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DETR Releases May Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) May 2026 economic report, compared to April 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) to 5.2 percent and the labor force decreased by 3,780. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,609,300, representing an increase of 1.8% over the past year and an increase of 800 jobs since April 2026.

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

- Las Vegas employment increased by 1,000 jobs (0.1%) since April and increased by 19,600 jobs (1.7%) since May 2025.
- Reno employment decreased by 600 jobs (-0.2%) since April and increased by 4,300 jobs (1.5%) since May 2025.
- Carson City employment decreased by 200 jobs (-0.6%) since April and decreased by 100 jobs (-0.3%) since May 2025.

"May's report continues to show steady progress in Nevada's labor market. The state added jobs over the month despite the loss of nearly a thousand jobs from Spirit Airlines in Las Vegas. That closure is reflected in the industries that include transportation, which saw declines of just over 1,000 jobs over the month. Those losses were offset by gains in professional and business services which added 2,600 jobs over the month. The state's unemployment rate and labor force participation rate both fell over the month, to 5.2 percent and 63.4 percent, respectively," 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

May 2026

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In May 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to April 2026 and currently stands at 5.2 percent. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 3,780 individuals, currently totaling 1,693,582 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 3,058 employed individuals and a decrease of 722 unemployed individuals.

Based on the May 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 800 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to April 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities which dropped by 1,400, and Financial Activities which lost 700 jobs. On the flip side, Professional And Business Services gained 2,600 jobs, followed by Manufacturing which added 400 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 1,000 jobs (0.1%) in May 2026, compared to April 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced a decrease of 600 jobs (0.2%) during the same period. Finally, the Carson City MSA had a decrease of 200 jobs (-0.6%) in May 2026, compared to April 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 800 from April to May, or 0 percent. Compared to May 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 29,200 jobs, or 1.8 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 1,000 jobs (0.1%) from April to May 2026. Compared to May 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 19,600 jobs (1.7%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment decreased by 600 jobs (-0.2%) from April to May 2026. Compared to May 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 4,300 jobs (1.5%). 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 April to May 2026. Compared to May 2025, total nonfarm employment decreased by 100 jobs (-0.3%). 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](#).

May 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	May 2026	Apr 2026	May - Apr Change	May - Apr Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	159,001.0	158,829.0	172.0	0.1%	158,498.0	503.0	0.3%
Nevada	1,609.3	1,608.5	0.8	0.0%	1,580.1	29.2	1.8%
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.4	1,175.4	1.0	0.1%	1,156.8	19.6	1.7%
Reno-Sparks MSA	286.2	286.8	-0.6	-0.2%	281.9	4.3	1.5%
Carson City MSA	32.5	32.7	-0.2	-0.6%	32.6	-0.1	-0.3%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

May 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	May 2026	Apr 2026	May - Apr Change	May - Apr Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	159,467.0	158,726.0	741.0	0.5%	159,032.0	435.0	0.3%
Nevada	1,615.8	1,608.8	7.0	0.4%	1,585.4	30.4	1.9%
Las Vegas MSA	1,183.7	1,176.7	7.0	0.6%	1,159.2	24.5	2.1%
Reno-Sparks MSA	287.8	287.3	0.5	0.2%	284.0	3.8	1.3%
Carson City MSA	32.8	32.7	0.1	0.3%	33.0	-0.2	-0.6%

