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DETR Releases July Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) July 2026 economic report, compared to June 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) and now sits at 5 percent and the labor force decreased by 5,077. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,612,500, representing an increase of 1.1% over the past year and an increase of 4,000 jobs since June 2026.

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

- Las Vegas employment increased by 2,300 jobs (0.2%) since June, and an increase of 9,900 jobs (0.8%) since July 2025.
- Reno employment had an increase of 900 jobs (0.3%) since June, and an increase of 300 jobs (0.1%) since July 2025.
- Carson City employment had a decrease of 200 jobs (-0.6%) since June, and a decrease of 400 jobs (-1.2%) since July 2025.

"July's report highlights a steady labor market in Nevada as we enter the second half of the year. Year-over-year job growth remains solid at just over 1%, with professional services and health care leading the way at more than 4% growth. Compared to June, Nevada added 4,000 jobs, in contrast to the national decline of 23,000 jobs. The unemployment rate and labor force participation rate both fell compared to June, mirroring national trends," 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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July 2026 Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

July 2026

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In July 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to June 2026 and currently stands at 5 percent. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 5,077 individuals, currently totaling 1,681,603 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 2,975 employed individuals and a decrease of 2,102 unemployed individuals.

Based on the July 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 4,000 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to June 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Leisure and Hospitality which dropped by 3,000, and Other Services which lost 500 jobs. On the flip side, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities gained 2,700 jobs, followed by Education and Health Services which added 1,300 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 2,300 jobs (0.2%) in July 2026, compared to June 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced an increase of 900 jobs (0.3%) during the same period. Finally, the Carson City MSA had a decrease of 200 jobs (-0.6%) in July 2026, compared to June 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/>).

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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 4,000 from June to July, or 0.2 percent. Compared to July 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 17,500 jobs, or 1.1 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 2,300 jobs (0.2%) from June to July 2026. Compared to July 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 9,900 jobs (0.8%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 900 jobs (0.3%) from June to July 2026. Compared to July 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 300 jobs (0.1%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Reno-Sparks MSA Area Profile](#).

Carson City MSA total nonfarm employment decreased by 200 jobs (-0.6%) from June to July 2026. Compared to July 2025, total nonfarm employment decreased by 400 jobs (-1.2%). 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](#).

July 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul - Jun Change	Jul - Jun Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,858.0	158,881.0	-23.0	0.0%	158,542.0	316.0	0.2%
Nevada	1,612.5	1,608.5	4.0	0.2%	1,595.0	17.5	1.1%
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.8	1,174.5	2.3	0.2%	1,166.9	9.9	0.8%
Reno-Sparks MSA	286.4	285.5	0.9	0.3%	286.1	0.3	0.1%
Carson City MSA	32.4	32.6	-0.2	-0.6%	32.8	-0.4	-1.2%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

July 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul - Jun Change	Jul - Jun Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,649.0	159,748.0	-1,099.0	-0.7%	158,267.0	382.0	0.2%
Nevada	1,602.9	1,606.3	-3.4	-0.2%	1,584.0	18.9	1.2%
Las Vegas MSA	1,172.2	1,172.3	-0.1	0.0%	1,155.8	16.4	1.4%
Reno-Sparks MSA	283.6	285.7	-2.1	-0.7%	282.7	0.9	0.3%
Carson City MSA	32.6	33.0	-0.4	-1.2%	32.9	-0.3	-0.9%

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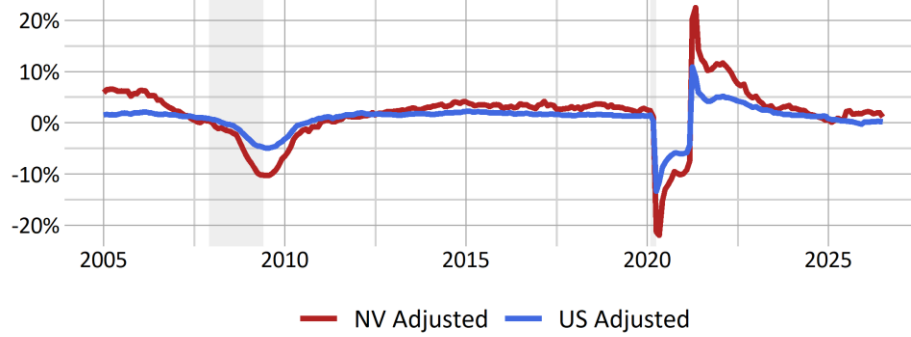
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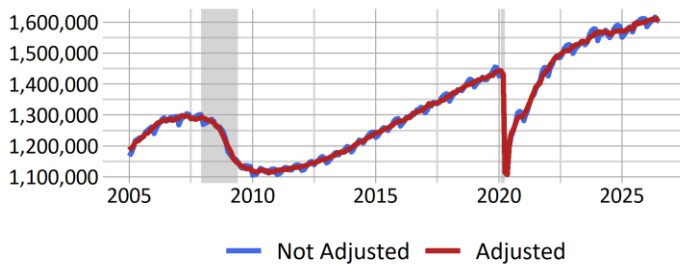
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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

