

Nevada Labor Market Briefing: December 2017

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation

Don Soderberg, Director

Dennis Perea, Deputy Director

Bill Anderson, Chief Economist

Prepared by the Research and Analysis Bureau



Silver State Economy Continues to Show Signs of Health

Nevada Recovery Scorecard - 2017:IVQ



253,600 Jobs Added Since Recession

185,700 jobs were lost as the recession unfolded
Employment is at a record high in December, at over 1.36 million



Fastest-Growing Private Sector In the Nation



Nearly 115,000 Small Business Jobs Added

625,000 Nevadans are employed by businesses with less than 100 employees



Record High Number of Employers

69,300 employers operate in Nevada, an increase of 13,300 since the recession



Average Weekly Wages at \$900

Weekly wages have increased in 15 of the past 17 quarters



Jobless Rate Down Nearly 9 Percentage Points

At 5.0% in December, down from 13.7% during the recession



Unemployment Insurance Claims Have Dropped 60%

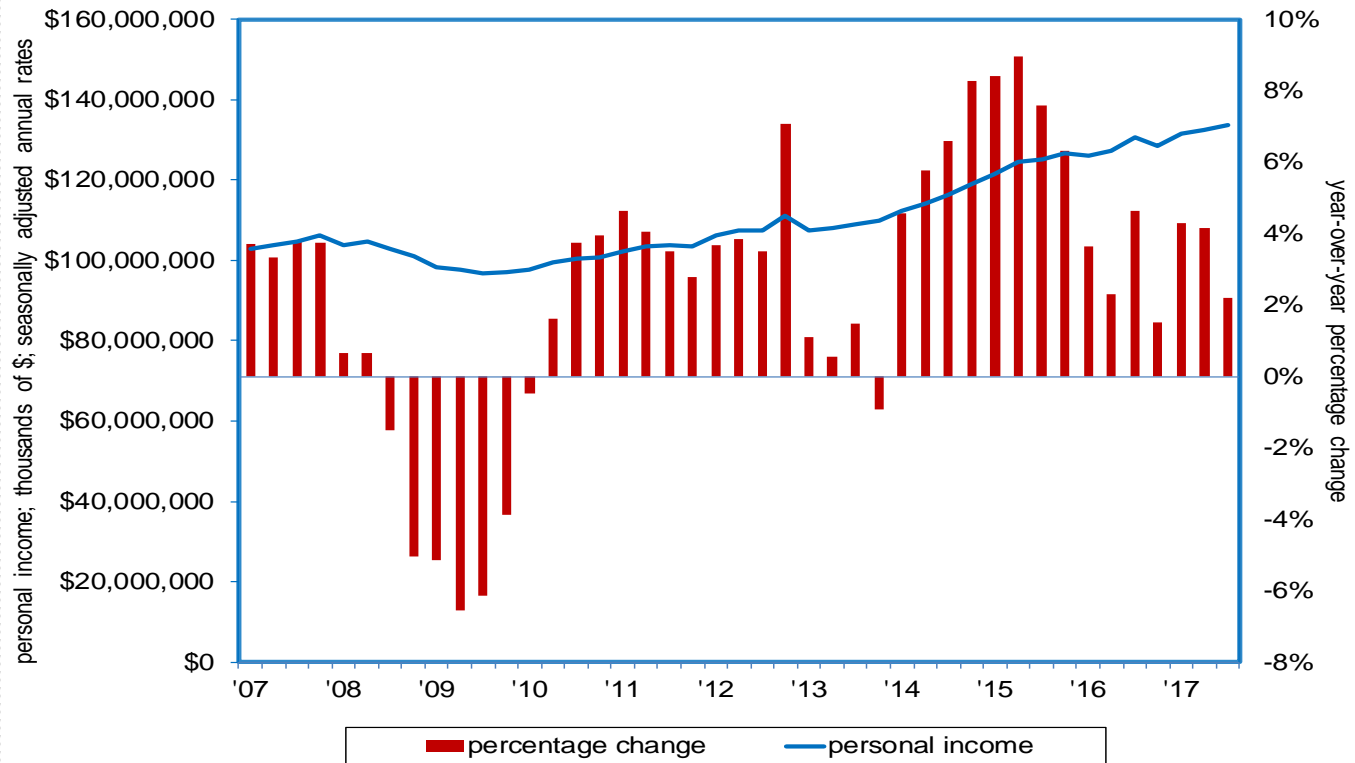
Initial claims for unemployment insurance peaked at 28,600 per month, have since dropped to 11,200

