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DETR Releases April Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) April 2026 economic report, compared to March 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3 percent and the labor force decreased by 3,475. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,610,800, representing an increase of 1.9% over the past year and an increase of 2,900 jobs since March 2026.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Employment (Seasonally Adjusted):

- Las Vegas employment increased by 300 jobs (less than 0.1%) since March, and an increase of 20,900 jobs (1.8%) since April 2025.
- Reno employment witnessed no change in the number of jobs since March, and an increase of 5,200 jobs (1.8%) since April 2025.
- Carson City employment had a decrease of 100 jobs (-0.3%) since March, and no change in the number of jobs compared to April 2025.

"April's report continues the trend we have seen through the last several months. We again see high job growth, which is likely to remain among the fastest in the nation when data for all states is released on Friday. And we still see both a labor force participation rate and an unemployment rate higher than the national average, with a higher level of job search helping to sustain our higher levels of job growth overall," said David Schmidt, Chief Economist.

To see additional labor market data view the department's [employment](#) and [unemployment](#) dashboards located at www.nevadaworkforce.com.

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ABOUT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BUREAU:

The Research and Analysis Bureau is Nevada's premier source for labor market information. A part of DETR, the Bureau is responsible for creating, analyzing, and reporting Nevada's labor market information, in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

April 2026

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In April 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 5.3 percent compared to March 2026. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 3,475 individuals, currently totaling 1,697,414 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 2,603 employed individuals and a decrease of 872 unemployed individuals.

Based on the April 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 2,900 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to March 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Manufacturing which dropped by 500, and Education and Health Services which lost 300 jobs. On the flip side, Construction gained 1,700 jobs, followed by Professional and Business Services which added 1,700 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 300 jobs (less than 0.1%) in April 2026, compared to March 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced no change in the number of jobs during the same period. Finally, the Carson City MSA had a decrease of 100 jobs (-0.3%) in April 2026, compared to March 2026.

Information on how to file an unemployment insurance claim, where to get updates from DETR, or what other services are available from the department can be found at the end of this write-up. Additional labor market information can be found on our website (<http://nevadaworkforce.com/>).

Current Employment Statistics ([CES](#))

Estimates for this section come from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program sponsored by the Bureau of Labor statistics ([BLS](#)). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 2,900 from March to April, or 0.2 percent. Compared to April 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 30,200 jobs, or 1.9 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 300 jobs (0%) from March 2026 to April 2026. Compared to April 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 20,900 jobs (1.8%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment remained unchanged from March 2026 to April 2026. Compared to April 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 5,200 jobs (1.8%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Reno-Sparks MSA Area Profile](#).

Carson City MSA total nonfarm employment decreased by 100 jobs (-0.3%) from March 2026 to April 2026. Compared to April 2025, total nonfarm employment remained unchanged. To see more employment information, please visit our [Carson City MSA Area Profile](#).

For more information visit our [CES Page](#), see the summary tables at the end of the document, or check out our dashboards for a [CES summary](#) or [industry estimates](#) or all the [Area Profiles](#).

See more summary information on [Nevada's Labor Market](#) and the [U.S. Labor Market](#).

April 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Apr - Mar Change	Apr - Mar Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,736.0	158,621.0	115.0	0.1%	158,485.0	251.0	0.2%
Nevada	1,610.8	1,607.9	2.9	0.2%	1,580.6	30.2	1.9%
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.8	1,176.5	0.3	0.0%	1,155.9	20.9	1.8%
Reno-Sparks MSA	287.3	287.3	0.0	0.0%	282.1	5.2	1.8%
Carson City MSA	32.7	32.8	-0.1	-0.3%	32.7	0.0	0.0%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