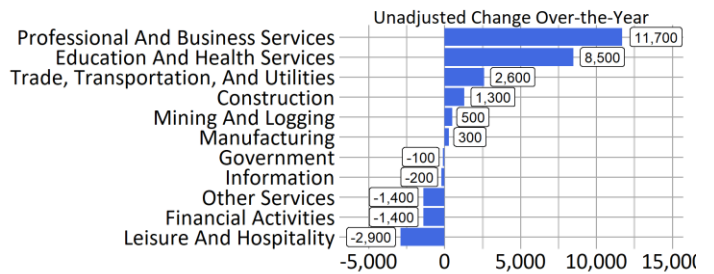
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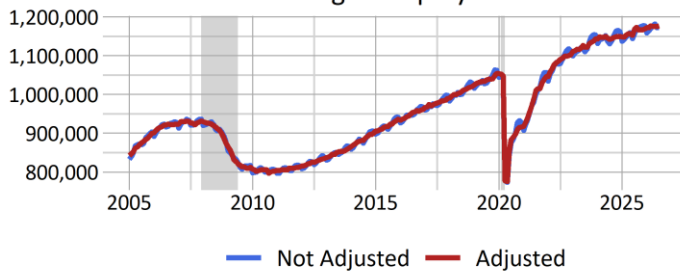
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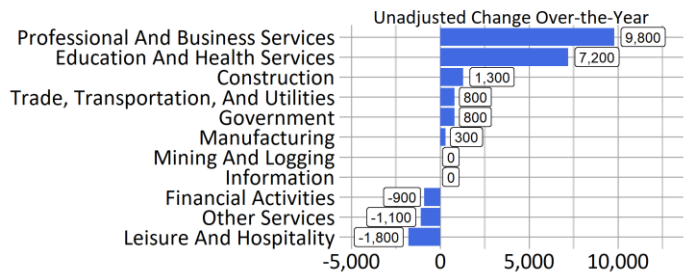
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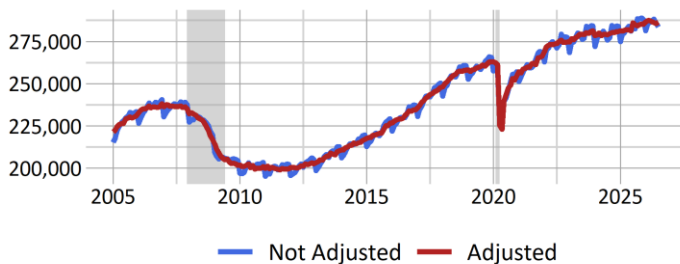
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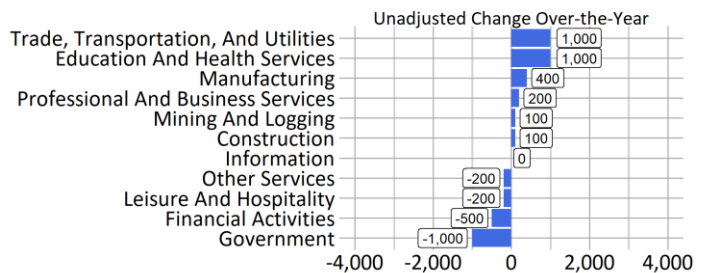
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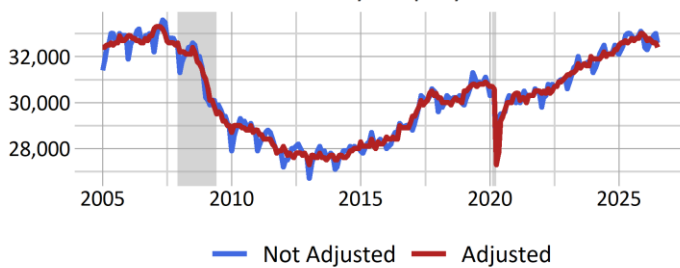
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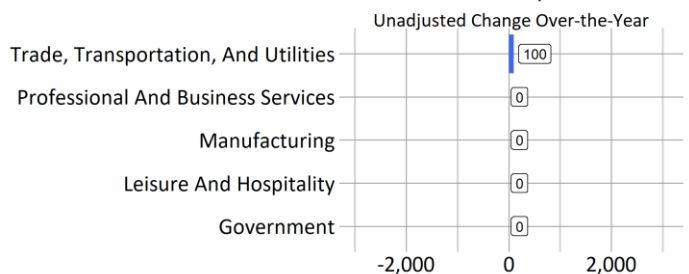
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Carson City Employment



Carson City MSA



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Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary (in Thousands)

Area	Jul 2026	Jul - Jun 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	1,612.5	4.0	1,612.5	1,594.9	17.6	-3.8	1,612.5	1,536.7	17.6	-7.7	1,612.5	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.8	2.3	1,176.8	1,165.6	14.4	-7.1	1,176.8	1,121.1	14.4	-7.1	1,176.8	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	286.4	0.9	287.4	284.2	4.7	-1.2	287.4	278.4	4.7	-2.9	287.4	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.4	-0.2	33.0	32.4	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.5	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

