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sobre la economía en EE.UU.  
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El Centro de Recursos Informativos de la Embajada de Estados Unidos pone a su disposición los siguientes documentos sobre la economía en EE.UU., disponibles en las direcciones de Internet indicadas.

**Remarks by the President and the Vice President at Opening of Fiscal Responsibility Summit**

The White House  
February 23, 2009

My administration came into office one month ago in the depths of an economic crisis unlike any that we've seen in generations. And we recognized that we needed to act boldly, decisively and quickly -- and that is precisely what we did.

Within our first 30 days in office, we passed the most sweeping economic recovery package in history to create or save 3.5 million new jobs, provide relief to struggling families, and lay the foundation for long-term growth and prosperity. And I had an opportunity to talk to the nation's governors today -- both Republicans and Democrats have ideas about how they are going to use that money to make sure that people are put back to work and that we can stem some of the job loss that's taking place.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/Remarks-by-the-president-and-the-vice-president-at-opening-of-fiscal-responsibility-summit-2-23-09/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Remarks-by-the-president-and-the-vice-president-at-opening-of-fiscal-responsibility-summit-2-23-09/)

**Joint Statement by the Treasury, FDIC, OCC, OTS and the Federal Reserve**

US Department of Treasury  
February 23, 2009

"A strong, resilient financial system is necessary to facilitate a broad and sustainable economic recovery. The U.S. government stands firmly behind the banking system during this period of financial strain to ensure it will be able to perform its key function of providing credit to households and businesses. The government will ensure that banks have the capital and liquidity they need to provide the credit necessary to restore economic growth. Moreover, we reiterate

our determination to preserve the viability of systemically important financial institutions so that they are able to meet their commitments.

<http://www.ustreas.gov/press/releases/tg38.htm>

### **Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan Fact Sheet.**

U.S. Department of the Treasury

February 19, 2009

The Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan is part of the President Obama's broad, comprehensive strategy to get the economy back on track. The plan will help up to 7 to 9 million families restructure or refinance their mortgages to avoid foreclosure. In doing so, the plan not only helps responsible homeowners on the verge of defaulting, but prevents neighborhoods and communities from being pulled over the edge too, as defaults and foreclosures contribute to falling home values, failing local businesses, and lost jobs.

<http://www.ustreas.gov/news/index2.html>

### **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – final text-**

White House

February 16, 2009.

On Thursday, February 12, 2009, the Conference Committee for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 produced a Conference Report, reconciling the House and Senate versions of the bill.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/arra\\_public\\_review/#TB\\_inline?height=220&width=370&inlined=tb\\_external](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/arra_public_review/#TB_inline?height=220&width=370&inlined=tb_external)

### **White House Releases State by State Numbers; American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to Save or Create 3.5 Million Jobs**

The White House

February 17, 2009

Below are links to tables and fact sheets outlining the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The estimates are derived from an analysis of the overall employment impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act conducted by Christina Romer, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Jared Bernstein, Chief Economist for the Vice President, and detailed estimates of the working age population, employment, and industrial composition of each state.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/White-House-Releases-State-by-State-Numbers-American-Recovery-and-Reinvestment-Act-to-Save-or-Crete-35-Million-Jobs/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/White-House-Releases-State-by-State-Numbers-American-Recovery-and-Reinvestment-Act-to-Save-or-Crete-35-Million-Jobs/)

### **The Small Business Economy: A Report to the President**

U.S. Small Business Administration

February 2009.

A better market for United States exports was the highlight of the fading economy of 2007, according the report. Small businesses, like other firms, faced growing challenges, as housing starts fell and energy prices increased. The report showcases new research by economists on the small business role in the economy, including exporting. New research focuses on small businesses in international trade, small business training and development, tax policy, and business creation, including startup activities and the launch of new ventures.  
[http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/sb\\_econ2008.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/sb_econ2008.pdf)

**U.S. Export Fact Sheet**

International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce  
February 11, 2009.

The December 2008 U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services report by the Department of Commerce's U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. exports of goods and services grew by 12.0% in 2008 to \$1.84 trillion, while imports increased 7.4% to \$2.52 trillion. In December 2008, the U.S. goods and services trade deficit (\$39.9 billion) was the lowest monthly deficit since February 2003. This led to a 3.3% improvement in the annual goods and services deficit for 2008. Exports comprised 13.1% of U.S. GDP in 2008. To put in historical terms, exports were 9.5% of U.S. GDP five years earlier (2003), and 5.3% 40 years ago (1968).

[http://trade.gov/press/press\\_releases/2009/export-factsheet\\_021109.pdf](http://trade.gov/press/press_releases/2009/export-factsheet_021109.pdf)

<http://my.barackobama.com/yourstories>

A website that will measure progress by the tens of thousands of personal stories submitted by people who are struggling to make ends meet. These stories show why an Economic Recovery plan is needed immediately to address the hardship Americans are experiencing right now.

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