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In December 2023, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada was unchanged and still sits at 5.4 percent. The unadjusted rate went up by 0.2 percentage points (pp) from 4.8 to 5.0. The labor force in Nevada once again grew, this time by about 6,300 people.

At the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) level, the state saw an increase in unemployment rate in all three of its MSAs (Carson City, Las Vegas-Paradise, and Reno-Sparks). In the Carson City MSA, the rate increased by 0.2 percentage points from 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent. In the Las Vegas Paradise MSA, the rate increased by 0.2 points 5.1 from percent to 5.3 percent. Finally, in the Reno-Sparks MSA the rate increased by 0.2 percentage points from 3.7 percent to 3.9 percent. These figures are not adjusted for seasonality.

At the county level, the state saw increases in its unemployment rate in most of its counties. The counties that saw decreases were Esmeralda, Eureka, and Mineral with decreases of 0.7 percentage points, 0.3 percentage points, and 0.3 percentage points, respectively. The largest increase was in Storey County, which saw an increase of 0.6 percentage points. Three counties were tied for the second largest increases at 0.4 percentage points, those being Lyon, Nye, and White Pine. Humboldt County saw no change.

Figures for state unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a state/federal partnership sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS-LAUS). This program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for census regions, states, counties, metropolitan areas, and many large cities, based on place of residence. For more on LAUS data or for a look at estimates in your area visit our [LAUS Page](#), and for a look that the economic profile of Nevada, the metropolitan areas, or your county visit our [Area Profiles](#) Page.

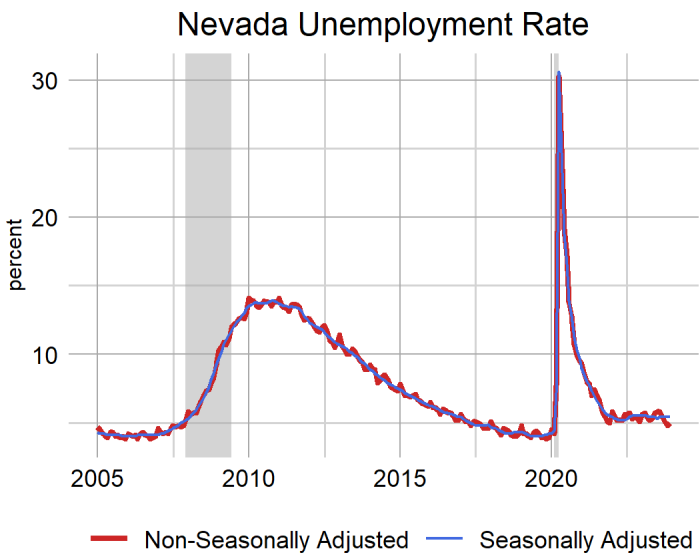
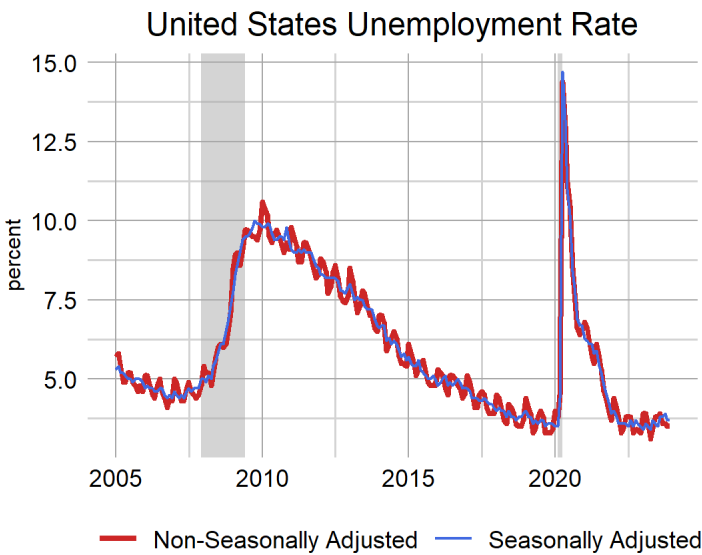
U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
US						
U.S.	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5	62.2	60.0
U.S. SA	167,451,000	161,183,000	6,268,000	3.7	62.5	60.1
State						
Nevada	1,620,298	1,538,561	81,737	5.0	62.5	59.3
Nevada SA	1,622,594	1,535,109	87,485	5.4	62.5	59.2