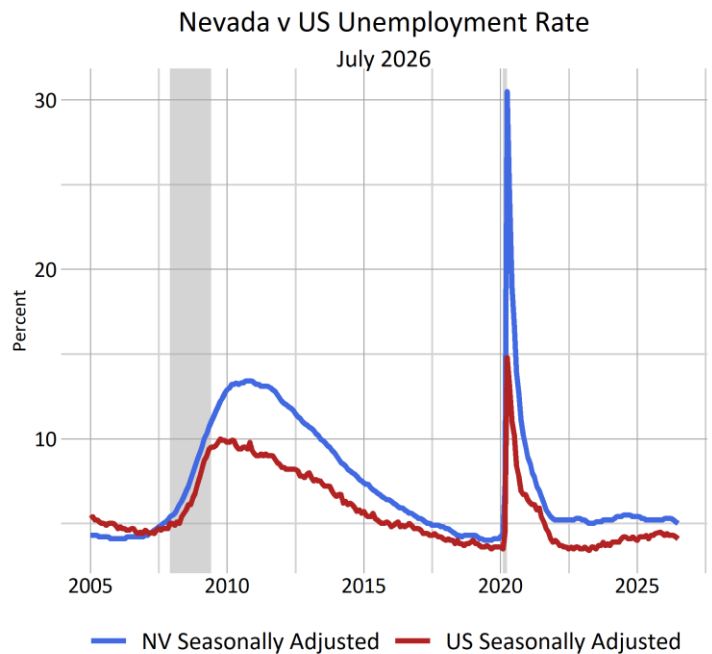
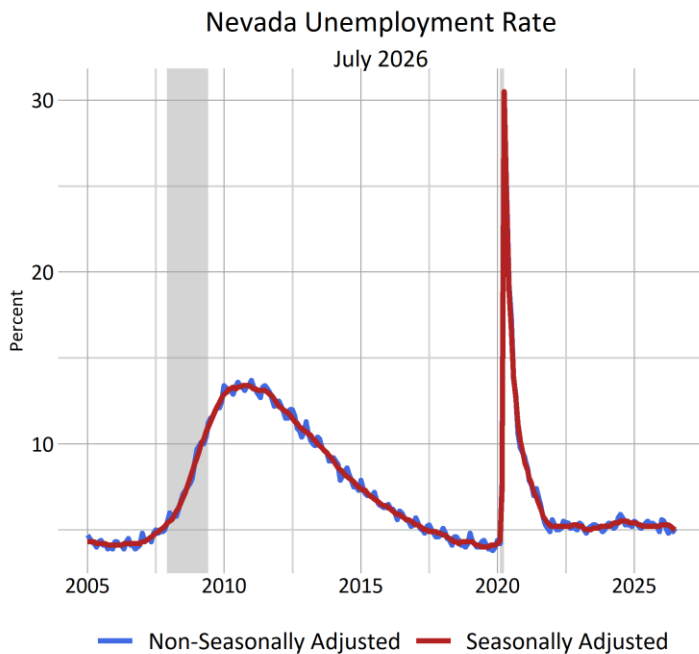
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In July 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to June and decreased by 0.2 pp from 5.2 percent in July 2025. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 2,102 from June, for a current level of 84,360 people, and decreased by 2,677 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 5,077 individuals compared to June, and currently sits at 1,681,603, which represents an increase of 16,116 individuals compared to July 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 July 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4	61.8	59.1
U.S. SA ¹	169,094,000	162,177,000	6,916,000	4.1	61.4	58.9
Nevada	1,673,649	1,588,772	84,877	5.1	62.5	59.4
Nevada SA ¹	1,681,603	1,597,243	84,360	5.0	62.8	59.7