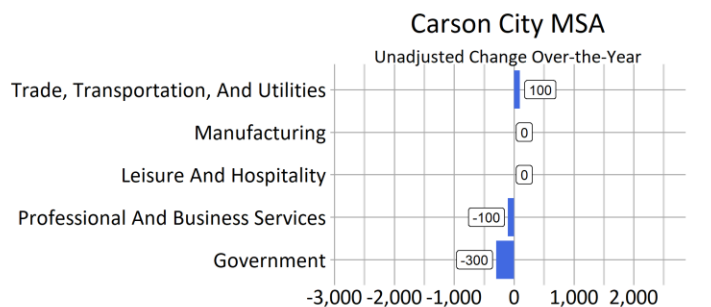
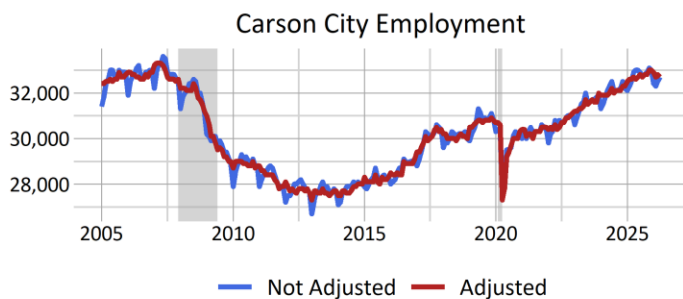
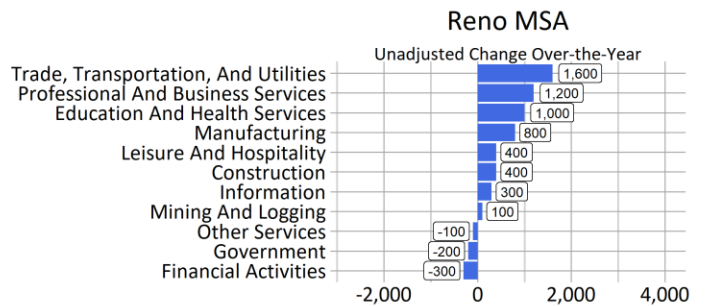
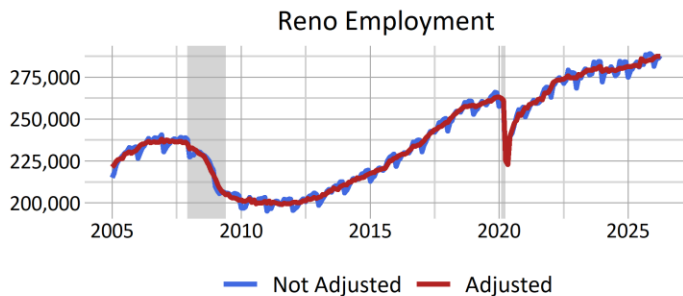
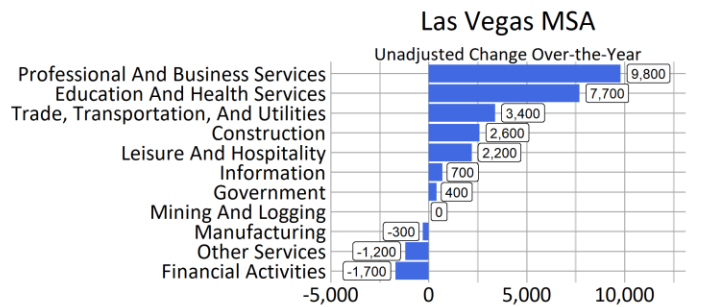
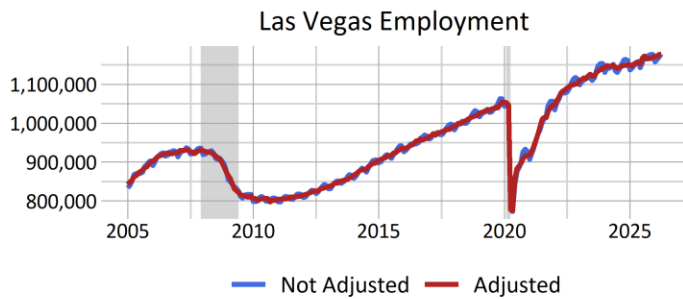
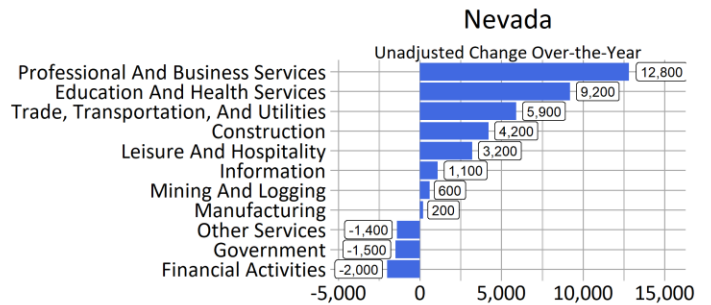
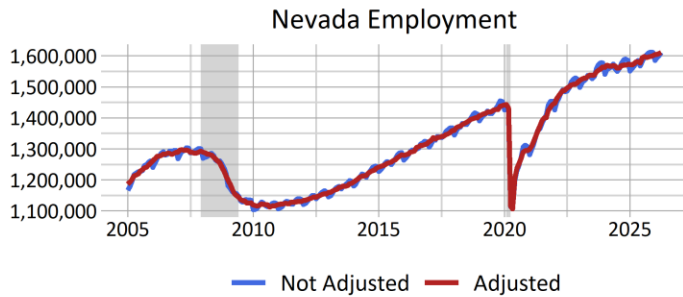
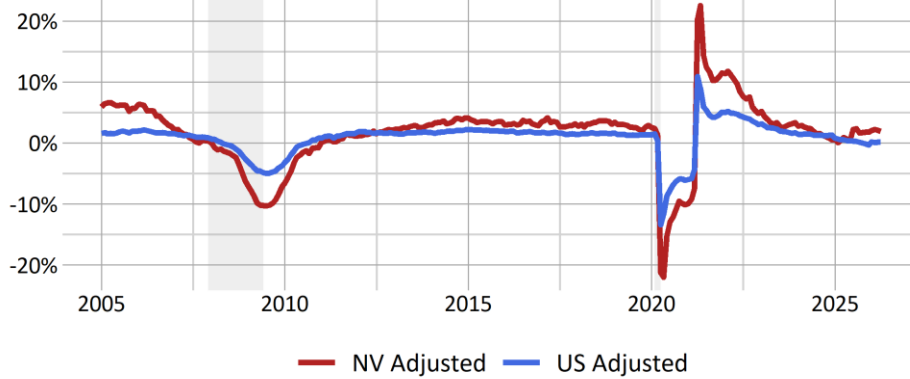
April 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Apr - Mar Change	Apr - Mar Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,695.0	157,769.0	926.0	0.6%	158,368.0	327.0	0.2%
Nevada	1,611.0	1,600.4	10.6	0.7%	1,578.7	32.3	2.0%
Las Vegas MSA	1,178.3	1,169.7	8.6	0.7%	1,154.7	23.6	2.0%
Reno-Sparks MSA	287.7	286.3	1.4	0.5%	282.5	5.2	1.8%
Carson City MSA	32.7	32.5	0.2	0.6%	32.9	-0.2	-0.6%

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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

April 2026



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Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary in (1000s)

Area	Apr 2026	Apr - Mar Change	1-Yr High	1-Yr Low	1-Yr High Change	1-Yr Low Change	3-Yr High	3-Yr Low	3-Yr High Change	3-Yr Low Change	All-Time High	All-Time Min
Nevada	1,610.8	2.9	1,610.8	1,577.4	17.6	-3.8	1,610.8	1,529.3	17.6	-7.7	1,610.8	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.8	0.3	1,176.8	1,152.5	14.4	-7.1	1,176.8	1,115.2	14.4	-7.1	1,176.8	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	287.3	0.0	287.4	281.4	4.7	-1.2	287.4	277.3	4.7	-2.9	287.4	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.7	-0.1	33.0	32.6	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.3	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

