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DETR Releases September Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) September 2026 economic report, compared to August 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) and now sits at 4.7 percent and the labor force decreased by 5,343. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,620,200, representing an increase of 1.6% over the past year and an increase of 1,300 jobs since August 2026.

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

- Las Vegas employment increased by 1,500 jobs (0.1%) since August, and an increase of 21,800 jobs (1.9%) since September 2025.
- Reno employment had an increase of 1,000 jobs (0.3%) since August, and an increase of 5,000 jobs (1.8%) since September 2025.
- Carson City employment remained unchanged from August and decreased by 400 jobs (-1.2%) compared with September 2025.

"This month's employment and unemployment report continues the trends seen in recent months. Job growth over the past year accelerated slightly to 1.6 percent, driven by gains in the Las Vegas and Reno areas and concentrated in health care, business services, and construction. The unemployment rate edged down to 4.7 percent as the labor force participation rate fell to 62.3 percent. Nevada's unemployment rate is now 0.5 percentage points higher than the U.S. rate, matching the long-term average difference between the two," 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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September 2026 Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

September 2026

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In September 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to August 2026 and currently stands at 4.7 percent. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 5,343 individuals, currently totaling 1,670,292 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 3,052 employed individuals and a decrease of 2,291 unemployed individuals.

Based on the September 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 1,300 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to August 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Professional and Business Services which dropped by 800, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities which lost 500 jobs. On the flip side, Leisure and Hospitality gained 2,700 jobs, followed by Construction which added 500 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 1,500 jobs (0.1%) in September 2026, compared to August 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced an increase of 1,000 jobs (0.3%) during the same period. Finally, the number of jobs in the Carson City MSA was unchanged from August to September 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 1,300 from August to September, or 0.1 percent. Compared to September 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 25,300 jobs, or 1.6 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 1,500 jobs (0.1%) from August to September 2026. Compared to September 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 21,800 jobs (1.9%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 1,000 jobs (0.3%) from August to September 2026. Compared to September 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 5,000 jobs (1.8%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Reno-Sparks MSA Area Profile](#).

Carson City MSA total nonfarm employment remained unchanged from August to September 2026. Compared to September 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](#).

September 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Sep - Aug Change	Sep - Aug Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	159,044.0	159,015.0	29.0	0.0%	158,548.0	496.0	0.3%
Nevada	1,620.2	1,618.9	1.3	0.1%	1,594.9	25.3	1.6%
Las Vegas MSA	1,187.4	1,185.9	1.5	0.1%	1,165.6	21.8	1.9%
Reno-Sparks MSA	289.2	288.2	1.0	0.3%	284.2	5.0	1.8%
Carson City MSA	32.4	32.4	0.0	0.0%	32.8	-0.4	-1.2%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

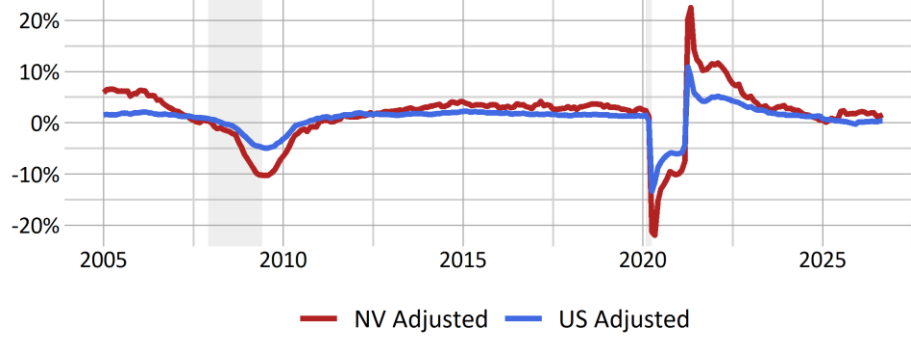
September 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Sep - Aug Change	Sep - Aug Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	159,238.0	158,905.0	333.0	0.2%	158,729.0	509.0	0.3%
Nevada	1,625.7	1,615.0	10.7	0.7%	1,603.5	22.2	1.4%
Las Vegas MSA	1,190.5	1,183.9	6.6	0.6%	1,170.3	20.2	1.7%
Reno-Sparks MSA	291.2	285.1	6.1	2.1%	288.4	2.8	1.0%
Carson City MSA	32.4	32.4	0.0	0.0%	32.8	-0.4	-1.2%

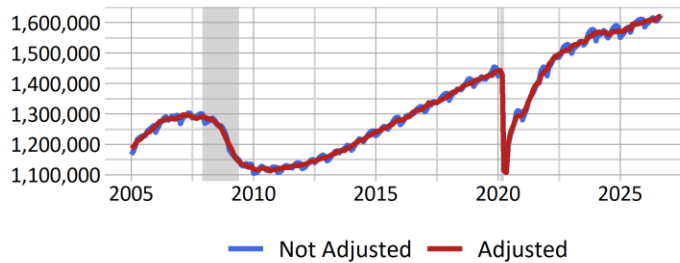
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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