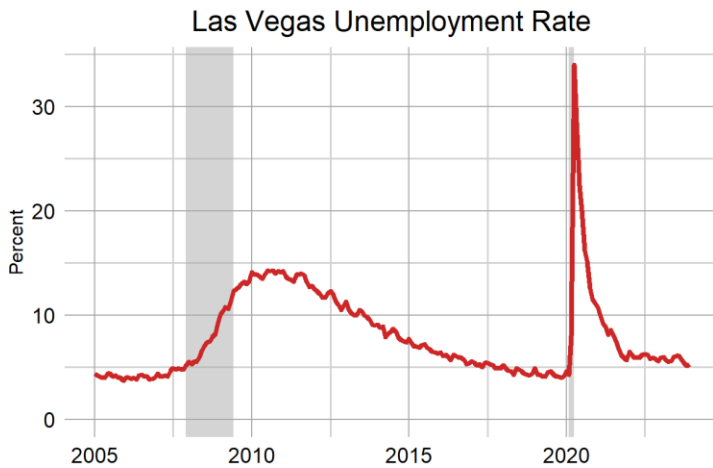
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Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen seasonal employment patterns such as jobs associated with holiday hiring, holiday and weather seasons, or other jobs with seasonal components. The result of a seasonally adjusted estimate is usually a smoother estimate from which underlying economic trends can be seen. Adjusted estimates are in the summary table above, and in many of the other tables and figures throughout this document.

Nevada’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in December, which was unchanged from 5.4 percent in November, and decreased by 0.1 percentage points from 5.5 percent in 2022. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 333 from November for a current level of 87,485 people, which increased by 942 unemployed people since 2022. The labor force in Nevada is currently 1,622,594 people, which has increased by 6,285 people from November, and increased by 54,275 people since 2022.

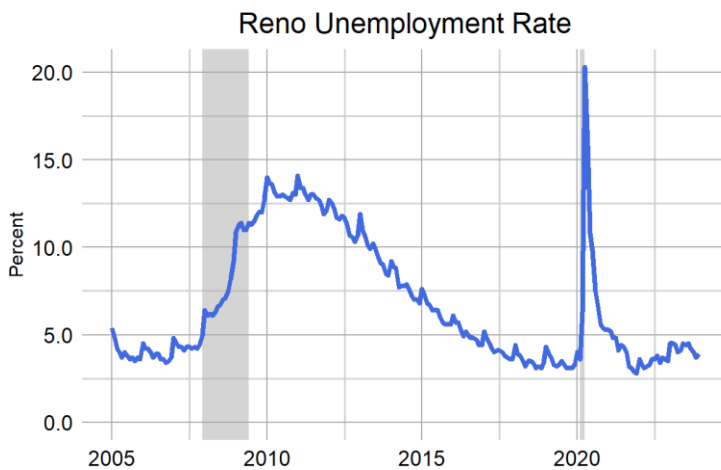


The Las Vegas Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA)s unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in December 2023, increasing from 5.1 percent in November 2023, and down from 5.6 percent in December 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 1,886 since November 2023 for a current level of 64,080 people, which is 680 less unemployed people than December 2022. The labor force in Las Vegas is currently 1,200,572 people, which is 11,190 less people than November 2023, and is up 45,002 people since December 2022.