UI Trust Fund at Record Balance

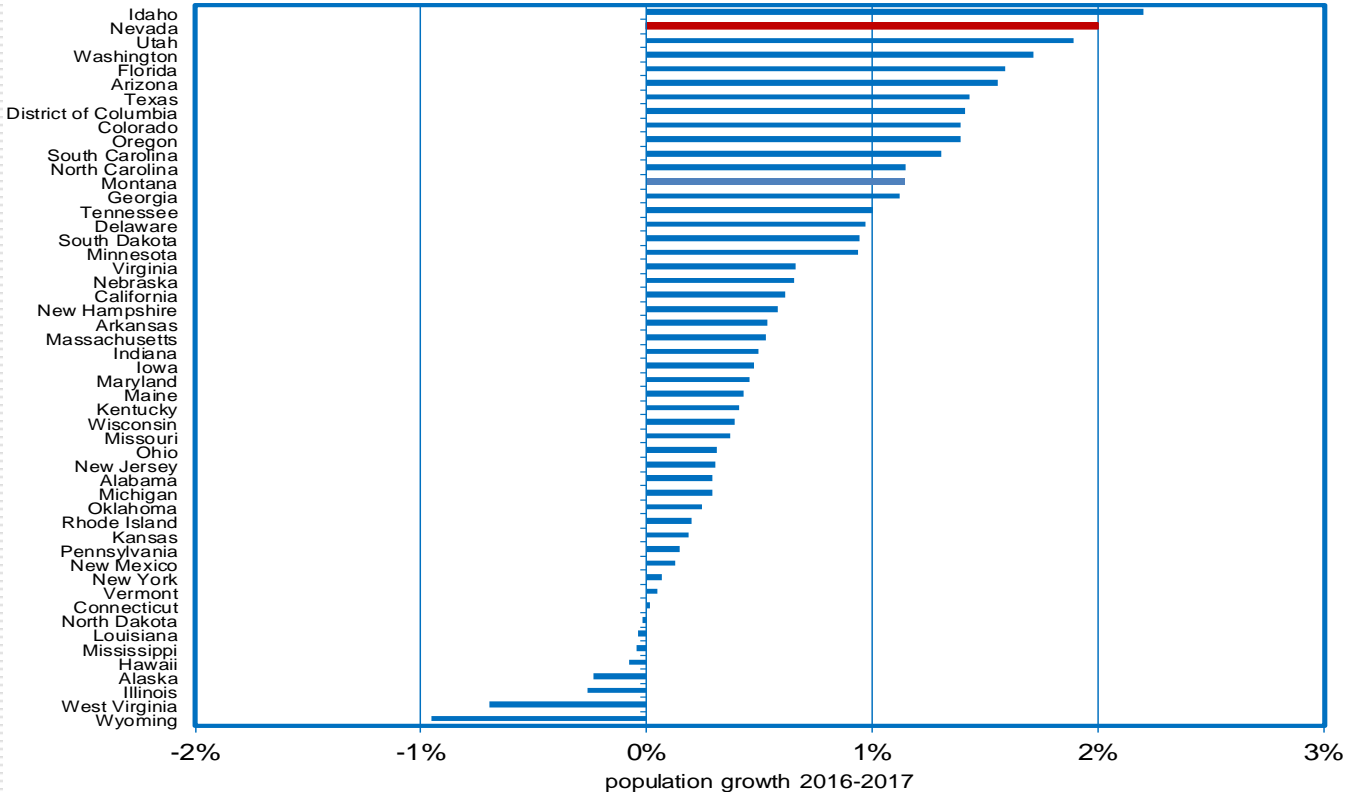
Trust Fund balance at record high \$1.0 billion, after reaching a low of -\$798.9 million during the recession



Personal Income on the Rise in 29 of the Past 30 Quarters; Growth Trending Higher than the U.S., with Some Weakening of Late



Nevada has Second-Fastest Population Growth in the U.S.