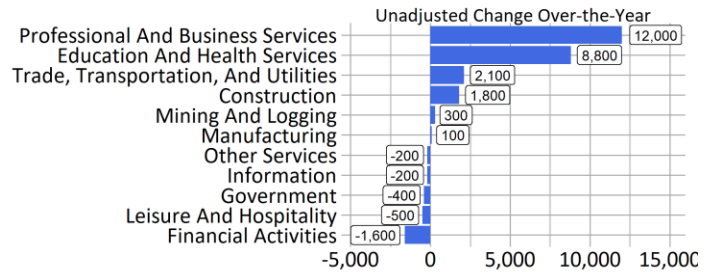
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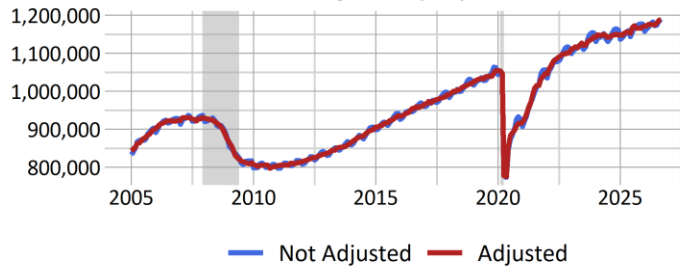
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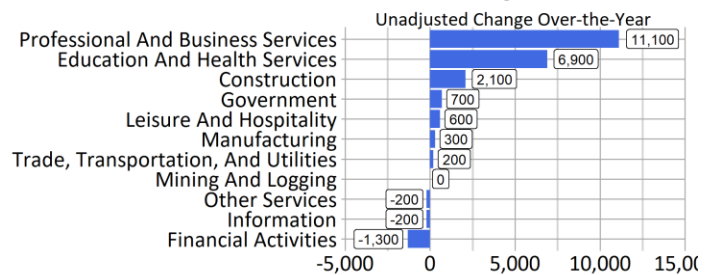
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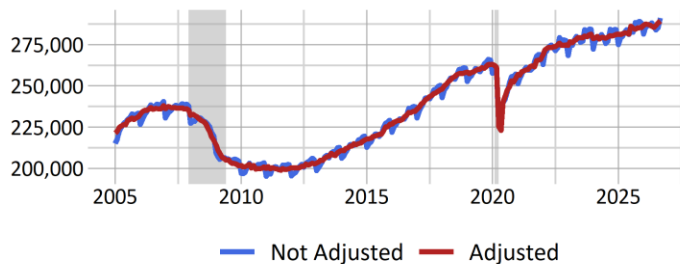
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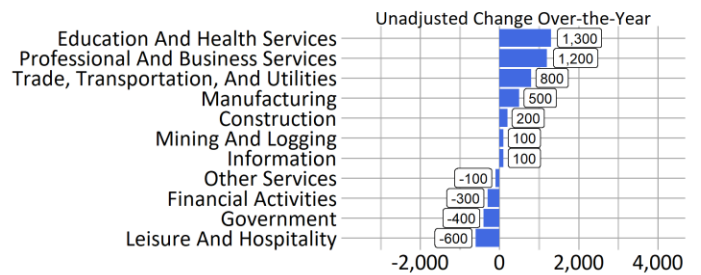
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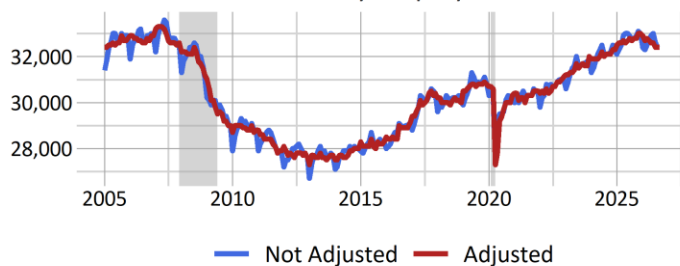
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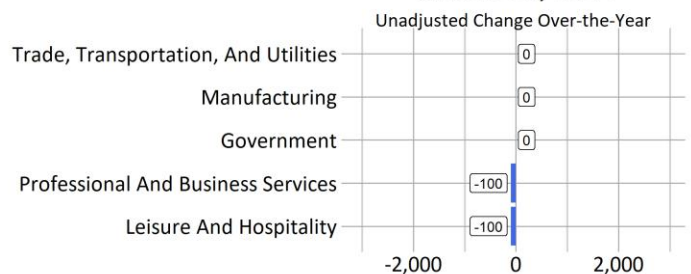
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Carson City Employment



Carson City MSA



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Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary (in Thousands)

Area	Sep 2026	Sep - Aug 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	1,620.2	1.3	1,620.2	1,594.9	6.5	-3.8	1,620.2	1,549.1	17.6	-7.7	1,620.2	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,187.4	1.5	1,187.4	1,165.6	6.0	-7.1	1,187.4	1,130.8	14.4	-7.1	1,187.4	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	289.2	1.0	289.2	284.2	1.6	-0.7	289.2	278.4	4.7	-2.9	289.2	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.4	0.0	33.0	32.4	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.6	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

