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Nevada Continues to Lead the Nation in Job Growth

CARSON CITY, NV — New labor statistics released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show that Nevada continues to outperform the rest of the nation in job growth in May, reinforcing the state's position as a national leader in economic expansion.

Over the last year, Nevada posted a 1.8% increase in total employment, the fastest job growth rate in the country. North Carolina followed at 1.2%. In addition, Nevada's unemployment rate remains competitive nationally. The state's 5.2% unemployment rate is lower than both Washington, D.C. and California and is tied with Washington and Oregon. Nevada sits 0.1 percentage points above Michigan, Illinois, Delaware, and Connecticut, each reporting a 5.1% rate.

"Today's release by the BLS highlights Nevada's ongoing job growth - outperforming the rest of the country for 11 months in a row and reflecting particularly strong growth in the private sector," said **David Schmidt, DETR's chief economist**. "This trend is being driven by a diverse set of industries, sustaining job gains despite softer performance in the leisure and hospitality sector."

Nevada led the country in job growth in Private (2.2%), Information (7.8%), Professional and Business Services (6.0%), and Health Care and Education (4.6%), Management of Companies and Enterprises (5.6%), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (5.2%) in the last twelve months, reflecting the broad diversity of industries experiencing growth in the past year.

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discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV and in cooperation with its community partners.