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DETR Releases August Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) August 2026 economic report, compared to July 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points (pp) and now sits at 4.8 percent and the labor force decreased by 5,951. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,619,400, representing an increase of 1.3% over the past year and an increase of 4,400 jobs since July 2026.

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

- Las Vegas employment increased by 7,000 jobs (0.6%) since July, and an increase of 14,200 jobs (1.2%) since August 2025.
- Reno employment had an increase of 1,100 jobs (0.4%) since July, and an increase of 2,800 jobs (1.0%) since August 2025.
- Carson City employment had a decrease of 100 jobs (-0.3%) since July, and a decrease of 400 jobs (-1.2%) since August 2025.

"This report continues to indicate steady gains in Nevada's labor market. Job growth accelerated slightly, with gains spread across multiple industries. The unemployment rate fell to 4.8%, the first time it has been below 5% since February 2020. The decline in unemployment was driven by a decline in labor force participation, though participation remains one percentage point higher than the national average," 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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August 2026 Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

August 2026

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In August 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.2 percentage points (pp) compared to July 2026 and currently stands at 4.8 percent. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 5,951 individuals, currently totaling 1,675,646 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 2,720 employed individuals and a decrease of 3,231 unemployed individuals.

Based on the August 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 4,400 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to July 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities which dropped by 1,500, and Information which lost 200 jobs. On the flip side, Leisure and Hospitality gained 3,100 jobs, followed by Professional and Business Services which added 1,000 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 7,000 jobs (0.6%) in August 2026, compared to July 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced an increase of 1,100 jobs (0.4%) during the same period. Finally, the Carson City MSA had a decrease of 100 jobs (-0.3%) in August 2026, compared to July 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 4,400 from July to August, or 0.3 percent. Compared to August 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 20,700 jobs, or 1.3 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 7,000 jobs (0.6%) from July to August 2026. Compared to August 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 14,200 jobs (1.2%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 1,100 jobs (0.4%) from July to August 2026. Compared to August 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 2,800 jobs (1%). 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 July to August 2026. Compared to August 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](#).

August 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug - Jul Change	Aug - Jul Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	159,075.0	158,913.0	162.0	0.1%	158,472.0	603.0	0.4%
Nevada	1,619.4	1,615.0	4.4	0.3%	1,598.7	20.7	1.3%
Las Vegas MSA	1,186.9	1,179.9	7.0	0.6%	1,172.7	14.2	1.2%
Reno-Sparks MSA	287.7	286.6	1.1	0.4%	284.9	2.8	1.0%
Carson City MSA	32.3	32.4	-0.1	-0.3%	32.7	-0.4	-1.2%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

August 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug - Jul Change	Aug - Jul Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,880.0	158,726.0	154.0	0.1%	158,424.0	456.0	0.3%
Nevada	1,616.3	1,605.7	10.6	0.7%	1,595.8	20.5	1.3%
Las Vegas MSA	1,184.6	1,174.3	10.3	0.9%	1,167.5	17.1	1.5%
Reno-Sparks MSA	284.9	283.8	1.1	0.4%	282.5	2.4	0.8%
Carson City MSA	32.4	32.6	-0.2	-0.6%	32.7	-0.3	-0.9%

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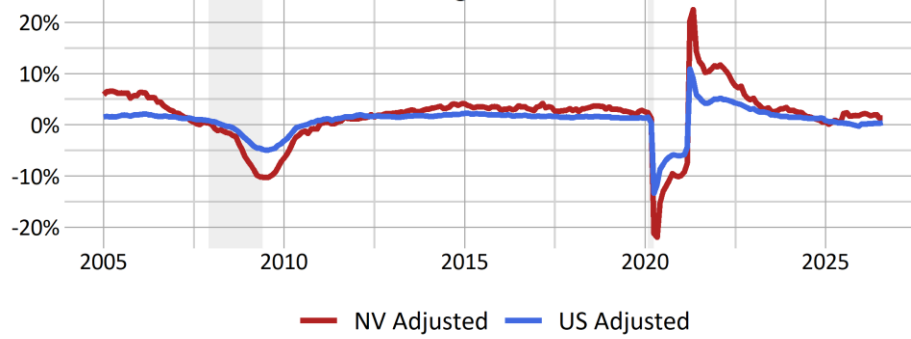
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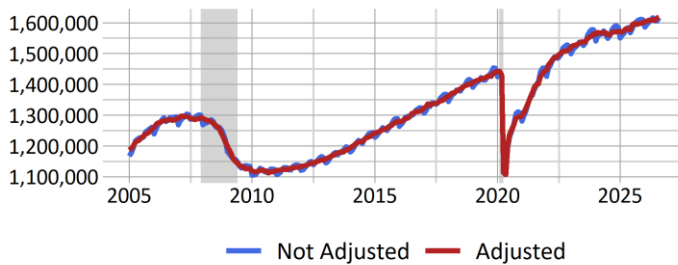
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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