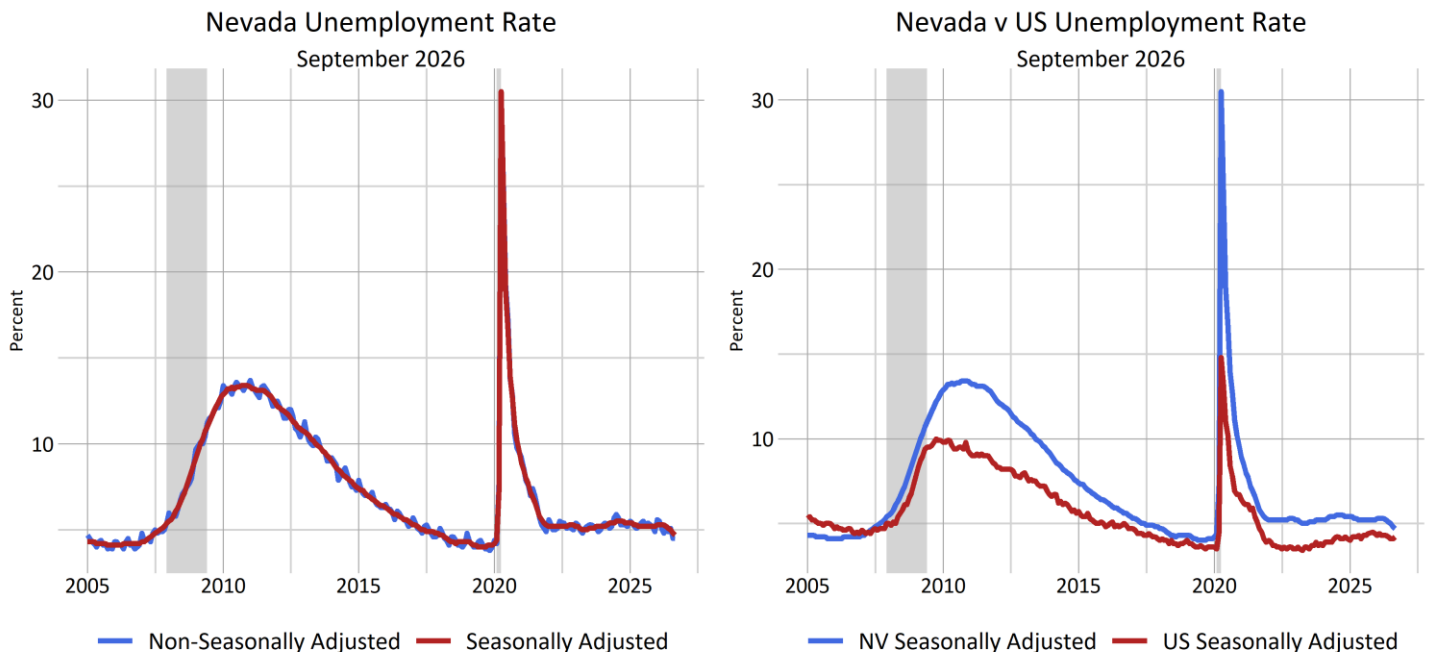
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In September 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.1 percentage points (pp) compared to August and decreased by 0.5 pp from 5.2 percent in September 2025. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 2,291 from August, for a current level of 78,828 people, and decreased by 9,060 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 5,343 individuals compared to August, and currently sits at 1,670,292, which represents a decrease of 8,156 individuals compared to September 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 September 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	170,298,000	163,439,000	6,859,000	4.0	61.8	59.3
U.S. SA ¹	170,262,000	163,152,000	7,109,000	4.2	61.8	59.2
Nevada	1,659,680	1,584,577	75,103	4.5	61.9	59.1
Nevada SA ¹	1,670,292	1,591,464	78,828	4.7	62.3	59.4