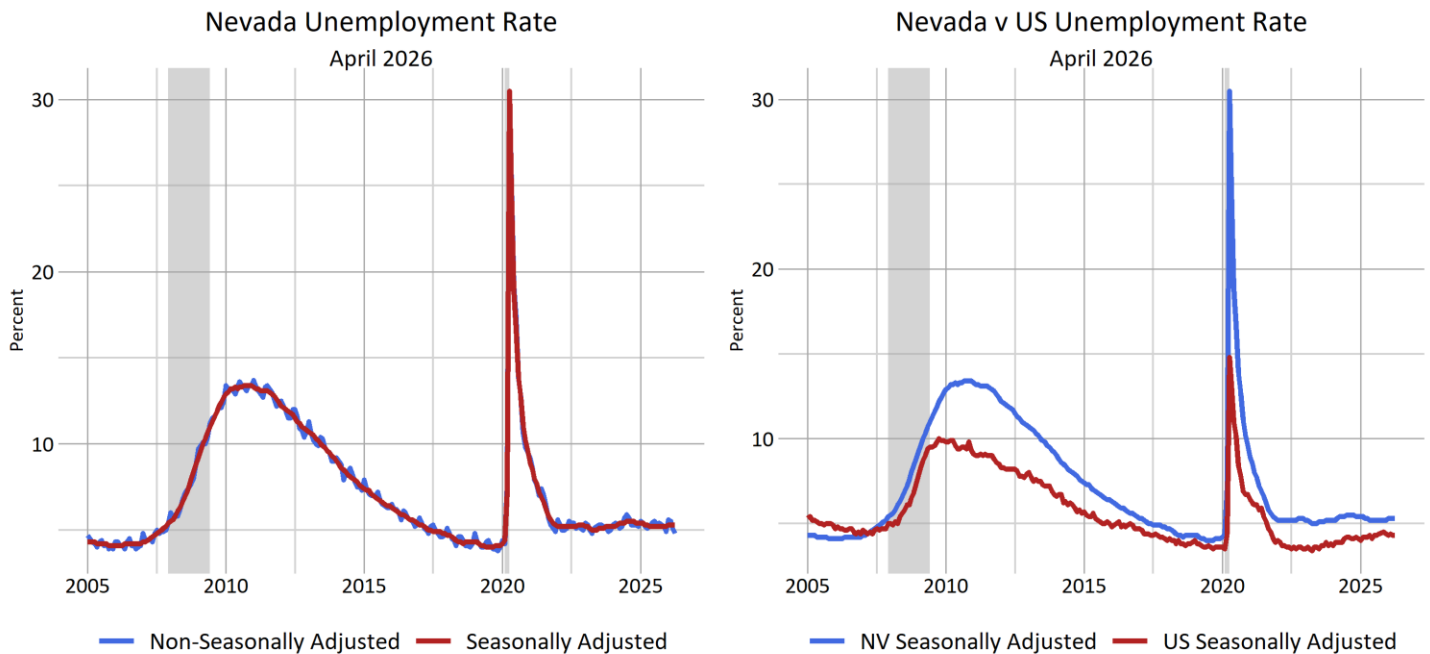
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In April 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 5.3 percent compared to March and remained unchanged from 5.3 percent in April 2025. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 872 from March, for a current level of 89,347 people, and increased by 1,833 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 3,475 individuals compared to March, and currently sits at 1,697,414, which represents an increase of 37,030 individuals compared to April 2025. Visit our [LAUS page](#) for more information on the labor force in Nevada, or check out our [dashboard](#) for a look at each area.

U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics April 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0	61.7	59.2
U.S. SA ¹	169,995,000	162,622,000	7,373,000	4.3	61.8	59.1
Nevada	1,674,975	1,594,138	80,837	4.8	62.7	59.7
Nevada SA ¹	1,697,414	1,608,067	89,347	5.3	63.6	60.2