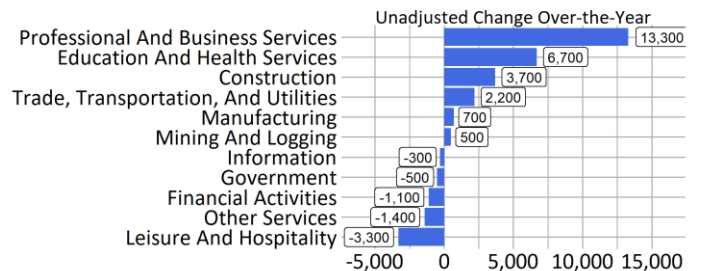
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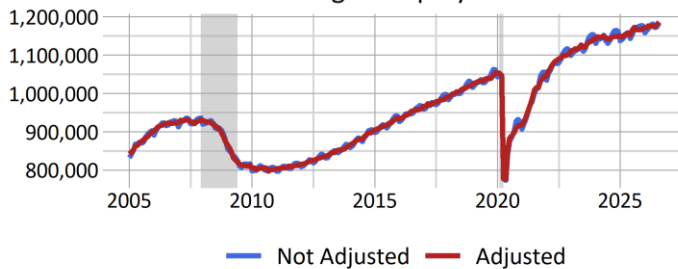
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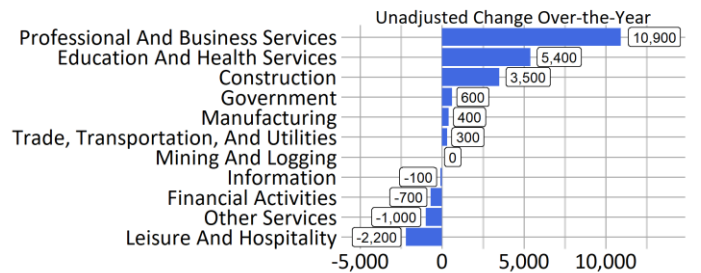
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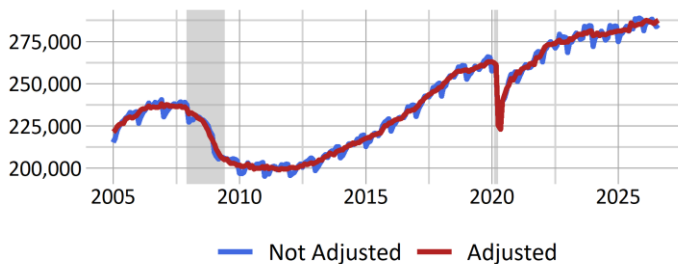
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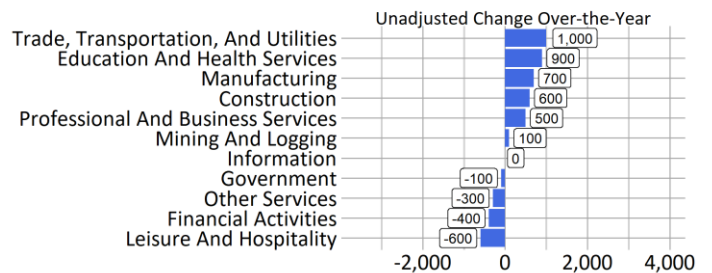
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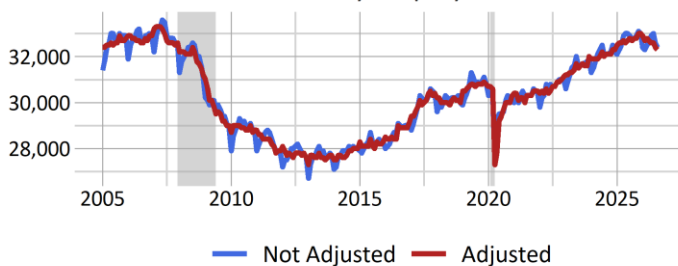
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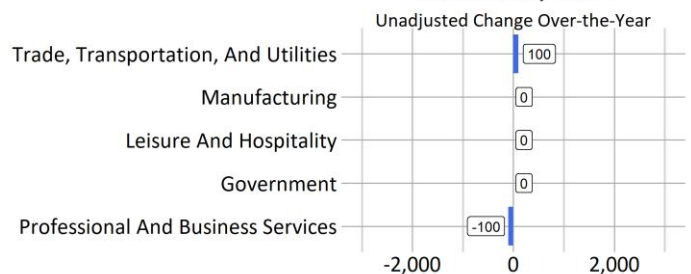
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Carson City Employment



Carson City MSA



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Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary (in Thousands)

Area	Aug 2026	Aug - Jul 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	1,619.4	4.4	1,619.4	1,594.9	6.5	-3.8	1,619.4	1,538.2	17.6	-7.7	1,619.4	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,186.9	7.0	1,186.9	1,165.6	7.0	-7.1	1,186.9	1,121.7	14.4	-7.1	1,186.9	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	287.7	1.1	287.7	284.2	1.3	-1.2	287.7	278.4	4.7	-2.9	287.7	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.3	-0.1	33.0	32.3	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.6	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