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



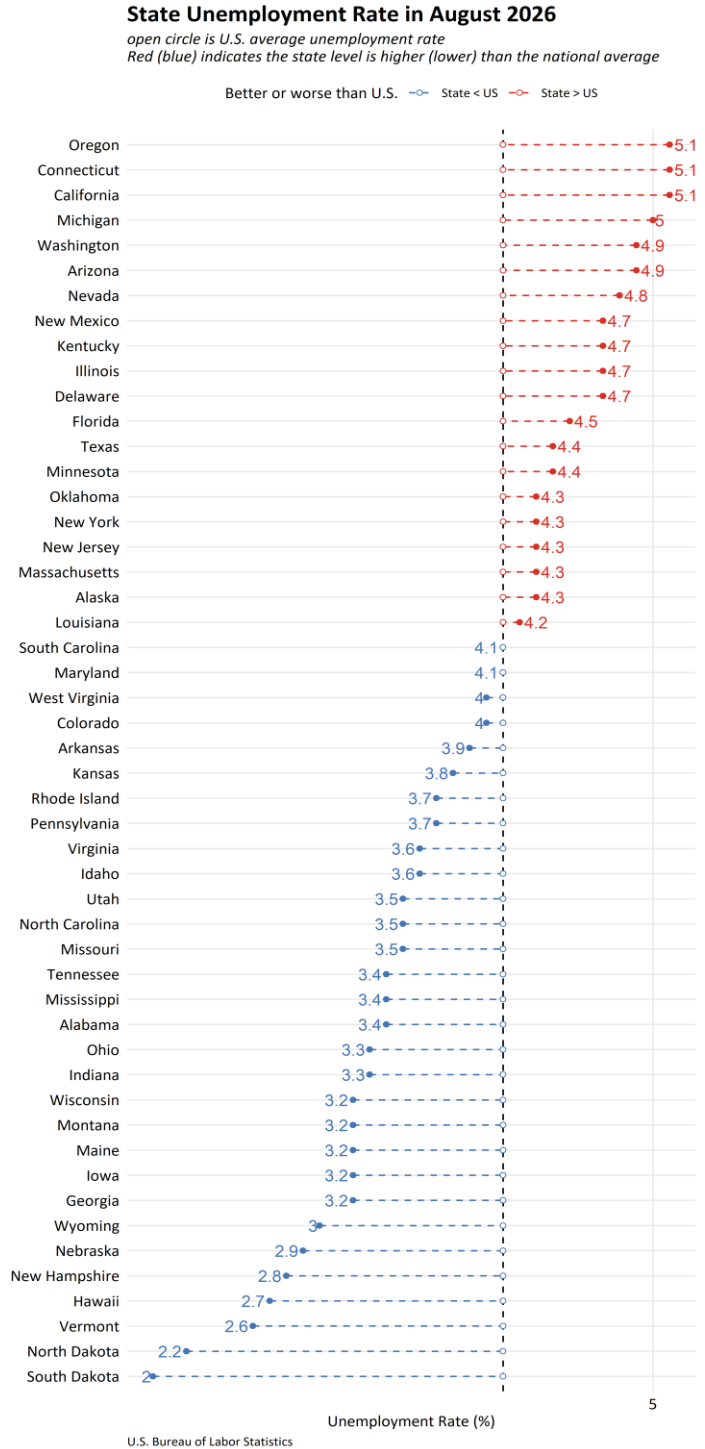
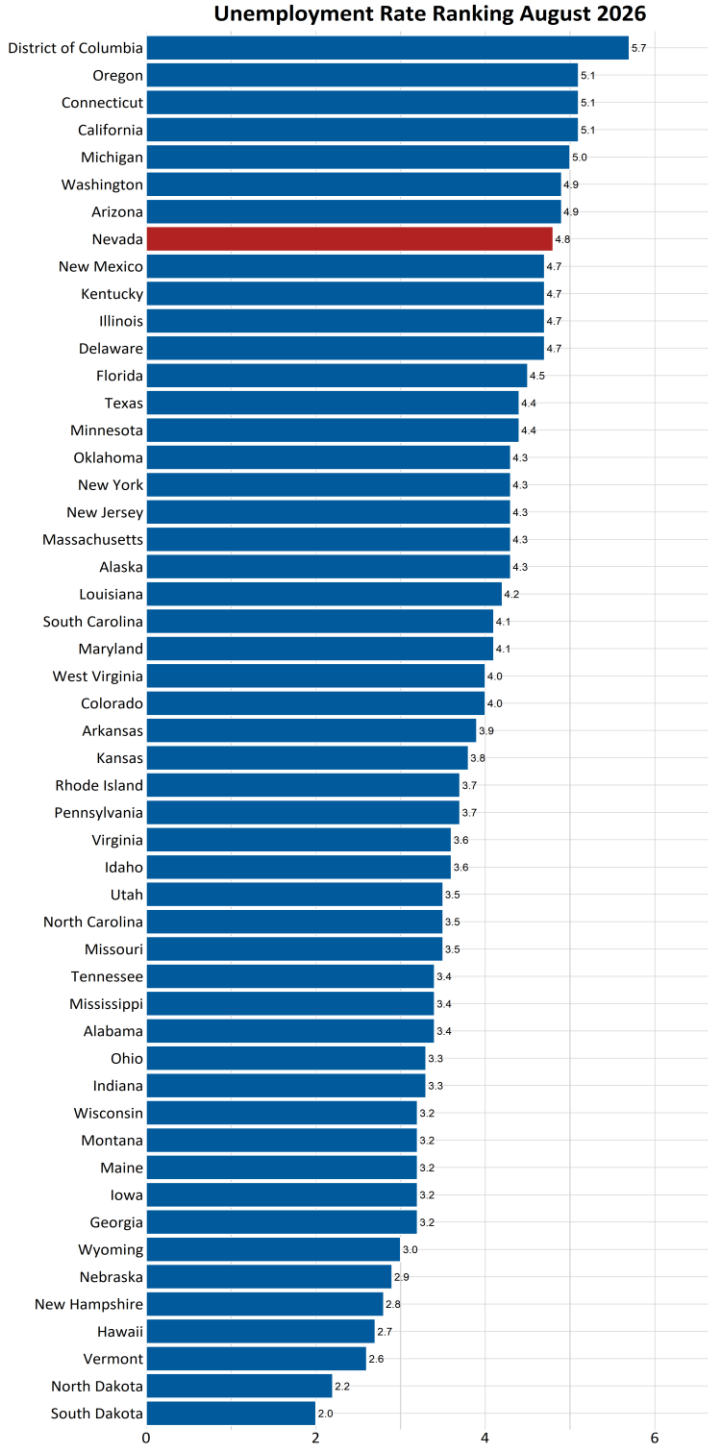
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (August 2026 Data)

According to the BLS, Nevada had the 7th highest unemployment rate of any state in August 2026 at a figure of 4.8%. Ahead of Nevada were Arizona and Washington with 4.9%, Michigan with 5.0%, and California, Connecticut, and Oregon each with 5.1%. Behind Nevada were Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, and New Mexico, each with 4.7%.