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



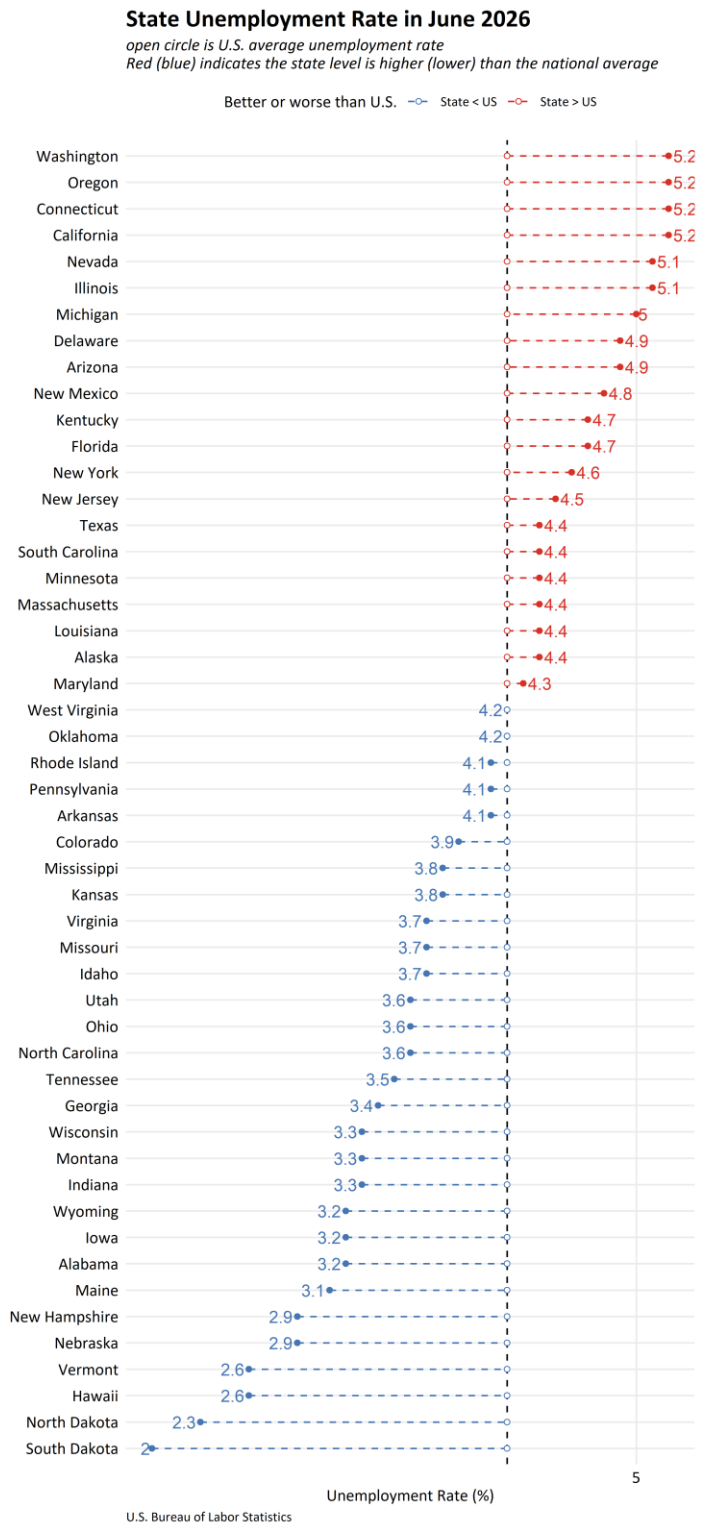
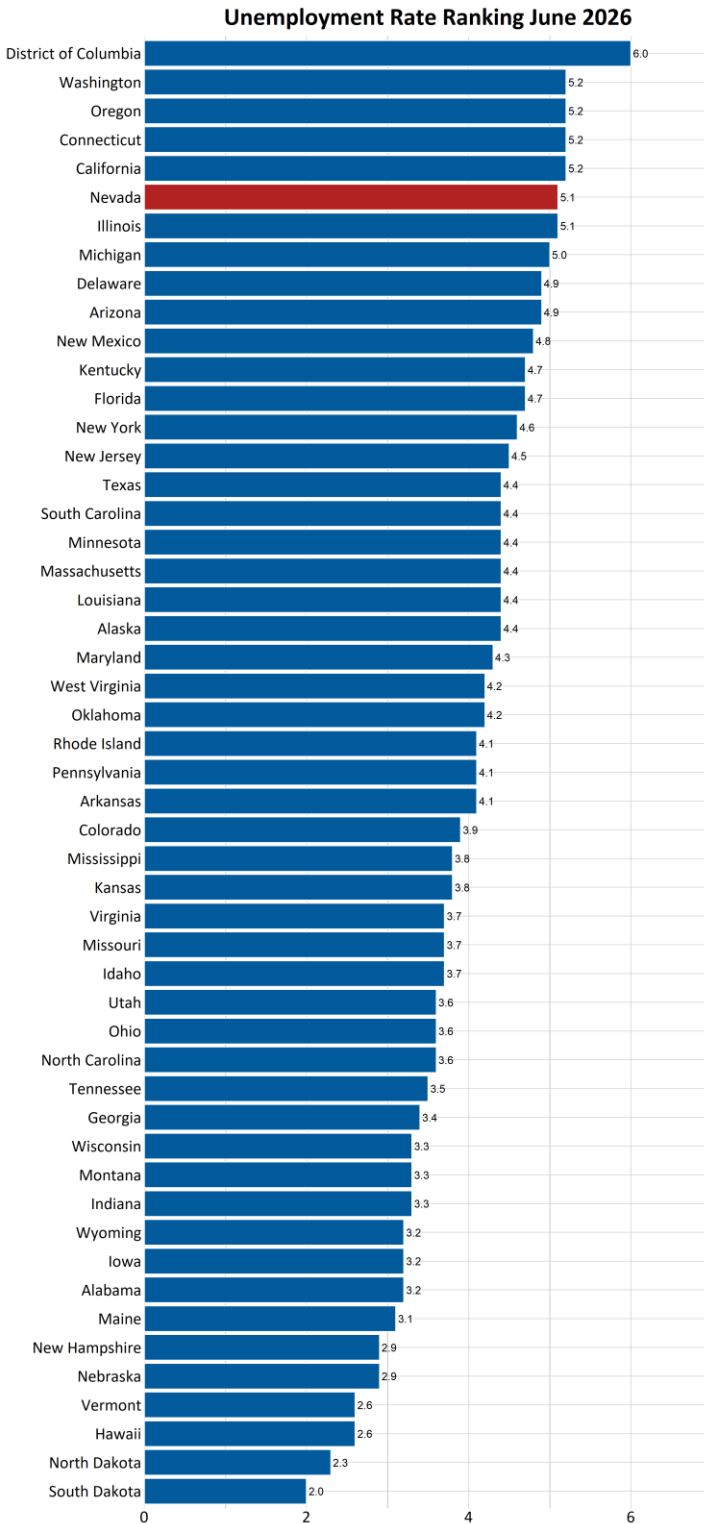
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (June 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada was tied with Illinois for the 5th highest unemployment rate of any state in June 2026 at a figure of 5.1%. Ahead of Nevada were California, Connecticut, Oregon, and Washington at 5.2%. Behind Nevada was Michigan at 5%.



