

Since his first day in office, President Obama has focused on laying the foundation for an economy built to last—creating [jobs for American workers](#), [cutting taxes for middle class families](#) and [small businesses](#), [investing in education](#), [manufacturing](#) and [American-made energy](#), and making sure everyone plays by the same rules, from Main Street to [Wall Street](#).

When the President took office in January 2009, the United States was in the midst of a deep recession, losing over 800,000 jobs per month. The economic security of millions of middle class Americans was vanishing. While there is much more to do, private sector employers have now created 5.8 million jobs over 34 straight months.

Manufacturers are steadily adding jobs and the U.S. auto industry is once again leading the world. Middle class families have seen their taxes cut by thousands of dollars over the last four years. Millions of Americans have [health care security](#) they deserve, and have [new protections](#) against the abusive practices that led to the financial crisis.

Each policy snapshot has two sections: **Progress**, which gives you a quick overview of the work President Obama has done since taking office, and **What's Next**, which helps you understand President Obama's plans for continuing the progress underway.

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#### COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY / WHAT'S NEXT

Rein in college cost by reforming student aid to colleges. Reward schools that set tuition prices responsibly. Schools that do the most to provide students with good long-term value should receive more money to help students attend than schools that don't.

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The Small Business Hiring  
Income Tax Credit would

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\$200 BILLION**

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& PAY RAISES**

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businesses around the US.