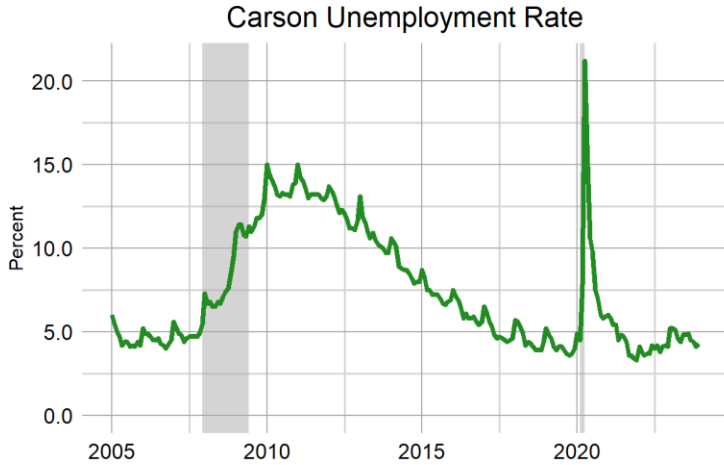
Las Vegas LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	5.3
Previous Month	5.1
Previous Year	5.6
Maximum Rate	34
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	64,080
Monthly Change	1,886
Annual Change	680
Maximum Level	370,113

The Reno MSA's unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in December 2023, increasing from 3.7 percent in November 2023, and up from 3.5 percent in December 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 468 since November 2023 to a current level of 10,580 people, which is 1,453 more unemployed people than December 2022. The labor force in Reno is currently 269,502 people, which is 2,792 less people than November 2023, and is up 8,181 people since December 2022.



Reno LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	3.9
Previous Month	3.7
Previous Year	3.5
Maximum Rate	20.3
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	10,580
Monthly Change	468
Annual Change	1,453
Maximum Level	47,922

The Carson City MSA’s unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in December 2023, increasing from 4.1 percent in November 2023, and up from 4.1 percent in December 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 62 since November 2023 to a current level of 1,126 people, which is 86 more unemployed people than December 2022. The labor force in Carson City is currently 25,934 people, which is 197 less people than November 2023, and is up 532 people since December 2022.



Carson City LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	4.3
Previous Month	4.1
Previous Year	4.1
Maximum Rate	21.2
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	1,126
Monthly Change	62
Annual Change	86
Maximum Level	5,206

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
US				
U.S.	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5
U.S. SA	167,451,000	161,183,000	6,268,000	3.7
State				
Nevada	1,620,298	1,538,561	81,737	5.0
Nevada SA	1,622,594	1,535,109	87,485	5.4
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Reno - Sparks MSA	269,502	258,922	10,580	3.9
Carson City MSA	25,934	24,808	1,126	4.3
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,200,572	1,136,492	64,080	5.3
Combined Statistical Area				
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	341,679	327,593	14,086	4.1
County				
Eureka County	1,059	1,025	34	3.2
White Pine County	4,498	4,339	159	3.5
Elko County	25,478	24,524	954	3.7
Humboldt County	7,811	7,525	286	3.7
Lander County	3,184	3,067	117	3.7
Washoe County	267,333	256,843	10,490	3.9
Esmeralda County	475	456	19	4.0
Churchill County	11,064	10,606	458	4.1
Storey County	2,169	2,079	90	4.1
Carson City	25,934	24,808	1,126	4.3
Pershing County	2,413	2,304	109	4.5
Douglas County	22,405	21,385	1,020	4.6
Lincoln County	2,058	1,959	99	4.8
Mineral County	1,966	1,869	97	4.9
Clark County	1,200,572	1,136,492	64,080	5.3
Lyon County	23,838	22,478	1,360	5.7
Nye County	18,038	16,800	1,238	6.9
Labor Market Area				
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,537	25,549	988	3.7
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,811	7,525	286	3.7
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,064	10,606	458	4.1
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	22,405	21,385	1,020	4.6
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,838	22,478	1,360	5.7
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	18,038	16,800	1,238	6.9
City				
Sparks	59,988	57,706	2,282	3.8
Elko City*	9,949	9,565	384	3.9
Reno	145,489	139,698	5,791	4.0
Mesquite*	8,665	8,286	379	4.4
Boulder City*	7,881	7,530	351	4.5
Henderson	176,819	168,132	8,687	4.9
Las Vegas	331,207	312,962	18,245	5.5
Fernley City*	8,992	8,467	525	5.8
North Las Vegas	125,111	117,348	7,763	6.2

