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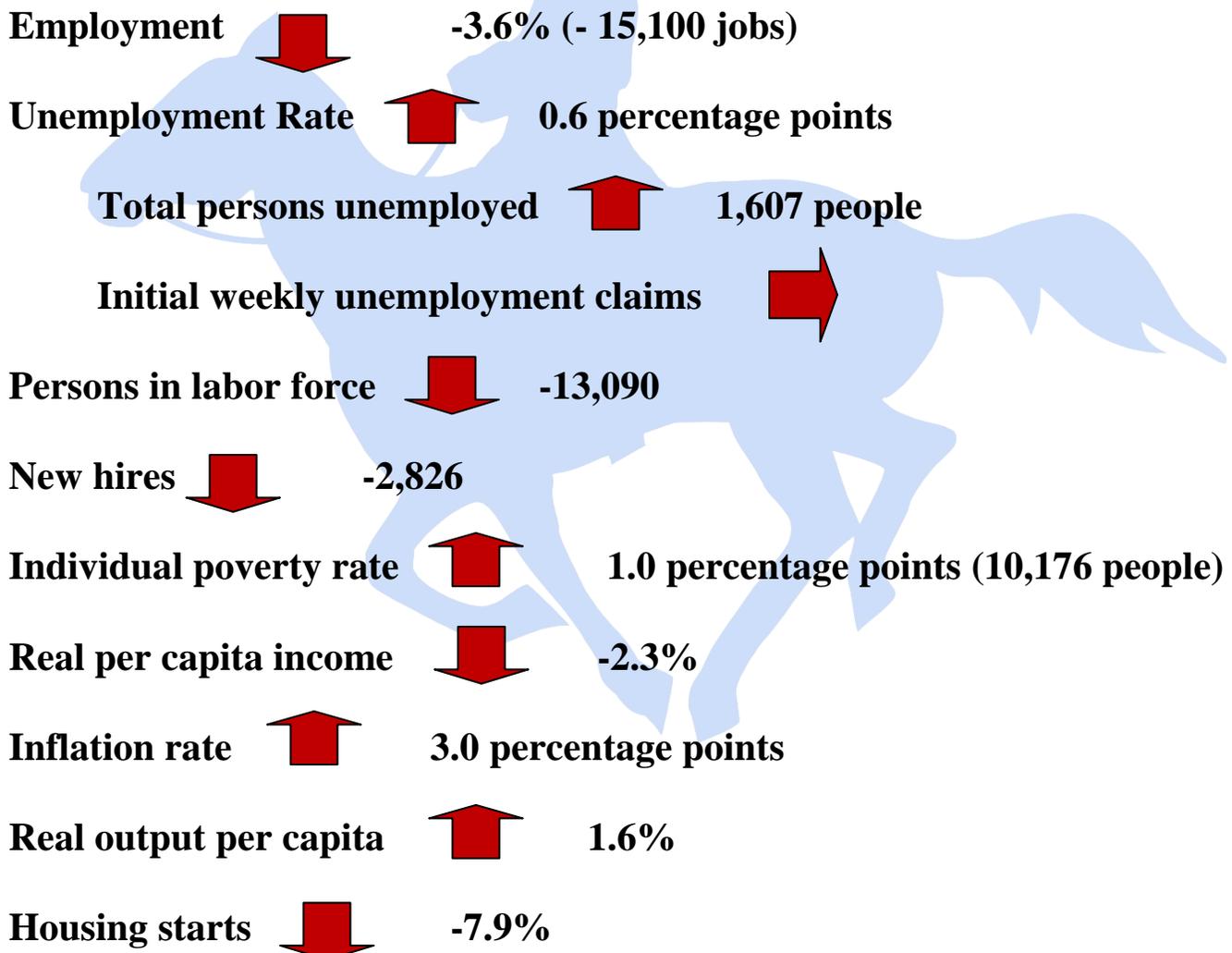
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Following are the changes in various state of Delaware performance measures since Governor Markell took office. Where possible the data is from January of 2009 through November of 2011. Otherwise the data compares the year 2008 to 2010.

THE ECONOMY



Net migration into Delaware  -33.3%

EDUCATION

10th graders meeting or exceeding reading standard  -8.8%

10th graders meeting or exceeding math standard  -1.9%

11th graders meeting or exceeding science standard  -6.3%

Average SAT score  -2.2%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Real per capita general and special fund revenue  -6.6%

Real per capita general and special fund disbursements  -8.1%

Real debt per capita  6.9%

Debt as a % of Delaware personal income  0.5 percentage points

% of pension liability funded  -9.0 percentage points

Total unfunded retiree health benefit liability  now \$5.7 billion

Cigarette and tobacco products tax 

Corporate franchise tax 

Estate tax 

Gross receipts tax 

Limited partnership tax 

Personal income tax ↑

Public utility tax ↑

State share of video lottery ↑

MISCELLANEOUS

CNBC ranking on cost of doing business →

CNBC ranking on access to capital ↑

CNBC ranking on quality of life ↓

Violent crime rate ↓ -11.7%

Commercial electric rate ↓ -5.9%

Given the numbers it seems unlikely that Governor Markell will emphasize measures of economic and public education performance in his upcoming state of the state address. He is more likely to focus on increase inputs (e.g., more Federal money for public education), cuts in state spending, anecdotes (e.g., friendship with the state chamber), and promises of great things to come (e.g., Fisker Automotive).

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