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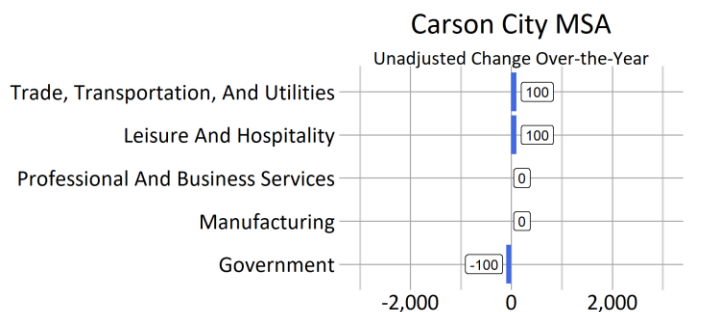
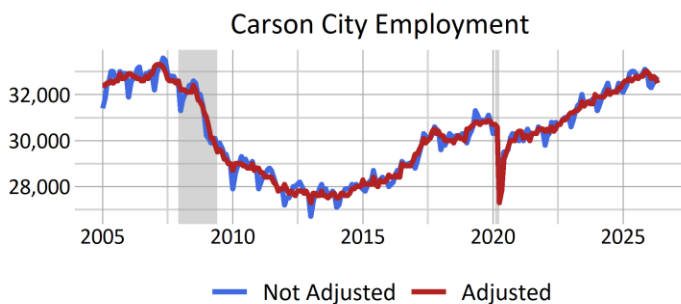
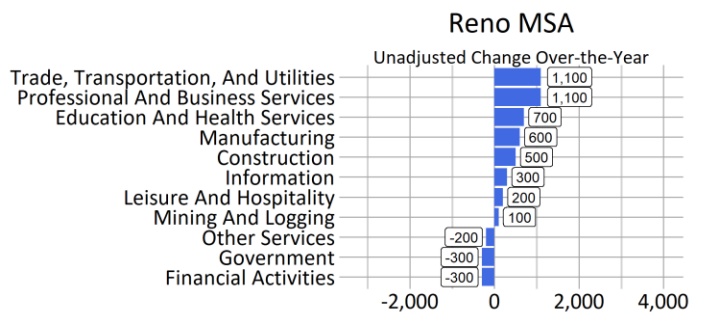
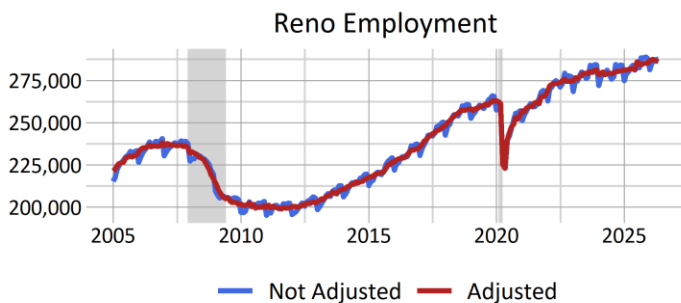
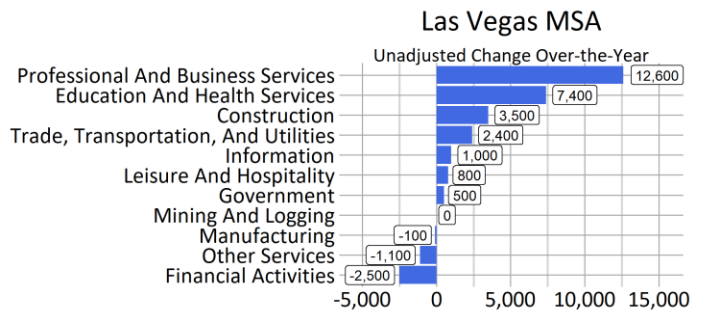
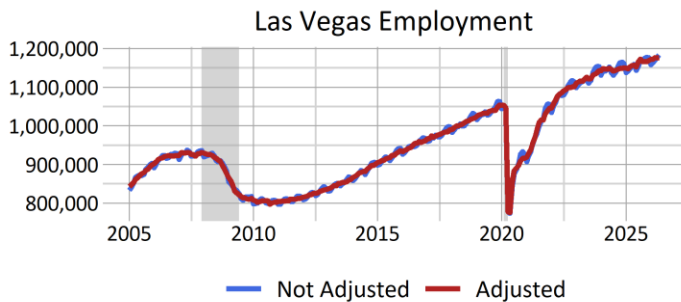
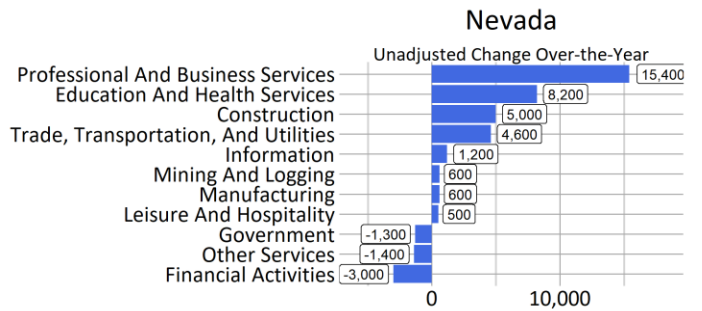
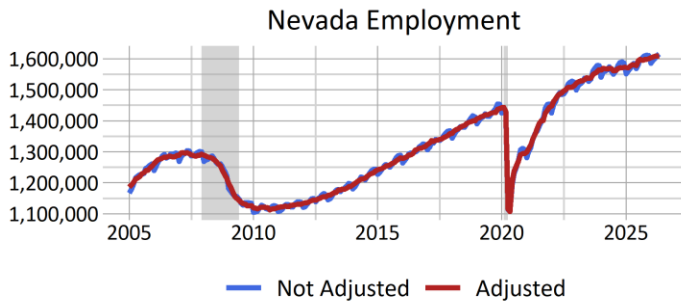
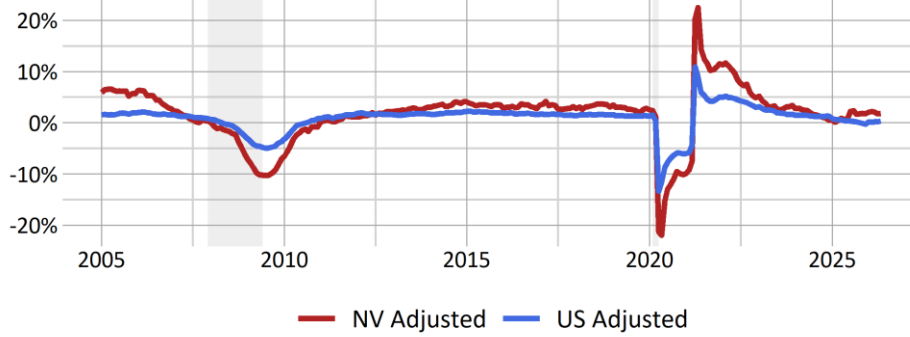
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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

May 2026



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

Area	May 2026	May - Apr 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	1,609.3	0.8	1,609.3	1,577.4	17.6	-3.8	1,609.3	1,533.4	17.6	-7.7	1,609.3	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,176.4	1.0	1,176.5	1,152.5	14.4	-7.1	1,176.5	1,119.7	14.4	-7.1	1,176.5	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	286.2	-0.6	287.4	281.4	4.7	-1.2	287.4	278.1	4.7	-2.9	287.4	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.5	-0.2	33.0	32.5	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.4	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