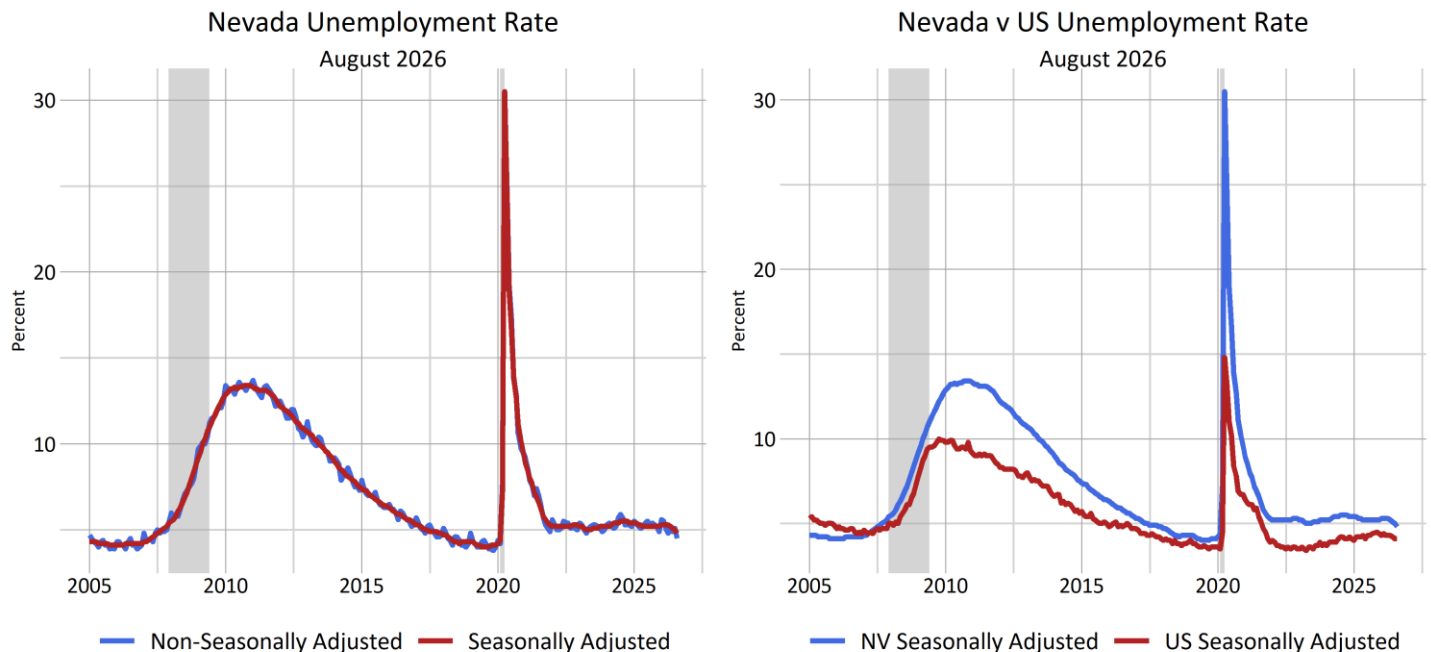
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In August 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada decreased by 0.2 percentage points (pp) compared to July and decreased by 0.4 pp from 5.2 percent in August 2025. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 3,231 from July, for a current level of 81,130 people, and decreased by 6,269 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 5,951 individuals compared to July, and currently sits at 1,675,646, which represents an increase of 4,409 individuals compared to August 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 August 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3	61.7	59.1
U.S. SA ¹	169,777,000	162,746,000	7,031,000	4.1	61.6	59.1
Nevada	1,657,404	1,582,720	74,684	4.5	61.9	59.1
Nevada SA ¹	1,675,646	1,594,516	81,130	4.8	62.6	59.5

