UNINTERRUPTED GROWTH
The nation’s 2010 real gross domestic product (GDP) increases at a 3.0 percent annual rate, ushering in a decade of economic expansion—the longest ever recorded.


HEALTH CARE
The ACA is signed into law in 2010 and takes effect in 2014. Tax credits to assist individuals buying health insurance through ACA public exchanges boost government social benefits to persons by 35.2 percent in first-quarter 2015.

Photo: Families wait in line at a Cudahy, CA, health insurance enrollment event after the Affordable Care Act (ACA) takes effect. Lucy Nicholson, Reuters, Alamy Stock Photo, March 2014.

SHUTDOWNS
A partial federal government shutdown from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019, lasts longer than one in October 2013. Employees are furloughed; January’s Survey doesn’t publish; and the first GDP fourth-quarter 2018 estimate’s release is delayed.


TERRITORIES
GDP statistics for American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands debut in 2010. The long-term goal is to integrate the four U.S. territories’ data into the full set of U.S. national accounts.

Photo: Tourism data are included in GDP estimates for American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam (pictured here), and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Cindy Hopkins, Alamy Stock Photo, September 2014.

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