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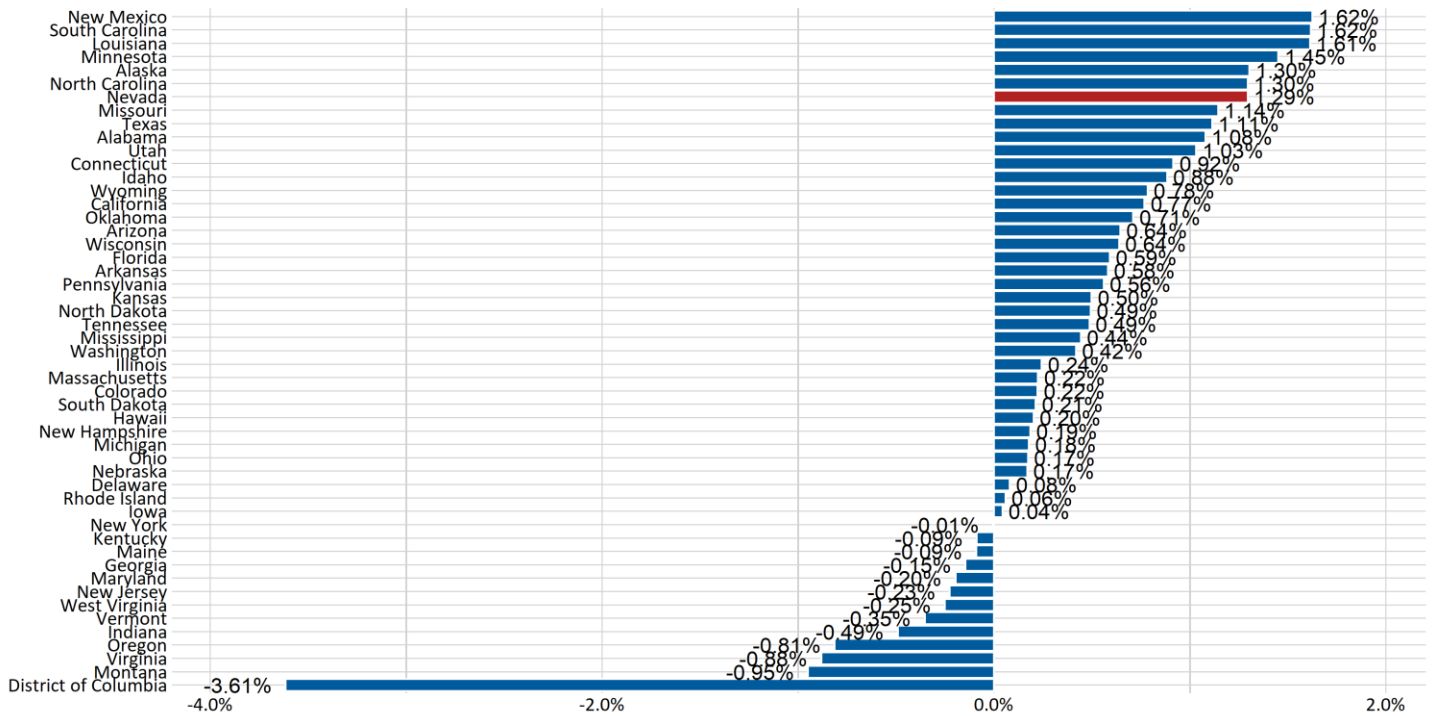
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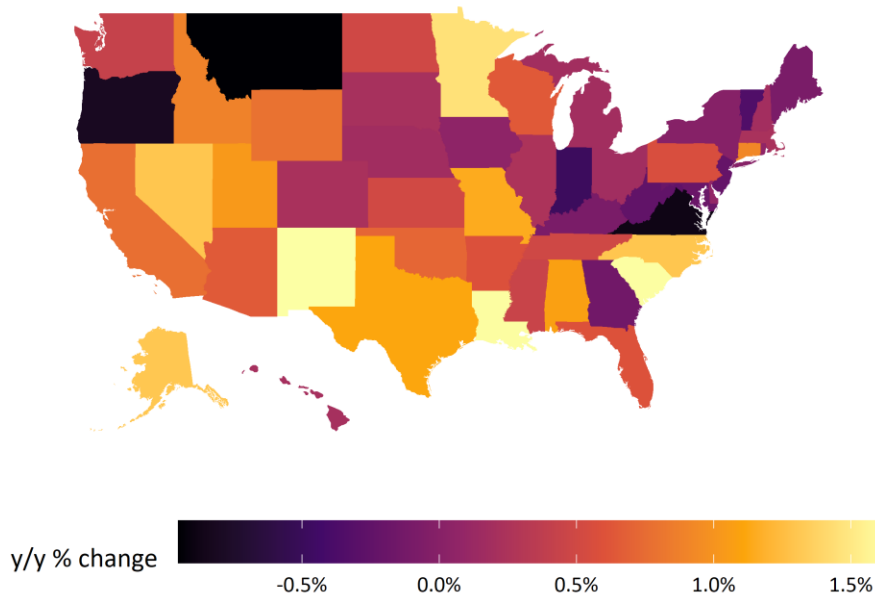
Employment State Rankings (August 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the 7th highest over-the-year employment growth of any state in August 2026 at a figure of 1.29%.