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



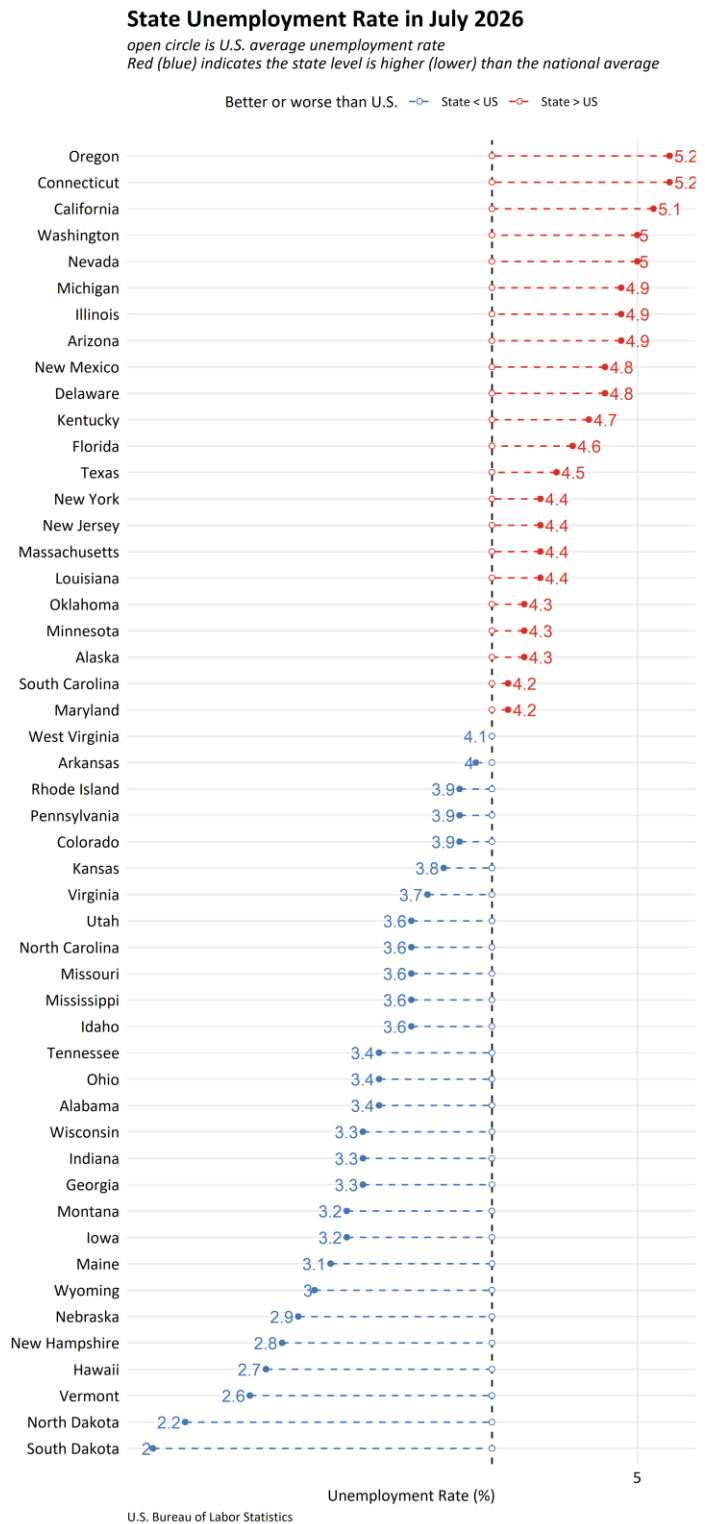
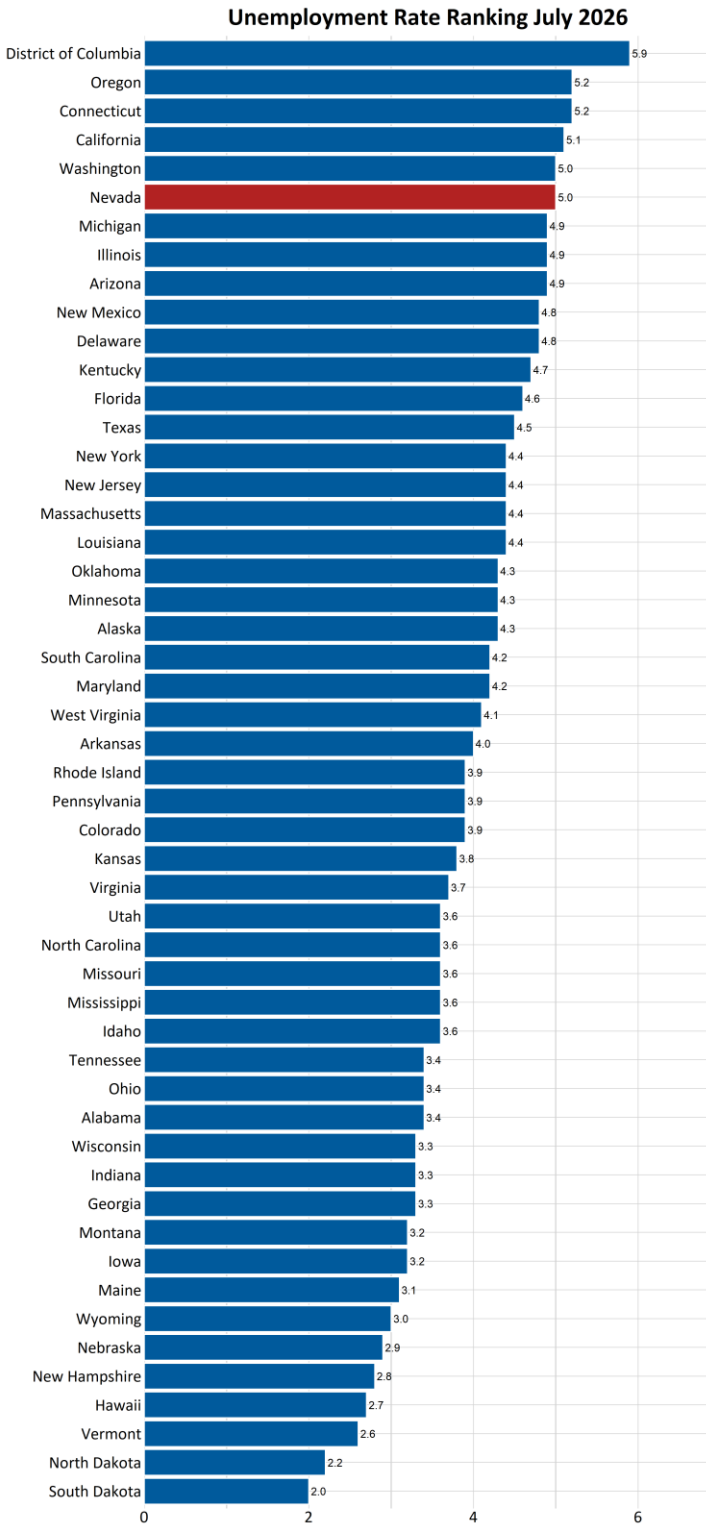
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (July 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada was tied with Washington for the 4th highest unemployment rate of any state in July 2026 at a figure of 5%. Ahead of Nevada were Oregon and Connecticut with 5.2% and California with 5.1%. Behind Nevada were Michigan, Illinois, and Arizona, each with 4.9%.



