Guard Base – Mansfield, Ohio***

**White House Press Secretary Jay Carney Was Not Aware That Air Force One Landed At An Ohio Air Base That Obama Wants To Eliminate.** REPORTER: “Can you talk a little bit about why the president is going back to the same area of Akron, Ohio tomorrow that he has visited before? And in Mansfield the local paper is reporting if President Obama has his way his Air Force One arrival would be one of the final flights into the Mansfield airport, because the president wants to do away with the mission for the 800 guardsmen at the Mansfield.” WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY Jay Carney: “I’ll have to take the question, I’m not aware of that particular issue. In terms of why is he going to Ohio and Akron –” REPORTER: “But that area of Ohio, Mansfield and Akron, I mean he was just there on the bus tour.” CARNEY: “There is not an inch of Ohio that the President does not love to visit. It’s a great state, my wife’s home state.” REPORTER: “In terms of Mansfield, can we get you to take that question?” CARNEY: “Sure. I’m not aware of even the policy implications or what issue this is.” ([White House Press Briefing](#), 7/31/12)

**Obama Will Jeopardize 551 Part-Time And 204 Full-Time Airmen’s Jobs At Mansfield Air National Guard Base As His Defense Cuts Would Eliminate The C-27J Program, Leaving The Wing Without A Flying Mission.** “President Barack Obama has cited an aircraft flown by the Mansfield Air National Guard Base as an example of ‘unnecessary’ defense programs and recommended it for termination... Elimination of the program would leave the 179th Airlift Wing without a flying mission. It could jeopardize the future of the unit, which has 551 part-time and 204 full-time airmen. The Mansfield base has two of its four C-27Js deployed in Afghanistan. It received the planes last summer, and was the first base in the country to deploy to Afghanistan with them.” (Bryan Bullock, “Mansfield Base’s C-27Js Called ‘Unnecessary,’” [The Mansfield News Journal](#), 2/14/12)

**According To The Ohio National Guard, “The Air Force’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request Includes The Elimination Of The C-27J Spartan Aircraft Program And Mission At The Mansfield Air National Guard Base.”** “As part of a broader effort to control defense spending, the Air Force’s fiscal year 2013 budget request includes the elimination of the C-27J Spartan aircraft program and mission at the Mansfield Air National Guard Base, home of the 179th Airlift Wing, which would result in the elimination of 794 Ohio Air National Guard jobs. Of that, 309 are full-time positions and 485 are part-time positions.” (Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik, “179th Airlift Wing Works To Educate About Benefits Of C-27J Spartan Aircraft Program,” [Ohio National Guard](#), 3/23/12)

- **“Legislators Have Said The C-27J Aircraft -- A Twin-Engine, Multipurpose Cargo Plane -- Has Proven Cost-Effective And Important For National Security.”** (Bryan Bullock, “Mansfield Base’s C-27Js Called ‘Unnecessary,’” [The Mansfield News Journal](#), 2/14/12)

**Mansfield News Journal: Mansfield “Cannot Sustain” The Loss Of the 179<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard Base.** “It is critical that Congress reverse it. Mansfield cannot sustain another loss of this magnitude. The blow we took from the General Motors plant closing put several thousand people out of work. Taking jobs

away from Mansfield by ending the 179th Airlift Wing's mission is simply an irrational decision.” (Editorial, “Mansfield Cannot Stand To Lose 179th,” *Mansfield News Journal*, 2/16/12)

- **The Mansfield Guardsmen “Have Become A Valuable Part” Of The Community.** “These highly skilled Guardsmen have become a valuable part of our community. They bring with them a strong work ethic and an understanding of their value to our city. Lahm Airport itself benefits greatly from having an air base share many of its facilities.” (Editorial, “Mansfield Cannot Stand To Lose 179th,” *Mansfield News Journal*, 2/16/12)

### ***Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base – Columbus, Ohio***

**Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base In Ohio Is Set To Lose More Than 200 Jobs Due To Obama’s Budget Cuts.** “The proposal also shows Rickenbacker Air National Guard base losing six of its 18 refueling aircraft and about 200 of its 1,150 jobs. That would have a big effect on the Ohio National Guard as well, Ashenhurst said, but wouldn’t lead to a base closure.” (Jeb Phillips, “Cuts To Ohio Air Guard Base Draw Fire,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, 3/20/12)

**General Mark Stephens, Commander Of The Air Refueling Wing At Rickenbacker: “We Feel Like We Are A Great Value For America And That It Just Needs To Be Looked At Very Carefully Because We Don’t Think The Numbers Add Up.”** “General Mark Stephens, commander of the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker said they knew the cuts were coming, but not to this degree. ‘We are the most experienced and cost effective force in the Air Force,’ General Stephens said. ‘We provide 35 percent of the total Air Force capability for 6 percent of the budget. So we feel like we are a great value for America and that it just needs to be looked at very carefully because we don’t think the numbers add up.’” (Ted Hart, “Air Force Proposes Job Cuts In Ohio,” *NBC4j*, 3/7/12)

- **Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH): “The President Will Be Greeted By 200 Ohio Air National Guardsmen Whose Mission Is In Jeopardy Due To The President’s Arbitrary Budget Cuts.”** “‘The president will be greeted by 200 Ohio Air National Guardsmen whose mission is in jeopardy due to the president’s arbitrary budget cuts,’ said U.S. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio. ‘I hope in the past couple weeks he has taken the time to study his proposal to cut experienced Air National Guard units and realized that is not the most cost-effective solution. If he did, let’s hope he’ll tell us about a new secret plan to restore his cuts at Rickenbacker, too.’” (Joe Vardon, “GOP Again Criticizing Obama On Guard Cuts,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, 8/21/12)

### ***Youngstown Air Reserve Station – Vienna, Ohio***

**As Part Of Obama’s FY2013 Budget, The Youngstown Air Reserve Station Will Lost 97 Part-Time And 33 Full-Time Jobs.** “The Youngstown Air Reserve Station will lose 97 part-time and 33 full-time positions in fiscal year 2013, part of the plan to cut \$487 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years.” (Denise Dick, “Vienna Air Base To Lose 130 Positions, A 7% Cut,” *Vindy*, 3/8/12)

- **The Youngstown Air Force Base Pumps \$100 Million Into The Area Economy Each Year.** “The Air Force budget would mean a net reduction of 97 traditional part-time reservists who do their monthly training at YARS and 33 full-time equivalent federal civilian employees and Air Reserve technicians. The Air Reserve Station pumps about \$100 million into the area economy each year. It is home to the 910 Airlift Wing and Navy and Marine units and in the last budget was authorized to have 1,348 Air Force reservists, 250 full-time Air Reserve technicians, 190 Air Force Department of Defense civilian employees and 184 Navy and Marine Corps members.” (“Reserve Station At Airport Is An Important Part Of Area Economy,” *Vindy*, 8/13/12)
- **The 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing At Youngstown Is One Of The Biggest Job Creators In The County.** “The 910th Airlift Wing at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna is one of the biggest job creators in Trumbull County. Friday night, leaders who work closely with the base, along with



local veterans, are sounding off on the Airlift Wing's economic and operational importance to the area and the country." ("Local Leaders And Veterans React To Air Base Cuts," [WKBN](#), 2/3/12)

**The Government Has Invested Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Into Developing The Facility At The Air Base.** "But beyond the station's economic benefit to the Mahoning Valley, it plays a vital role in national defense. As Tom Humphries, chief executive officer of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, pointed out earlier this year, the 910th's aerial-spray mission is unique in the Air Force. Also, the federal government has invested tens of millions of dollars in developing an excellent facility at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport." ("Reserve Station At Airport Is An Important Part Of Area Economy," [Vindy](#), 8/13/12)

### ***Joint Systems Manufacturing Center – Lima, Ohio***

**The Military Wants To Slow Production Of The Abrams Tank Until 2014 When It Will Stop Ordering Them All Together For Three Years Until It Is Ready For The Next Generation Of Tanks.** "The military's plan is to slow production of the M1A2 Abrams until 2014, when it wants to stop ordering them all together for about three years, until it's ready for the next generation of battle tanks. Army officials told lawmakers earlier this year that they must make tough choices." (John Seewer, "Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks," *The Associated Press*, 7/5/12)

**The Cost Of Shutting Down The Joint Systems Manufacturing Center And Then Restarting It Would Be \$1.6 Billion.** "General Dynamics Corp.'s land systems unit, which operates the government-owned plant, estimates that the cost of shutting down the plant and then restarting it would be \$1.6 billion, while keeping it open with minimal production over four years would cost \$1.4 billion. The Army puts the price of pausing production much lower - around \$400 million. It thinks the plant could stay open without its orders by building new tanks and upgrading older models for foreign countries such as Saudi Arabia, Israel and Morocco." (John Seewer, "Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks," *The Associated Press*, 7/5/12)

### ***Workers At The Plant Are Bracing To Lose High-Paying Manufacturing Jobs***

**Workers At The Joint Systems Manufacturing Center In Lima, OH, Are Worried About Losing High-Paying Manufacturing Jobs As The Obama Budget Calls For A Halt In Tank Production.** "But the Pentagon says it will soon have enough tanks and wants to halt production for several years as it wrestles with deep cuts in military spending over the next decade. Caught in the middle are hundreds of workers at the northern Ohio tank plant who are worried about losing high-paying manufacturing jobs at a time when those positions are scarce." (John Seewer, "Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks," *The Associated Press*, 7/5/12)

- **The Plant Employs 920 People And Is The Last Tank Production Site In The U.S.** "Bingman's plant, which employs 920 people, is the last U.S. tank production site following the 1996 closure of a similar facility outside Detroit. The Army now is planning to halt U.S. tank production for the first time since World War Two." (Andrea Shalal-Esa, "U.S. Defense Cuts Hit Home At Ohio Tank Plant," [Reuters](#), 5/24/12)

**Halting Production Would Mean Workers Would Be Forced To Leave Ohio For Elsewhere.** "Halting production for even a couple of years would mean the loss of many skilled trade workers who would most likely be forced to leave Ohio for work elsewhere, said Keith Deters, plant manager at the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center." (John Seewer, "Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks," *The Associated Press*, 7/5/12)

- **Hundreds Of Jobs Have Already Been Cut, With 200 More Slated For Elimination; While Thousands Of Jobs At Smaller Firms Providing Tank Components Are In Peril.** "At the Lima plant, hundreds of jobs already have been cut, 200 more are slated for elimination within six months and more may come next year. Thousands of jobs at hundreds of smaller firms providing tank components are in peril, too." (Andrea Shalal-Esa, "U.S. Defense Cuts Hit Home At Ohio Tank Plant," [Reuters](#), 5/24/12)

## ***Companies That Are In The Supply Chain For The Tanks Are Also At Risk***

**Companies In The Supply Chain For The Abrams Tank Face The Same Risks As The Joint Systems Manufacturing Center.** “Companies in the supply chain for the Abrams tank program face some of the same risks as the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center should the program be shuttered for several years, officials said Thursday.” (Heather Rutz, “Suppliers At Risk If Lima Tank Plant Closes,” [LimaOhio.com](http://LimaOhio.com), 10/18/12)

**Veyance Technologies, A Company In The Supply Chain Of The Abrams Tank, Is The Country’s Sole Producer Of Track For The Abrams.** “Veyance, owned by Goodyear until the company sold it in 2007, is the country’s sole producer of track for the Abrams. The company also makes track and other parts for military vehicles, agricultural products such as tractor track and other service and industrial parts, such as conveyor belts. It has continuously made military track since its opening in 1939. While the plant had an employee high of more than 2,000 several decades ago, the United Steel Workers plant currently employs about 400. Veyance posts \$2 billion in annual revenue and 30 locations around the world with 9,000 employees.” (Heather Rutz, “Suppliers At Risk If Lima Tank Plant Closes,” [LimaOhio.com](http://LimaOhio.com), 10/18/12)