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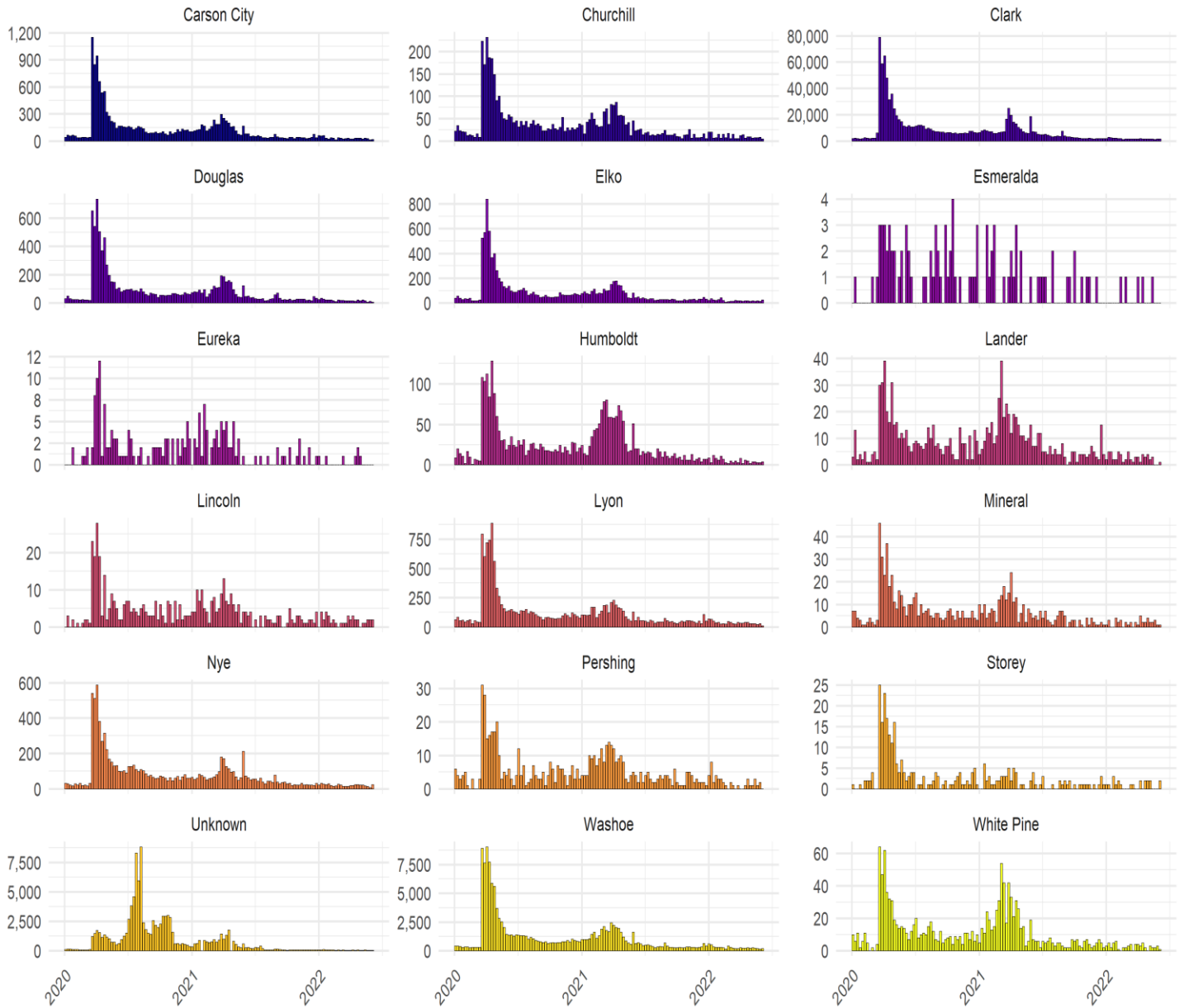
The cities of Boulder City, Elko, Fernley, and Mesquite are state specific areas. These estimates are not endorsed or published by the BLS.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Turning to our monthly data, in December 2023, 13,118 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 1,771 claims, or 15.6 percent, from November 2023 when there were 11,347 claims. This figure is an increase from the 11,952 figure that was observed in December of 2022.