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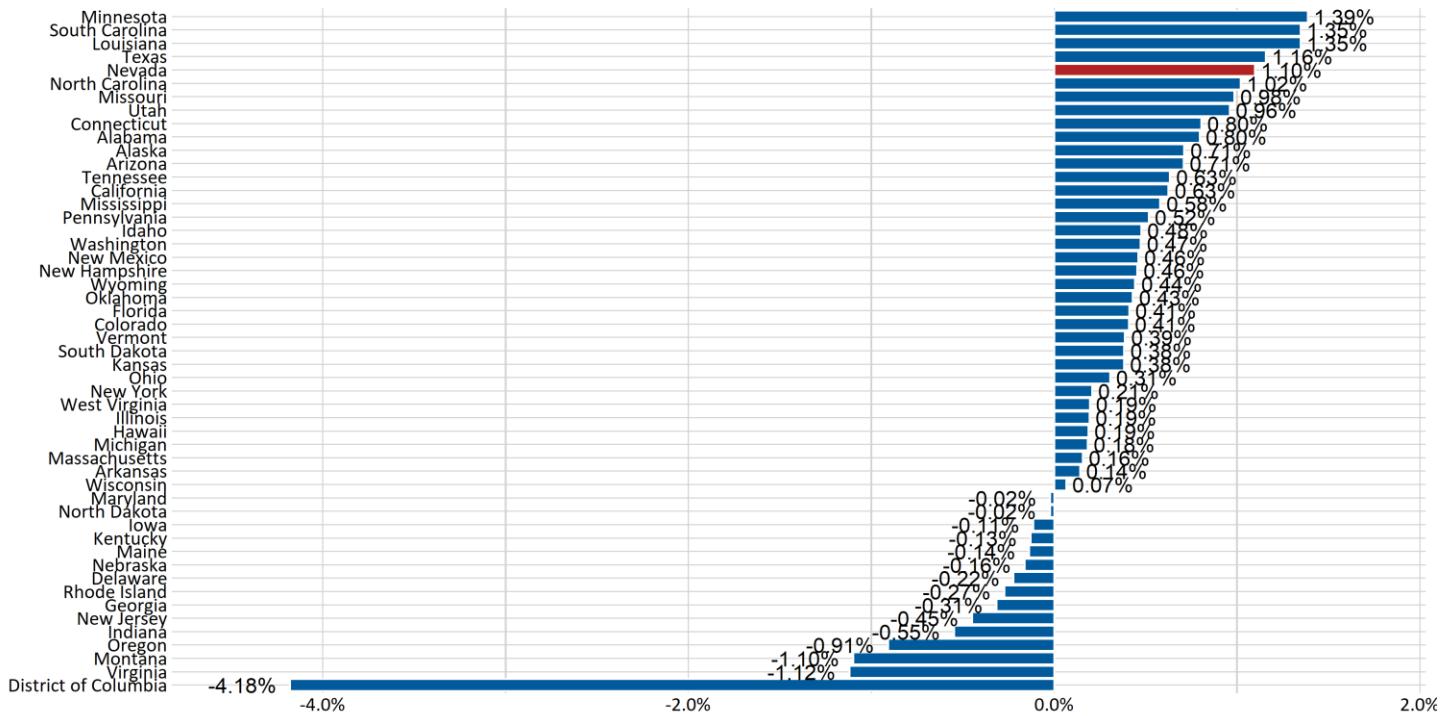
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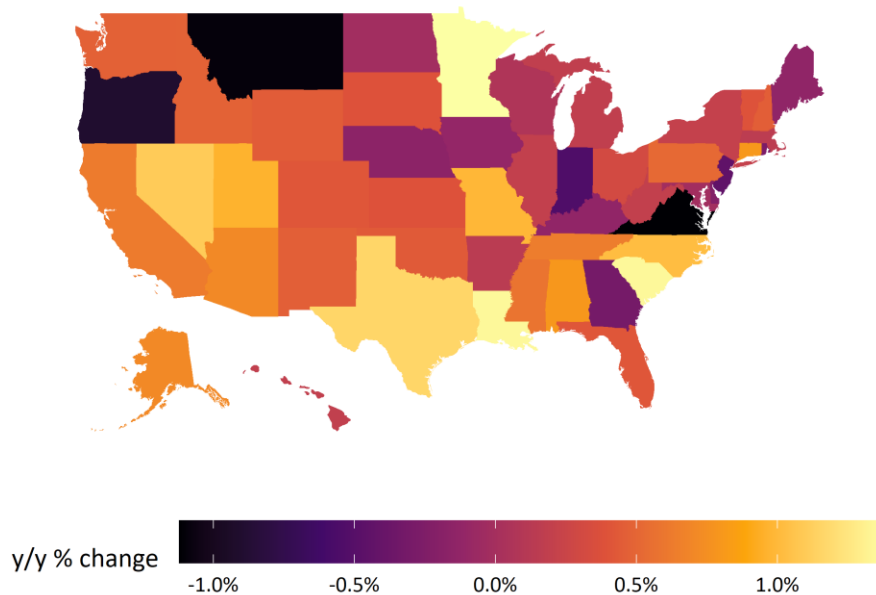
Employment State Rankings (July 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the 5th highest over-the-year employment growth of any state in July 2026 at a figure of 1.1%.