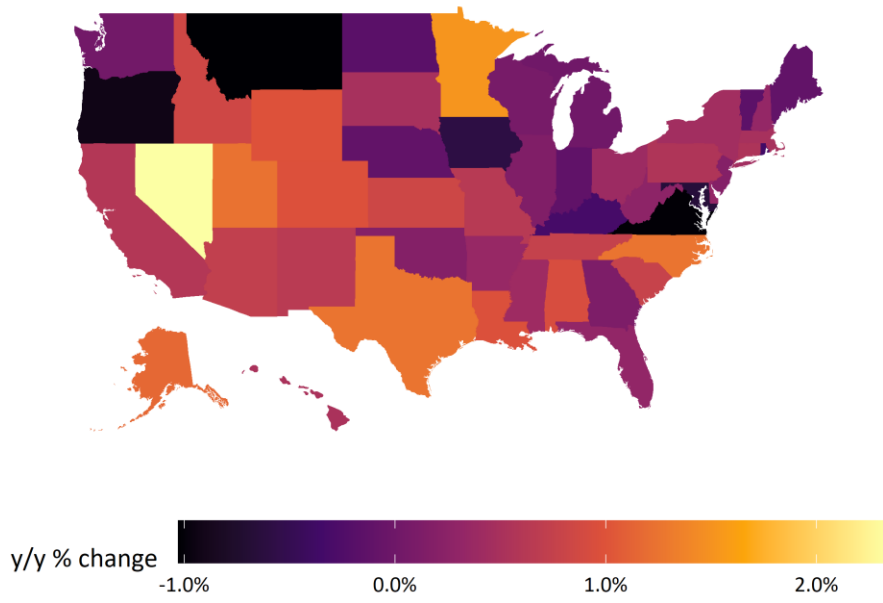
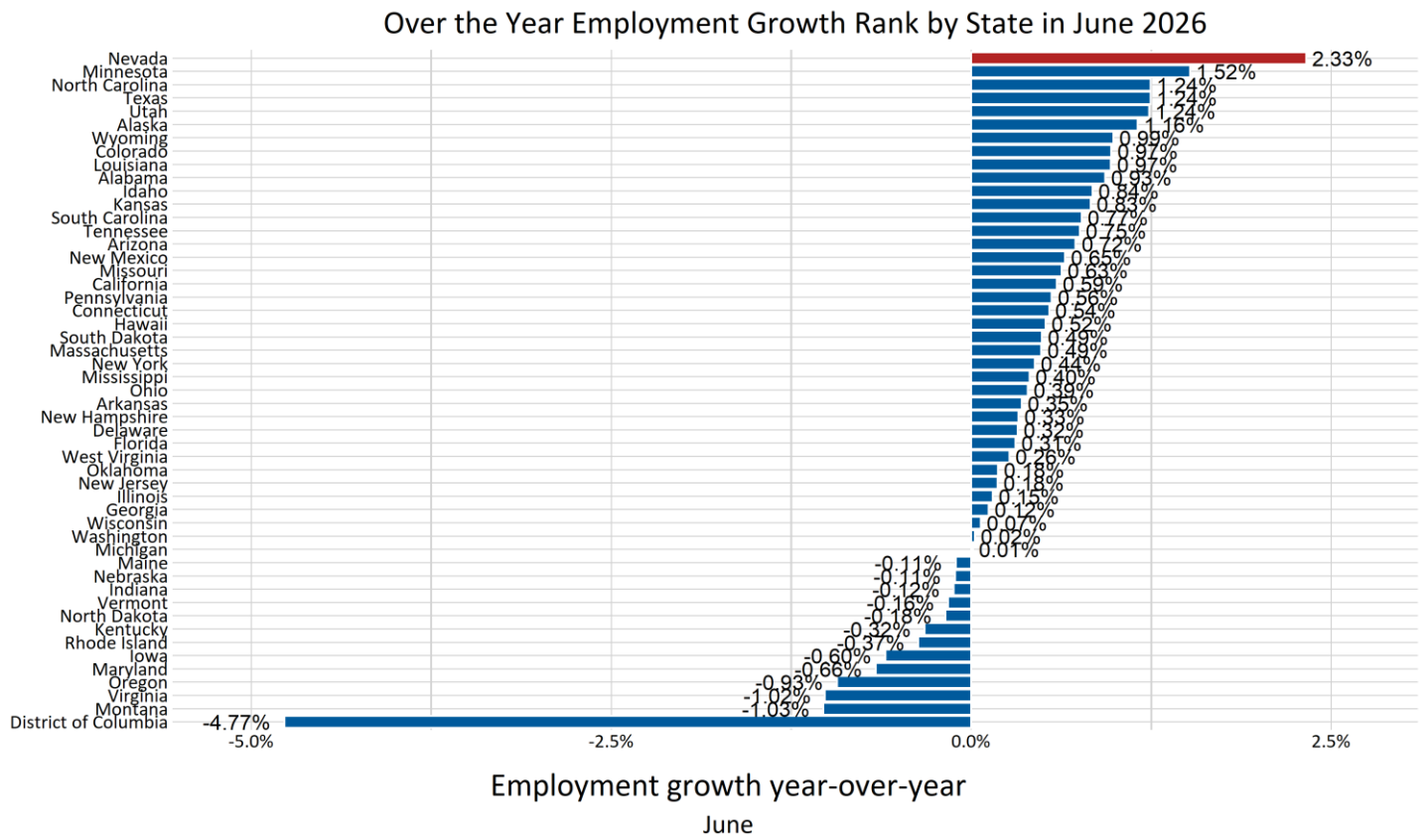
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Employment State Rankings (June 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the highest over-the-year employment growth of any state in June 2026 at a figure of 2.3%.