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



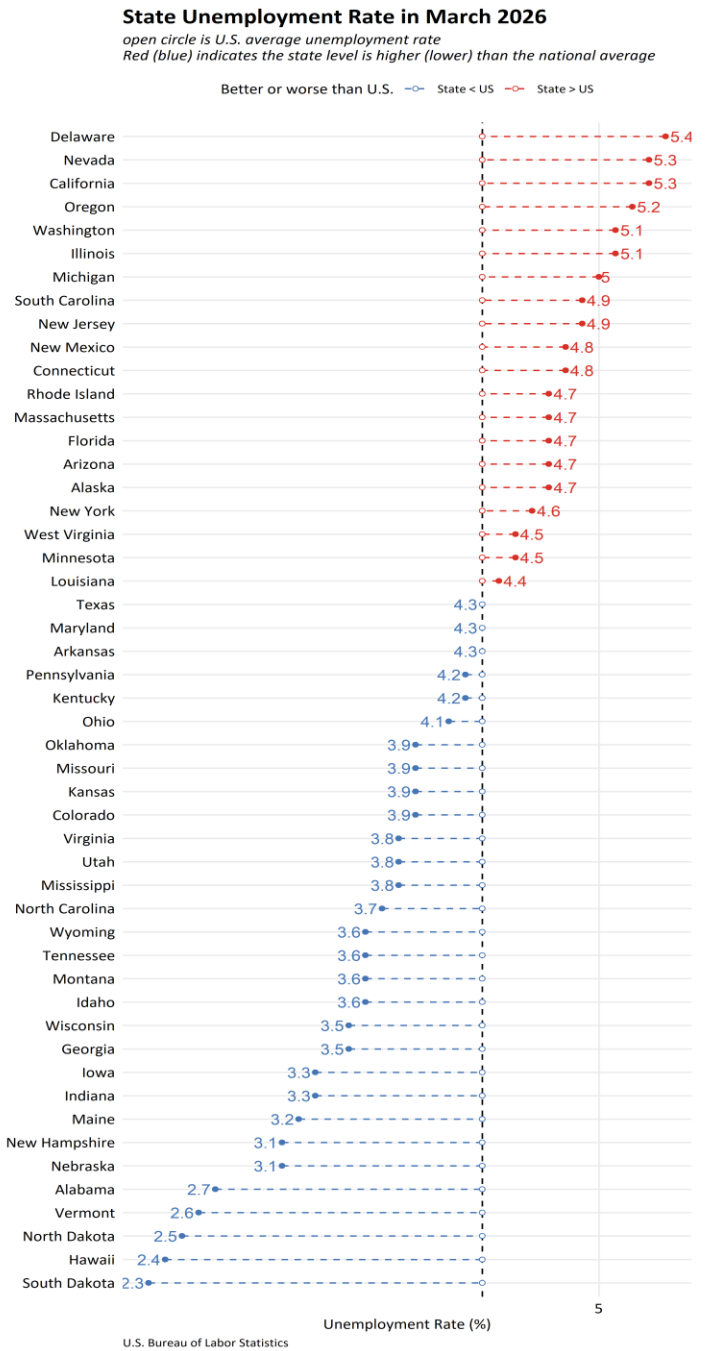
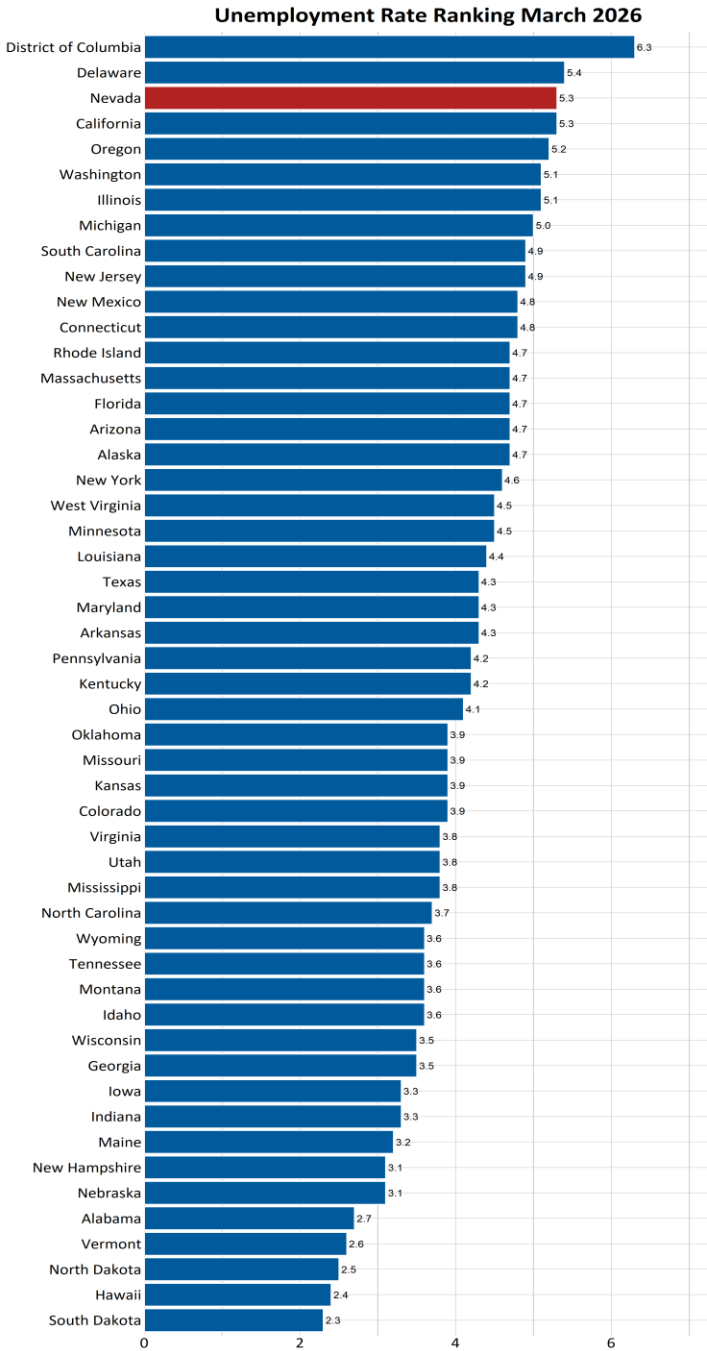
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (March 2026 Data)