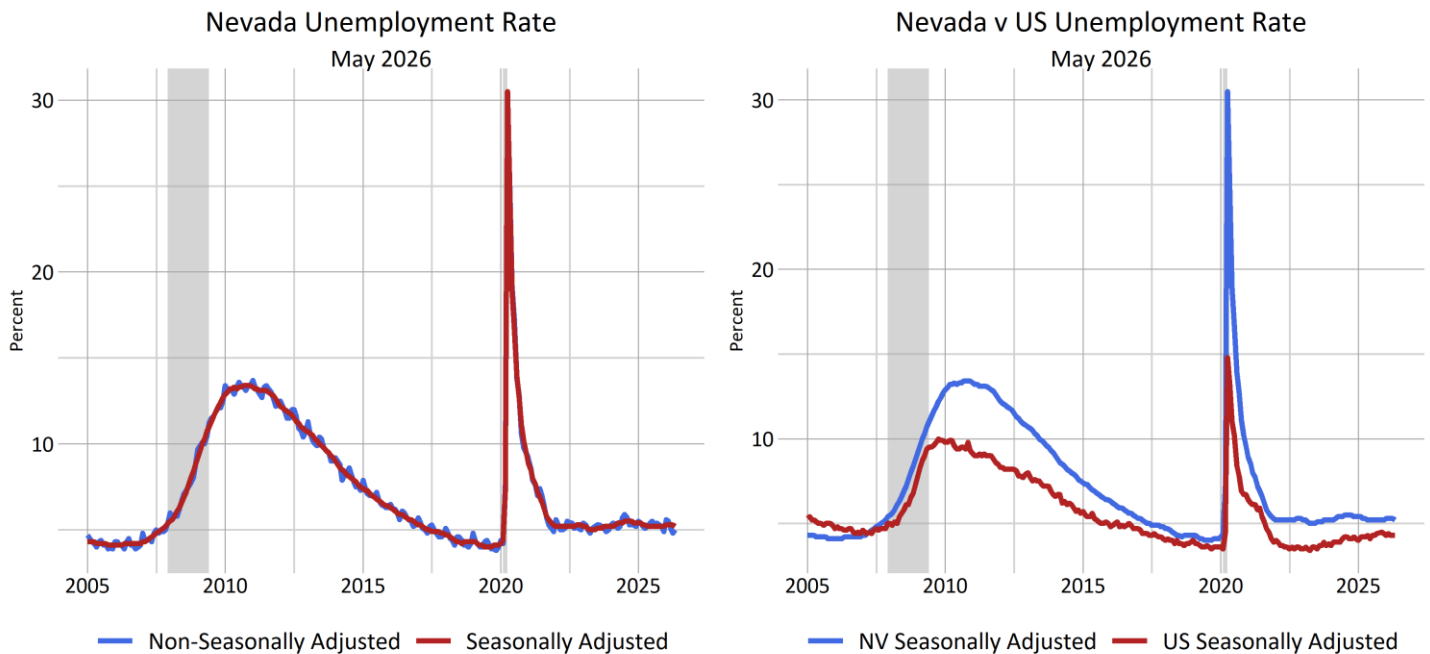
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In May 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to April and remained unchanged from 5.2 percent in May 2025. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 722 from April, for a current level of 88,619 people, and increased by 1,549 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 3,780 individuals compared to April, and currently sits at 1,693,582, which represents an increase of 32,465 individuals compared to May 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 May 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	169,801,000	162,897,000	6,904,000	4.1	61.7	59.2
U.S. SA ¹	170,078,000	162,771,000	7,307,000	4.3	61.8	59.2
Nevada	1,682,254	1,597,325	84,929	5.0	63.0	59.8
Nevada SA ¹	1,693,582	1,604,963	88,619	5.2	63.4	60.1

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



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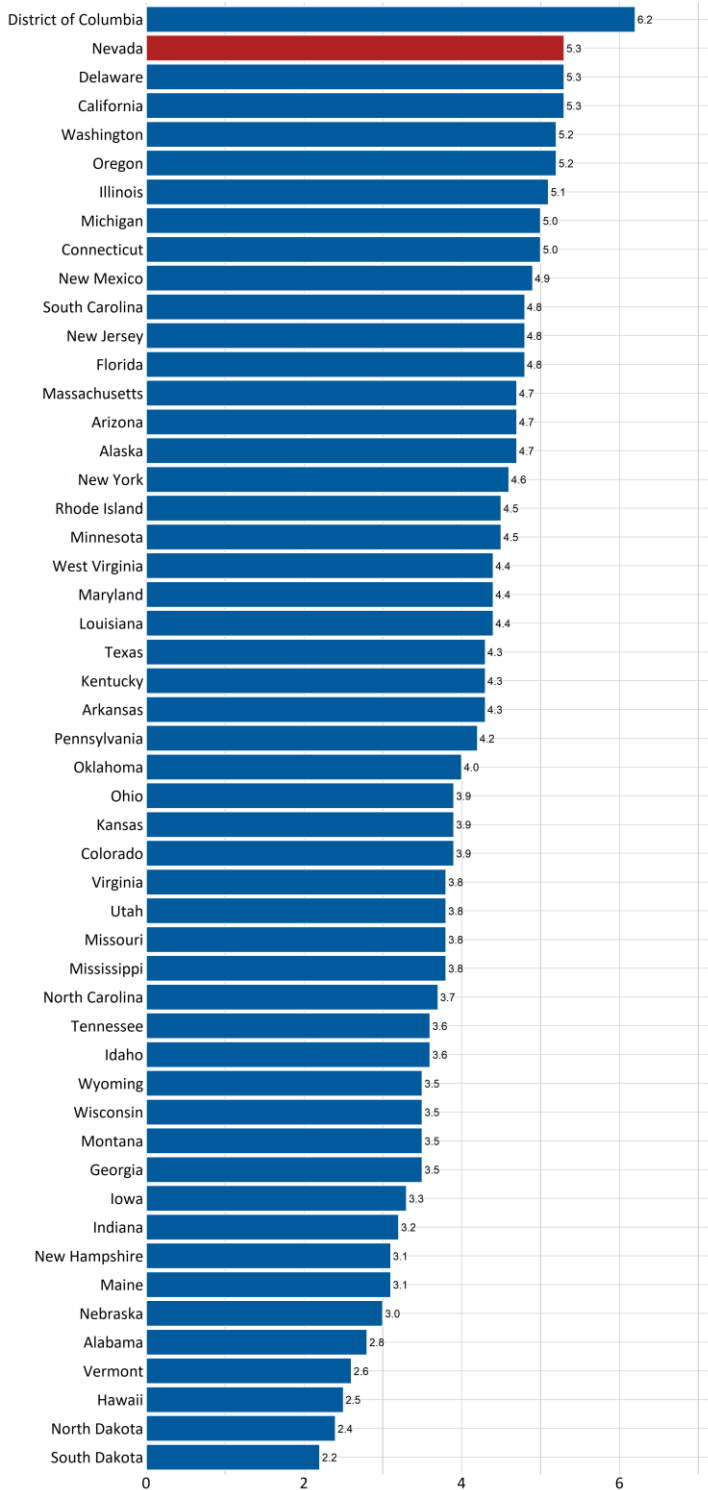
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (April 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the 2nd highest unemployment rate of any state in April 2026 at a figure of 5.3%. Ahead of Nevada were California with 5.3% and Delaware with 5.3%. Behind Nevada were Oregon with 5.2% and Washington with 5.2%.