Over the Year Employment Growth Rank by State in July 2026



Employment growth year-over-year
July



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

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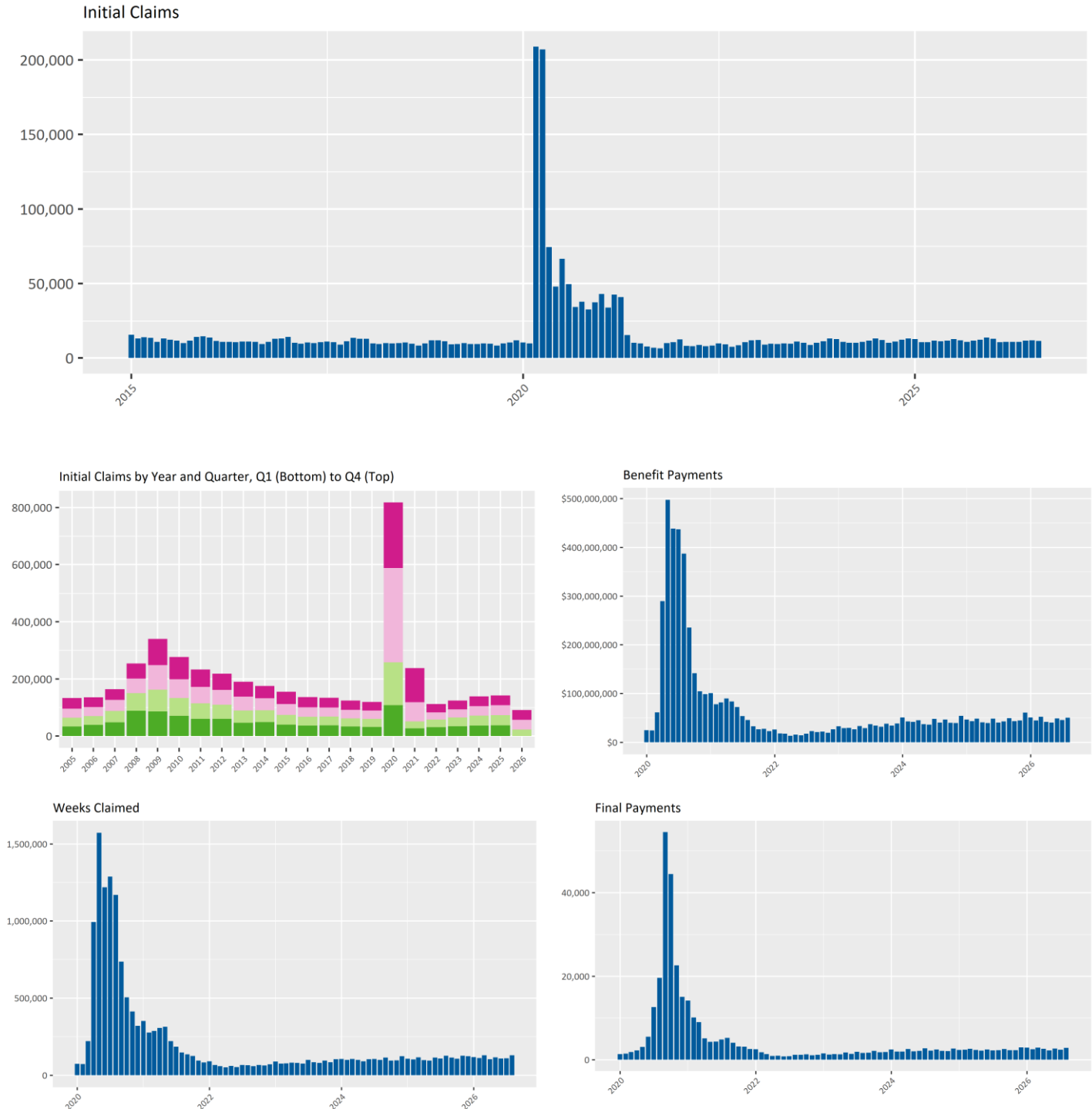
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Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in August 2026, 11,492 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, a decrease of 474 claims, or 4 percent, from July 2026 when there were 11,966 claims. This figure is a decrease from the 11,896 figure that was observed in August of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity



Source: ETA 5159

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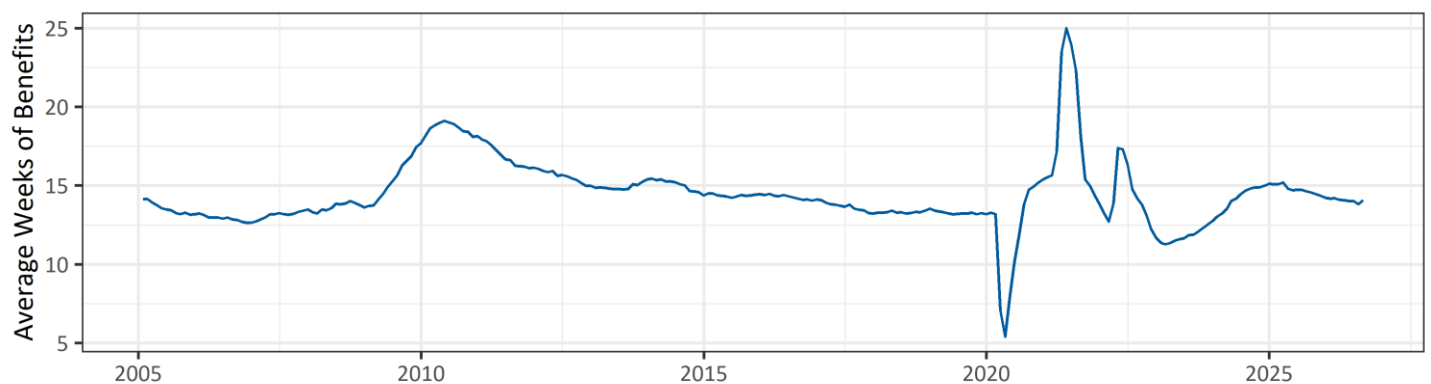
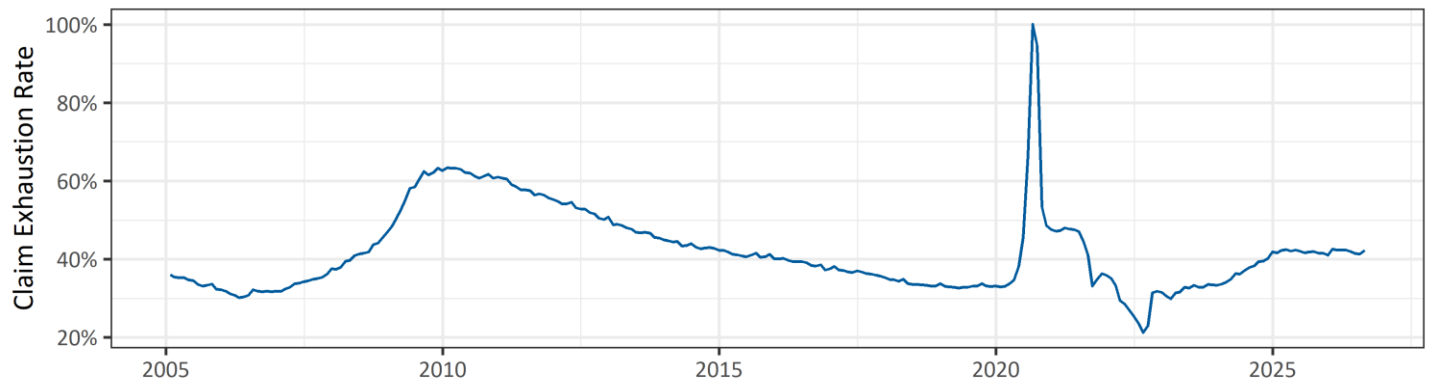
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Monthly claims activity for Nevada’s regular program saw increases for most measures in August 2026. Compared to July, Weeks Compensated increased by 10,292, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) increased by 422. Total compensation was up by \$4,966,583 or 11 percentage points.

