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**

- **Employment**: -3.6% (-15,100 jobs)
- **Unemployment Rate**: 0.6 percentage points
- **Total persons unemployed**: 1,607 people
- **Initial weekly unemployment claims**
- **Persons in labor force**: -13,090
- **New hires**: -2,826
- **Individual poverty rate**: 1.0 percentage points (10,176 people)
- **Real per capita income**: -2.3%
- **Inflation rate**: 3.0 percentage points
- **Real output per capita**: 1.6%
- **Housing starts**: -7.9%
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
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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