

Learn About Your State's Economy With GDP

Part B: Real vs. Nominal GDP

Create a chart to compare real GDP (adjusted for inflation) with current-dollar (nominal) GDP.

Find that by starting at bea.gov/activities and clicking on Part B: Real vs Nominal GDP.

Choose your state and hold down the shift key to select both real GDP and current-dollar GDP. Hit Next Step.

Hold down the shift key to select the most recent 5 years. Hit Next Step.

At the top right, choose chart. Then select both real GDP and current-dollar GDP from the left. Use the resulting chart to answer these questions.

5. Did your state's economy shrink at any time in the last 5 years?
Yes or No
6. Compare current dollar (**nominal**) GDP chart with **real GDP**. What differences do you notice between the two results?
7. Which measure – **nominal GDP** or **real GDP** – do you think gives a more accurate picture of the economy of your state? Why?
