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2025 ECONOMY IS SOARING

This Fact Sheet serves to demonstrate the new, vital economic reality taking shape across America! What follows are critical and documented economic achievements of President Trump and his Administration. They are eye-opening and the basis for a promising future that we must secure! Any member of Congress of either party should take notice and back this effort.

Steel Sector Revival

—U.S. steel production defies worldwide declines, reaching 47.4 million metric tons year-to-date (up 1.5% from 2024), with July 2025 output at 7.1 million tons—a 4.8% jump from last year.
—The May 2025 U.S. Steel-Nippon Steel $11 billion partnership, celebrated at a Pennsylvania rally, will enhance domestic output by 2028.

Aluminum

—Century Aluminum's $50 million investment expands its South Carolina plant to full capacity, boosting national output by 10% and injecting $1 billion into the local economy next year; average wage: $100,000. CEO Jesse Green attributes this to Trump's 50% tariffs. Plans for a second plant by 2026–2027 could double U.S. production.

Auto

—Auto: Ford added 8,400 vehicles and 2,000 Michigan jobs in early 2025; General Motors pledged $4 billion for expansions in Michigan, Kansas, and Tennessee; Stellantis is investing billions to reopen an Illinois plant and upgrade facilities in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana for trucks and EVs. Toyota and Hyundai are also boosting U.S. production.

Machinery and Construction Surge

—Machinery orders exploded in early 2025: up 9.1% in May and 7.7% in June (13.7% half-year growth), driven by the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB) allowing 100% expensing for equipment.
—Machine tool orders rose 21.2% January–June, signaling sustained demand in autos, metals, and aerospace.
—Non-residential construction bids climbed 11.5% in the first half, with manufacturing facilities up 77%.
—Heavy engineering saw gains in airports (51.4%), bridges (29.5%), and power infrastructure (43.6%), fueled by reshoring and trillions in foreign investment.

—Residential housing lags, but OBBB tax relief, FHFA reforms like VantageScore 4.0, and a potential "housing emergency" declaration aim to aid first-time buyers.

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Infrastructure

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has 600 or so projects (harbors, dredging, wetlands), many of which have been stalled for years. With recent EPA changes and with the removal of Obama's "Endangerment Finding," things are moving. Resumed projects include dredging Quillayute River (WA), Keystone Harbor (OK), and Mid-Chesapeake Bay.

U.S.-South Korea Partnership

As part of the U.S.-South Korea tariff deal, South Korea is investing $150 billion into U.S. shipbuilding plus more into nuclear power and tech investments. This includes major shipbuilding in Philadelphia and Louisiana and an 11 GW energy and data center project in Amarillo, TX.

"Fact-Checking" the Naysayers on Manufacturing Expansion

Contrary to the widely publicized headlines in Industry Week in early September, that manufacturing was contracting, based on their Purchasing Managers Index data, the more broad-based report of Standard and Poor's PMI shows exactly the opposite, namely a year-long expansion, with August, "the strongest since May 2022," with a figure of 53 (Above 50 indicates growth.), showing eight months of new orders growth.

Labor

Native-born employment rose two million since January, while unauthorized jobs fell over 500,000, validating Trump's BLS skepticism and prioritizing American workers.

Call to Action

These gains—achieved despite Federal Reserve hurdles—underscore the pillars of a healthy growing nation: tariffs and economic nationalism, family-supporting incomes, safe neighborhoods, Social Security protection, and peace through strength. Promethean Action urges members of Congress to rally to this urgent task.

For more insights, see Brian Lantz, *Rebuild the USA: The Trump Presidency and Beyond*, a 450-page sector-by-sector analysis of U.S. economic rebuilding. Find info on this and more at prom.ac/kit