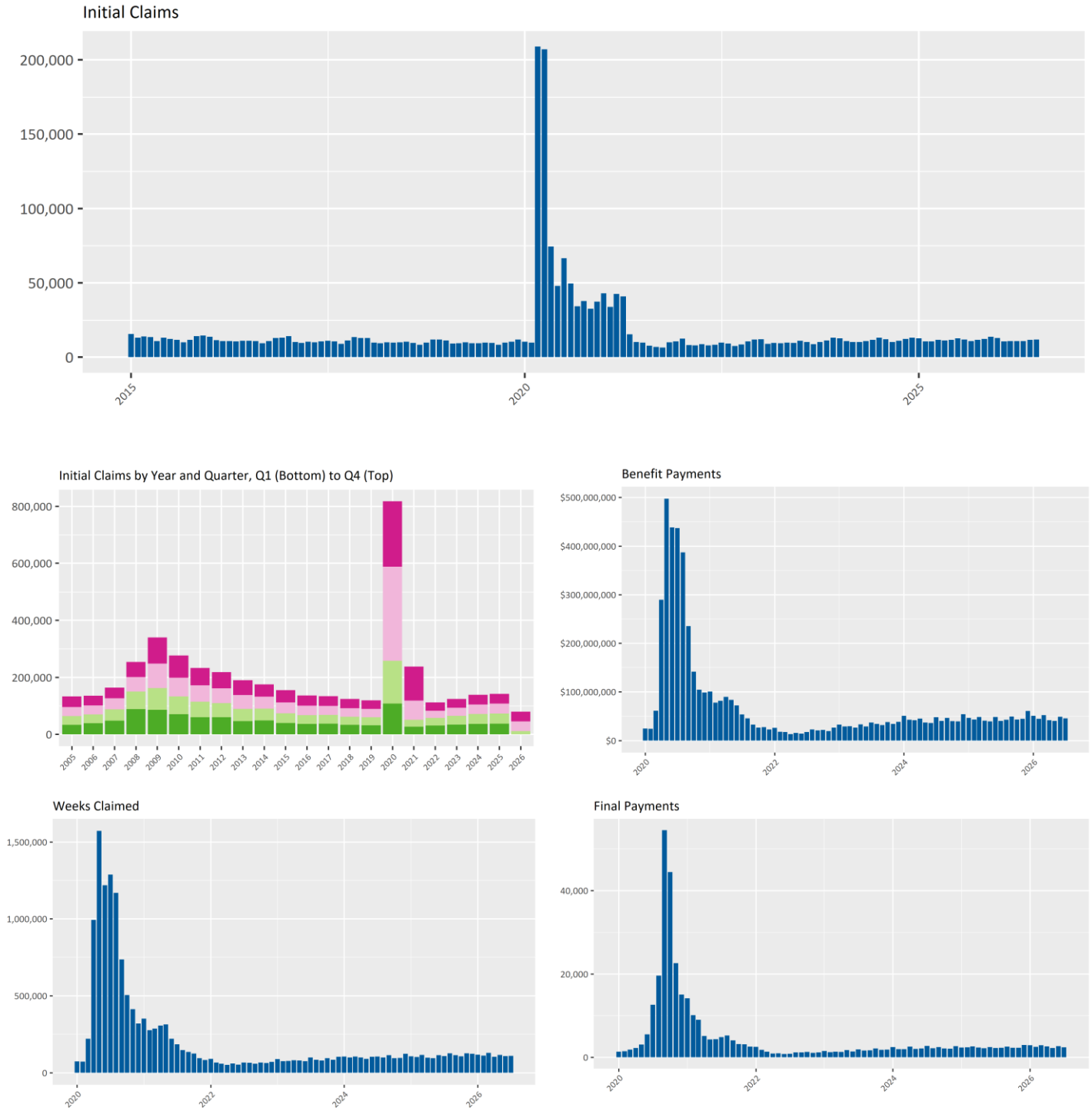


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (y/y)=Year-Over-Year

Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in July 2026, 11,966 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 271 claims, or 2.3 percent, from June 2026 when there were 11,695 claims. This figure is a decrease from the 12,686 figure that was observed in July of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity



