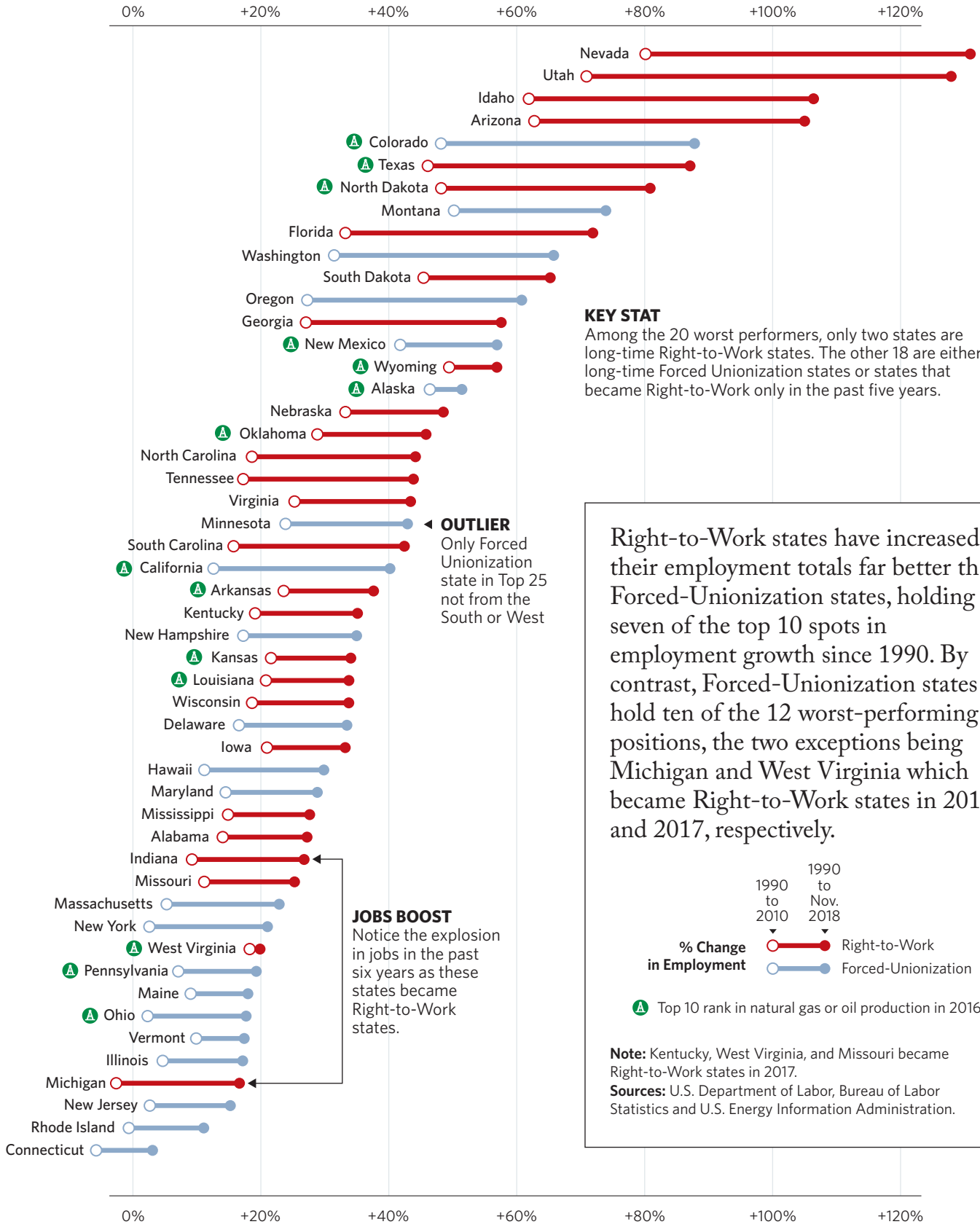
Right-to-Work States Dominate Economic Recovery



Right-to-Work states have increased their employment totals far better than Forced-Unionization states, holding seven of the top 10 spots in employment growth since 1990. By contrast, Forced-Unionization states hold ten of the 12 worst-performing positions, the two exceptions being Michigan and West Virginia which became Right-to-Work states in 2012 and 2017, respectively.

Note: Kentucky, West Virginia, and Missouri became Right-to-Work states in 2017.
Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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