August 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	August 2026	August 2025	% change	July 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	11,492	11,896	-3.4%	11,966	-4.0%	11,677
Weeks Claimed	127,982	125,815	1.7%	109,447	16.9%	115,459
Weeks Compensated	105,108	91,265	15.2%	94,816	10.9%	99,439
Amount Compensated	\$50,208,189	\$42,542,347	18.0%	\$45,241,606	11.0%	\$47,603,186
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	92,468	81,109	14.0%	84,418	9.5%	88,382
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$46,656,527	\$39,692,751	17.5%	\$42,303,214	10.3%	\$44,489,400
First Payments	6,062	6,564	-7.6%	6,797	-10.8%	6,285
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,823	2,258	25.0%	2,401	17.6%	2,592
Average Weekly Benefit	\$504.57	\$489.38	3.1%	\$501.12	0.7%	\$503.29
Average Duration (in weeks)	14.06	14.63	-3.9%	13.82	1.8%	14.17
Exhaustion Rate	42.28%	41.90%	0.9%	41.39%	2.2%	41.90%

Source: ETA 5159



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CES Summary Tables

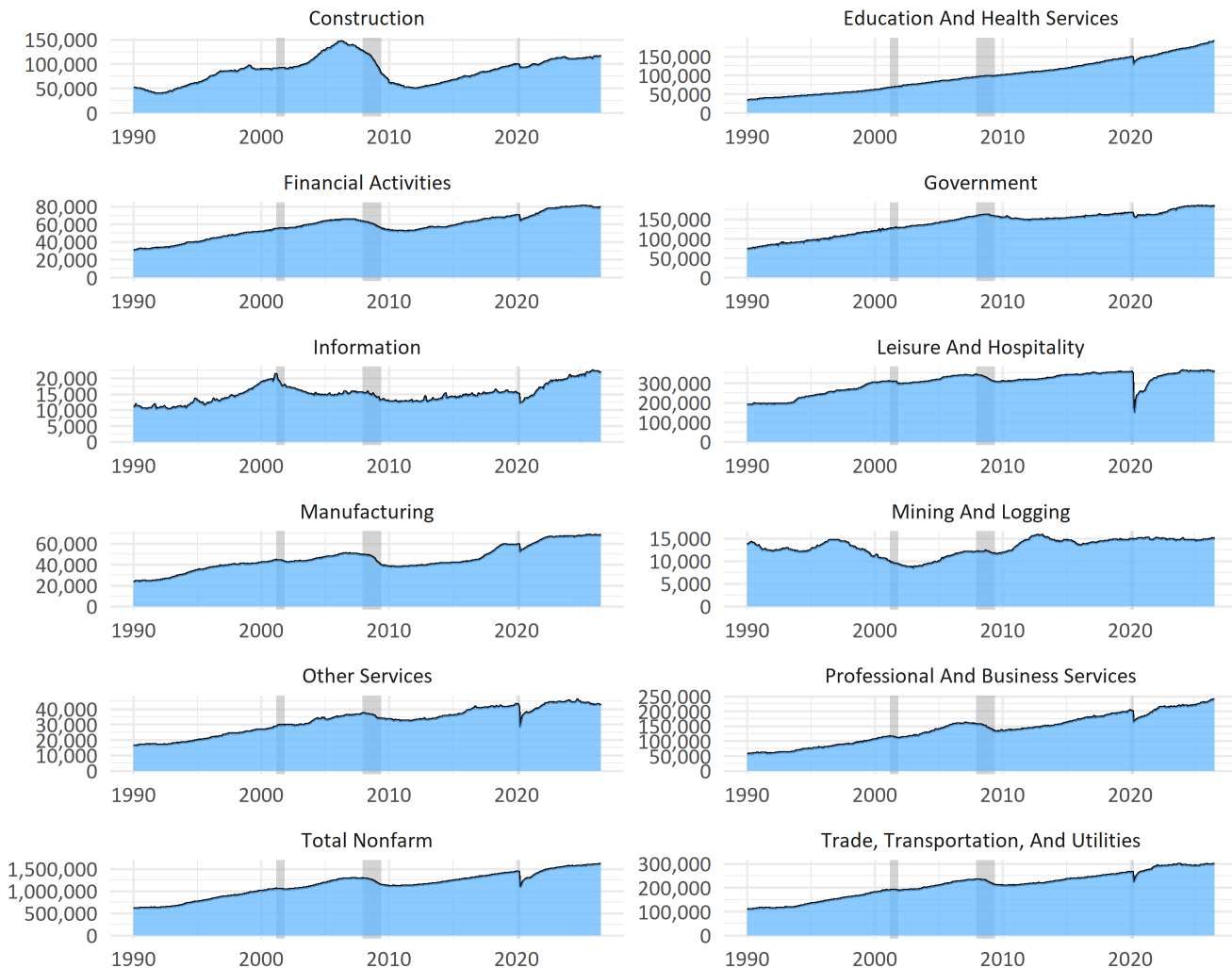
Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