Initial Claims by County

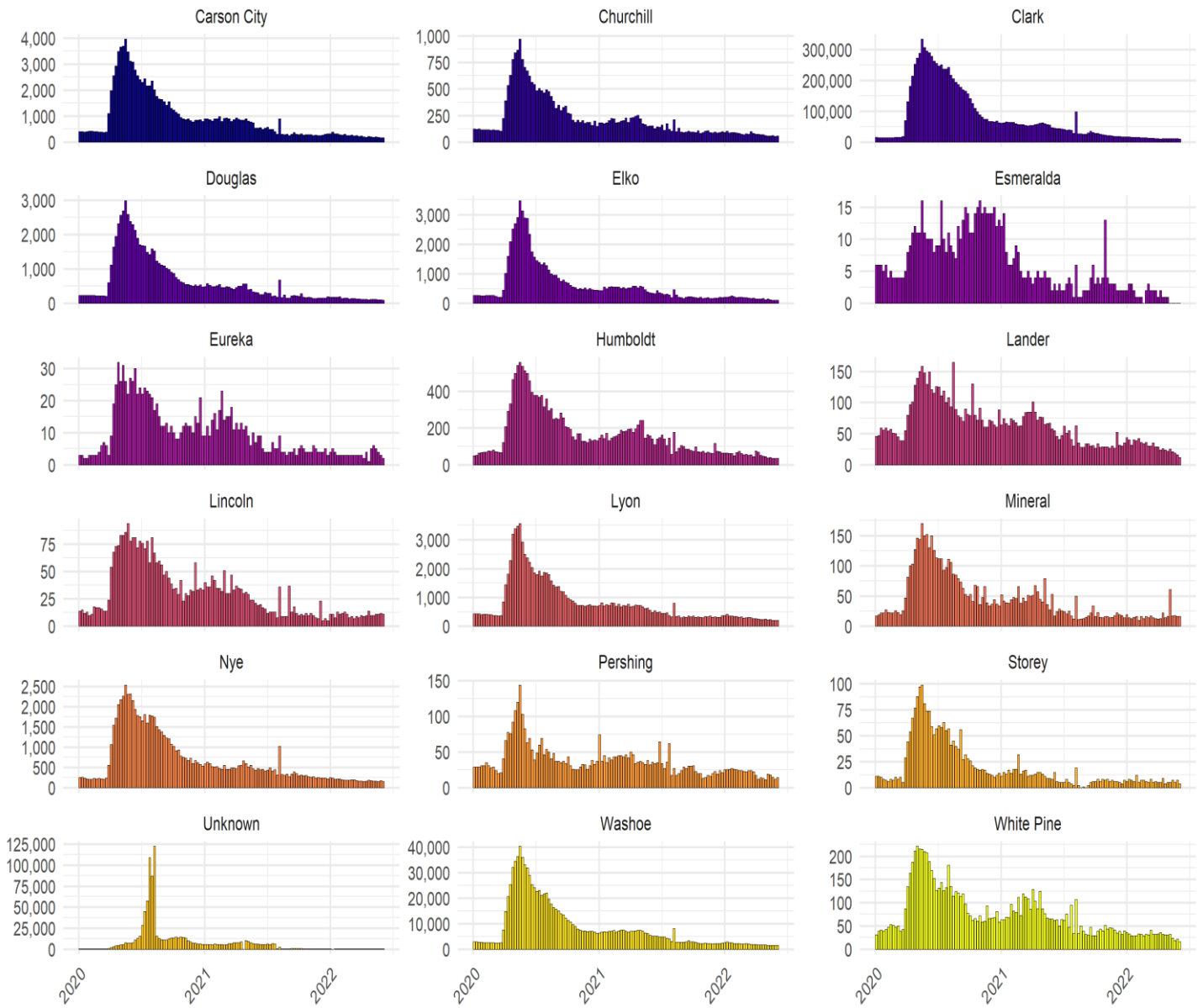
weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Continued Claims by County

weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting
Figure 11

Looking to our measures of unemployment insurance activity, final payments were up across the state. First payments also saw a small increase over the month. In Clark County, for example, first payments increased by 550 up to 4,369 or a percentage increase of nearly 14.4 percentage points. Final payments decreased by 30 down to 1,481 or a percentage decrease of nearly 2.0 percentage points. Washoe County also saw an increase in first payments, with first payments going up by 165 from 597 to 762. Final payments in Washoe County were up by 20 from 158 to 178. Carson City experienced an increase in first payments moving from 71 to 94 or an increase of 23. Final payments in Carson City increased by 1 moving from 11 to 12. Statewide, the Weeks Compensated increased by 7,508 or 10.2 percentage points over the month. Benefit payments made increased by approximately 4.14 million or 12.3 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate Summary LAUS

Area	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Change	December 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	3.5	3.5	0.0	3.3	0.2
U.S. SA	3.7	3.7	0.0	3.5	0.2
State					
Nevada	5.0	4.8	0.2	5.1	-0.1
Nevada SA	5.4	5.4	0.0	5.5	-0.1
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Reno - Sparks MSA	3.9	3.7	0.2	3.5	0.4
Carson City MSA	4.3	4.1	0.2	4.1	0.2
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	5.3	5.1	0.2	5.6	-0.3
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	4.1	3.9	0.2	3.7	0.4
County					
Eureka County	3.2	3.5	-0.3	4.0	-0.8
White Pine County	3.5	3.1	0.4	3.4	0.1
Elko County	3.7	3.6	0.1	3.3	0.4
Humboldt County	3.7	3.7	0.0	3.3	0.4
Lander County	3.7	3.4	0.3	2.9	0.8
Washoe County	3.9	3.7	0.2	3.5	0.4
Esmeralda County	4.0	4.7	-0.7	4.3	-0.3
Churchill County	4.1	4.0	0.1	3.8	0.3
Storey County	4.1	3.5	0.6	3.5	0.6
Carson City	4.3	4.1	0.2	4.1	0.2
Pershing County	4.5	4.3	0.2	4.2	0.3
Douglas County	4.6	4.4	0.2	4.1	0.5
Lincoln County	4.8	4.5	0.3	4.4	0.4
Mineral County	4.9	5.2	-0.3	4.4	0.5
Clark County	5.3	5.1	0.2	5.6	-0.3
Lyon County	5.7	5.3	0.4	5.4	0.3
Nye County	6.9	6.5	0.4	5.8	1.1
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	3.7	3.6	0.1	3.3	0.4
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	3.7	3.7	0.0	3.3	0.4
Fallon Micropolitan Area	4.1	4.0	0.1	3.8	0.3
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	4.6	4.4	0.2	4.1	0.5
Fernley Micropolitan Area	5.7	5.3	0.4	5.4	0.3
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	6.9	6.5	0.4	5.8	1.1
City					
Sparks	3.8	3.6	0.2	3.3	0.5
Elko City*	3.9	3.7	0.2	3.4	0.5
Reno	4.0	3.8	0.2	3.5	0.5
Mesquite*	4.4	4.2	0.2	4.1	0.3
Boulder City*	4.5	4.4	0.1	4.9	-0.4
Henderson	4.9	4.7	0.2	5.1	-0.2
Las Vegas	5.5	5.3	0.2	5.7	-0.2
Fernley City*	5.8	5.3	0.5	5.2	0.6
North Las Vegas	6.2	6.0	0.2	6.4	-0.2

