

**► ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**  
**STATISTICS**

**September 2008**

**\*ALL FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE JOINT  
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS  
(Sen. Charles E. Schumer, Chairman /  
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**AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS**

**Bush I:** - 1.1%  
**Clinton:** + 0.8%  
**Bush II:** + 0.06%

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**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

**Bush I:** - 0.8%  
**Clinton:** + 1.6%  
**Bush II:** - 0.1%

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**POVERTY**

**Bush I:** + 1.8%  
**Clinton:** - 3.5%  
**Bush II:** + 1.2%

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**JOBS (Private Sector)**

**Bush I:** + 1.5 million (30,521/month)  
**Clinton:** +20.8 million (216,771/month)  
**Bush II:** + 3.4 million (36,846/month)

**JOBS (Total Jobs)**

**Bush I:** + 2.6 million  
**Clinton:** +22.7 million  
**Bush II:** + 5.0 million

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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**Clinton:** 4.2% (January 2001)  
**Bush II:** 6.1% (August 2008)

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**REAL GDP**

**Bush I:** + 1.9%  
**Clinton:** + 3.6%  
**Bush II:** + 2.4%

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**INFLATION**

**Bush I:** + 4.2%  
**Clinton:** + 2.6%  
**Bush II:** + 2.9%

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**UNINSURED**

**Clinton:** 38 million (2000)  
**Bush II:** 46 million (2007)

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## **DOW**

**Bush I:** + 47%  
1/20/89: Dow closed at 2,235  
**Clinton:** + 226%  
1/21/93: Dow closed at 3,253  
**Bush II:** + 4%  
1/22/01: Dow closed at 10,578  
(9/23/08): 11,015

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## **NASDAQ/S & P 500**

**Bush II:**  
**NASDAQ: -18%** (Clinton: + 297%)  
Close: 2,273.9 (9/19/08)  
Close: 2,757.91 (1/22/01)  
**S & P 500: -8%** (Clinton: +210%)  
Close: 1,254.66 (9/19/08)  
Close: 1,342.90 (1/22/01)

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## **18 YEARS OF DEFICITS UNDER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS**

**Reagan:** - \$1.41 T  
**Bush I:** - \$1.04 T  
**Bush II:** - \$2.08 T  
- \$4.53 T  
**Clinton:** + \$62.9 B

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## **TOTAL DEBT**

**Bush I:** 1989 - 1992:  
Increased \$1.469 T or 55% to \$4.167 T  
**Clinton:** 1993 - 2000  
Increased \$1.549 T or 37% to \$5.716 T  
**Bush II:** 2001 - 2008 to date  
Increased \$ 3.965 T or 69% to \$9.69 T

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## **DEBT LIMIT**

**\$2.800T** when Bush I came to office  
**\$4.145T** when Clinton came to office  
**\$5.950T** when Bush II came to office  
**\$9.815T** is the current debt limit

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## **AVERAGE REVENUE GROWTH**

**Clinton (1993-2000):** 7.3% annual growth  
**Bush (2001-2008):** 3.2% annual growth  
**Projected when Bush took office (2001-2011):** 4.9% annual growth. Actual growth less than projected!

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## **AVERAGE SPENDING GROWTH**

**Clinton (1993-2000):** 3.0% annual growth  
**Bush (2001-2008):** 8.1% annual growth