Source: ETA 5159

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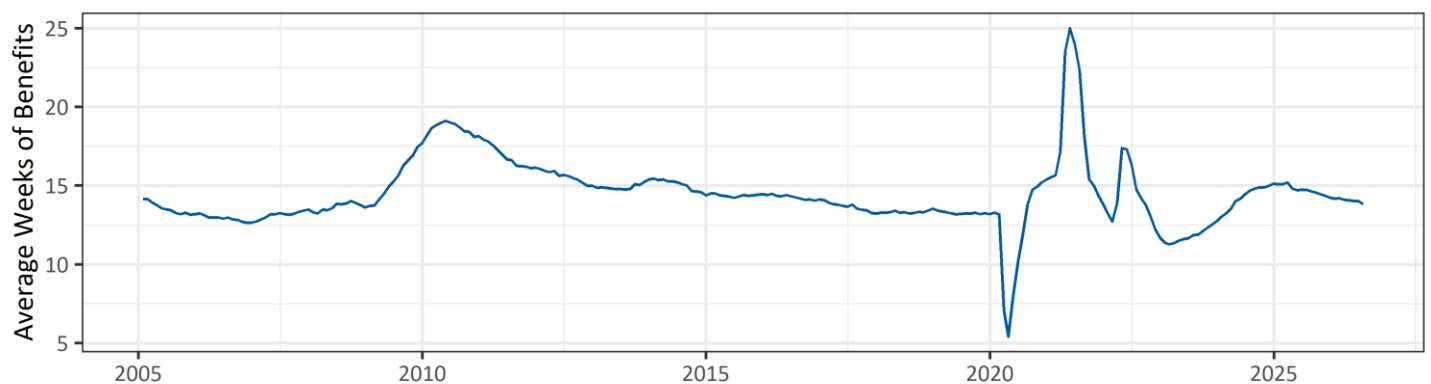
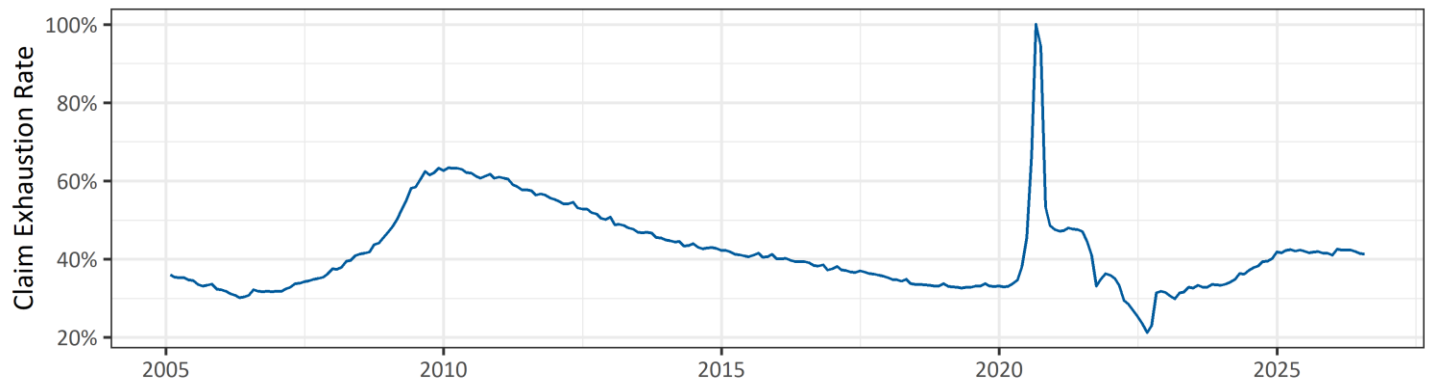
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Monthly claims activity for Nevada’s regular program saw decreases for most measures in July 2026. Compared to June, Weeks Compensated decreased by 6,990, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) decreased by 264. Total compensation was down by \$3,543,715 or 7.3 percentage points.

July 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	July 2026	July 2025	% change	June 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	11,966	12,686	-5.7%	11,695	2.3%	11,711
Weeks Claimed	109,447	107,898	1.4%	107,583	1.7%	115,278
Weeks Compensated	94,816	87,073	8.9%	101,806	-6.9%	98,285
Amount Compensated	\$45,241,606	\$40,424,462	11.9%	\$48,785,321	-7.3%	\$46,964,365
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	84,418	78,455	7.6%	91,169	-7.4%	87,436
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$42,303,214	\$38,015,880	11.3%	\$45,841,194	-7.7%	\$43,909,085
First Payments	6,797	5,242	29.7%	5,869	15.8%	6,327
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,401	2,221	8.1%	2,665	-9.9%	2,545
Average Weekly Benefit	\$501.12	\$484.56	3.4%	\$502.82	-0.3%	\$502.02
Average Duration (in weeks)	13.82	14.74	-6.3%	14.03	-1.5%	14.22
Exhaustion Rate	41.39%	41.70%	-0.7%	41.49%	-0.2%	41.87%

Source: ETA 5159



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CES Summary Tables

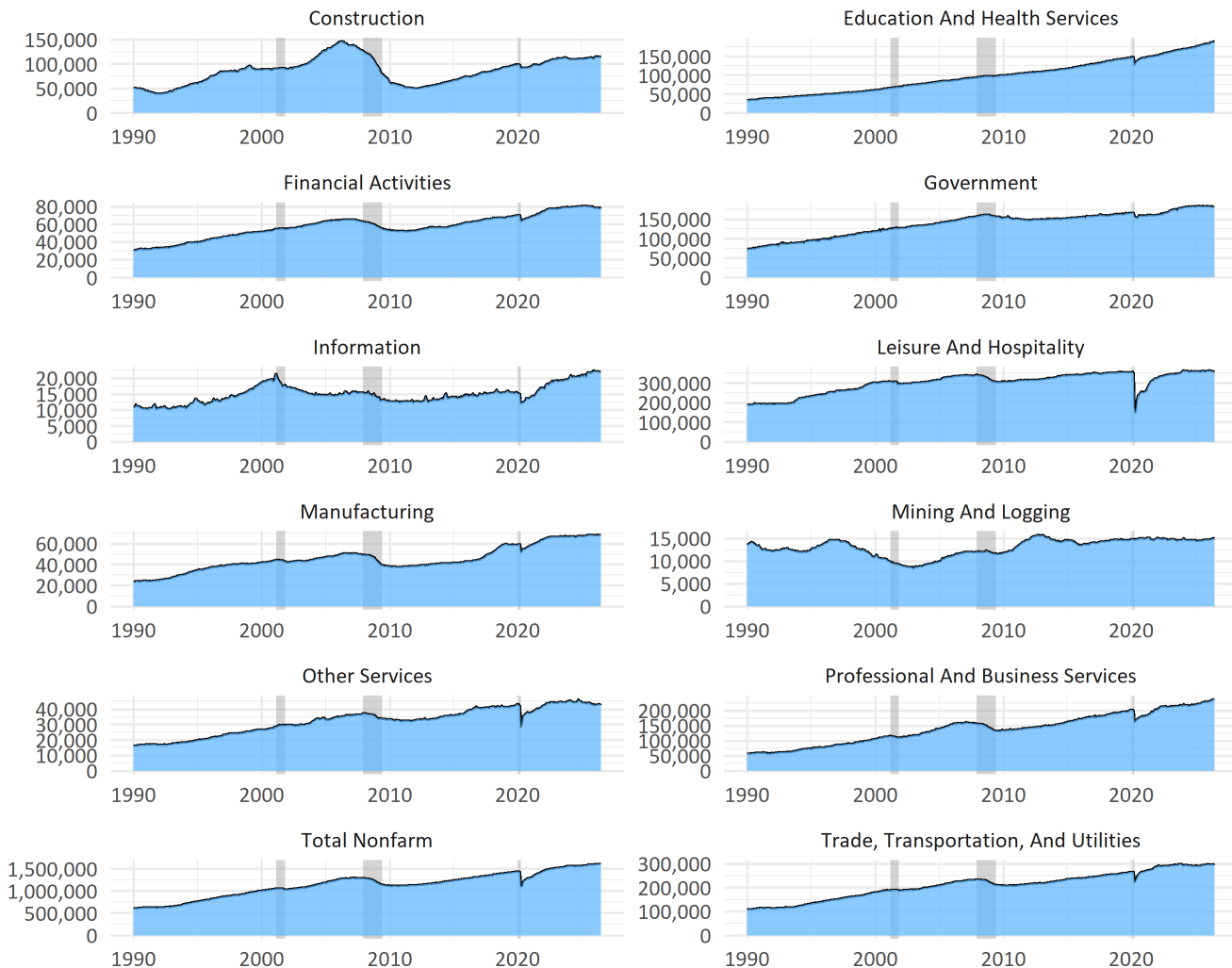
Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