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Labor Force Levels Summary LAUS

Area	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Change	December 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	166,661,000	167,977,000	-1,316,000	164,224,000	2,437,000
U.S. SA	167,451,000	168,260,000	-809,000	164,966,000	2,485,000
State					
Nevada	1,620,298	1,634,406	-14,108	1,562,272	58,026
Nevada SA	1,622,594	1,616,309	6,285	1,568,319	54,275
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	25,934	26,131	-197	25,402	532
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,200,572	1,211,762	-11,190	1,155,570	45,002
Reno - Sparks MSA	269,502	272,294	-2,792	261,321	8,181
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	341,679	344,639	-2,960	332,018	9,661
County					
Churchill County	11,064	10,965	99	10,543	521
Clark County	1,200,572	1,211,762	-11,190	1,155,570	45,002
Douglas County	22,405	22,310	95	21,982	423
Elko County	25,478	25,674	-196	24,716	762
Esmeralda County	475	469	6	374	101
Eureka County	1,059	1,019	40	884	175
Humboldt County	7,811	7,761	50	7,304	507
Lander County	3,184	3,145	39	2,895	289
Lincoln County	2,058	2,024	34	1,922	136
Lyon County	23,838	23,904	-66	23,313	525
Mineral County	1,966	1,991	-25	1,961	5
Nye County	18,038	18,078	-40	17,476	562
Pershing County	2,413	2,369	44	2,237	176
Storey County	2,169	2,180	-11	2,106	63
Washoe County	267,333	270,114	-2,781	259,215	8,118
White Pine County	4,498	4,511	-13	4,374	124
Carson City	25,934	26,131	-197	25,402	532
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,537	26,693	-156	25,600	937
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,064	10,965	99	10,543	521
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,838	23,904	-66	23,313	525
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	22,405	22,310	95	21,982	423
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	18,038	18,078	-40	17,476	562
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,811	7,761	50	7,304	507
City					
Fernley City*	8,992	9,009	-17	8,764	228
Boulder City*	7,881	7,964	-83	7,598	283
Elko City*	9,949	10,025	-76	9,652	297
Henderson	176,819	178,451	-1,632	170,066	6,753
Las Vegas	331,207	334,372	-3,165	318,540	12,667
Mesquite*	8,665	8,747	-82	8,297	368
North Las Vegas	125,111	126,219	-1,108	120,387	4,724
Reno	145,489	147,002	-1,513	141,056	4,433
Sparks	59,988	60,646	-658	58,150	1,838