**Michael Hoying, Business Manager For Military Products: “The Risk To Us As A Result Of The Risk To You Filters Down.”** “Veyance is the only fully qualified source for military track in the United States for every combat vehicle made for the Army. ‘We manage our supply base. We are here today because we’re a supplier to General Dynamics, to the Army. A key component of that tank is the track. But for us, there’s another whole network of suppliers for us. The risk to us as a result of the risk to you filters down,’ Hoying said.” (Heather Rutz, “Suppliers At Risk If Lima Tank Plant Closes,” [LimaOhio.com](http://LimaOhio.com), 10/18/12)

- **Hoying: “With A Break In Production, It Would Take Up To Five Years To Requalify A Company As A Military Supplier.”** (Heather Rutz, “Suppliers At Risk If Lima Tank Plant Closes,” [LimaOhio.com](http://LimaOhio.com), 10/18/12)

## ***The Job Losses From The Plant Are “A Drag” On The Local Economy***

**The Job Losses Are “A Drag” On Lima’s Economy, With “Less Money” Flowing To Other Businesses.** “The job losses put a drag on Lima’s economy, with less money flowing to retailers, realtors and many other businesses. That could be bad news for Obama, who won Ohio in the 2008 election but now faces a tough fight against Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican nominee who touts his job creation expertise.” (Andrea Shalal-Esa, “U.S. Defense Cuts Hit Home At Ohio Tank Plant,” [Reuters](http://Reuters), 5/24/12)

- **Lima Mayor David Berger: The Plant “Really Does Affect Everything From How Well Our Hospitals Do, To How Well The Retail Economy Functions.”** ““Those are very good-paying jobs,” Berger added. “They have a multiplier effect in the community. It really does affect everything from how well our hospitals do, to how well the retail economy functions, schools and all that sort of thing.”” (Andrea Shalal-Esa, “U.S. Defense Cuts Hit Home At Ohio Tank Plant,” [Reuters](http://Reuters), 5/24/12)

## ***Even Union Workers Oppose Obama’s Budget Plans***

**Russ Clewly, President Of The United Auto Workers Local 2075: “They’re Dangling This Carrot Over Your Head That They Can Shut You Down At Any Time.”** ““They’re dangling this carrot over your head that they can shut you down at any time,’ said Russ Clewley, president of the United Auto Workers Local 2075, which represents production and skilled trade workers.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](http://The Associated Press), 7/5/12)

- **Clewly: “The Hardest Part For Me Is Watching People You’ve Worked With For So Long Go Out The Door And Not Know If They’re Coming Back Or Not.”** “At the local United Auto Workers headquarters in Lima, Russ Clewley, president of UAW Local 2075 and a 32-year plant veteran, has his hands full with 180 union members who have been laid off, and 200 more due to lose their jobs in coming months. ‘The hardest part for me is watching people you’ve worked with

for so long go out the door and not know if they're coming back or not,' Clewley said. 'It's very, very stressful.'" (Andrea Shalal-Esa, "U.S. Defense Cuts Hit Home At Ohio Tank Plant," [Reuters](#), 5/24/12)

### ***The Greentree Group - Beavercreek, Ohio***

**Defense Contractor The Greentree Group Is Laying Off 20 Percent Of Its Workforce, Including President Everett G. Odgers.** "Defense contractor The Greentree Group is laying off 20 percent of its workforce, including president and chief operating officer Everett G. Odgers. The Greentree Group is laying off 20 of its approximately 100 employees, all at the Beavercreek headquarters." (John Nolan, "Layoffs Include Company President," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

**The Layoffs Were Prompted By Cuts In Federal Defense Spending, Including A Halt To A Troubled Air Force Computer Modernization Project That Had Generated Work For Greentree.** "Travis Greenwood, chief executive officer, said the layoffs were prompted by cuts in federal defense spending, including a halt to a troubled Air Force computer modernization project that had generated work for Greentree." (John Nolan, "Layoffs Include Company President," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

- **The Air Force Halted The Expeditionary Combat Support System Project Because Of Delays And Escalating Costs.** "In September, the Air Force halted the Expeditionary Combat Support System project because of delays and escalating costs. The project had been run by prime contractor Computer Sciences Corp. from Beavercreek." (John Nolan, "Layoffs Include Company President," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

**CEO Of Greentree Travis Greenwood: "Unfortunately, That Means That Companies Like Greentree Will Have To Learn To Do More With Less."** "Greentree Group, which also serves corporate and state government customers with information technology and technical support services, had to reduce its management. 'It's a tumultuous time for the federal government,' said Greenwood, whose father, Samuel Greenwood, founded the company in 1993. 'Unfortunately, that means that companies like Greentree will have to learn to do more with less,' he said." (John Nolan, "Layoffs Include Company President," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

### ***Obama's Inaction On Sequestration Will Cost Additional Ohio Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing 21,280 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **In Ohio, Sequestration Would Mean 1,377 Fewer Active-Duty Service Members And A Loss Of 8,261 DOD Civilian Personnel.** "House Armed Services Committee estimates show defense cuts in Ohio would mean 1,377 fewer active-duty service members out of 8,261, and the loss of 6,250 Defense Department civilian personnel out of 25,001 in the state, according to the nonprofit and nonpartisan Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C." (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, "Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action," [Detroit News](#), 7/1/12)
- **Defense Cuts Would Cost Ohio 27,900 Public And Private Sector Jobs.** "Those cuts could cost 27,900 jobs by 2014 in Ohio's public and private sectors, a National Association of Manufacturing study estimated." (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, "Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action," [Detroit News](#), 7/1/12)

**A Study Conducted By George Mason University Predicts That Ohio Could Lose 18,424 Private Sector Jobs.** "A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University predicts that Ohio could lose tens of thousands of private sector jobs and billions of dollars under the Sequestration law: Ohio could lose 18,424 jobs." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Ohio Would Lose \$1.09 Billion In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic](#)

- **Ohio Could See A \$1.58 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**“Under Sequestration, 6,250 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Ohio Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Sequestration Puts Ohio Small Business Jobs At Risk***

**“With At Least 9% Or Sequestration’s 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, Ohio’s Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Ohio Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$1.16 Billion – Each Year.”** “Ohio defense prime contractors earned over \$6.47 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Ohio defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$1.16 billion – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing 10,156 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing 7,957 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing A Total Of 18,113 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**Veteran Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$161,802,251.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Women Owned Businesses Will Lose \$77,771,512 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$103,085,047 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$47,329,943 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$9,238,975 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)



## OBAMACARE WAS REJECTED IN OHIO

**A Ballot Measure Aimed At Blocking Obama's Health Care Law Won In All 88 Ohio Counties With 66 Percent Of The Vote.** "A ballot measure that State Impact Ohio (a creation of local public media and NPR) describes as 'a referendum on a constitutional amendment...aimed at keeping the national health care reform law from taking [e]ffect' won in all 88 counties in Ohio. In 81 of the counties, it won by a margin of at least 20 percentage points. Statewide, it won by 32 points (66 to 34 percent)." (Jeffrey H. Anferon, Anti-Obamacare Measure Sweeps All 88 Counties in Ohio," [The Weekly Standard](#), 11/9/11)

- **Including, "Cuyahoga County – A Traditional Democratic Stronghold."** "The measure was ahead by a wide margin even in Cuyahoga County -- a traditional Democratic stronghold." (Aaron Marshall, "Ohio Voters Say No To Health Insurance Mandates, Older Judges," [The Plain Dealer](#), 11/9/11)

**John Abdalla, Mayor Of The Village Of Stratton And Head Of the Jefferson County Democrat Party: "What's Going To Hurt Obama Is This ObamaCare."** "In the corner of the steakhouse, sitting at the counter on a stool closest to the grill, John Abdalla monitors a slow night in the restaurant. He's the head of the Jefferson County Democratic Party and mayor of the village of Stratton, population 300. 'What's going to hurt Obama is this ObamaCare,' the mayor says." (Joel Achenbach, "In Ohio County, Electorate Is Hardened And Fractured," [The Washington Post](#), 9/23/12)

### *ObamaCare Is Busting Ohio's Budget*

**The Heritage Foundation Estimates That From 2014 To 2020 ObamaCare Will Cost Ohio An Additional \$633.5 Million.** (Edmund Haislmaier and Brian Blasé, "Obamacare: Impact On States," [The Heritage Foundation](#), 7/1/10)

**Ohio Will Have To Spend \$1 Billion More On Medicaid Next Year On Account Of ObamaCare, Exacerbating An \$8 Billion Budget Shortfall.** "Unless Ohio gets more federal stimulus help, state leaders will have to spend \$1 billion more next year on Medicaid just to keep the same level of coverage that's in place today... The sobering statistic was one of many relayed during a four-hour hearing today of the Budget Planning and Management Commission, the bipartisan legislative panel that is examining ways to deal with a future budget shortfall that could reach \$8 billion." (Jim Siegel, "Medicaid To Add \$1 Billion To State Budget Quandary," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/21/10)

**The Cost Of Medicaid In Ohio Has Nearly Doubled In The Past Decade To \$14.7 Billion And Consumes About 26 Percent Of The State Budget.** "The cost of Ohio's largest safety-net program has nearly doubled in the past decade. Taxpayers spent \$14.7 billion last year to provide health coverage to poor and disabled Ohioans as Medicaid - the largest and fastest growing segment of state government - now consumes about 26 percent of the state budget." (Catherine Candisky, "Medicaid Growth Burning Budget," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)

- **"A Recession-Fueled Surge In Enrollment And An Aging Population With Greater Health-Care Needs Also Are To Blame For Medicaid's Strain On Ohio's Budget As Well As Those Nationwide."** (Catherine Candisky, "Medicaid Growth Burning Budget," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)
- **The More Money Is Spent On Medicaid, The Less The State Has For Local Government Spending.** "'Between education and Medicaid, that's about 80percent of the budget,' said Sen. John A. Carey Jr., a Wellston Republican who is chairman of the state's Senate Finance Committee. 'The more we spend on Medicaid, the less we have for local governments, libraries and other things.'" (Catherine Candisky, "Medicaid Growth Burning Budget," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)

**CEO Of University Hospitals In Cleveland, Ohio Warns ObamaCare "Creates A Larger Burden On The States."** "UH's Zenty said, 'Even though it appears more coverage will be provided through Medicaid, that creates a larger burden on the states. And with the state of Ohio's looming budget deficit, we need to be mindful of how that will be funded.'" (Evelyn Theiss, "Health Care Bill Should Save Cleveland Hospitals Money On Treating Poor, But Exact Amount Unclear," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/7/10)

- **And Executive Director Of The Center For Community Solutions In Cleveland, Ohio Said Ohio Will Have To Raise Taxes “To Meet The Obligations Assumed In The Bill.”** “John Begala, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Community Solutions, said preliminary analyses show that \$20 billion (per year) in costs for health care reform will be divided among the 50 states, but added, ‘The budget estimates on this bill are so convoluted it’s simply impossible to know more.’ ‘We’re already facing a \$3 [billion] to \$4 billion shortfall going in the next biennium. It’s almost unimaginable that Ohio will be in a position three years from now to meet the obligations assumed in the bill without raising revenue for that purpose.’” (Evelyn Theiss, “Health Care Bill Should Save Cleveland Hospitals Money On Treating Poor, But Exact Amount Unclear,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/7/10)

### ***ObamaCare Is Causing A Spike In Ohio Insurance Premiums***

**A Recent Study Finds That Individual Insurance Premiums Are Expected To Rise Between 55 And 85 Percent Due To ObamaCare.** “Ohioans who buy individual insurance policies could see their premiums jump 55 to 85 percent in 2014 when key provisions of the new federal health-care law kick in, according to a new report. Rates also are expected to increase for those with employer-sponsored coverage but not nearly as much.” (Catherine Candisky, “Insurance Premiums Expected To Increase, Report Says,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/20/11)