June 2026 - July 2026

Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	-1,099,000	-1,076,000	-23,000
Nevada	-3,400	-7,400	4,000

State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

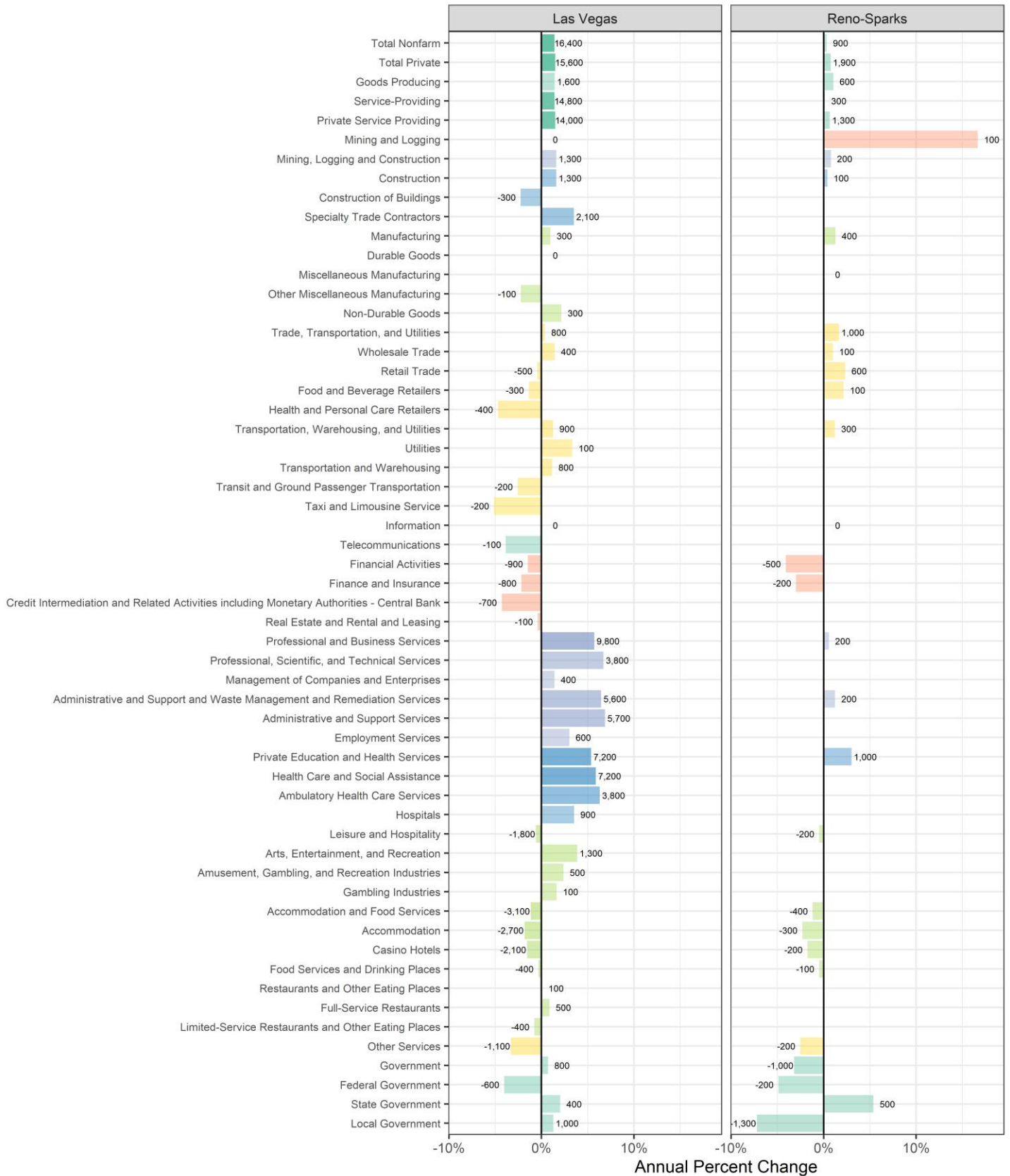
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Change in Employment, July 2025 to July 2026

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



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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/>

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