



Slow job growth causes group to speak out against Gov. Kasich

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Gov. John Kasich

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Governor John Kasich calls his budget and economic policies 'the Ohio Miracle.' The liberal organization, Innovation Ohio Education Fund, calls it a mirage.

That's in reaction to new figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics that show only 16,000 jobs were created in Ohio between June of 2012 and June of 2013. Ohio ranked 47th in job growth in the country during that period. Only Maine, Wyoming and Alaska had poorer growth.

"Tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy, coupled with huge budget cuts for schools and local governments [that] just result in local tax increases with local levies is not a recipe for long-term economic success," said Dale Butland of the Innovation Ohio Education Fund.

Butland's group goes on to point out that of the 139,000 jobs created in Ohio since Kasich became governor, 123,000 came during his first 18 months in office. Just 16,000 jobs have been created since then.

"We need to start cutting taxes to middle class people to increase demand, because [businesses] - large or small - [aren't] going to hire new workers unless they're confident their customers will buy enough goods and services to cover the cost of those new workers," he said.

But Republican State Representative Barbara Sears says numbers can be twisted and that's what the Education Fund is doing with the Labor Statistics figures.

"I actually think what we're doing in the area of taxes is being very supportive to not only job growth, but improving Ohioans as far as having more disposable income and doing things they're not in the position to do," Sears said.

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