- **Premiums Offered Through Small Businesses In Ohio Could Increase 5 To 15 Percent While Large Employers’ Premiums May Increase 3 To 5 Percent.** “The analysis by Milliman Inc. projected that premiums on policies offered through small businesses could increase 5 to 15 percent while the cost of insurance through large employers may jump 3 to 5 percent.” (Catherine Candisky, “Insurance Premiums Expected To Increase, Report Says,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/20/11)

**Last Year, “Health Care Costs In Southwest Ohio Continue[d] To Climb, And At A Faster Pace Than In Previous Years.”** “Health care costs in Southwest Ohio continue to climb, and at a faster pace than in previous years, according to a new survey. On Wednesday, Employers Resource Association announced the results of its 2011 Health and Welfare Benefits Survey.” (Joe Cogliano, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)

- **3 Out Of 4 Employers Experienced An Increase In Health Care Costs, Along With 1 In 5 Who Saw An Increase Of More Than 12 Percent.** “More than 75 percent of the employers surveyed in this corner of the state experienced an increase in their healthcare costs, including 22 percent of respondents who saw an increase of more than 12 percent, a higher rate than in previous years.” (Joe Cogliano, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)
- **“Also, Deductibles Rose, On Average, By 18 Percent From 2010 To 2011 Across All Health Plans.”** (Joe Cogliano, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)

### ***ObamaCare’s Medical Device Tax Threatens Ohio Jobs***

**Cleveland Clinic Chief Executive Toby Cosgrove Said ObamaCare Could “Stifle Medical Innovation.”** “Cleveland Clinic Chief Executive Toby Cosgrove told a full house at a City Club speech Wednesday he’s concerned that health-care reform could stifle medical innovation. ‘I think we have to worry very significantly about innovation,’ Cosgrove said in response to a question about the effects of health-care reform. He was referring specifically, he said, to the comparative-effectiveness provision in the law. Comparative effectiveness is shorthand for studying different treatments and paying for those that work.” (Diane Suchetka, “Cleveland Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove Talks About Health-Care Reform And More At City Club,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 8/19/10)

**Currently, Medical Device Makers Employ 20,000 In Ohio.** “In Ohio, about 20,000 workers are employed by medical-device and equipment manufacturers. A few large companies are affected, including Cardinal Health in Dublin and Invacare in Elyria. But industry-wide, 80 percent of these

businesses have fewer than 50 employees. Since the tax is on all revenue, not profits, small companies are particularly worried that they'll be put out of business by it." (Editorial, "The True Cost," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 3/26/12)

- **CEO Of Cleveland's Invacare Said The Medical Device Tax Is Like "Throwing A Hand Grenade" Into The Health Care Industry.** "The law includes a 2.3% excise tax on the sale of all medical devices except for consumer goods, such as contact lenses and hearing aids...Among established medical device companies, Invacare Corp. of Elyria, the world's largest wheelchair maker, has been a vocal opponent of the tax. Invacare CEO A. Malachi Mixon III in a January interview with *Crain's* went so far as to say the tax was the equivalent of 'throwing a hand grenade in the middle of the health care economy.'" (Chuck Soder, "Tax On Medical Device Manufacturers Could Be Taxing," *Crain's Cleveland Business*, 3/29/10)

**"The Leader Of One Ohio-Based Medical-Device Manufacturer Said The Tax Puts Companies That Do Most Of Their Business In The United States At A Disadvantage Compared To Competitors That Are Based In Europe Or Asia And Do Business There."** "The leader of one Ohio-based medical-device manufacturer said the tax puts companies that do most of their business in the United States at a disadvantage compared to competitors that are based in Europe or Asia and do business there. Those competitors wouldn't feel the tax burden as much if they sold fewer products in the United States, said Walter Rosebrough, president and CEO of Mentor-based STERIS, which develops, manufactures and markets products aimed at preventing infection and contamination." (Ben Sutherly, "Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)

- **The Tax Would Affect Dublin-based Cardinal Health, Which Employs 4,400 Ohioans.** "The tax would affect Dublin-based Cardinal Health's \$1 billion medical-kit business, said Michael Lynch, executive vice president. Cardinal's earnings as a percentage of sales are in the low single digits, so the excise tax could cause the company to reconsider competing in certain business segments subject to the tax, he said. Cardinal Health employs about 4,400 people in Ohio." (Ben Sutherly, "Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)
- **"Stephen Ubl, President And CEO Of AdvaMed, The Largest Trade Group Representing Medical-Technology Companies, Said The Tax Could Ultimately Cost The United States Tens Of Thousands Of Jobs."** (Ben Sutherly, "Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)

**In Lorain County Ohio, The Threat Of Obama's Medical Device Tax Is Causing One Of Their Largest Businesses To Stop Hiring.** "[I]n the short run, some of his policies could cost existing jobs, especially health-care reform, if it is enacted. One of the few large businesses that has prospered in Lorain County in recent years has been Invacare, a maker of home medical devices, such as walkers and wheelchairs... The company has 1,300 employees in Lorain County but has stopped hiring in anticipation of a tax on medical devices that was proposed to help pay for the president's health-care reform plan." (Michael A. Fletcher, "Assessing Obama's Promises Of Jobs In A Hub Of Manufacturing," [The Washington Post](#), 1/22/09)



# OBAMA: WRONG FOR PENNSYLVANIA

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, The Unemployment Rate In Pennsylvania Has Increased From 6.8 Percent To 8.2 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

- In September, The Unemployment Rate In Pennsylvania Increased From 8.1 Percent To 8.2 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** Pennsylvania Has 530,178 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Pennsylvania Has Lost 23,800 Construction Jobs And 34,000 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**338,400 Pennsylvanians Who Want Full-Time Work Hold Part-Time Jobs.** "Fountain is among millions of Americans who hold part-time jobs, but want full-time work. In Pennsylvania, 338,400 people - 6 percent of all workers - have part-time jobs because of economic conditions, according to the latest U.S. Department of Labor data." (James Haggerty, "More Settle For Part-Time Work," [Citizens Voice](#), 10/7/12)

**Pennsylvania's Underemployment Rate Is 13.5 Percent.** "Although the state's unemployment rate from April to June averaged 7.4 percent, the underemployment rate was 13.5 percent, according to Department of Labor statistics. The category, known as the U-6 rate, includes the unemployed, along with people doing part-time jobs for economic reasons and marginally attached workers - those not actively seeking work, but want a job and have sought employment in the past year." (James Haggerty, "More Settle For Part-Time Work," [Citizens Voice](#), 10/7/12)

**Mark Price, An Economist At Pennsylvania's Keystone Research Center: "People Are Taking What They Can Get To Get By And It's A Terrible Waste Of Resources."** "'There's a tremendous number of people out there getting by, finding employment that helps pay the bills but doesn't give them as many hours at they would like,' said Mark Price, Ph.D., an economist at the Keystone Research Center, a labor-supported Harrisburg organization that analyzes the state's economy. 'It's a tough labor market - especially for them. People are taking what they can get to get by and it's a terrible waste of resources,' Price said." (James Haggerty, "More Settle For Part-Time Work," [Citizens Voice](#), 10/7/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Pennsylvania Has Declined From \$52,983 To \$50,228. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Foreclosures:** Pennsylvania Foreclosure Activity Increased In The First Half Of 2012 From The First Half Of 2011 By 24 Percent. "First-half foreclosure activity did increase from a year ago in 20 states, including Indiana (32 percent), Pennsylvania (24 percent), South Carolina (23 percent), Connecticut (23 percent), Florida (23 percent), and Illinois (22 percent)." (Press Release, "1 Million Properties With Foreclosure Filings In First Half Of 2012," [RealtyTrac](#), 7/12/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Ohioan's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Pennsylvania Has \$29,959 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)



**Tax Hikes: Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Pennsylvania 30,800 Jobs.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Pennsylvania \$7.8 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices: Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Pennsylvania Has Increased From \$1.801 To \$3.654.** ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Pennsylvania Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 38 Percent.** ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty: Under Obama, 237,602 More People In Pennsylvania Have Fallen Into Poverty.** ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**Hunger "Continues To Soar" Across The Erie Region.** "Hunger continues to soar at alarming rates throughout the Erie region, providing another grim indicator of the havoc high poverty is wreaking on area residents." (Gerry Weiss, "Hunger On The Rise Across Erie Region," [Erie Times-News](#), 8/12/12)

- **In June, 47,037 Meals Were Served In Erie's Soup Kitchens, A 12 Percent Hike From June 2011.** "In that month, 47,037 meals were served in the region's soup kitchens, a 12 percent spike from June 2011, when 42,311 meals were served." (Gerry Weiss, "Hunger On The Rise Across Erie Region," [Erie Times-News](#), 8/12/12)
- **12,000 More People Went To Erie's Food Pantries In June 2012 Than During June 2009.** "Nearly 12,000 more people went to area food pantries this June than in June 2009, officials with Second Harvest said." (Gerry Weiss, "Hunger On The Rise Across Erie Region," [Erie Times-News](#), 8/12/12)

**Erie's Poverty Rate Is 30.2 Percent.** "Erie's poverty rate, 30.2 percent, is the highest in the city's history and twice the national rate." (Gerry Weiss, "Hunger On The Rise Across Erie Region," [Erie Times-News](#), 8/12/12)

- **More Than 15,000 Children In Erie County Are Poor, With 10,500 Children Living Below The Federal Poverty Line.** "More than 15,000 children in Erie County are poor, and 43 percent of the city of Erie's kids, about 10,500 children, live below the federal poverty line, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau." (Gerry Weiss, "Hunger On The Rise Across Erie Region," [Erie Times-News](#), 8/12/12)

## **OBAMA'S WAR ON COAL IS COSTING PENNSYLVANIA JOBS**

**According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, Due To EPA Regulations, 22 Coal Units In Pennsylvania Are Retiring Or Being Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 3,588 Megawatts Of Electricity.** ("Coal Retirements As Of September 2012," [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed 9/19/12)

**Alpha Natural Resources Announced It's Eliminating 1,200 Jobs, Nearly A Tenth Of Its Work Force.** "Coal producer Alpha Natural Resources said Tuesday it's cutting production by 16 million tons and eliminating 1,200 jobs companywide, including 400 with the immediate closing of eight mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The mine shutdowns start Tuesday, while the rest of the layoffs will be completed by the end of the first quarter after Alpha fulfills current sales obligations, Chief Executive Officer Kevin Crutchfield said. In all, the layoffs amount to nearly a tenth of Alpha's 13,000-person work force." (Vicki Smith, "Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All," [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

**"Closing Four Mines In West Virginia, Three In Virginia, And One In Pennsylvania," Miners Will Be Either Reassigned Or Laid Off Immediately, And Support Positions Will Also Be Cut Proportionally.**

“Alpha said it is closing four mines in West Virginia, three in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania. They are a mix of deep and surface mines. All the mines being closed are non-union operations. Alpha didn’t immediately name the mines because they wanted to inform all the workers first. Though some miners will stay on to seal the operations, most will either be reassigned or laid off immediately. Support positions will also be cut proportionally as Alpha reduces its operating regions from four to two, Crutchfield said, and two executives will retire Nov. 1.” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

**Facing “A Regulatory Environment That’s Aggressively Aimed At Constraining The Use Of Coal, CEO Kevin Crutchfield Says It’s A Necessary “Difficult Day.”** “Crutchfield called it ‘a difficult day,’ but said the shutdowns and layoffs are a necessary part of ensuring Alpha survives in what has become a difficult U.S. market, where coal companies face a dual challenge: Power plants are shifting to cheap, abundant natural gas, while companies like his face ‘a regulatory environment that’s aggressively aimed at constraining the use of coal.’” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

