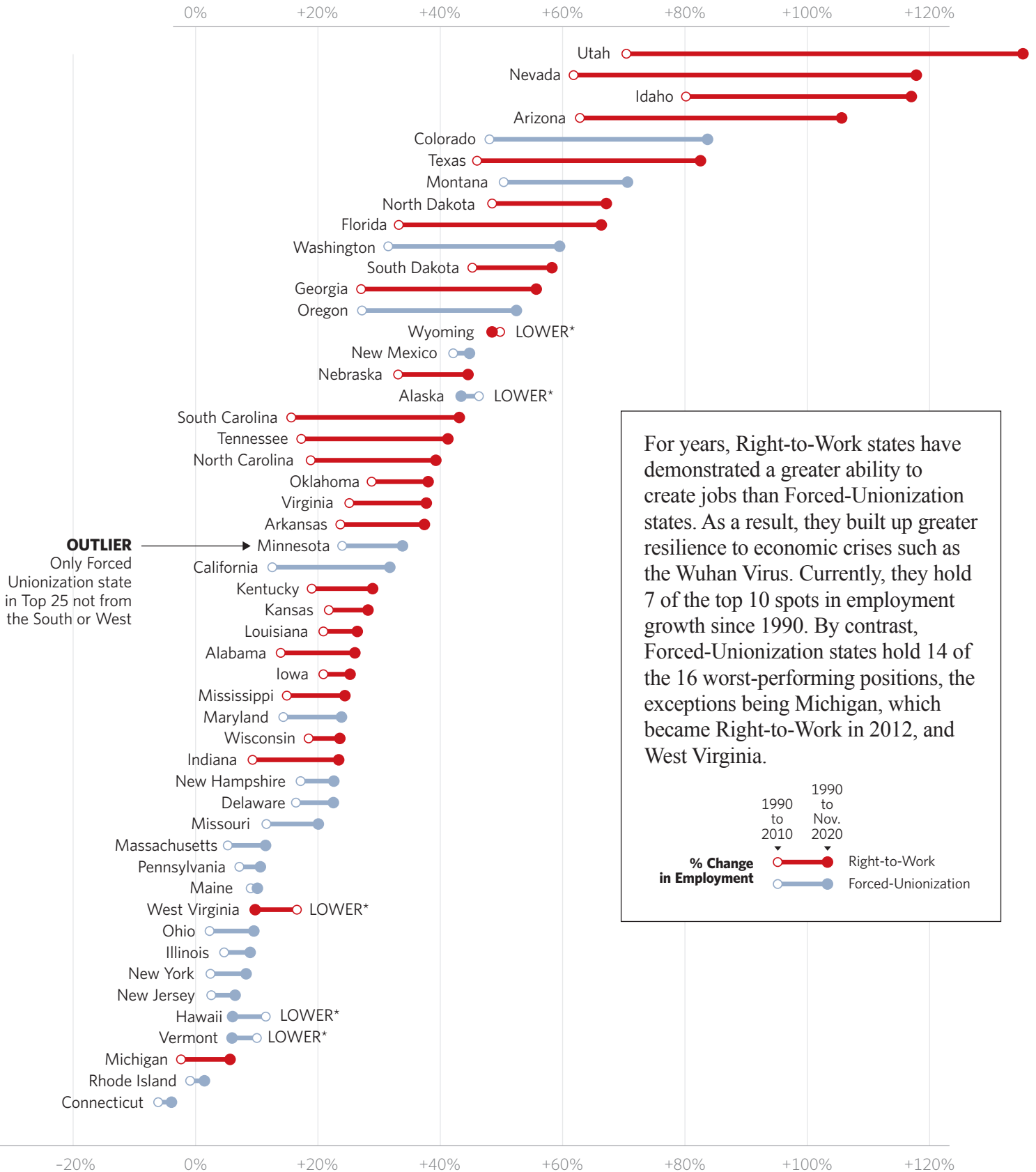


# Right-to-Work States Dominate Economic Recovery



For years, Right-to-Work states have demonstrated a greater ability to create jobs than Forced-Unionization states. As a result, they built up greater resilience to economic crises such as the Wuhan Virus. Currently, they hold 7 of the top 10 spots in employment growth since 1990. By contrast, Forced-Unionization states hold 14 of the 16 worst-performing positions, the exceptions being Michigan, which became Right-to-Work in 2012, and West Virginia.

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Only Forced Unionization state in Top 25 not from the South or West

\* LOWER indicates state has fewer jobs now than it did in 2010.  
NOTE: Kentucky and West Virginia became Right-to-Work states in 2017.  
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.