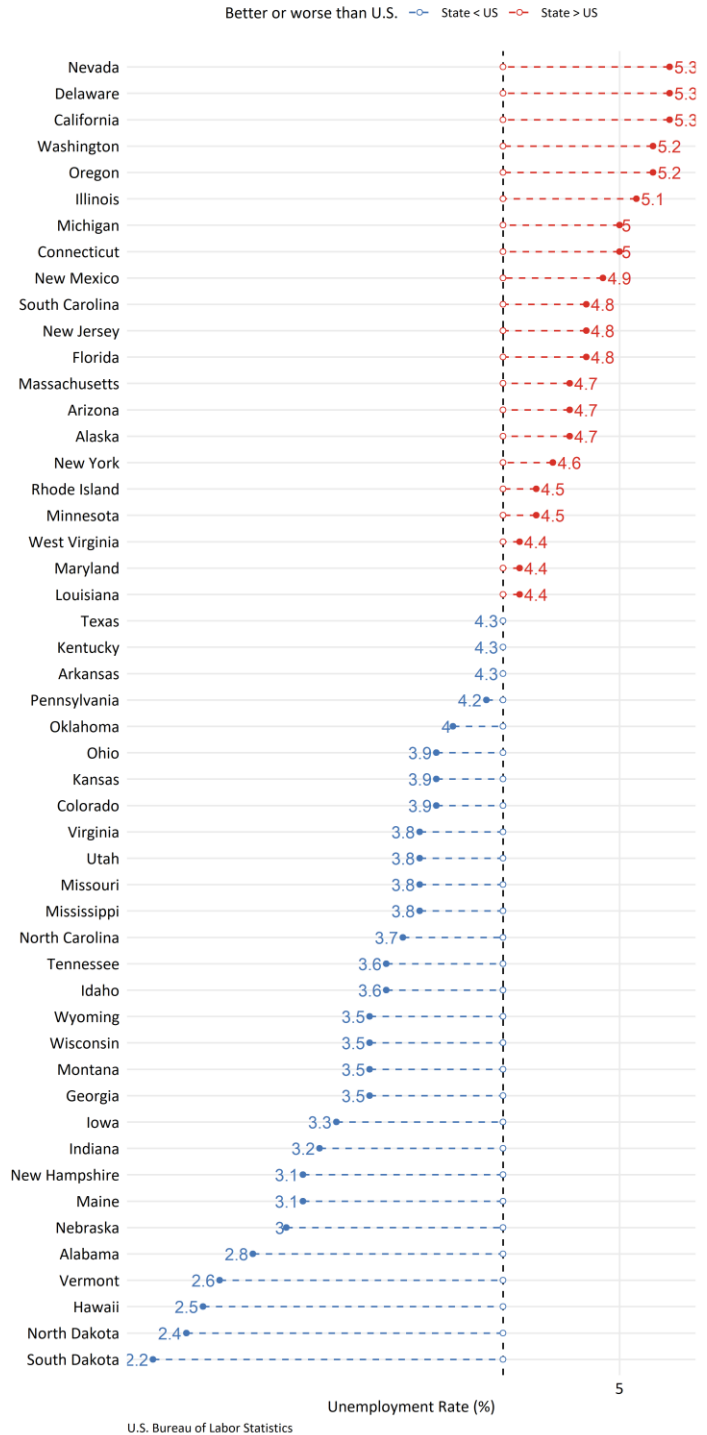
Unemployment Rate Ranking April 2026



State Unemployment Rate in April 2026

open circle is U.S. average unemployment rate

Red (blue) indicates the state level is higher (lower) than the national average



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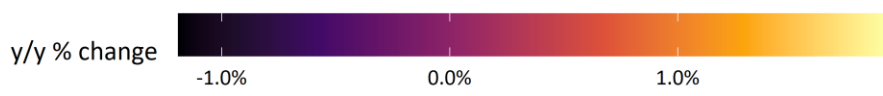
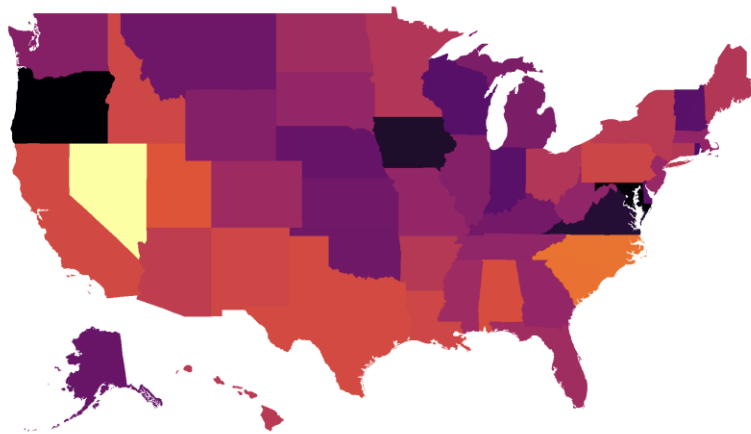
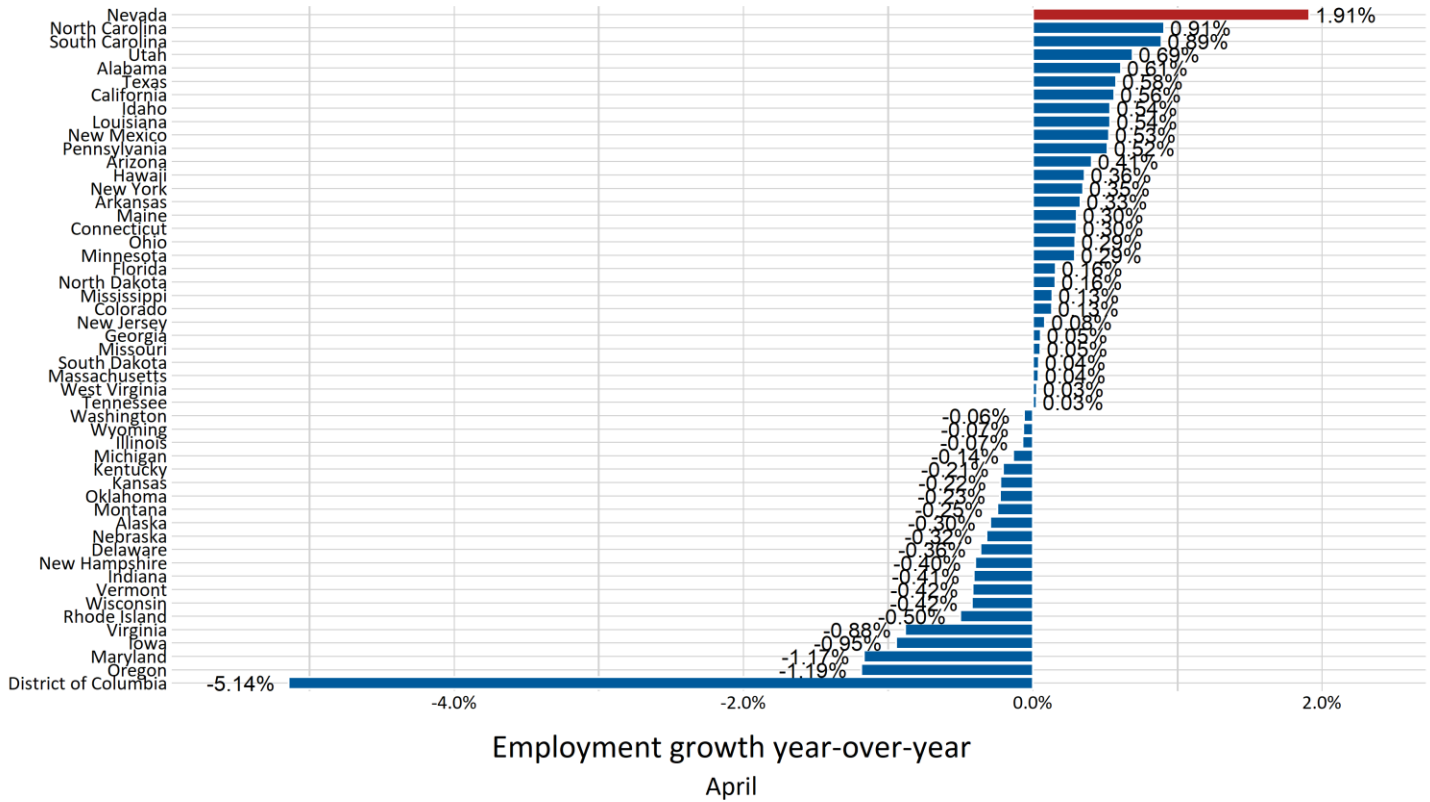
