

# Economic Vitality

## Indicator 1: Increase Percentage of People Employed

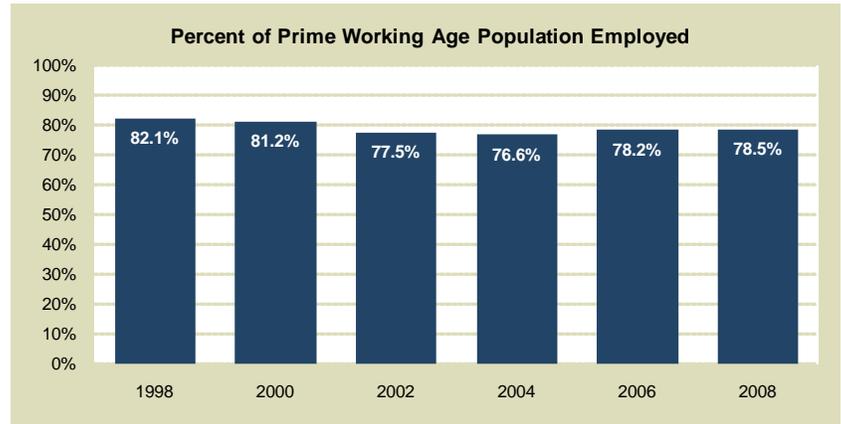
### Measure a: Percent of Prime Working Age Population Employed

#### Description:

Percent of 25 to 54 year-olds who are employed either full-time or part-time at the time of the State Population Survey.

The percent of prime working age population employed represents the degree to which the economy is able to provide jobs and incomes to those who want to work. The greater the share of the labor force employed is indicative of a healthy economy, growing incomes, and lesser demands by unemployed workers and their families on publicly provided social services.

The graph shows that the percent of prime working age population employed has declined from 1998 to 2008. The survey results for 2002 reflect the weakness of the economy just after the national recession of 2001. By 2008, the percent of prime working age population employed had bounced back, but not to the pre-2001-recession levels.



Percent of Prime Working Age Population Employed	
1998	82.1%
2000	81.2%
2002	77.5%
2004	76.6%
2006	78.2%
2008	78.5%

#### Sources:

[Office of Financial Management, State Population Survey](#)