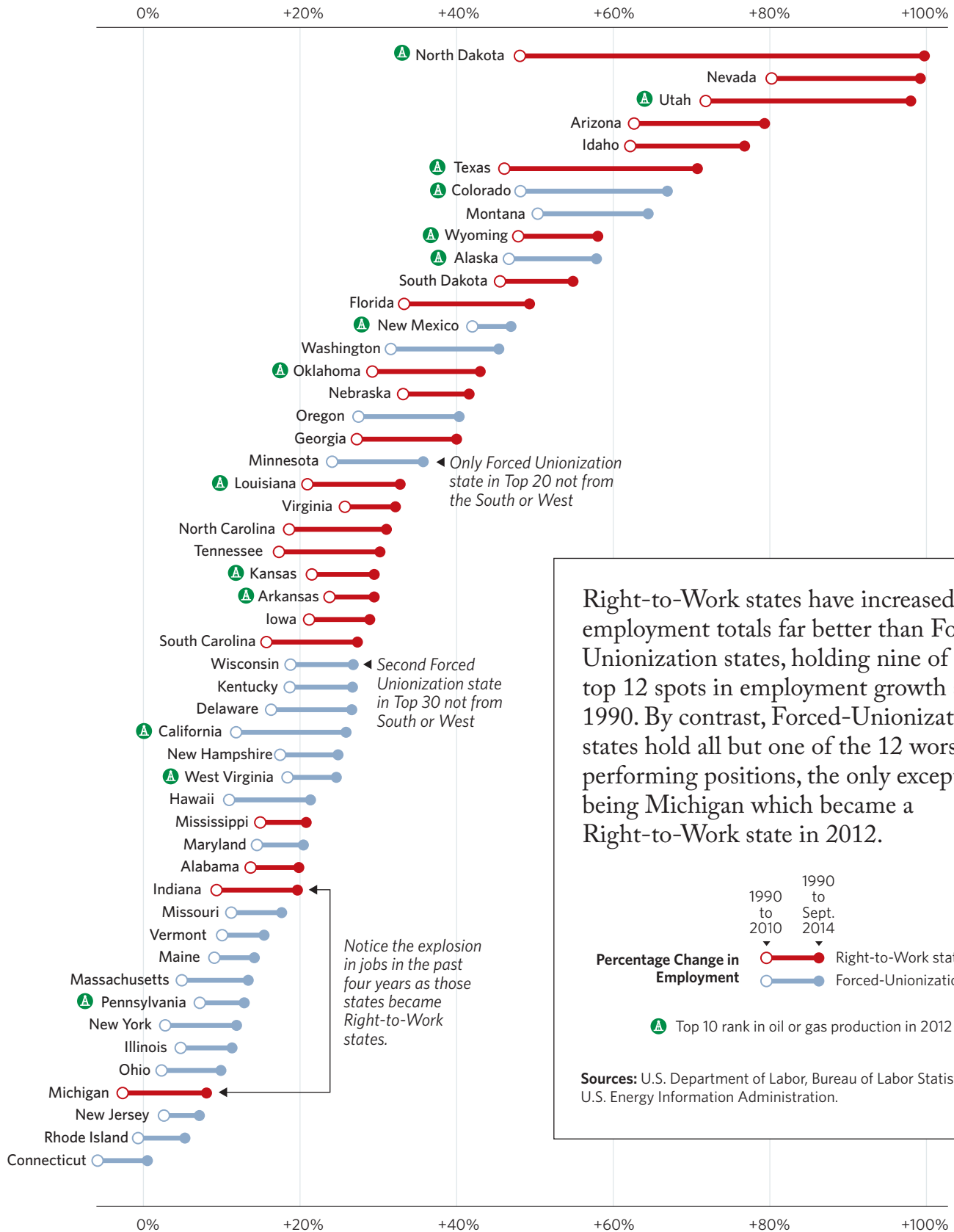


# Right-to-Work States Dominate Economic Recovery



Right-to-Work states have increased their employment totals far better than Forced-Unionization states, holding nine of the top 12 spots in employment growth since 1990. By contrast, Forced-Unionization states hold all but one of the 12 worst-performing positions, the only exception being Michigan which became a Right-to-Work state in 2012.

Percentage Change in Employment: 1990 to 2010 (Red line), 1990 to Sept. 2014 (Blue line)

Legend:
 

- Red line: Right-to-Work states
- Blue line: Forced-Unionization states
- Green 'A': Top 10 rank in oil or gas production in 2012

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Energy Information Administration.