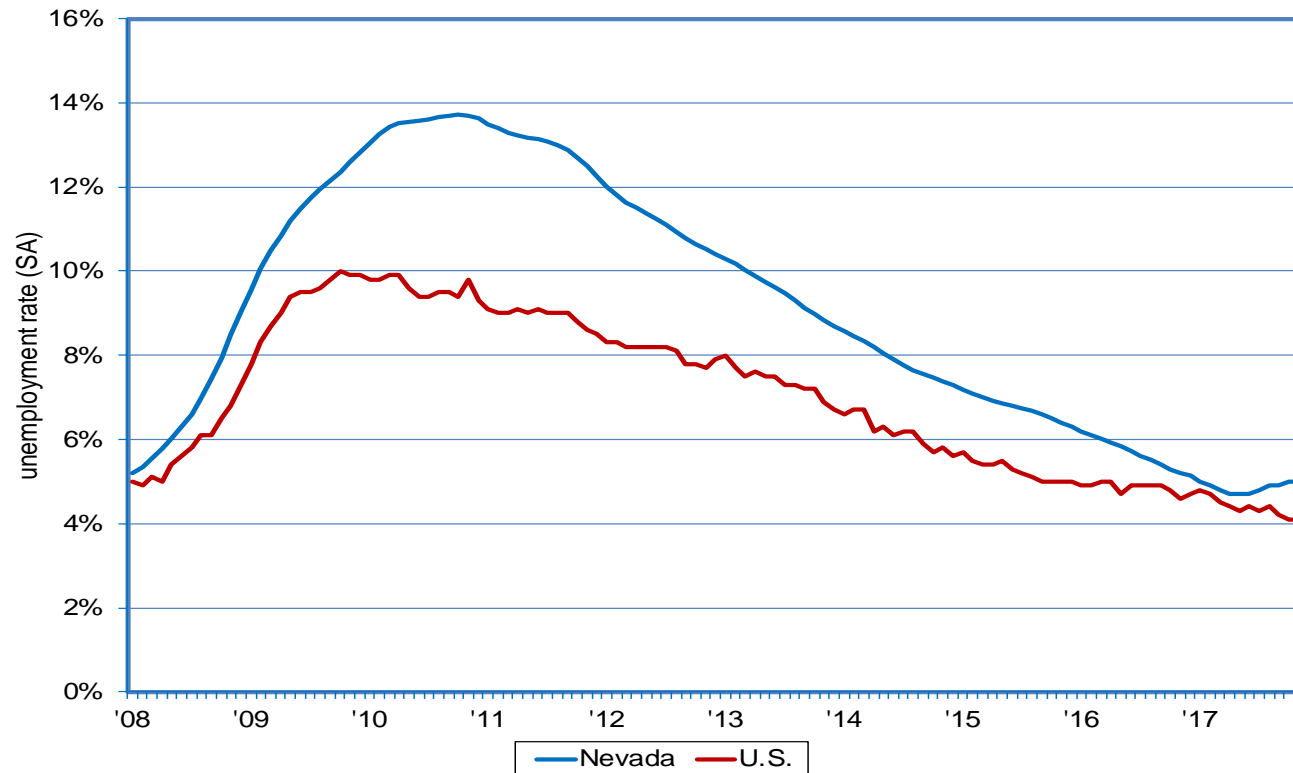
State Unemployment Rate

- ❑ **5.0% Unemployment Rate (SA¹)**
 - ❑ No change from November; down from 5.1% a year ago
 - ❑ off from a recession peak of 13.7%
 - ❑ in absolute terms, unemployment totaled 73,300; off from a recession high of 186,500
 - ❑ labor force has increased by 22,400 year to date; limits downward pressure on the unemployment rate
 - ❑ compares to a 4.1% rate for the U.S.— 0.9 percentage point higher
 - ❑ was more than four points higher at height of recession
- ❑ **Unemployment Averaged 4.9% in 2017, Compared to 5.7% in 2016.**
 - ❑ lowest annual average since 2007