- **The Dora Mine In Jefferson County, Pennsylvania Is One Of The Eight Mines Alpha Will Idle.** “The Dora Mine in Jefferson County, owned by the Amfire subsidiary of Alpha Natural Resources (NYSE: ANR), is one of eight mines Alpha will idle due to the changing climate for the coal industry. The others are in West Virginia and Virginia. Other mines in Pennsylvania are not affected, an Alpha Natural Resources spokesman said in an email to the Pittsburgh Business Times.” (“Coal Mine Near Latrobe To Be Idled,” [Pittsburgh Business Times](#), 9/19/12)

**Exelon Corp. Plants In Chester And Phoenixville Are Expected To Be Closed.** “‘It’s fully expected that some smaller coal-fired power plants will retire,’ [Douglas] Biden [Douglas Biden, President of the Electric Power Generation Association] said. ‘Eddystone and Cromby have already seen the handwriting on the wall,’ he said, referring to Exelon Corp. plants in Chester and Phoenixville, which will close by 2013.” (Sandy Bauers, “Pennsylvania Coal Plants Face Big Changes Under Planned EPA Pollution-Control Rules,” [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 8/30/10)

**GenOn Energy, Inc. Will Close Three Pennsylvania Coal-Fired Power Plants Because Of Onerous Federal Regulations.** “GenOn Energy Inc. will shut down eight power plants over the next three years, three of them old, coal-burning power plants in Western Pennsylvania: at Elrama in northern Washington County, Shawville in Clearfield County and near New Castle in Lawrence County. The Houston-based power company announced the power plant deactivations Wednesday as part of its 2011 earnings report, blaming economics and federal environmental regulations requiring installation of pollution control equipment.” (Don Hopey, “Off Switch Hit For Power Plants,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), 3/1/12)

- **Closing Will Cost 180 Pennsylvania Jobs.** “[T]he three Western Pennsylvania plant closures will result in a loss of 180 jobs – 60 at Elrama, 40 at New Castle and 80 at Shawville. All of those workers, as well as workers at other power plants scheduled to close, can apply for job openings at other GenOn power plants, he said.” (Don Hopey, “Off Switch Hit For Power Plants,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), 3/1/12)

**PBS Coals Inc And RoxCoal Inc Laid Off 225 Workers As A Result Of Weakened Coal Demand And An “Aggressive Regulatory Structure.”** “Two area coal companies announced layoffs Friday, saying weakened coal demand and an aggressive regulatory structure forced the idling of several mines. PBS Coals Inc. and its affiliate company, RoxCoal Inc., laid off about 225 workers as part of an immediate idling of some deep and surface mines in Somerset County. The company now employs 795 workers.” (Erich Schwartzel, “Two Coal Companies Downsize,” [Pittsburgh Post Gazette](#), 7/20/12)

- **PBS President And CEO D. Lynn Shanks: “Additionally, The Escalating Costs And Uncertainty Generated By Recently Advanced EPA Regulations And Interpretations Have Created A Challenging Business Climate For The Entire Coal Industry.”** (Erich Schwartzel, “Two Coal Companies Downsize,” [Pittsburgh Post Gazette](#), 7/20/12)

## ***Pennsylvania Democrats Decry Obama's War On Coal***

**T.J. Rooney, Former Chairman Of Pennsylvania Democrats: Coal “Is An Issue That Will Define His Re-Election Fight Here In Pennsylvania As Well As Ohio.”** “Rooney said Obama needs to address coal and the balance he will strike between environmental protection and rising energy costs: ‘It is an issue that will define his re-election fight here in Pennsylvania as well as Ohio.’” (Salena Zito, “Pa. Coal Country Skeptical Of Obama,” [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), 3/25/12)

- **Rooney: Obama’s Refusal To Mention Coal When Discussing American Energy “Disappointing.”** “Last Thursday, in what the White House touted as his ‘big American-made energy’ speech, the president never mentioned coal. ‘That’s – that is just disappointing,’ said T.J. Rooney, former chairman of Pennsylvania Democrats, who oversaw several very successful election cycles for his party.” (Salena Zito, “Pa. Coal Country Skeptical Of Obama,” [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), 3/25/12)
- **Rooney: Obama Needs To “Strike A Better Balance” With The Country’s Natural Resources.** “T.J. Rooney, Pennsylvania’s former Democratic Party chairman, said Obama needs to “strike a better balance” with all of the country’s natural resources. ‘Right now, it is a problem,’ said Rooney, noting he’s frustrated that he hasn’t heard the president talk lately about clean coal as part of his ‘all-of-the-above’ approach to energy production. Obama hasn’t mentioned coal in speeches or news conferences since October, the Tribune-Review found in reviewing White House press reports.” (Salena Zito, “Romney’s Focus On Energy In PA Visit,” [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), 4/23/12)

**Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA): There Needs To Be A Balance Of Wind, Sun, And Clean Coal . . . The “Last Thing We Need In This Slow-Moving Economy Is Rising Energy Bills.”** “U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., said we need to find a balance of wind, sun and clean coal. ‘It’s not just jobs, it is costs, too,’ he said, referring to monthly electric bills. ‘That last thing we need in this slow-moving economy is rising energy bills, not just at the pump but in the home as well.’” (Salena Zito, “Pa. Coal Country Skeptical Of Obama,” [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#), 3/25/12)

**Pennsylvania Democrats Are Asking The EPA To Keep Open 14 Waste-Coal To Energy Plants In The State That Are Currently Slated For Shutdown As A Result Of EPA Regulations.** “Pennsylvania congressmen from both parties are asking for the Environmental Protection Agency’s help to keep open 14 waste coal to energy plants in the state. The 14 plants are slated to be shut because of the EPA’s Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Three of the plants are in Cambria County and one each in Indiana and Clarion. The letter asks the EPA to consider that the plants reduce the amount of waste coal in Pennsylvania and allow them to continue without meeting the current limitation in hydrochloric acid emissions.” (Paul Gough, “Senators Ask EPA To Reduce Waste-Coal Limits,” [Pittsburgh Business Times](#), 10/16/12)

- **According To A Letter Authored By The Congressmen, The Plants Employ Over 1,000 People, Many In Economically Distressed Areas Of Pennsylvania.** “Besides the environmental benefits, these plants directly employ over 1,000 people, with additional thousands employed indirectly. We believe the economic stimulus from the plants to economically distressed areas of Pennsylvania is considerable. Removal of waste coal piles across Pennsylvania also benefits communities that have long lived with the legacy of problems associated with abandoned ‘gob’ and ‘culm’ piles that were created before environmental regulations existed,’ the letter said.” (Paul Gough, “Senators Ask EPA To Reduce Waste-Coal Limits,” [Pittsburgh Business Times](#), 10/16/12)

**Pennsylvania Democrats Signing The Letter Include Sen. Bob Casey, Rep. Mark Critz, Rep. Jason Altmire, And Rep. Tim Holden.** “The letter was signed by Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., along with Rep. Mark Critz, D-Pa.; Rep. Jason Altmire, D-Pa.; Rep. Tim Holden, D-Pa.; Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa.; Rep. Lou Barletta, R-Pa.; Rep. Tom Marino, R-Pa.; Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa.; and Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa.” (Paul Gough, “Senators Ask EPA To Reduce Waste-Coal Limits,” [Pittsburgh Business Times](#), 10/16/12)

## OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR PENNSYLVANIA

**Obama's FY2013 Defense Budget Threatened To Close The 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing In Pittsburgh, Costing 1,451 Positions.** "The 911th Air Wing at Pittsburgh International Airport is scheduled to close entirely and lose 1,451 positions, and the 171st Air Refueling Wing there would lose about 182 positions... Sens. Bob Casey and Pat Toomey, U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Allegheny, and other members of Congress are asking the Air Force to delay or limit the cuts, most of which are scheduled for 2013." ("Air Force Cutting 97 Jobs At Johnstown Airport," *The Associated Press*, 3/6/12)

- **911<sup>th</sup> Air Force Base Brings More Than \$114 Million To The Region.** "Besides the estimated 2,500 jobs the base provides, officials estimate the base brings more than \$114 million to the region." (Tara Jerry, "Local Officials Right To Save 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift In Allegheny County," [PoliticsPA](#), 3/12/12)

**According To Sally Haas, President Of The Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber Of Commerce, Closure Of The 911<sup>th</sup> Base Would Have A Dramatic Impact On The Regional Economy.** "Sally Haas, president of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, said the closure of the 911th could have a dramatic impact on the regional economy, which she said benefits about \$114 million annually from the base." (Patrick O'Shea, "Leaders Ask Obama To Intervene In 911<sup>th</sup> Closing," [Beaver County Times](#), 3/10/12)

- **Haas: "This Isn't Just Local, It Goes Far Beyond That."** "Noting the impact on restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues and area stores, Haas said, 'This isn't just local, it goes far beyond that.'" (Patrick O'Shea, "Leaders Ask Obama To Intervene In 911<sup>th</sup> Closing," [Beaver County Times](#), 3/10/12)

**Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA): The 911<sup>th</sup> Base Generates \$20,000 For Alleghany County In Lease Payments.** "U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle, D-14, Forest Hills, said the base leases four 10,000-foot runways for \$20,000 per year from the county, and for that money also gets air traffic control and fire and emergency services from Pittsburgh International Airport. He noted most bases have only one or two runways and have to provide their own operation services." (Patrick O'Shea, "Leaders Ask Obama To Intervene In 911<sup>th</sup> Closing," [Beaver County Times](#), 3/10/12)

**Rep. Jason Altmire (D-PA): "The Resources Provided To The 911th From The Surrounding Area Can't Be Matched Anywhere In The Country."** "In a statement about the closing, Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4) said, "'The resources provided to the 911th from the surrounding area can't be matched anywhere in the country, and those resources are what allows the 911th to provide valuable services at a greater savings to the taxpayers.'" (Tara Jerry, "Local Officials Right To Save 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift In Allegheny County," [PoliticsPA](#), 3/12/12)

### *Obama's Inaction On Sequestration Will Cost Pennsylvania An Additional 39,941 Jobs*

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Pennsylvania Losing 39,941 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**"Under Sequestration, 6,777 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**A Study Conducted By George Mason University Predicts That Pennsylvania Could Lose 36,157 Jobs.** "A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University predicts that Pennsylvania could lose tens of thousands of private sector jobs and billions of dollars under the Sequestration law: Pennsylvania could lose 36,157 jobs." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Pennsylvania Would Lose \$2.13 Billion In Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Pennsylvania Could See A \$3.11 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)



## ***Obama's Sequestration To Cost Pennsylvania 19,063 Small Business Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Pennsylvania Losing 19,063 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Pennsylvania Losing 16,025 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Pennsylvania Losing A Total Of 35,087 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**"Pennsylvania Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$1.95 Billion – Each Year."** "Pennsylvania defense prime contractors earned over \$10.84 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Pennsylvania defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$1.95 billion – each year." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Veteran Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Pennsylvania's Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$76,019,429.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Pennsylvania's Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$49,898,027 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority-Owned Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Pennsylvania's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$86,231,594 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Pennsylvania's Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$6,319,232 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Pennsylvania's Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$10,742,098 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## **OBAMACARE: WRONG FOR PENNSYLVANIA**

**Pennsylvania-Based Alcoa To Take \$80 Million Charge Due To ObamaCare.** "Alcoa said it expects to take an \$80 million charge to cover costs associated with new health care legislation, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission." ("Alcoa Sees \$80 Million Charge From ObamaCare," [The Street.com](#), 4/5/10)

**U.S. Steel Expects To Take A \$27 Million Charge Because Of ObamaCare.** "United States Steel Corp. said Wednesday it expects to record a \$27 million charge in the first quarter as a result of tax adjustments in the health care reform law. ... US Steel said that based on the Medicare Part D subsidies expected to be received this year, the related annual cash tax increase would be less than \$10 million." ("US Steel To Record \$27M Charge For Health Care Law," [The Associated Press](#), 4/7/10)