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Employment State Rankings (April 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the highest over-the-year employment growth of any state in April 2026 at a figure of 1.91%.

Over the Year Employment Growth Rank by State in April 2026



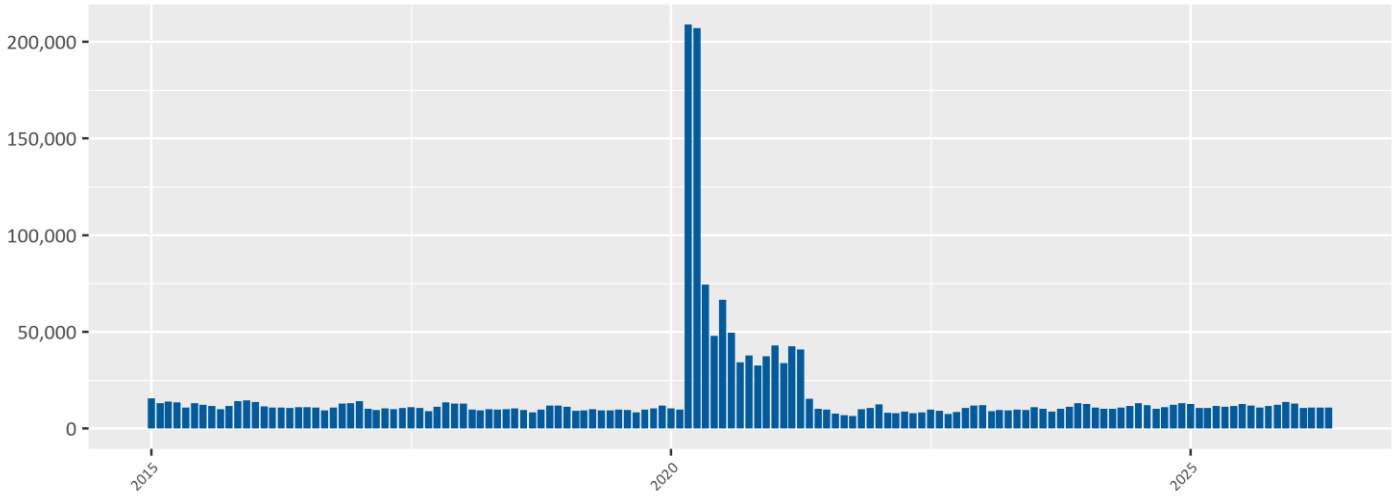
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (y/y)=Year-Over-Year