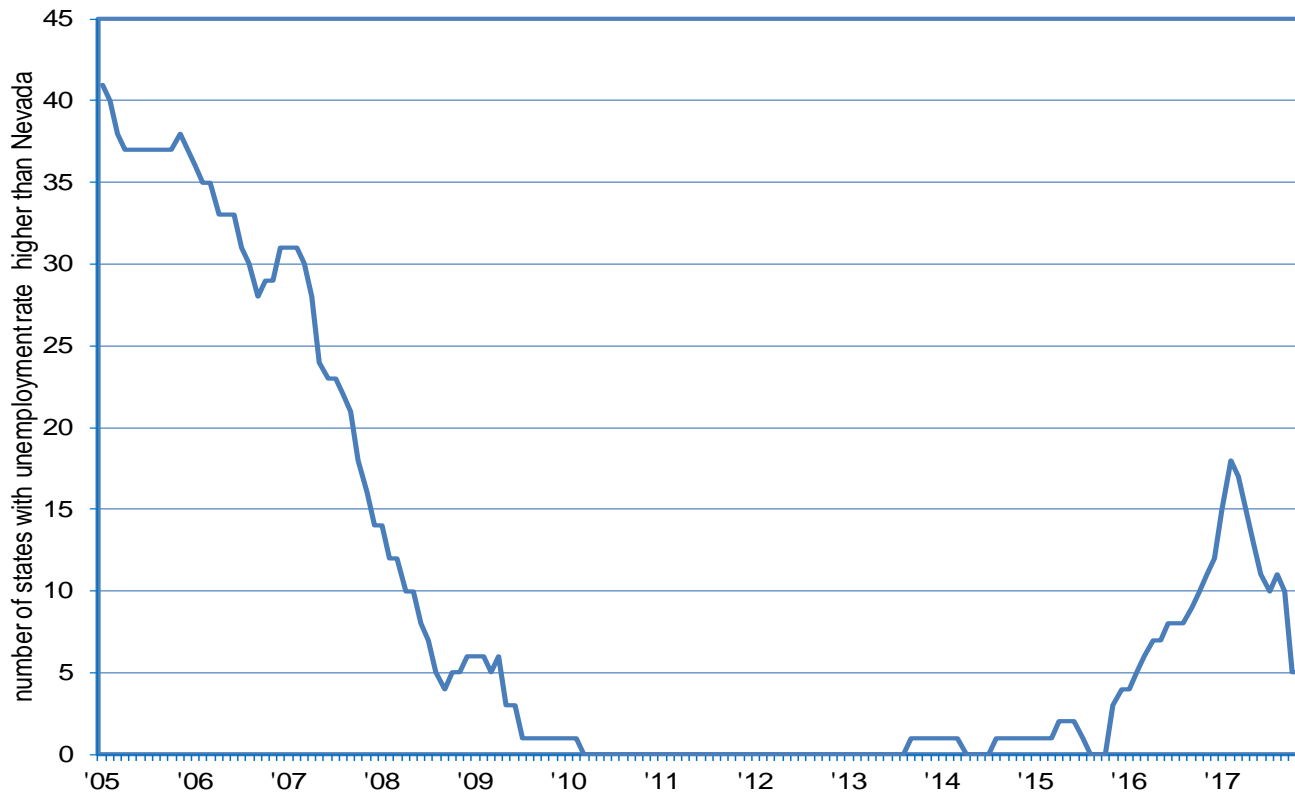
¹seasonally adjusted



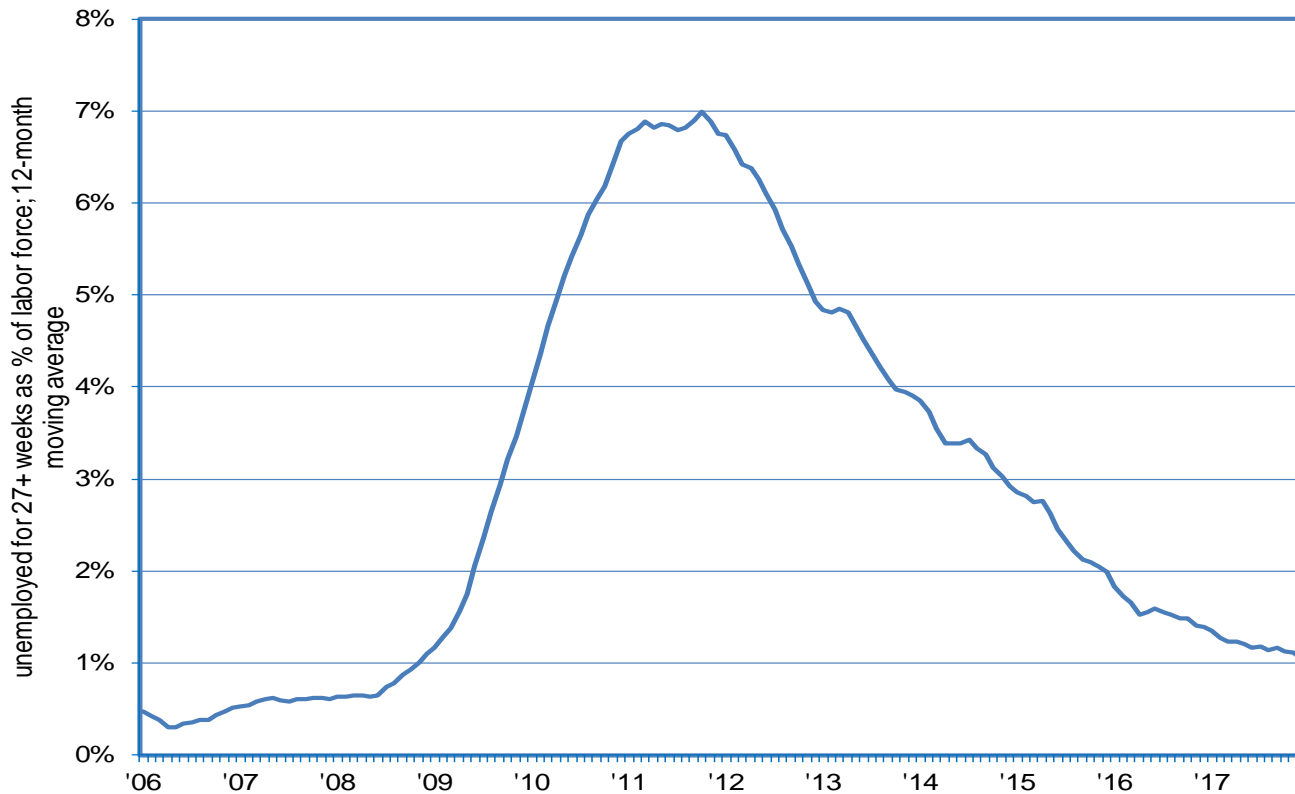
Dec. Jobless Rate Steady at 5%; Down From 5.1% a Year Ago; 4.9% for all of 2017 vs. 5.7% in 2016