**Pittsburgh, PA-Based Allegheny Technologies Took A \$5.3 Million Charge Because Of ObamaCare.** "Allegheny Technologies Incorporated reported net income for the first quarter 2010 of \$18.2 million, or \$0.18 per share. Results included a non-recurring tax charge of \$5.3 million related to the recently-enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Excluding this non-recurring tax charge, net income

was \$23.5 million, or \$0.24 per share, on sales of \$899.4 million.” (Allegheny Technologies Inc., “Allegheny Technologies Announces First Quarter 2010 Results,” Press Release, 4/28/10)

**Owner Of Six Tanning Salons In Pennsylvania Said He Can’t Offset ObamaCare’s Tanning Tax And Worried About His Business.** “Miller is the owner of Sun Your Buns, a group of six Erie-area tanning salons. ... Miller, meanwhile, is worried about what it might mean to his business, which employs about 35 people who oversaw about a quarter-million tanning sessions in 2009. Miller said he can’t afford to offset the 10 percent tax, but he is hoping to ease some of his customers’ pain by giving them extra tanning time for their money.” (Jim Martin, “Erie Tanning Salon Owners Worry About Impact Of Tanning Tax,” [GoErie.com](http://GoErie.com), 5/16/10)

- **Miller:** “We are certainly not hiring any new employees... If the tax kept some people away from our salons it could affect the employment of some people. Let’s say 25 percent of the people quit coming in, you don’t need as many employees.” (Jim Martin, “Erie Tanning Salon Owners Worry About Impact Of Tanning Tax,” [GoErie.com](http://GoErie.com), 5/16/10)
- **Miller:** “I Also Think This Thing Was Just Ramrodded To The Extent That People Didn’t Know What They Were Voting For.” (Jim Martin, “Erie Tanning Salon Owners Worry About Impact Of Tanning Tax,” [GoErie.com](http://GoErie.com), 5/16/10)

**Another Pennsylvania Tanning Salon Owner Said The Tax Will “Obviously... Affect Business And It’s Not Going To Be For The Better.”** “Kim Glancy, owner of A Total Tan on East 38th Street, expects her business will survive, but she certainly doesn’t expect it will improve. ‘I am not happy about it,’ she said. ‘Obviously this is going to affect business and it’s not going to be for the better.’” (Jim Martin, “Erie Tanning Salon Owners Worry About Impact Of Tanning Tax,” [GoErie.com](http://GoErie.com), 5/16/10)



# OBAMA: WRONG FOR VIRGINIA

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, The Unemployment Rate In Virginia Has Increased From 5.8 Percent To 5.9 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** Virginia Has 254,046 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Virginia Has Lost 23,700 Construction Jobs And 21,600 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Virginia Has Declined From \$63,974 To \$61,882. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Virginians Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Virginia Has \$24,717 Of Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Virginia 19,900 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Virginia \$5.8 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Virginia Has Increased From \$1.703 To \$3.333. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Virginia Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 48 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 137,883 More People In Virginia Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

## OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR VIRGINIA

**Stephen Fuller, Director Of The Center Of Regional Analysis At George Mason University: Defense Cuts Are Virginia's "Achilles' Heel."** "Virginia is more vulnerable to this kind of policy shift than any other state. ... Defense spending was our strength during the downturn. It kept unemployment lower here than in most other states. It kept the economy from crashing as far as other states.' It's also our Achilles' heel." (Rosalind S. Helderman, "Virginia Stands To Feel The Most Pain From Defense Cuts," [The Washington Post](#), 8/10/10)

- **13.9 Percent Of Virginia's State GDP Relies On Military Spending.** "Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska may suffer the most economic harm from defense cuts of as much as \$1 trillion during the next decade, a Bloomberg Government study shows. Those three states are the most dependent on U.S. military spending, the study found. Virginia, home of the Pentagon and the Norfolk naval base, tops the list with 13.9 percent of its gross domestic product derived from defense spending." (David Lerman, "Military Cuts Threaten Defense-Dependent States," [Bloomberg](#), 11/17/11)

- **According To The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, Defense Spending Supported Nearly 1 In 5 Virginia Jobs.** “DoD contributed 18.9% of Virginia jobs.” (Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, [“Defense Spending In Virginia,”](#) 1/18/12)
- **Defense Spending Directly Supports 187,000 Virginia Jobs And 900,000 Overall.** “DoD was Virginia’s number one direct employer (187,000 workers) ... DoD spending supported more than 900,000 jobs ... Mostly highly-skilled workers making above mean salaries.” (Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, [“Defense Spending In Virginia,”](#) 1/18/12)

**The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Study Found That Relocation Of Three Navy Ships Would Cost Virginia 5,220 Jobs.** “Three Navy ships leaving Hampton Roads for Mayport Naval Station in Florida will take with them paychecks, repair work and spending power that add up to 5,220 jobs and \$590 million of the region’s annual gross product, according to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)

- **Three Navy Ships From The Norfolk Naval Station Are Being Relocated Earlier Than Planned According To Secretary Of The Navy Ray Mabus.** “Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced Friday that the ships, which were due to relocate to Mayport in 2015, will be going south much sooner. The New York, an amphibious transport dock ship, will leave in 2013. The following year, the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima and the Fort McHenry, a dock landing ship, will depart.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)
- **Naval Ship Relocation Would Cost 3,420 Virginia Jobs Related To Ship Maintenance And Would Also Reduce Local Spending On Goods.** “About 1,800 of the jobs are held by sailors aboard the ships, according to the commission. The others will come from ship maintenance work and the trickle-down effect of less money being spent on goods and services by the crews, the Navy and the military contractors.” (Bill Bartel, “Moving Navy Ships Will Take A Financial Toll, Study Finds,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 6/21/12)

**In 2011, “Obama Announced That He Accepted U.S. Secretary Of Defense Robert Gates’s Plan To Shut Down The Joint Forces Command In Norfolk And Suffolk.”** “President Barack Obama approved the closure of the Joint Forces Command Thursday night despite repeated requests by Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell and the state’s congressional delegation to salvage the military installation employing more than 6,000 in Hampton Roads. In a brief memo from the White House, Obama announced that he accepted U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates’s plan to shut down the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk and Suffolk. No date was given for the closure.” (Anita Kumar, “Updated: Obama Okays Closure Of Joint Forces Command,” [The Washington Post’s Virginia Politics](#) Blog, 1/6/11)

**In August 2011, The Joint Forces Command Was Formally Dissolved.** “The ceremony to disband the Norfolk-based command took place at JFCOM’s Suffolk campus. It was a moment of history - the first time a Defense Department combatant command has been dissolved - and it brought out top leaders, including Adm. Mike Mullen, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.” (Hugh Lessig, “JFCOM’S Functions Remain,” *Daily Press*, 8/5/11)

- **1,900 Positions Were Eliminated.** “About 1,900 positions in Hampton Roads were eliminated, although hundreds are expected to find other jobs.” (“Year In Review: Military,” *Daily Press*, 12/24/11)
- **Three Virginia Mayors, Including Paul Fraim (D-Norfolk) Opposed Closure Of JFCOM.** “On August 9, the Secretary Of Defense announced that he had recommended to you that U.S. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) should be closed. We write to express our opposition to his proposal, and request that you reject the Secretary’s recommendation.” (William Sessoms, Mayor Of Virginia Beach, Linda Johnson, Mayor Of Suffolk, Paul Fraim, Mayor Of Norfolk, Letter To President Obama, 8/13/10)



- **“Sen. James Webb, A Former Navy Secretary, Said The Proposal Could Be ‘Harmful To The Capabilities Of The Finest Military In The World.’”** (Rosalind S. Helderman, “Virginia Stands To Feel The Most Pain From Defense Cuts,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/10/10)

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost Virginia An Additional 13,191 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Virginia Losing 136,191 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **“Under Sequestration, 22,428 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Virginia’s Total Job Losses Could Exceed 207,571.** “Virginia’s total job losses projected by the study — 207,571 — are second only to California, where the GMU study suggests 225,464 jobs would vanish. But California’s population of nearly 37.7 million is more than four times that of Virginia’s.” (“Sequestration,’ Today A Political Football, Would Cripple Virginia’s Economy If It Happens,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/12/12)

- **Sequestration Could Cost Virginia \$10.6 Billion In Lost Labor Income.** “Tim Kaine came to Merrifield today to hear defense contractors’ fears about sequestration, the ‘fiscal cliff’ that could cost Virginia 207,000 jobs and \$10.6 billion in lost labor income if Congress does not resolve its budget impasse.” (James R. Hood, “Kaine Gets An Earful From Defense Contractors,” [Fairfax News](#), 8/17/12)

### ***Virginia Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Virginia Losing 65,000 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**“With At Least 9% Or Sequestration’s 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, Virginia’s Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“From 2000-2011, 14,055 Virginia Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America’s National Defense.”** “From 2000-2011, 14,055 Virginia businesses provided goods and services for America’s national defense. In 2011, many Virginia businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 1,025 minority-owned businesses, including 371 owned by Black Americans, 183 owned by Hispanic Americans, 66 owned by Native Americans, 226 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 179 owned by other minority Americans.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**“Virginia Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$9.87 Billion – Each Year.”** “Virginia defense prime contractors earned over \$54.85 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration – starting in 2013. Virginia defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$9.87 billion – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Virginia Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Many Companies That Could Be Hurt By Sequestration Research Everything From A Cure For Cancer To Technology To Help Locate IEDs.** “John Jumper, a former Air Force chief of staff and current chief executive of McLean-based Science Applications International Corp., or SAIC, said affected contractors hire a substantial number of veterans each year. Many of the companies that would be hurt by the cuts research everything from a cure for cancer to new technology to locate improvised explosive devices, or IEDs.” (Jason Spencer, “Northern Virginia’s Top Contractors: Cuts Would Be

'Devastating,'" [Ashburn Patch](#), 7/30/12)

- **Small-to Mid-Sized Companies That Could Be Affected Generate The “Entrepreneurial Innovation” That Larger Firms Use To Recruit And Advance; Defense Cuts Would Devastate The “Innovation Pipeline.”** “Further, small- to mid-sized companies generate much of the ‘entrepreneurial innovation’ that larger firms later recruit or advance, said Brad Antle, CEO of Fairfax-based Salient Federal Solutions and chairman of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, which represents about 1,000 companies. Proposed defense cuts would hit these companies harder and devastate the ‘innovation pipeline,’ he said.” (Jason Spencer, “Northern Virginia’s Top Contractors: Cuts Would Be ‘Devastating,’” [Ashburn Patch](#), 7/30/12)

**Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$840,101,194 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia’s Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$342,968,894 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,644,804,249 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$475,359,780 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Virginia’s Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$572,805,477 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Will “Drive The Economy” In Virginia “Into A Recession”***

**With Sequestration, “15% Of Virginia’s Jobs Will Disappear– Enough To Drive The Economy Into A Recession In 2013.”** “With the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in DOD spending at local shipyards and airfields, 15% of Virginia’s jobs will disappear– enough to drive the economy into a recession in 2013.” (Laurie Simmons, “\$500 Billion In Cuts To Pentagon From ‘Sequestration’ Comes Under Fire,” [WTKR News Channel 3](#), 5/15/12)

- **“A Statewide Recession Is Likely” In Virginia If Sequestration’s “Devastating” Cuts Take Effect.** “If Congress doesn’t stop \$1 trillion in automatic budget reductions set to begin unrolling in January, Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia will see such dramatic cutbacks that a statewide recession is likely, a public policy expert warned Monday night. Professor Stephen Fuller of George Mason University told more than 500 people at a congressional listening session that the deep cuts, including about \$500 billion in defense cuts, would be ‘devastating,’ given that 10 cents of every defense dollar is spent in the commonwealth. ‘These would be enough to drive the economy into a recession in 2013,’ Fuller said, noting that 20 percent of all the jobs in Virginia are dependent on military spending.” (Bill Bartel, “Defense Cuts Would Cripple Va. Economy, Leaders Warn,” [The Virginian-Pilot](#), 5/15/12)