Over the Year Employment Growth Rank by State in August 2026



Employment growth year-over-year
August



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

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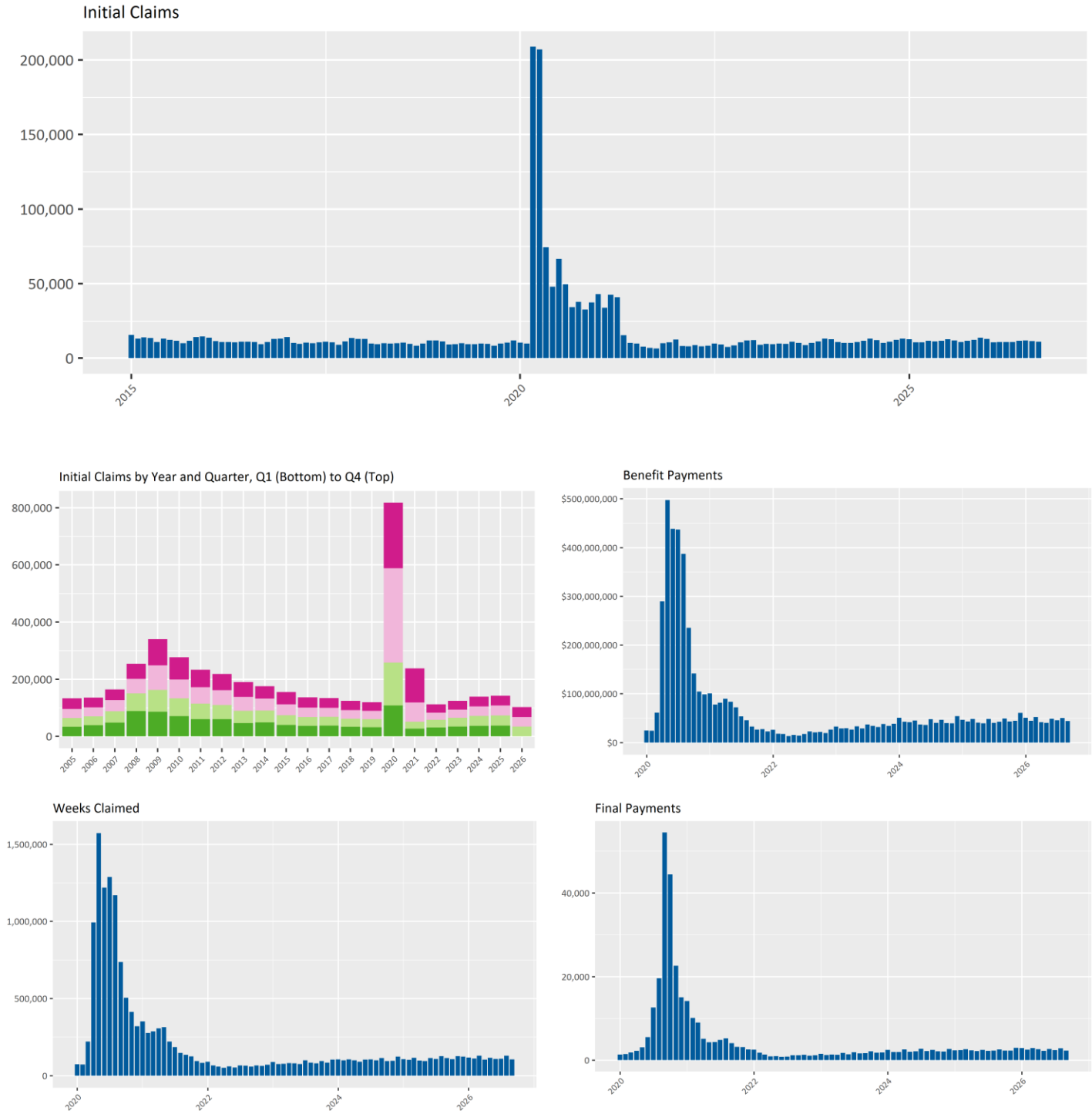
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Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in September 2026, 11,106 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, a decrease of 386 claims, or 3.4 percent, from August 2026 when there were 11,492 claims. This figure is an increase from the 10,921 figure that was observed in September of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity



Source: ETA 5159

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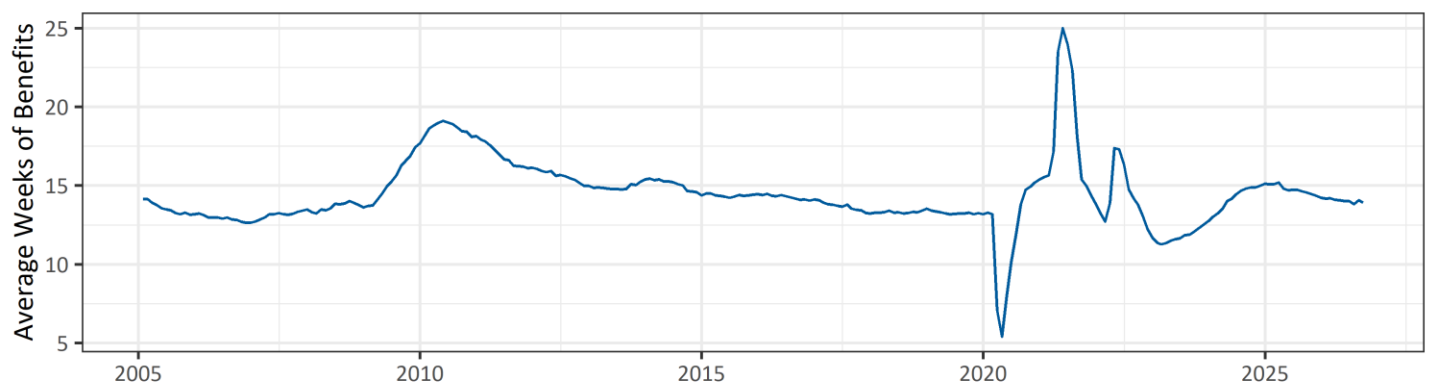
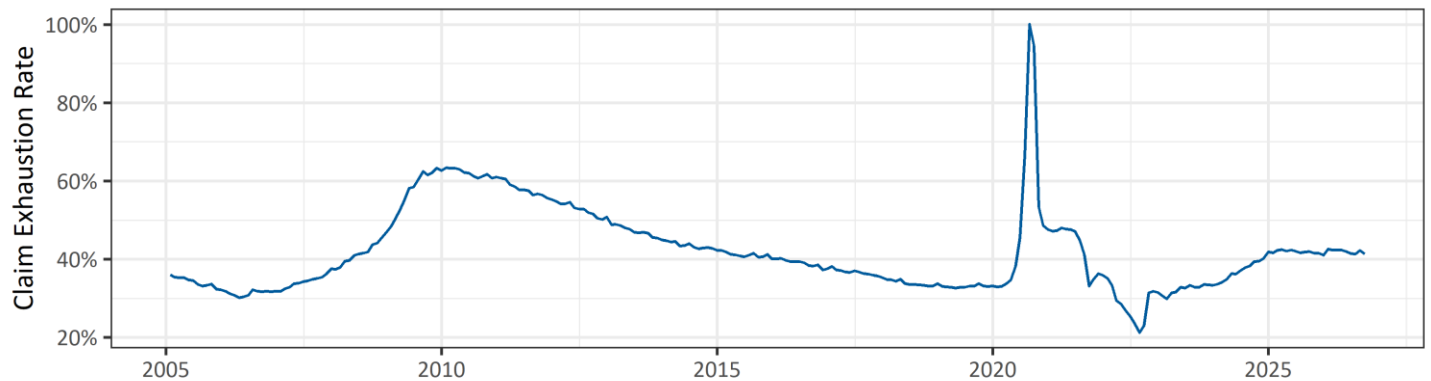
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Monthly claims activity for Nevada's regular program saw decreases for most measures in September 2026. Compared to August, Weeks Compensated decreased by 12,983, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) decreased by 557. Total compensation was down by \$5,949,763 or 11.9 percentage points.