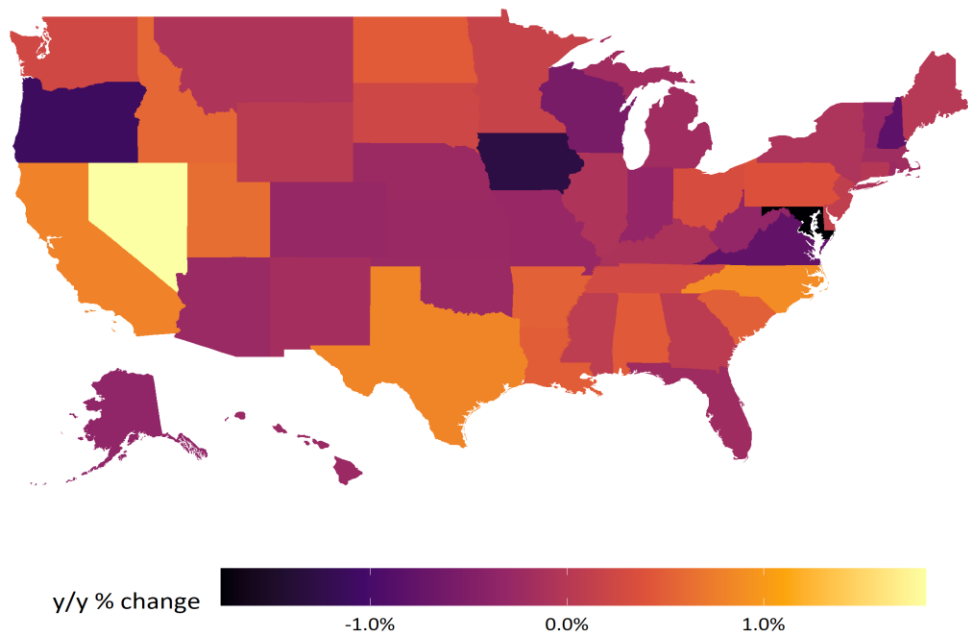
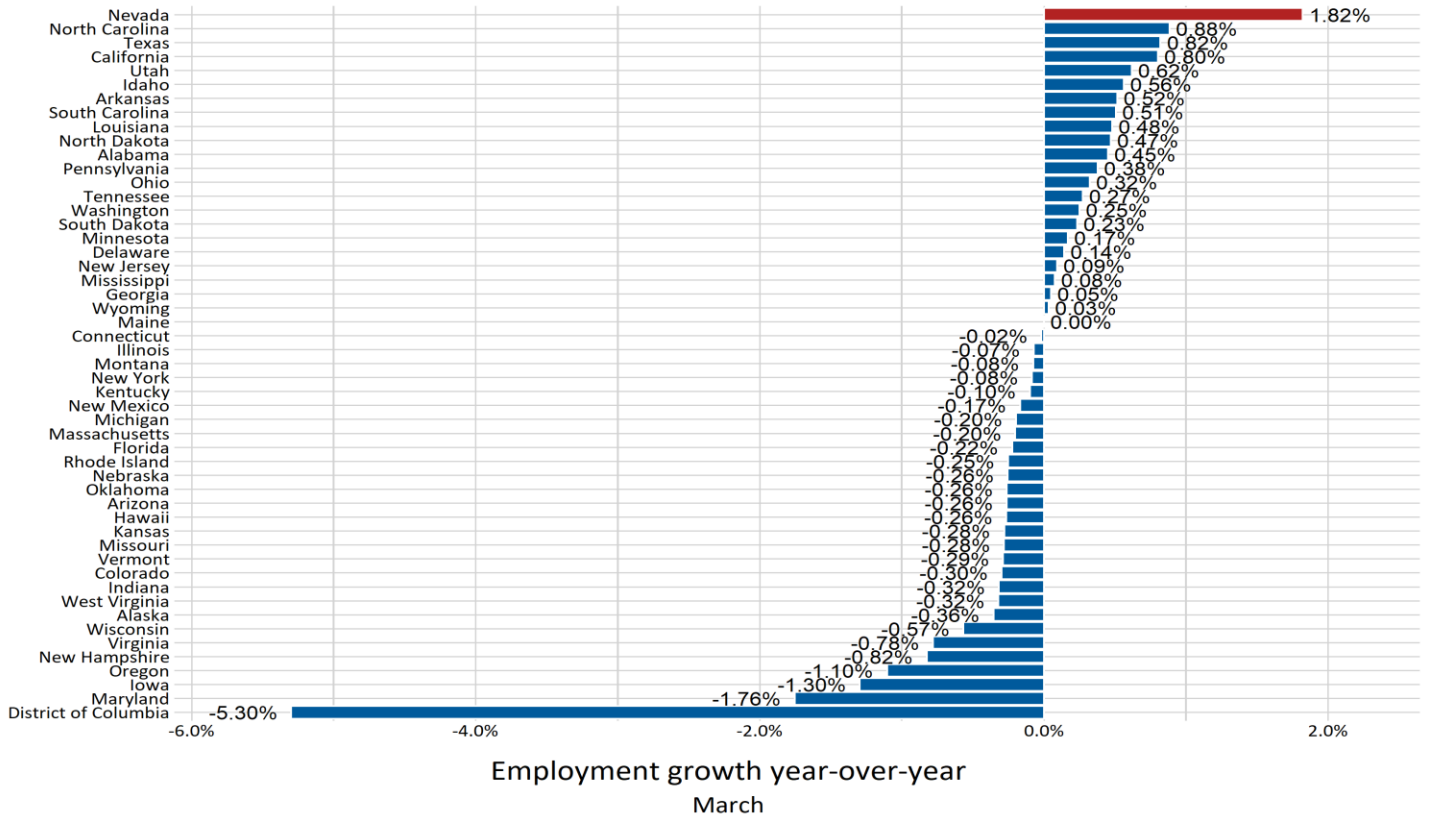
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada (tied with California) had the 2nd highest unemployment rate of any state in March 2026 at a figure of 5.3%. Ahead of Nevada was Delaware with 5.4%. Behind Nevada were Oregon with 5.2% and both Washington and Illinois with 5.1%.



Employment State Rankings (March 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the highest over-the-year employment growth in March 2026 at a figure of 1.8%.