**Brett Vassey, President And CEO Of Virginia Manufacturers Association, Warned That Sequestration Will Have A “Chilling Economic Effect” Across Virginia.** “In a statement, VMA President and CEO Brett Vassey said defense cuts will be felt deeply across the commonwealth, not just in Northern Virginia and Hampton where many defense contractors are based. ‘It’s not just the impact on the Tier 1 defense contractors; it’s the ‘rolling boulder’ down through the Tier 2 and Tier 3 suppliers as well as the

chilling economic effects on these companies and the communities in which they operate that is potentially devastating - we are sacrificing industrial capacity due to an inability to prioritize federal spending,' he said." ("Defense Cuts Could Cost Virginia 115,000 Jobs, Trade Group Says," [Virginia Business](#), 6/21/12)

## **OBAMA'S LACK OF AN ENERGY PLAN *DIDN'T* WORK FOR VIRGINIA**

### ***Coal***

**According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, EPA Regulations Are Forcing 16 Coal Units In Virginia To Be Retired Or Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 2,518 Megawatts Of Electricity.** ("Coal Retirements As Of September 2012," [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed 9/19/12)

**In Virginia, Coal Generates 30 Percent Of The Electricity, Provides Power For Up To One Million Homes And 58,000 Businesses, And Employs More Than 45,000 People.** "Coal provides 30 percent of Virginia's electricity — some 20.2 billion kilowatts, according to the Energy Information Administration. That's enough to power 1 million homes and 58,000 businesses. Virginia ranks 12th in the nation in coal production, EIA said. Direct and indirect employment from coal mining account for 45,210 jobs and a combined payroll of \$3.4 billion." (Kenric Ward, "Climate Regulations Leaving Virginia Coal Out In The Cold," [The Examiner](#), 8/12/12)

**Southwest Virginia's "Largest Employers Are Simply Cross-Eyed And Confused" About EPA Regulations.** "It could be costly and complicated, and it could curtail business. But mostly, some of the region's largest employers are simply cross-eyed and confused about what pending federal pollution mandates will mean for doing business in Southwest Virginia." (Annie Johnson, "Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules," [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)

- **Southwest Virginia Businesses Say EPA Has Been "Unclear" About Specific Impact Of Regulations.** "But the depth and the breadth of that effect and its relative cost to consumers hasn't yet been calculated by a sampling of regional firms. That's because those companies feel the EPA has been unclear about how several rules – including the so-called 'tailoring rule,' which would exclude small companies from compliance – will be implemented and enforced." (Annie Johnson, "Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules," [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)
- **By Allowing States To Define Many Specifics, EPA Regulations "Make Matters More Complicated."** "To make matters more complicated, the EPA has given states the power to decide on an individual basis which 'best available' pollution control technology can be used to curb emissions, technology that is 'exotic' and 'expensive,' [chairman of the environmental group at Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore Charlie] Williams said." (Annie Johnson, "Seeking Clarity On Pollution Rules," [Blue Ridge Business Journal](#), 1/20/12)

**American Electric Power Co. Will Close One Unit At Its Clinch River Plant And Will Shutter Its Glen Lyn Plant By 2014.** "About 500,000 tons of coal a year are burned at the Clinch River plant, an aging Appalachian Power Co. facility that has been producing electricity since Dwight Eisenhower occupied the White House. The fate of this 53-year-old power plant, and others like it across the country, could soon be determined by new regulations proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ... American Electric Power Co., the parent company of Appalachian, says the rules would force it to shut one unit at the Clinch River plant and convert the remaining two to burn natural gas instead of coal. The second coal-burning facility that Appalachian runs in Southwest Virginia, the Glen Lyn plant in Giles County, would be shut down completely by 2014." (Laurence Hammack, "Power Or Poison? EPA Rules Could Limit Coal-Fueled Plants' Emissions," [Roanoke Times](#), 10/9/11)

- **The Closures Will Increase Electricity Rates From 10-15 Percent And Cost 80 Area Jobs.** "The closures and conversions could mean a 10 percent to 15 percent increase in electricity rates, Appalachian has said – adding another twist to the conflict between coal and clean air. ... About 80

power plant jobs would be lost to the regulations in the 9<sup>th</sup> District.” (Laurence Hammack, “Power Or Poison? EPA Rules Could Limit Coal-Fueled Plants’ Emissions,” *Roanoke Times*, 10/9/11)

**CONSOL Energy Has Idled Its Buchanan Mine And May Idle Another, Leading Officials To Worry About A Potential \$2 Million Hit Against Revenues.** “CONSOL Energy said global market conditions led to the idling of one of its two Virginia coal mines – the Buchanan Mine complex near Oakwood in Buchanan County – and could result in the idling of another. The decision has Buchanan County officials worried, because it could mean a \$2 million hit against the county’s 2012-13 budget revenues.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)

- **CONSOL Energy Is Responding To “Weak Market Conditions” In Idling The Mine.** “CONSOL Energy is responding to weak market conditions throughout its export markets in Asia, Europe and South America,” the company said in a written announcement of the decision. The Buchanan Mine – CONSOL’s only mine in the county – produces about 400,000 tons monthly of metallurgical-grade coal for steel production. According to information on CONSOL’s website, Buchanan set a company record for coal production in 2011 with 5.7 million tons mined that year.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)
- **The Idling Has Led CONSOL To Furlough 606 Employees.** “CONSOL spokeswoman Cathy St. Clair said Tuesday that the company has furloughed 606 employees at the Buchanan complex. The complex’s preparation plant will retain six employees while another 160 salaried employees and 11 mine rescue team members will stay on the job, St. Clair said.” (Mike Still, “Global Market Conditions Idles CONSOL Mine,” [TriCities](#), 9/5/12)

**Dominion Virginia Power Has Plans To Shut Down Coal-Fired Plants In Yorktown And Chesapeake.** “Dominion Virginia Power, another major electric utility serving Virginia, also plans to shut down its coal-fired plants at Yorktown and Chesapeake. The two facilities have a combined capacity to generate 1,189 megawatts.” (Kenric Ward, “Climate Regulations Leaving Virginia Coal Out In The Cold,” [The Examiner](#), 8/12/12)

**Alpha Natural Resources Announced It’s Eliminating 1,200 Jobs, Nearly A Tenth Of Its Work Force.** “Coal producer Alpha Natural Resources said Tuesday it’s cutting production by 16 million tons and eliminating 1,200 jobs companywide, including 400 with the immediate closing of eight mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The mine shutdowns start Tuesday, while the rest of the layoffs will be completed by the end of the first quarter after Alpha fulfills current sales obligations, Chief Executive Officer Kevin Crutchfield said. In all, the layoffs amount to nearly a tenth of Alpha’s 13,000-person work force.” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

- **“Closing Four Mines In West Virginia, Three In Virginia, And One In Pennsylvania,” Miners Will Be Either Reassigned Or Laid Off Immediately, And Support Positions Will Also Be Cut Proportionally.** “Alpha said it is closing four mines in West Virginia, three in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania. They are a mix of deep and surface mines. All the mines being closed are non-union operations. Alpha didn’t immediately name the mines because they wanted to inform all the workers first. Though some miners will stay on to seal the operations, most will either be reassigned or laid off immediately. Support positions will also be cut proportionally as Alpha reduces its operating regions from four to two, Crutchfield said, and two executives will retire Nov. 1.” (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)
- **“The Virginia Mines Are Guest Mountain Deep Mines No. 8 And No. 9 Near Norton, And The Twin Star Surface Mine Near Hurley.”** (Vicki Smith, “Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

**GenOn Energy’s Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria, Virginia Was Shut Down.** “A coal-fired power plant in Alexandria that has drawn the scorn of environmentalists for decades is about to be shut down.



The GenOn Power Plant will close Monday under an agreement between city officials and Houston-based GenOn Energy.” (“Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria Is Poised To Close, Pleasing Local Officials,” *The Associated Press*, 9/30/12)

- **The Plant “Has Been Forced To Scale Back Its Operations In Recent Years To Comply With The Clean Air Act.”** “The plant opened in 1949 and has been forced to scale back its operations in recent years to comply with the Clean Air Act. GenOn will get back about \$32 million the city had held in escrow to use for environmental controls under an agreement signed in 2008, the AP reports.” (“Coal-Fired Power Plant In Alexandria Is Poised To Close, Pleasing Local Officials,” *The Associated Press*, 9/30/12)

**Former Rep. Rick Boucher (D-VA): EPA Regulations And Other Factors Have “Put The Coal Industry In A Very Difficult Position.”** “‘I tend to think the EPA regulations are a minor part of the equation,’ Boucher said. ‘But the sum total has put the coal industry in a very difficult position.’” (Fredrick Kunkle, “Woes In Virginia Coal Fields, Energy Policy Move To Fore In U.S. Senate Race,” *The Washington Post*, 9/23/12)

**Virginia State Sen. Phillip Puckett (D-Lebanon): “It’s Very Clear To Me That The Administration Does Not Support The Coal Industry In A Way That’s Beneficial To Our Area. So, I Don’t Plan To Support President Obama For Re-Election.”** (George Jackson, “VA Sen. Phillip Puckett Says He Will Not Support Obama In 2012,” *WJHL*, 9/22/11)

- **Puckett: In Southwest Virginia, “The Story Here Is Coal.”** “‘The story here is coal,’ said state Sen. Phillip P. Puckett (D-Russell County), who admits the regulatory and economic climate has made life tricky for his party. But Puckett said Kaine also has performed better than most Democrats in southwest Virginia.” (Fredrick Kunkle, “Woes In Virginia Coal Fields, Energy Policy Move To Fore In U.S. Senate Race,” *The Washington Post*, 9/23/12)
- **Puckett: “He Doesn’t Listen To Me, And Quite Frankly He Wasn’t My Choice For The Democratic Nomination.”** (George Jackson, “VA Sen. Phillip Puckett Says He Will Not Support Obama In 2012,” *WJHL*, 9/22/11)

### ***Offshore Drilling***

**In 2010, The Obama Administration Upended Virginia’s Plans To Be The First Atlantic Coast State To Permit Offshore Drilling.** “The pursuit of oil and natural gas off Virginia’s coast, gaining momentum two months ago, came to an abrupt halt Thursday as President Barack Obama clamped down on the offshore drilling industry. Obama said he will cancel lease sales planned off Virginia and in the western Gulf of Mexico, continue a ban on new deepwater oil drilling permits for six months, and delay a lease sale off Alaska. ... Canceling the Virginia lease sale upends Gov. Bob McDonnell’s effort to make Virginia the first Atlantic coast state to permit offshore drilling.” (Cory Nealon, “Va. Drilling Plans Dealt New Setback,” *Daily Press*, 5/28/10)

**In 2011, The Obama Administration Excluded Virginia And The Rest Of The Eastern Seaboard From New Leases.** “The Obama administration’s new five-year plan for offshore oil and gas drilling includes lease sales in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Alaska but will not offer leases for drilling off Virginia or other parts of the eastern United States.” (Steve Mufson, “Offshore Drilling Plan Excludes Virginia,” *The Washington Post*, 11/8/11)

- **The Announcement Signaled A “Step Back From Proposals President Obama Made In The Spring Of 2010...”** “In postponing lease sales along the Eastern Seaboard, the plan took a step back from proposals President Obama made in the spring of 2010 before a blowout on BP’s Macondo well triggered last year’s giant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.” (Steve Mufson, “Offshore Drilling Plan Excludes Virginia,” *The Washington Post*, 11/8/11)

**Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA): Offshore Drilling Would “Would Boost Domestic Energy Production, While Benefiting The Commonwealth’s Economy.”** WEBB: “Oil and gas exploration within the Virginia Outer Continental Shelf—if coupled with an equitable formula for sharing revenues between the state and federal governments—would boost domestic energy production, while benefiting the Commonwealth’s economy. ... we work to address our energy future here in Congress, it is important to note the

administration's existing authority to include Virginia in the current five-year lease plan, and I once again urge the president to exercise that authority." ("Virginia Left Out Of Offshore Drilling" [The Fredericksburg Free Lance Star's "On Politics" Blog](#), 11/8/11)

**Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) Called Obama's Decision "Disappointing, Because The Safe, Responsible Development Of Offshore Energy Resources Has Broad Support From Virginians And Among The Bipartisan Elected Leadership Of The State."** WARNER: "This is disappointing, because the safe, responsible development of offshore energy resources has broad support from Virginians and among the bipartisan elected leadership of the state. ... I will be strongly urging the administration to take another look at including Virginia in its five-year plan." ("Virginia Left Out Of Offshore Drilling" [The Fredericksburg Free Lance Star's "On Politics" Blog](#), 11/8/11)

**In 2012, Obama's Interior Department Excluded Virginia From New Leases To Be Opened For Offshore Energy Exploration.** "The 15 scheduled potential lease sales contained in the plan will occur in six planning areas – the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico, the portion of the Eastern Gulf Of Mexico not currently under Congressional moratorium, and the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea and Cook Inlet Planning Areas offshore Alaska." (Press Release, "Interior Finalizes Plan To Make All Highest-Resource Areas In The U.S. Offshore Available For Oil And Gas Leasing," [Department Of The Interior](#), 6/28/12)

- **Obama Blocked Virginia From Offshore Drilling "Until At Least 2017."** "The plan announced Thursday postpones drilling off Virginia's coast until at least 2017." (Anita Kumar, "Virginia Politicians Complain About Exclusion In Offshore Drilling Plan," [The Washington Post](#), 6/28/12)
- **Offshore Drilling Off Virginia's Coast Would Create Approximately 1,900 Jobs, Add \$365 Million Annually To The GDP And Generate Nearly \$20 Billion In Additional Revenue.** "By going forward with offshore Atlantic oil and gas leasing and with Virginia participating in the development of offshore Atlantic resources, a recent report estimates that the state's activity could: Create approximately 1,900 new jobs in Virginia; Add \$365 million annually to the Gross Domestic Product; and Generate almost \$19.5 billion in government revenues at all levels of government (federal, state and local)." ("Potential Job Creation, Economic Benefits And Revenue Sharing From Oil And Natural Gas Production And Exploration In Virginia," [Southeast Energy Alliance](#), 10/14/10)

**Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA): "I Regret That The Administration Failed To Include Virginia In Its Proposed Final Five-Year Lease Plan."** WEBB: "I regret that the administration failed to include Virginia in its proposed final five-year lease plan. ... Energy exploration and subsequent production within the Virginia Outer Continental Shelf – if coupled with an equitable formula for sharing revenues between the state and federal governments – would boost domestic energy production, while benefiting the Commonwealth's economy." ("Leaders Respond To Drilling Decision," [Augusta Free Press](#), 6/28/12)

- **Sens. Webb And Warner Are Co-Sponsoring Legislation That Would Open Energy Production Off The Coast Of Virginia.** "Sens. Jim Webb and Mark R. Warner, both Democrats, are co-sponsoring legislation that would open energy production off the coast of Virginia. The Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now Act of 2012, or OPEN Act, would replace the current five-year leasing plan, which excludes Virginia, and provide revenue sharing to all participating coastal states." (Wesley P. Hester, "Webb, Warner Co-Sponsor Bill On Offshore Energy Production," [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#), 7/31/12)

## **OBAMACARE: WRONG FOR VIRGINIA**

**ObamaCare Will Cost Virginia \$1.47 Billion Throughout The Next 12 Years.** "In Virginia, where officials say the overhaul will cost \$1.47 billion over the next 12 years, McDonnell has called the law a 'historic and unfunded federal mandate on the states' and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II has bemoaned its possible impact on the bottom line." (Rosalind S. Helderman and Aaron C. Davis, "Health-Care Overhaul's Costs To Virginia And Maryland Unclear," [The Washington Post's Breaking News Blog](#), 6/25/10)

- **The Cost Through 2022 Was \$400 Million More Than An Earlier Estimate.** “The McDonnell administration increased its estimate for Virginia’s cost of President Obama’s health care overhaul to about \$1.5 billion through 2022, a roughly \$400 million jump from the governor’s initial forecast. ... The upward revision is mostly because of bad news from the federal government on how 80,000 low-income children and teens will be covered under the new law. When the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services made the first estimate, it assumed those youths would stay in the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, which provides the state with a generous federal match, said Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Bill Hazel. ... ‘In the new plan, [the youths] get converted to standard Medicaid, which means we get a lower federal match, which means it costs us more money,’ Hazel told *The Washington Examiner*.” (William C. Flook, “McDonnell: Obamacare Will Cost Virginia \$1.5 Billion,” *The Washington Examiner*, 5/18/10)

**Richmond Times-Dispatch: ObamaCare Causing Higher Health Care Costs, Higher Deficits, And Higher Taxes.** “The critics’ predictions -- it’s going to raise health care costs, the deficit, taxes, and insurance premiums, make getting medical care more complex, and help fewer people than advertised -- are coming true already. Members of the public understand this all too well.” (Editorial, “Health Care: ‘You Dummies,’” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 9/27/10)

- **Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Democrats And An Often Sympathetic Media Are Trying, Once Again, To Tell Voters They Would Like A Lousy Law If Only They Had Enough Brains.”** (Editorial, “Health Care: ‘You Dummies,’” *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 9/27/10)

**A Virginia Small Business Owner Said Health Care Bill Is “Detrimental To The Incentive To Grow And Provide Jobs For People.”** “Karch, for example, said 95 percent of the staff at Home Instead Senior Care work part time, but he technically has more than 50 full-time equivalent employees. He said he doesn’t know if that means he has to provide health insurance for all his employees or just those who work full time. If part-timers are included, he said he’d either have to shut down or raise his rates. ‘As a small business owner, I definitely feel this legislation is detrimental to the incentive to grow and provide jobs for people, especially people that, for a variety of reasons, can only work part time,’ Karch said.” (Cathy Jett, “Reform Getting Mixed Reviews,” *The Free Lance Star*, 4/3/10)

**In 2009, A Virginia Cardiologist Said Medicare Cuts Will Force Him, Other Small-Town Doctors To Close Their Offices.** “The cuts would be ‘impossible’ for some small-town cardiologists who rely on Medicare patients, said Zia Roshandel, a heart doctor in Culpeper, Virginia. The town of 10,000 people is about 60 miles southwest of Washington ... If the proposal stands, ‘the bottom line is I’m going to close the office,’ he said. ‘This is impossible for me to survive.’” (Alex Nussbaum & Lisa Rapaport, “Cardiologists Crying Foul Over Obama Medicare Cuts,” *Bloomberg*, 8/28/09)

**Richmond, VA-Based Brink’s Took A \$14 Million Charge From ObamaCare.** “The Brink’s Company, a global leader in security-related services, reported a first-quarter loss from continuing operations of \$5 million (\$.10 per share) versus income of \$22 million last year (\$.48 per share). Results include an income tax charge of \$14 million (\$.28 per share) related to recently enacted U.S. healthcare legislation.” (The Brink’s Company, “Brink’s Reports First-Quarter Results,” *Press Release*, 4/29/10)

**Virginia’s Norfolk Southern Took A \$27 Million Charge For New Health Care Costs.** “Norfolk Southern Corp. has announced it will pay about \$27 million more in expenses for the first quarter of the year as a result of federal health care legislation signed last month. ‘Under the new legislation, to the extent the corporation’s future health-care drug expenses are reimbursed under the Medicare Part D retiree drug subsidy program, the reimbursed expenses will no longer be tax deductible after 2012,’ the company stated in a filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” (Robert McCabe, “Norfolk Southern To Pay \$27M More After Health Care Bill,” *The Virginian-Pilot*, 4/8/10)

## ***Even Virginia Democrat Sen. Jim Webb Is Critical Of Obama's Approach To Health Care***

**Sen. Jim Webb(D-VA): HealthCare “Cost Obama A Lot Of Credibility As Leader.”** “@SusanPage: Sen. Jim Webb at [@Bloomberg](#) breakfast says Obama's 'biggest downside' politically is [#hcr](#); 'cost Obama a lot of credibility as a leader.’” (Susan Page, [Twitter Feed](#), 4/18/12)

- **Webb: It's A Big “Question Mark” If Obama Will Be Able To Carry VA This Year.** “Democratic Senator Jim Webb of Virginia said it's a ‘big question mark’ whether President Barack Obama will be able to carry his state again in this year's election because Obama's handling of the health-care overhaul harmed his credibility.” (Julie Hirschfeld Davis, “Webb Says Virginia A Challenge For Obama Over Health Care,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/18/12)
- **Webb: “The Manner In Which The Health-Care-Reform Issue Was Put In Front Of The Congress -- The Way That The Issue Was Dealt With By The White House -- Cost Obama A Lot Of Credibility As A Leader. From That Point Forward, Obama's Had A Difficult Time Selling Himself As A Decisive Leader.”** (Julie Hirschfeld Davis, “Webb Says Virginia A Challenge For Obama Over Health Care,” [Bloomberg](#), 4/18/12)





# OBAMA: WRONG FOR WISCONSIN

**Jobs:** Since Obama Took Office, Wisconsin Has Lost 86,200 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 7.2 Percent To 7.3 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Unemployment:** Wisconsin Has 223,565 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Failed Stimulus Jobs:** Since The Stimulus Passed, Wisconsin Has Lost 25,800 Construction Jobs And 12,300 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Median Household Income:** Under Obama, Median Household Income In Wisconsin Has Declined From \$54,426 To \$50,395. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**National Debt:** Since Obama Took Office, Each Wisconsinite's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,121.10 To A Total Of \$52,540.63. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**College Tuition:** The Average Student Graduating From A Four-Year College Institution In Wisconsin Has \$26,238 In Debt. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Tax Hikes:** Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Wisconsin 14,900 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Wisconsin \$3.4 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

**Gas Prices:** Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In Wisconsin Has Increased From \$1.946 To \$3.391. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 11/5/12)

**Food Stamps:** Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Wisconsin Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 66 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 11/5/12)

**Poverty:** Under Obama, 156,707 More People In Wisconsin Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

**The Great Recession Has Resulted In A "Hangover" In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, As The City Has A Poverty Rate Of 29.4 Percent.** "The Great Recession is over, but the hangover remains in Milwaukee, according to estimates released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau. Milwaukee remained one of America's 10 most impoverished big cities, with a poverty rate of 29.4% in 2011." (Bill Glauber, Ben Poston, "Milwaukee's Poverty Rate Stands At 29.4%," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 9/19/12)

- **67,229 Milwaukee Children Lived In Poverty Last Year.** "In all, 171,500 city residents, including 67,229 children, lived in poverty last year. The poverty rate among the city's children, though, actually dipped slightly from 46.1% in 2010 to 43% in 2011." (Bill Glauber, Ben Poston, "Milwaukee's Poverty Rate Stands At 29.4%," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 9/19/12)

**Childhood Poverty:** 236,730 Wisconsin Children Lived In Poverty Last Year. "Statewide, the poverty rate was flat over the past two years at 13%, with an estimated 725,797 people, including 236,730 children, living in poverty in Wisconsin in 2011." (Bill Glauber, Ben Poston, "Milwaukee's Poverty Rate Stands At 29.4%," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 9/19/12)

## OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN'T* WORK FOR WISCONSIN

**Wisconsin Air National Guard To Cut As Many As 114 Positions As Result Of Obama's FY 2013 Budget.** "As many as 114 Wisconsin Air National Guard positions could be lost under proposed U.S. Air Force cuts announced Tuesday. If the budget proposal is enacted by Congress, the Wisconsin Air National Guard would lose about 5% of positions. There are 2,290 airmen in the Wisconsin guard." (Meg Jones, "Air National Guard Could Lose 114 Positions," [Milwaukee Journal Sentential](#), 3/6/12)