September 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	September 2026	September 2025	% change	August 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	11,106	10,921	1.7%	11,492	-3.4%	11,692
Weeks Claimed	104,444	113,767	-8.2%	127,982	-18.4%	114,682
Weeks Compensated	92,125	104,710	-12.0%	105,108	-12.4%	98,390
Amount Compensated	\$44,258,426	\$49,294,050	-10.2%	\$50,208,189	-11.9%	\$47,183,550
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	80,051	92,953	-13.9%	92,468	-13.4%	87,307
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$40,910,599	\$45,931,664	-10.9%	\$46,656,527	-12.3%	\$44,070,978
First Payments	6,025	6,140	-1.9%	6,062	-0.6%	6,275
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,266	2,580	-12.2%	2,823	-19.7%	2,566
Average Weekly Benefit	\$511.06	\$494.14	3.4%	\$504.57	1.3%	\$504.69
Average Duration (in weeks)	13.91	14.56	-4.5%	14.06	-1.1%	14.11
Exhaustion Rate	41.37%	41.93%	-1.3%	42.28%	-2.2%	41.86%

Source: ETA 5159



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CES Summary Tables

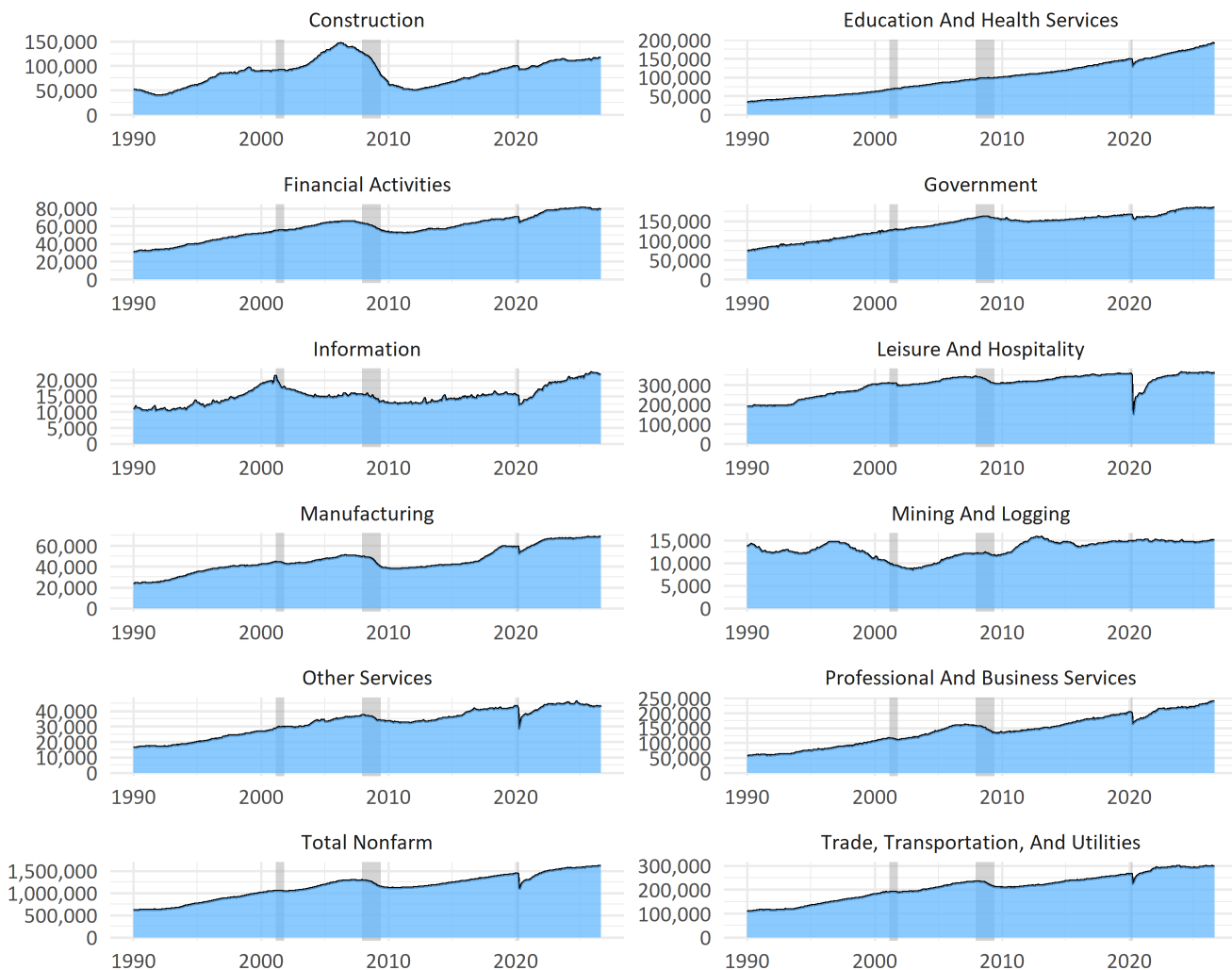
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Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