Over the Year Employment Growth Rank by State in March 2026



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (y/y)=Year-Over-Year

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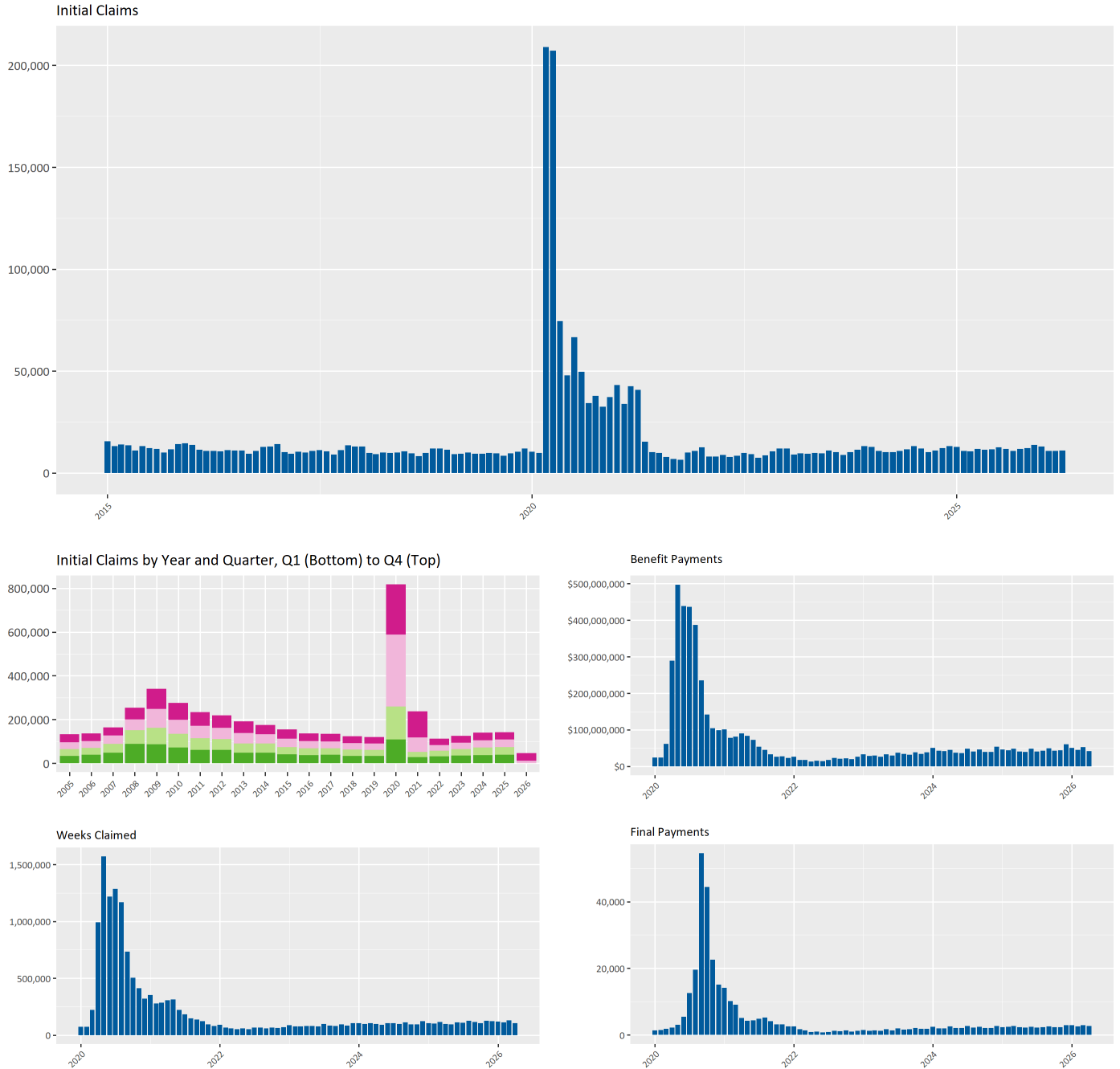
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Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in April 2026, 10,962 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 183 claims, or 1.7 percent, from March 2026 when there were 10,779 claims. This figure is a decrease from the 11,770 figure that was observed in April of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity



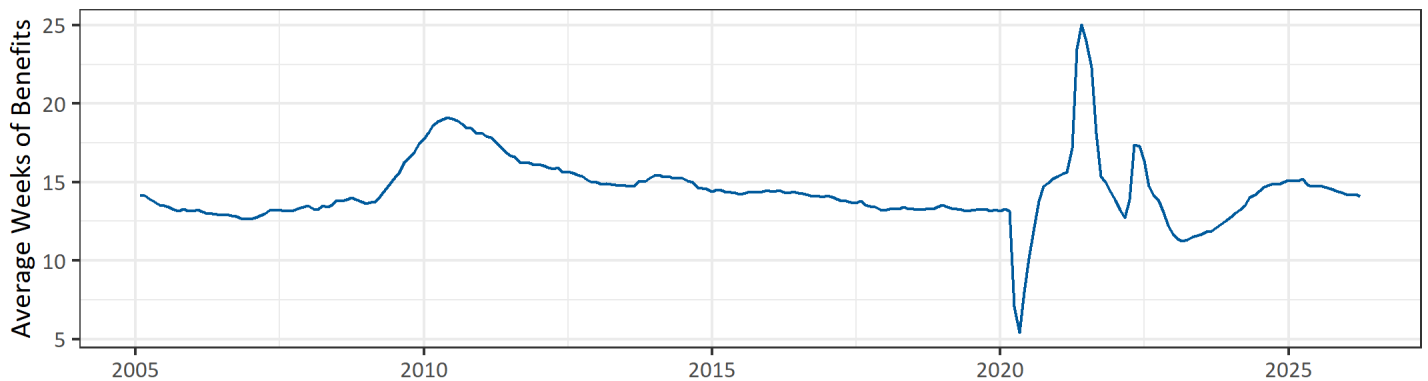
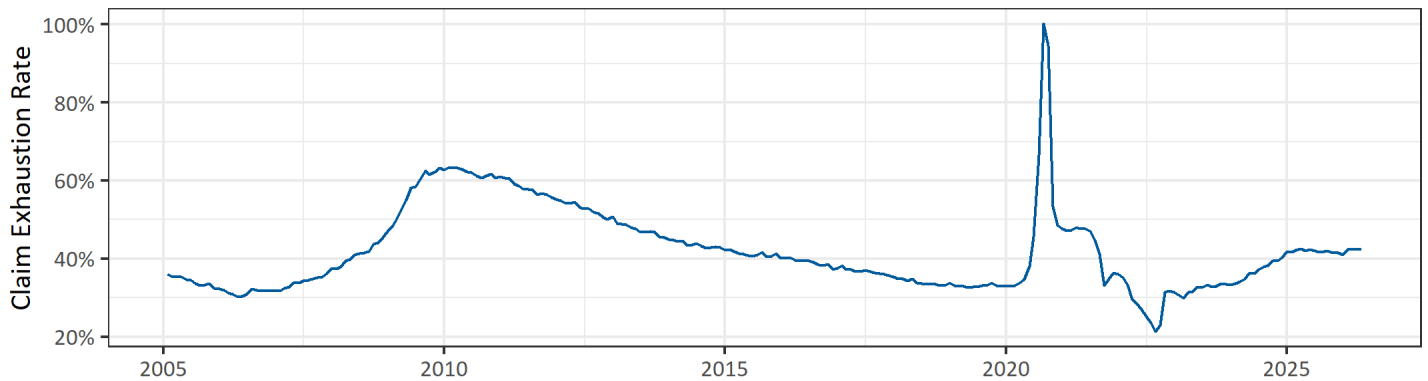
Source: ETA 5159