**Under Obama's FY2013 Budget, Wisconsin Would Lose 114 Air Force Positions And 3 Aircraft, Including An RC-26 Plane Used For Surveillance.** "Under the plan, Wisconsin would lose 114 positions, 16 of them full time, from its two Air Guard stations in Madison and Milwaukee, about a 5 percent reduction, according to Rep. Tammy Baldwin's office. The state's Air Guard also would lose three aircraft, including an RC-26 twin turboprop used for surveillance." (Larry Bivins, "Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts," [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

- **RC-26 Surveillance Plane Provides Video To Combat Drug Trafficking And Assists Firefighters Battling Wildfires.** "The RC-26 has provided aerial photography and video to law enforcement agencies fighting drug trafficking and has been deployed to assist firefighters trying to quell wildfires." (Larry Bivins, "Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts," [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

**Wisconsin's State Adjutant General: Personnel Cuts Are "Sobering."** "Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, the state's adjutant general, called the news 'sobering' and noted that the personnel cuts were larger than anticipated and must be implemented quickly - by Oct. 1." (Meg Jones, "Air National Guard Could Lose 114 Positions," [Milwaukee Journal Sentential](#), 3/6/12)

- **Wisconsin Adjutant General: Proposed Reductions Will Have A "Life-Changing Impact."** "We cannot ignore that these proposed reductions have real, significant, life-changing impact on our men and women in the Wisconsin Air National Guard," Dunbar said in a release." (Meg Jones, "Air National Guard Could Lose 114 Positions," [Milwaukee Journal Sentential](#), 3/6/12)
- **Wisconsin Adjutant General Joined Other Adjutant Generals In Asking Congress To Delay Implementing Cuts.** "State adjutants general and governors have criticized what they say is a disproportional share of defense spending cuts facing the Air National Guard. Almost 25% of Air Force personnel come from the Air National Guard though the guard accounts for only 6% of the total Air Force budget. In a Feb. 27 letter to the Senate Armed Forces Committee, all 54 adjutants general asked Congress to delay implementing the proposed plan until a proper review was conducted." (Meg Jones, "Air National Guard Could Lose 114 Positions," [Milwaukee Journal Sentential](#), 3/6/12)

### *Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation Questioned Obama's FY 2013 Air Force Cuts*

**Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation Questions Air Force Personnel Cuts.** "Wisconsin's congressional delegation wants to know the Defense Department's rationale for proposed personnel cuts at the state's Air National Guard stations." (Larry Bivins, "Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts," [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

**Wisconsin Democrat Representative Tammy Baldwin Authored Letter Questioning Obama's FY2013 Defense Budget.** "The letter was drafted by Baldwin, D-Madison, and signed by each member of the delegation except Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Janesville, who chairs the House Budget Committee. It also was endorsed by Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a former Air Force pilot and now a member of the Air Force Reserves." (Larry Bivins, "Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts," [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

- **Wisconsin Lawmakers Concerned About Losing State's Only Surveillance Plane.** "We are incredibly proud of the nearly 2,300 airmen that serve in the Wisconsin Air National Guard and believe the proposed structure realignment may have an unbalanced impact on our state and the nation," the letter said. 'Losing the one and only RC-26 in our state will severely limit the regional

anti-narcotics efforts, emergency preparedness and training capacity.” (Larry Bivins, “Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts,” [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

- **Wisconsin Congressional Delegation Asks For “Detailed Analysis” For Budget Cut Decisions.** “In a letter this week to Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, Wisconsin lawmakers asked for the ‘detailed analysis’ the department used to make its decisions.” (Larry Bivins, “Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts,” [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)
- **Baldwin: “We Deserve To Know ... [H]ow These Restructuring Decisions Are Made.”** “‘There’s no question that we must cut excess fat from our military budget and restructure our Armed Forces to meet the challenges of the 21st Century,’ Baldwin said. ‘We deserve to know, however, how these restructuring decisions are made.’” (Larry Bivins, “Wisconsin Lawmakers Question Air Guard Cuts,” [FDL Reporter](#), 3/7/12)

**Oshkosh Corporation Among “Biggest Losers” In Obama’s Budget, With A 32 Percent Reduction In Requests For Ground Vehicles.** “The Oshkosh Corporation could be among the biggest losers in President Obama’s federal budget -- but the maker of military vehicles says it’s ready for the hit. U-S troops have already pulled out of Iraq, and Obama wants to get them out of Afghanistan. He has proposed \$600-million dollars in the next fiscal year for the heavy tactical vehicles made by Oshkosh. The Pentagon’s spending plan includes \$11-billion for ground vehicles for the year starting October 1st. That’s 32-percent less than the current year. Oshkosh spokesman John Daggett says the company has anticipated the big cut.” (“Pentagon Cuts Could Cost Oshkosh Corporation Millions”, [WHBL News Radio 1330](#), 2/14/12)

### ***Obama’s Sequestration Would Cost Wisconsin An Additional 27,609 Jobs***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Wisconsin Losing 27,609 Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

**“Wisconsin Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**“Under Sequestration, 703 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Wisconsin Would Lose \$1.52 Billion In Lose Earnings.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Wisconsin Could See A \$2.21 Billion Decrease In Gross State Product.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

### ***Sequestration Cuts Are “Bad For Wisconsin”***

**According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Wisconsin Losing 13,177 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The Non-Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Wisconsin Losing 3,722 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)
- **According To A Study By George Mason University, The DOD And Non-DOD Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Wisconsin Losing A Total Of 16,899 Small Business Jobs.** (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

**According To The National Association Of Manufacturers, Sequestration Cuts Are “Bad For Wisconsin.”** “‘Absolutely, sequestration will impact Wisconsin businesses,’ said John Rogers, chairman of the institute. ‘While virtually everyone anticipated and supported some level of defense spending

reduction, the cuts that could come under sequestration would be bad for our national security and bad for Wisconsin and our nation's businesses.” (Rick Barrett, “Impending Military Cuts Could Cost Wisconsin 11,000 Jobs,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 7/28/12)

**“Wisconsin Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$1.11 Billion – Each Year.”**

“Wisconsin defense prime contractors earned over \$6.17 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. Wisconsin defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$1.11 billion – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“Wisconsin Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Oshkosh Corp. And Marinette Marine Co., Two Of Wisconsin’s Largest Employers, Could Be Affected.** “Some of Wisconsin's largest employers, including Oshkosh Corp. and Marinette Marine Co., could be directly affected by the spending cuts for military vehicles and combat ships. ‘We are monitoring the situation and will be prepared to deal with it,’ said John Daggett, spokesman for Oshkosh Corp., the state's largest manufacturer.” (Rick Barrett, “Impending Military Cuts Could Cost Wisconsin 11,000 Jobs,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 7/28/12)

**Wisconsin Has More Than 2,500 Federal Contractors That Could Be Affected By Sequestration, The Largest Of Which Is Oshkosh Corp. Which Is Responsible For 65 Percent Of Federal Contract Money In Wisconsin.** “Wisconsin has more than 2,500 federal contractors that could be affected by sequestration, according to the institute. The largest is Oshkosh Corp. which is responsible for 65% of the federal contract dollars coming into the state and has an extensive supply chain here.” (Rick Barrett, “Impending Military Cuts Could Cost Wisconsin 11,000 Jobs,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 7/28/12)

**Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Wisconsin’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$7,985,478.00 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Wisconsin’s Women Owned Businesses Would Lose \$4,981,692 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

**Minority Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Wisconsin’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$20,803,075 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Wisconsin’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,010,636 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **Hispanic American Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Wisconsin’s Hispanic American Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,676,240 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

## **OBAMACARE ISN’T “LIVING UP TO EXPECTATIONS” IN WISCONSIN**

**The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan “Isn’t Living Up To Expectations” Because Of Lagging Enrollment Numbers And High Premiums.** “It’s a centerpiece of President Barack Obama’s health care remake, a lifeline available right now to vulnerable people whose medical problems have made them uninsurable. But the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan started this summer isn’t living up to expectations. Enrollment lags in many parts of the country. People who could benefit may not be able to afford the premiums. Some state officials who run their own ‘high-risk pools’ have pointed out potential



problems. 'The federal risk pool has definitely provided critical access, in some cases lifesaving access, to health insurance,' said Amie Goldman, chair of a national association of state high-risk insurance pools. 'That said, enrollment so far is lower than we would have expected.' Goldman runs the Wisconsin state pool, as well as the federal plan in her state." (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, "Growing Pains For A Centerpiece Of Health Overhaul," *The Associated Press*, 10/3/10)

- **"In Wisconsin, Goldman Said They've Received Fewer Than 300 Applications So Far, With Room For About 8,000 People In The Program."** (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, "Growing Pains For A Centerpiece Of Health Overhaul," *The Associated Press*, 10/3/10)

### ***ObamaCare "Looms Over" Small Businesses In Wisconsin***

**Wisconsin State Journal: Obamacare "Looms Over" Small Businesses.** "Small business people also would feel more confident if Obama and Congress did more to ease federal regulation and simplify the tax code. Instead, Obama's health care changes continue to loom over long-term business decisions. Many small business people remain skeptical that health care reforms will actually control costs." (Editorial, "Jobs Bill Misses Mark," [Wisconsin State Journal](#), 9/25/11)

- **Wisconsin State Journal: Obama Is Missing The Mark.** "Obama is focused on the right issues: jobs and the economy. But the legislation he's shopping across America misses the mark." (Editorial, "Jobs Bill Misses Mark," [Wisconsin State Journal](#), 9/25/11)
- **Wisconsin State Journal: "It's Hard To See How A Second Stimulus That's Half The Size Of The First Will Do Much To Fix The Still Challenging Economy."** "The problem with President Barack Obama's first federal stimulus wasn't that it spent too little. The problem was that its more than \$800 billion in spending was unfocused and inefficient. It ran up more debt without providing much pop for the private economy. So it's hard to see how a second stimulus that's half the size of the first will do much to fix the still challenging economy." (Editorial, "Jobs Bill Misses Mark," [Wisconsin State Journal](#), 9/25/11)

**Milwaukee Based Assurant Health Will Be Eliminating 130 Jobs In Its Offices In Milwaukee And Plymouth, Minnesota By October 1, 2010.** "Assurant Health is eliminating 130 jobs at its offices in Milwaukee and Plymouth, Minn., by Oct. 1 as the health insurer prepares for changes under federal health care reform. The company, which sells health insurance for individuals and small employers as well as short-term policies, faces an onslaught of new federal health care reform regulations, including the requirement that it spend 80% of premiums on medical care." (Guy Boulton, "Assurant Health To Eliminate 130 Jobs," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/19/10)

- **"The New Regulations Under Federal Health Care Reform Are Expected To Remake The Industry, Particularly For Insurance Sold To Individuals And Families And To Small Employers, Such As Those With 100 Or Fewer Workers."** (Guy Boulton, "Assurant Health To Eliminate 130 Jobs," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/19/10)

**Shareholders Of Madison, WI-Based Alliant Energy Corporation Will See Lower Profits Because Of ObamaCare.** "Alliant Energy Corporation today announced first quarter consolidated earnings as follows... Non-recurring income tax impacts: In March 2010, U.S. federal healthcare legislation was enacted, which reduces Alliant Energy's, IPL's and WPL's tax deductions for retiree health care costs beginning in 2013, to the extent that prescription drug expenses are reimbursed under the Medicare Part D retiree drug subsidy program. Due to enactment of this legislation in the first quarter of 2010, Alliant Energy recorded deferred income tax expense of \$0.06 per share, which consisted of deferred income tax expense of \$0.03 per share for IPL and \$0.03 per share for WPL." ("Alliant Energy Announces First Quarter 2010 Results," Press Release, 5/4/10)