Unemployment Insurance

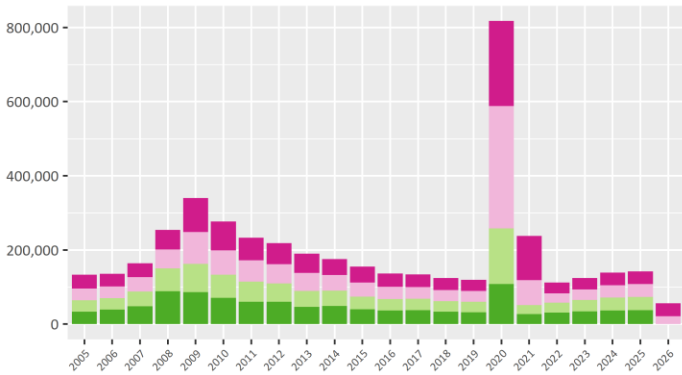
Turning to our monthly data, in May 2026, 10,771 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, a decrease of 191 claims, or 1.7 percent, from April 2026 when there were 10,962 claims. This figure is a decrease from the 11,369 figure that was observed in May of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity

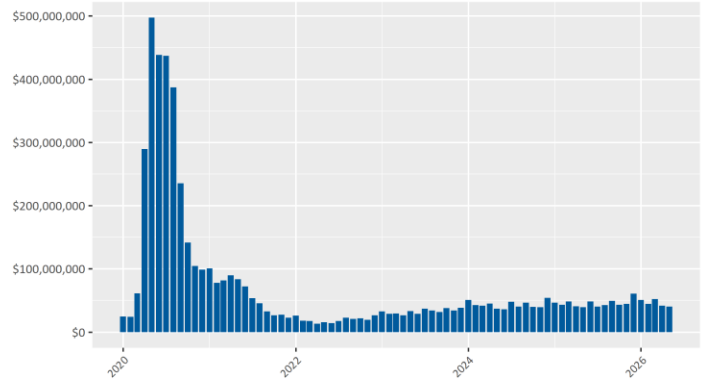
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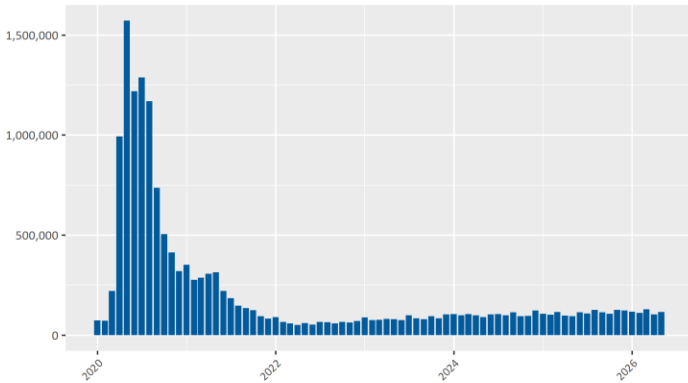
Initial Claims by Year and Quarter, Q1 (Bottom) to Q4 (Top)