Monthly claims activity for Nevada’s regular program saw decreases for most measures in April 2026. Compared to March, Weeks Compensated decreased by 21,473, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) decreased by 245. Total compensation was down by \$10,333,951 or 19.8 percentage points.

April 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	April 2026	April 2025	% change	March 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	10,962	11,770	-6.9%	10,779	1.7%	11,815
Weeks Claimed	103,633	96,786	7.1%	128,251	-19.2%	113,912
Weeks Compensated	87,522	88,851	-1.5%	108,995	-19.7%	98,180
Amount Compensated	\$41,860,485	\$40,663,279	2.9%	\$52,194,436	-19.8%	\$46,452,495
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	77,389	78,584	-1.5%	96,455	-19.8%	87,294
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$39,055,042	\$37,929,607	3.0%	\$48,663,974	-19.7%	\$43,401,493
First Payments	5,478	5,374	1.9%	6,251	-12.4%	6,210
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,626	2,342	12.1%	2,871	-8.5%	2,505
Average Weekly Benefit	\$504.66	\$482.66	4.6%	\$504.53	0.0%	\$496.79
Average Duration (in weeks)	14.06	14.82	-5.1%	14.09	-0.3%	14.41
Exhaustion Rate	42.37%	42.09%	0.7%	42.42%	-0.1%	41.98%

Source: ETA 5159



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CES Summary Tables

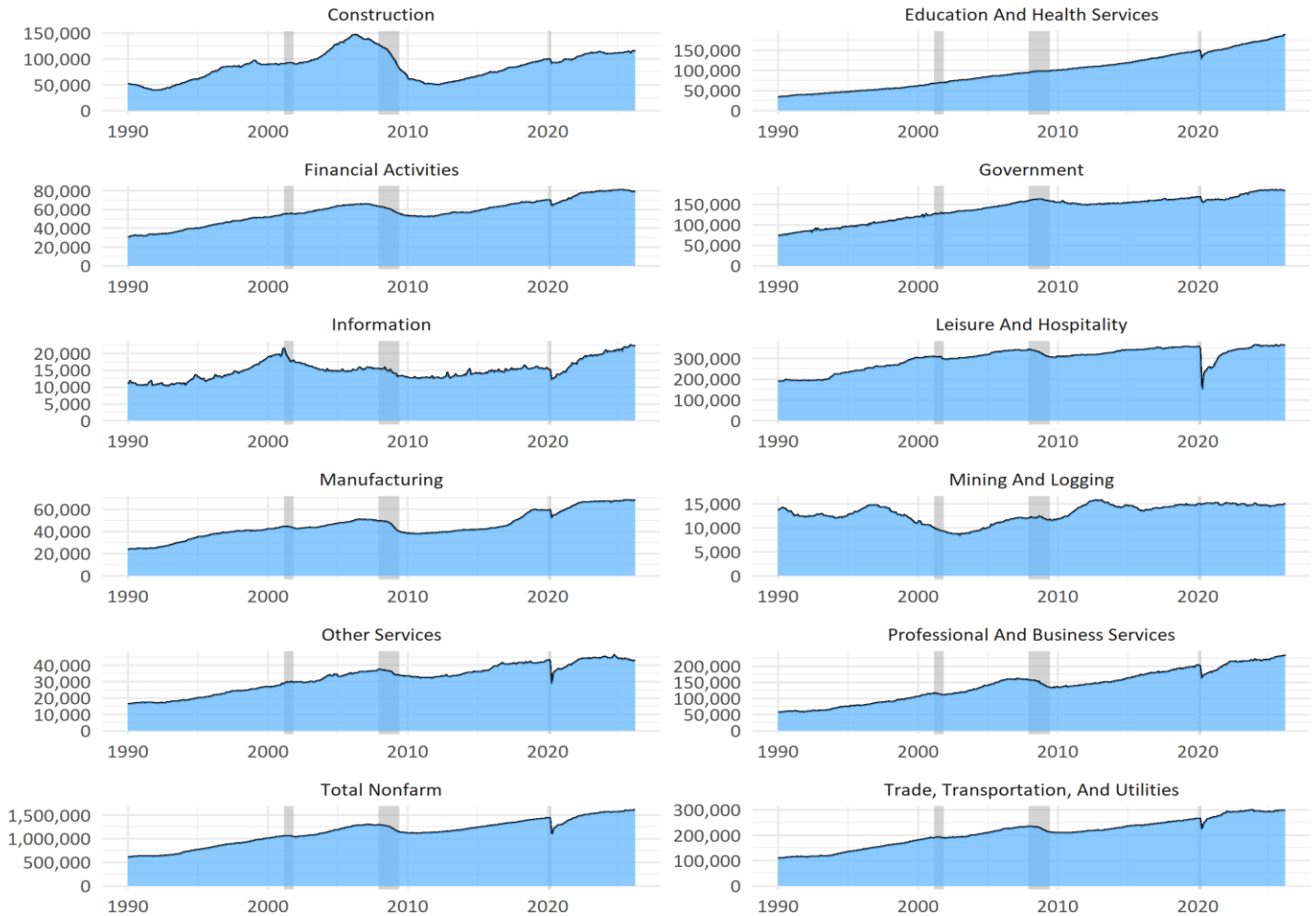
Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