August 2026 - September 2026

Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	333,000	304,000	29,000
Nevada	10,700	9,400	1,300

State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

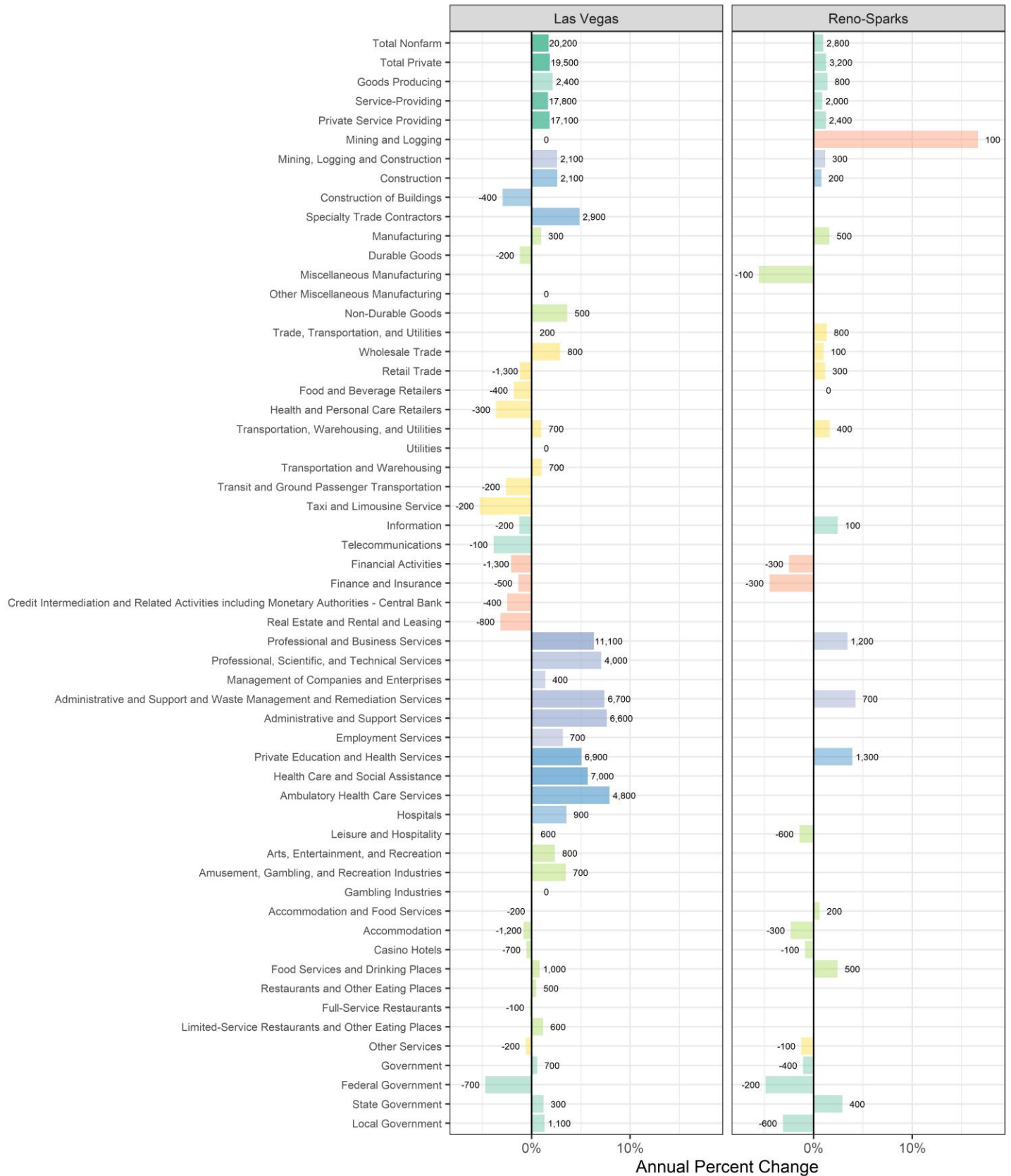
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Change in Employment, September 2025 to September 2026

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/>

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

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