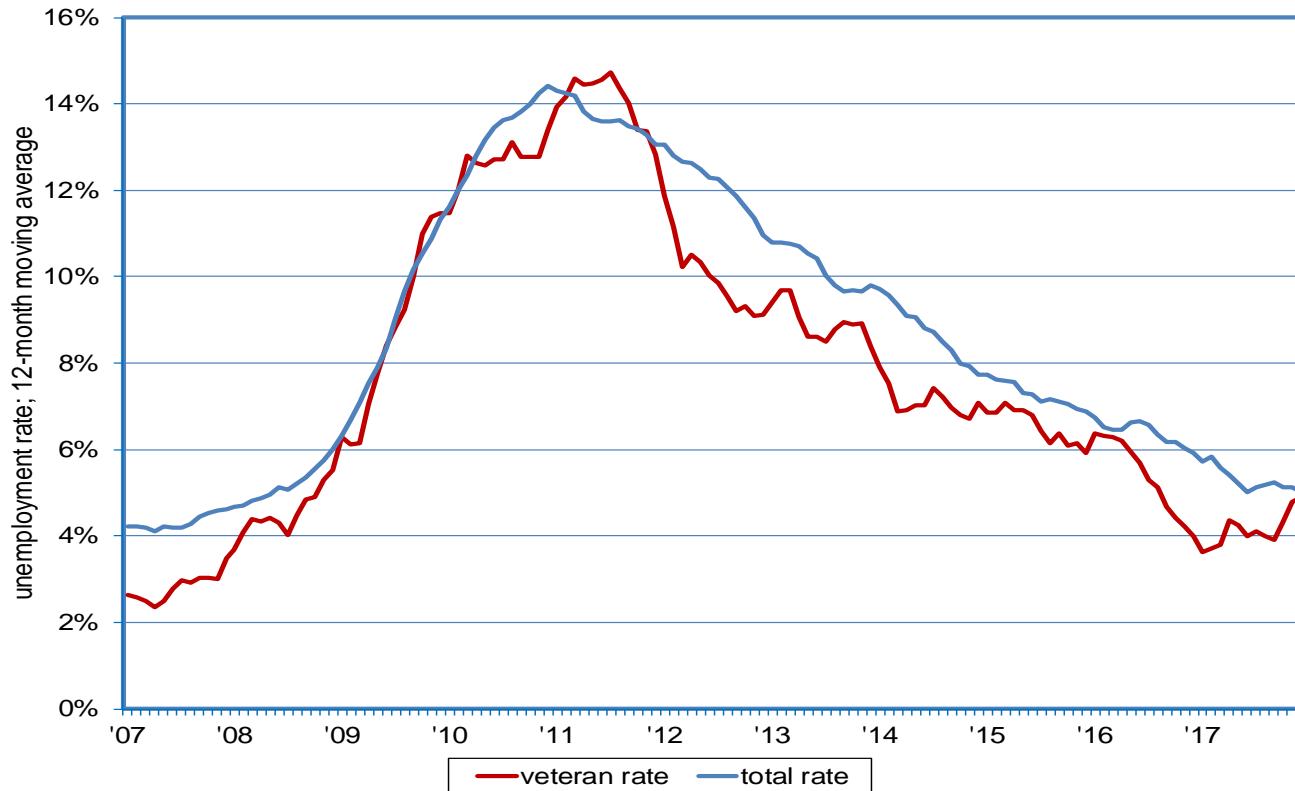
During the Recession, Nevada Had the Highest Unemployment Rate in the U.S.; As of Nov. 2017, Five States Have a Higher Rate