March 2026 - April 2026

Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	926,000	811,000	115,000
Nevada	10,600	7,700	2,900

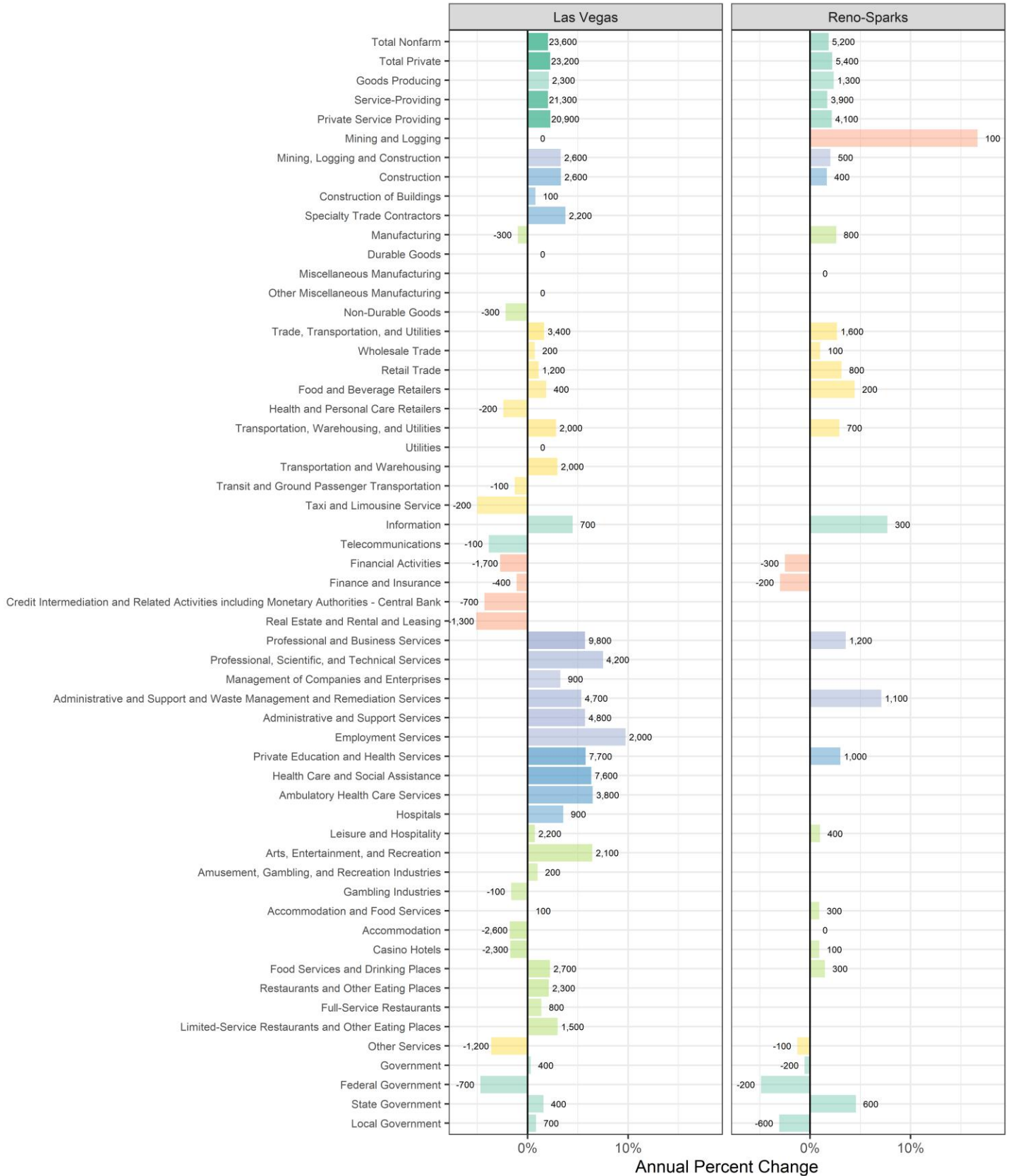
State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Change in Employment, April 2025 to April 2026

Bars show percent change, labels show change in number of jobs



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To file an unemployment insurance claim or for additional information, please visit: <http://nui.nv.gov/>

To report unemployment fraud, please visit: https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Unemployment_Fraud

For workforce services available to jobseekers, employers, and the public: <https://www.employNV.gov>

For services available to people with disabilities: <https://vrnevada.nv.gov/>

For information about Nevada's Equal Rights Commission: <https://detr.nv.gov/NERC>

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