July 2026 - August 2026

Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	154,000	-8,000	162,000
Nevada	10,600	6,200	4,400

State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

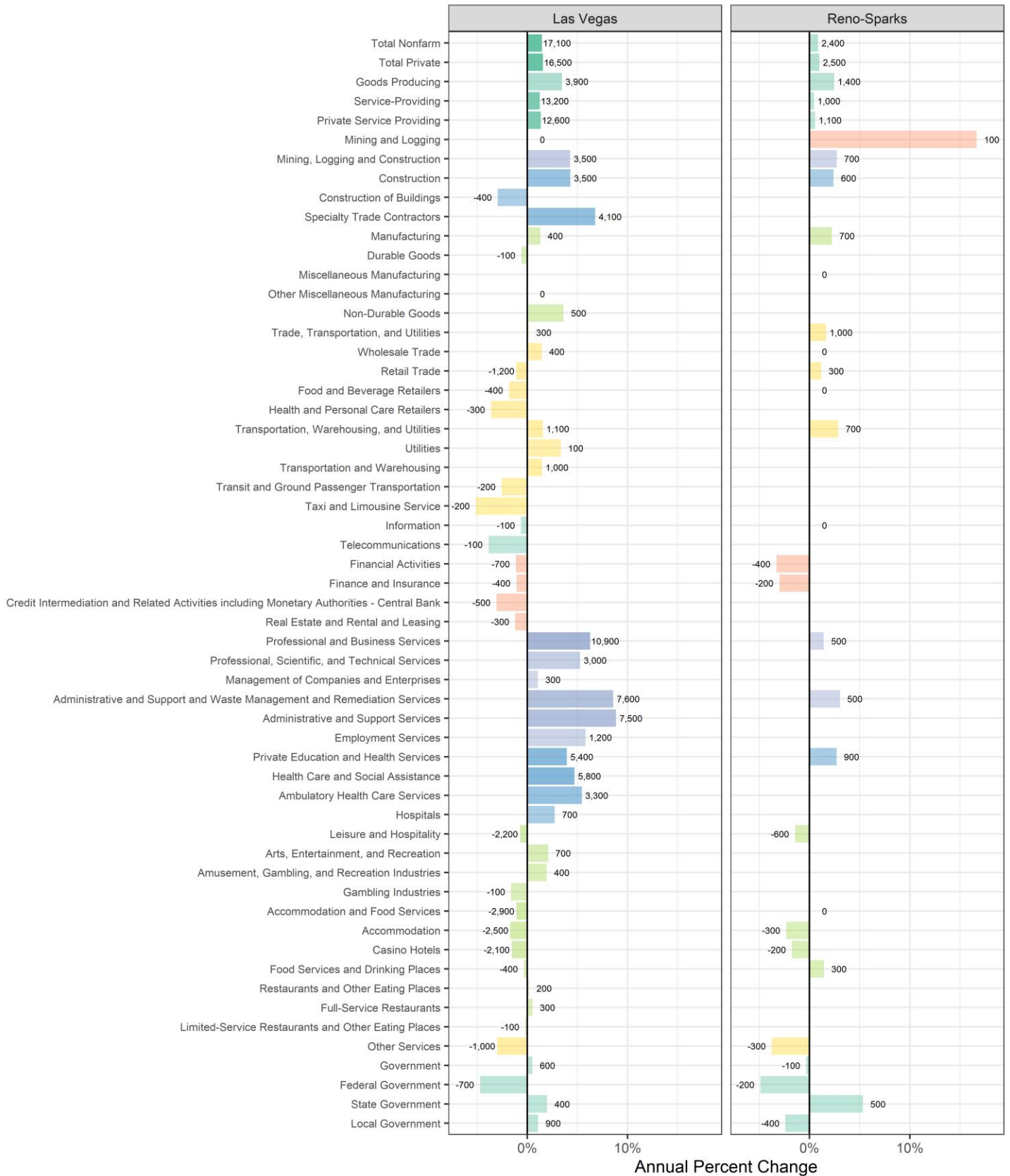
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Change in Employment, August 2025 to August 2026

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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