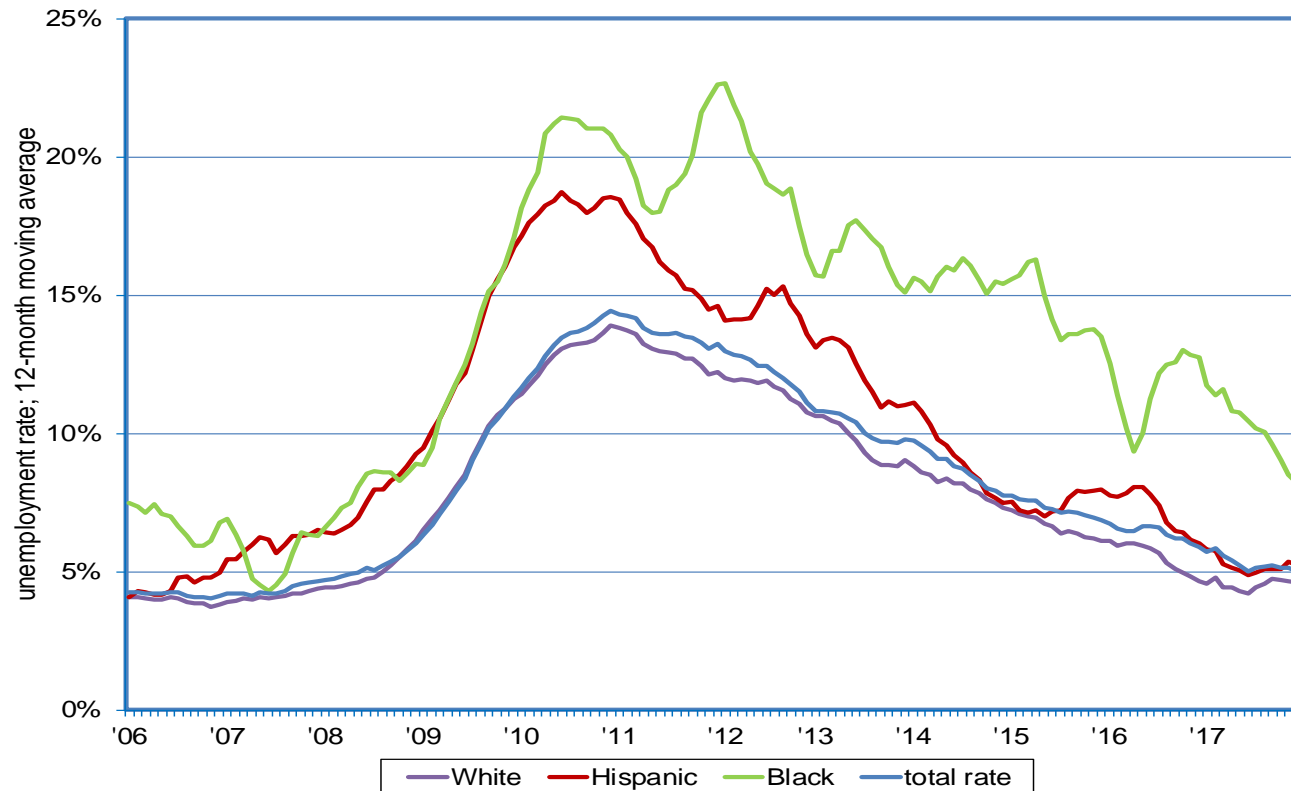
Nevada's Long-Term Unemployment Rate Peaked at 7%; Now at 1%; Those Unemployed 27+ Weeks = 15,100 vs. a Peak of 92,900