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Employed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Change	December 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	160,754,000	162,149,000	-1,395,000	158,872,000	1,882,000
U.S. SA	161,183,000	161,969,000	-786,000	159,244,000	1,939,000
State					
Nevada	1,538,561	1,555,363	-16,802	1,482,177	56,384
Nevada SA	1,535,109	1,529,157	5,952	1,481,776	53,333
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	24,808	25,067	-259	24,362	446
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,136,492	1,149,568	-13,076	1,090,810	45,682
Reno - Sparks MSA	258,922	262,182	-3,260	252,194	6,728
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	327,593	331,219	-3,626	319,702	7,891
County					
Churchill County	10,606	10,526	80	10,141	465
Clark County	1,136,492	1,149,568	-13,076	1,090,810	45,682
Douglas County	21,385	21,326	59	21,085	300
Elko County	24,524	24,754	-230	23,910	614
Esmeralda County	456	447	9	358	98
Eureka County	1,025	983	42	849	176
Humboldt County	7,525	7,473	52	7,064	461
Lander County	3,067	3,038	29	2,810	257
Lincoln County	1,959	1,932	27	1,837	122
Lyon County	22,478	22,644	-166	22,061	417
Mineral County	1,869	1,887	-18	1,874	-5
Nye County	16,800	16,895	-95	16,458	342
Pershing County	2,304	2,268	36	2,142	162
Storey County	2,079	2,103	-24	2,033	46
Washoe County	256,843	260,079	-3,236	250,161	6,682
White Pine County	4,339	4,373	-34	4,225	114
Carson City	24,808	25,067	-259	24,362	446
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	25,549	25,737	-188	24,759	790
Fallon Micropolitan Area	10,606	10,526	80	10,141	465
Fernley Micropolitan Area	22,478	22,644	-166	22,061	417
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	21,385	21,326	59	21,085	300
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	16,800	16,895	-95	16,458	342
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,525	7,473	52	7,064	461
City					
Fernley City*	8,467	8,529	-62	8,310	157
Boulder City*	7,530	7,617	-87	7,228	302
Elko City*	9,565	9,654	-89	9,325	240
Henderson	168,132	170,067	-1,935	161,374	6,758
Las Vegas	312,962	316,562	-3,600	300,382	12,580
Mesquite*	8,286	8,381	-95	7,953	333
North Las Vegas	117,348	118,698	-1,350	112,631	4,717
Reno	139,698	141,458	-1,760	136,064	3,634
Sparks	57,706	58,434	-728	56,205	1,501

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Unemployed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	December 2023	November 2023	Monthly Change	December 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	5,907,000	5,827,000	80,000	5,352,000	555,000
U.S. SA	6,268,000	6,291,000	-23,000	5,722,000	546,000
State					
Nevada	81,737	79,043	2,694	80,095	1,642
Nevada SA	87,485	87,152	333	86,543	942
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	1,126	1,064	62	1,040	86
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	64,080	62,194	1,886	64,760	-680
Reno - Sparks MSA	10,580	10,112	468	9,127	1,453
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	14,086	13,420	666	12,316	1,770
County					
Churchill County	458	439	19	402	56
Clark County	64,080	62,194	1,886	64,760	-680
Douglas County	1,020	984	36	897	123
Elko County	954	920	34	806	148
Esmeralda County	19	22	-3	16	3
Eureka County	34	36	-2	35	-1
Humboldt County	286	288	-2	240	46
Lander County	117	107	10	85	32
Lincoln County	99	92	7	85	14
Lyon County	1,360	1,260	100	1,252	108
Mineral County	97	104	-7	87	10
Nye County	1,238	1,183	55	1,018	220
Pershing County	109	101	8	95	14
Storey County	90	77	13	73	17
Washoe County	10,490	10,035	455	9,054	1,436
White Pine County	159	138	21	149	10
Carson City	1,126	1,064	62	1,040	86
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	988	956	32	841	147
Fallon Micropolitan Area	458	439	19	402	56
Fernley Micropolitan Area	1,360	1,260	100	1,252	108
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	1,020	984	36	897	123
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	1,238	1,183	55	1,018	220
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	286	288	-2	240	46
City					
Fernley City*	525	480	45	454	71
Boulder City*	351	347	4	370	-19
Elko City*	384	371	13	327	57
Henderson	8,687	8,384	303	8,692	-5
Las Vegas	18,245	17,810	435	18,158	87
Mesquite*	379	366	13	344	35
North Las Vegas	7,763	7,521	242	7,756	7
Reno	5,791	5,544	247	4,992	799
Sparks	2,282	2,212	70	1,945	337

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