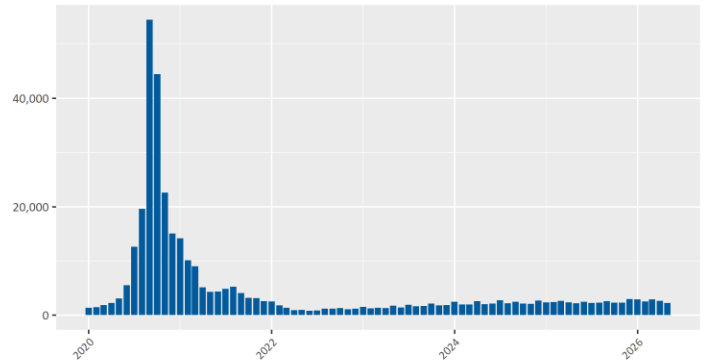
Benefit Payments



Weeks Claimed



Final Payments



Source: ETA 5159

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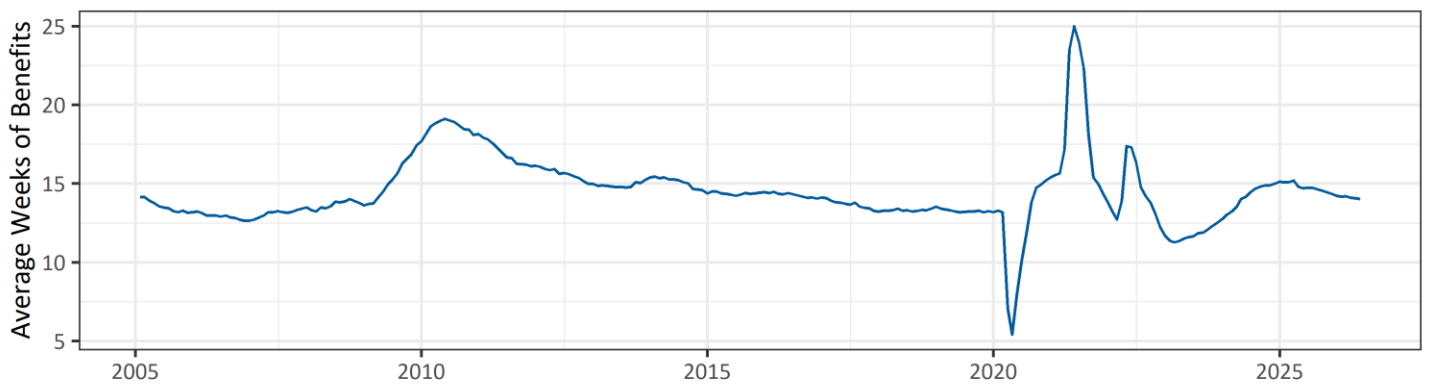
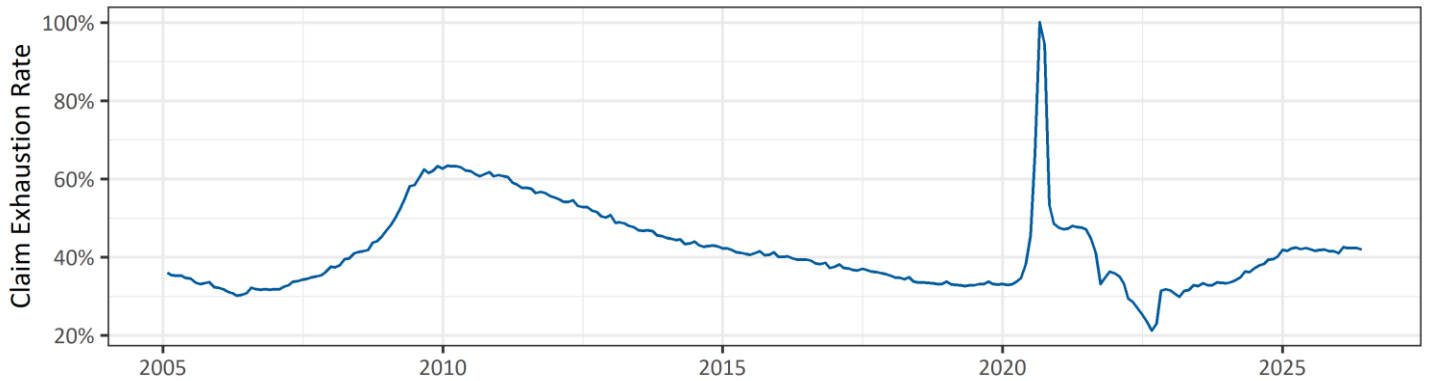
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Monthly claims activity for Nevada’s regular program saw decreases for most measures in May 2026. Compared to April, Weeks Compensated decreased by 4,365, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) decreased by 372. Total compensation was down by \$1,819,650 or 4.3 percentage points.

May 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	May 2026	May 2025	% change	April 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	10,771	11,369	-5.3%	10,962	-1.7%	11,765
Weeks Claimed	114,373	93,844	21.9%	103,633	10.4%	115,622
Weeks Compensated	83,157	85,286	-2.5%	87,522	-5.0%	98,002
Amount Compensated	\$40,040,835	\$39,286,850	1.9%	\$41,860,485	-4.3%	\$46,515,327
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	74,265	75,568	-1.7%	77,389	-4.0%	87,185
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$37,580,498	\$36,631,681	2.6%	\$39,055,042	-3.8%	\$43,480,562
First Payments	5,530	5,392	2.6%	5,478	0.9%	6,222
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,254	2,187	3.1%	2,626	-14.2%	2,510
Average Weekly Benefit	\$506.03	\$484.75	4.4%	\$504.66	0.3%	\$498.57
Average Duration (in weeks)	14.01	14.72	-4.8%	14.06	-0.3%	14.35
Exhaustion Rate	41.95%	42.37%	-1.0%	42.37%	-1.0%	41.95%

Source: ETA 5159



CES Summary Tables

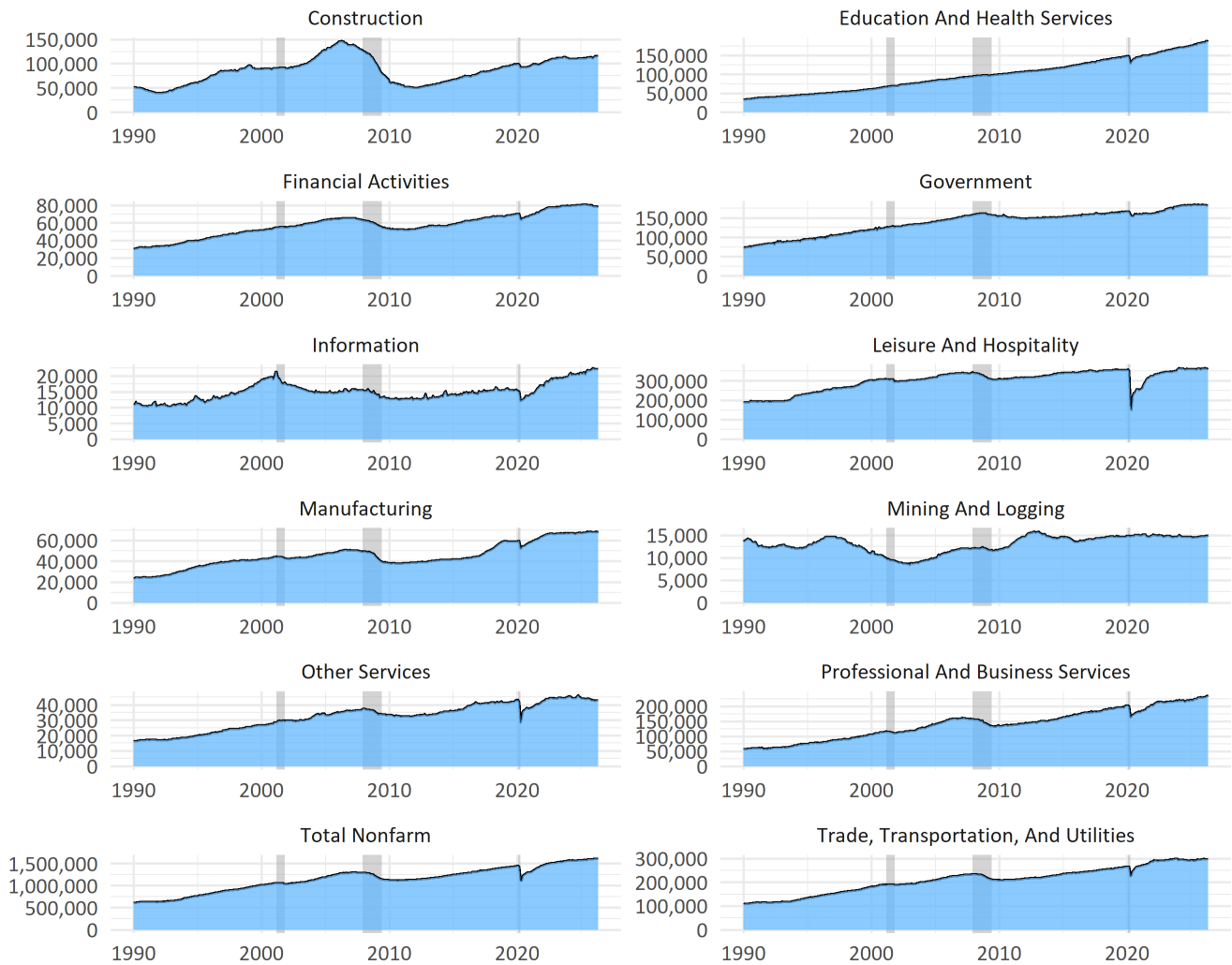
Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

