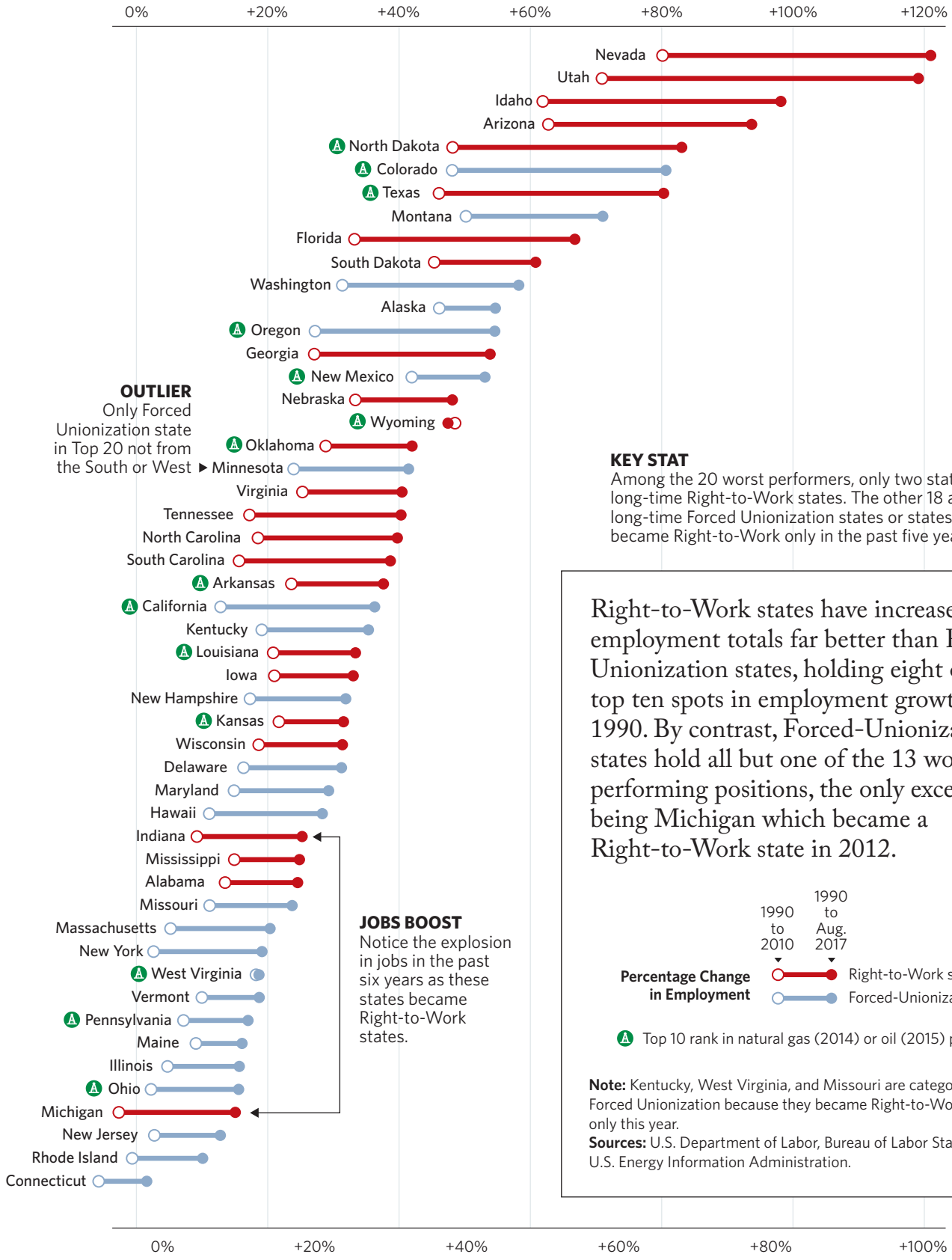
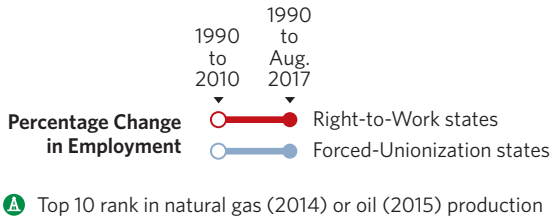
Right-to-Work States Dominate Economic Recovery



KEY STAT
Among the 20 worst performers, only two states are long-time Right-to-Work states. The other 18 are either long-time Forced Unionization states or states that became Right-to-Work only in the past five years.

Right-to-Work states have increased their employment totals far better than Forced-Unionization states, holding eight of the top ten spots in employment growth since 1990. By contrast, Forced-Unionization states hold all but one of the 13 worst-performing positions, the only exception being Michigan which became a Right-to-Work state in 2012.



Note: Kentucky, West Virginia, and Missouri are categorized as Forced Unionization because they became Right-to-Work states only this year.
Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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