April 2026 - May 2026

Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	741,000	569,000	172,000
Nevada	7,000	6,200	800

State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

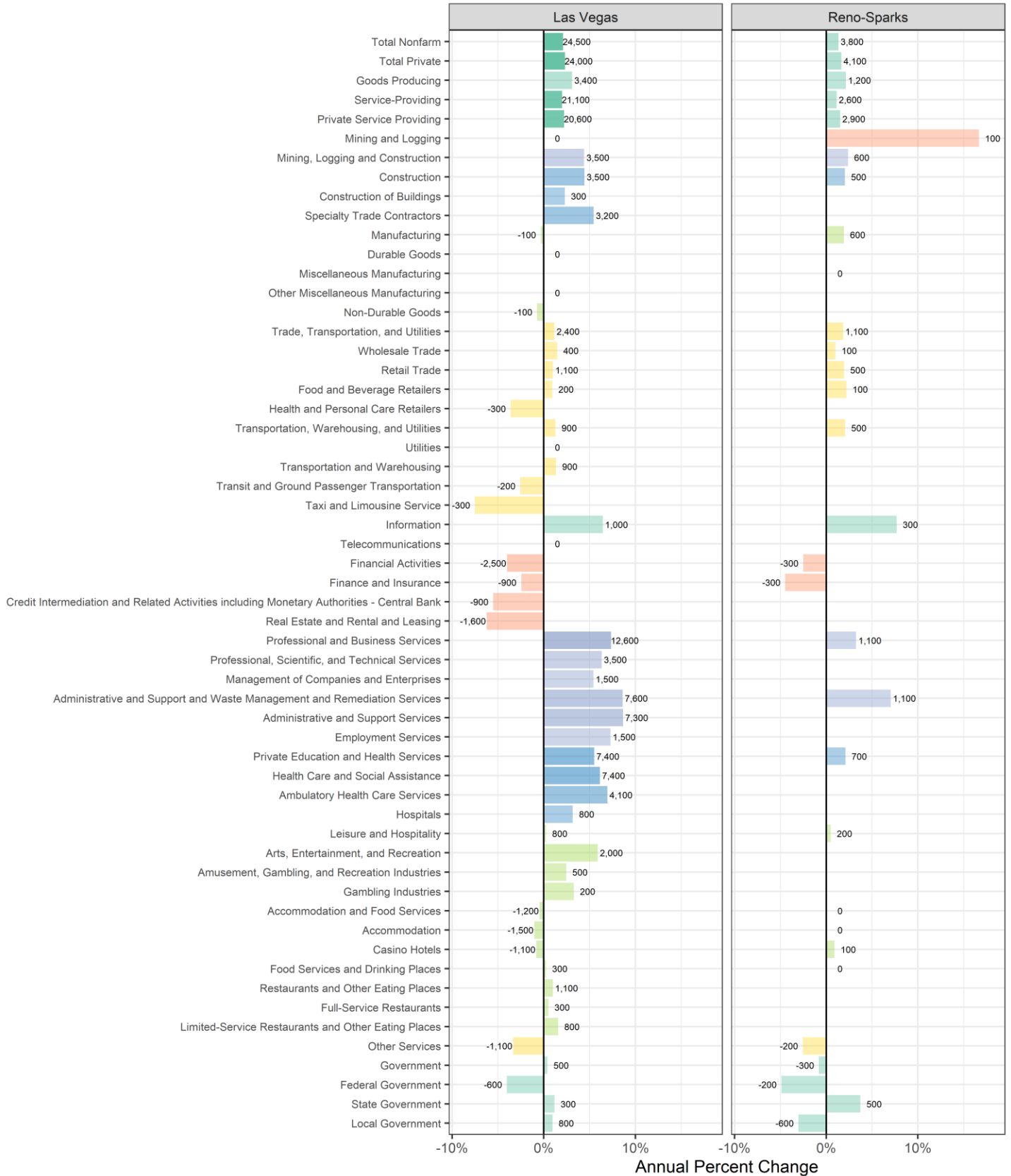
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Change in Employment, May 2025 to May 2026

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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