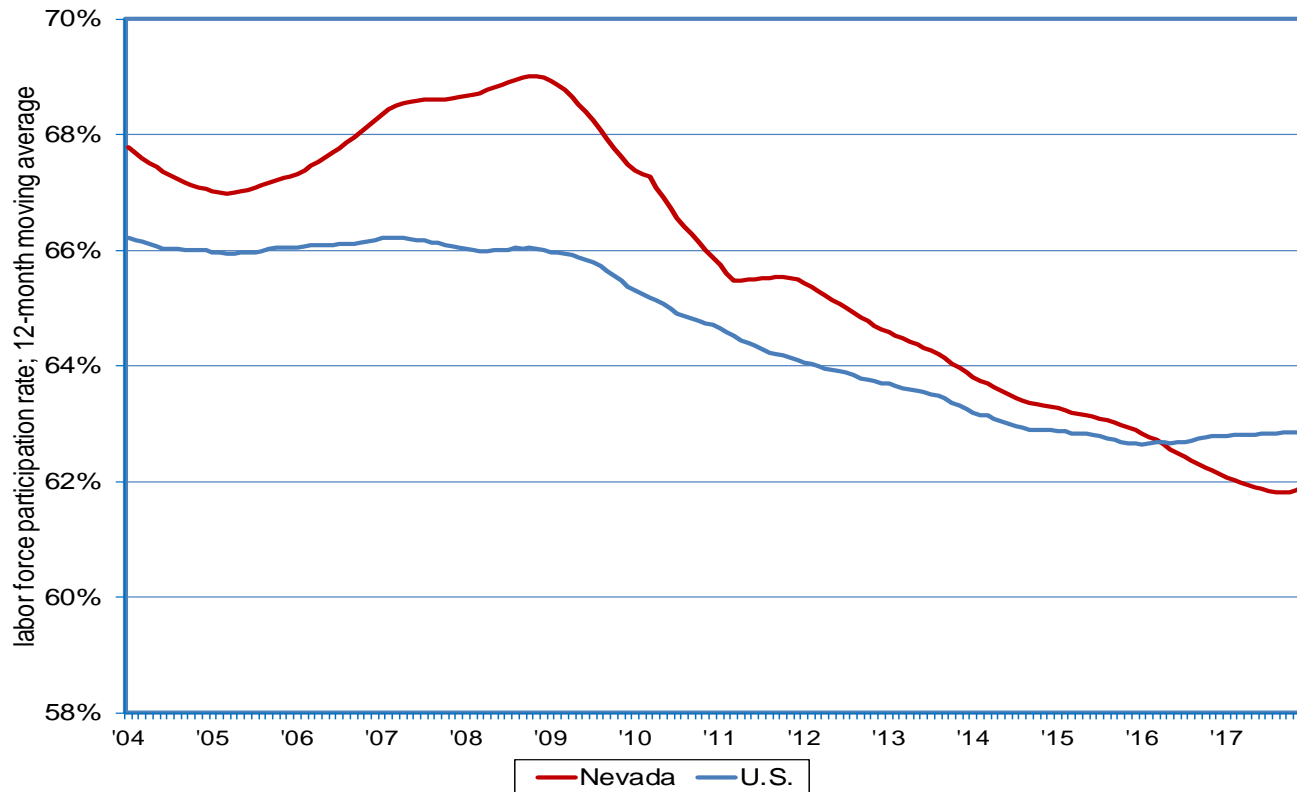
Nevada's Veteran Unemployment Rate Trending Below Overall Rate; 4.9% Over Past 12 Months vs. 5.0% for All Nevadans



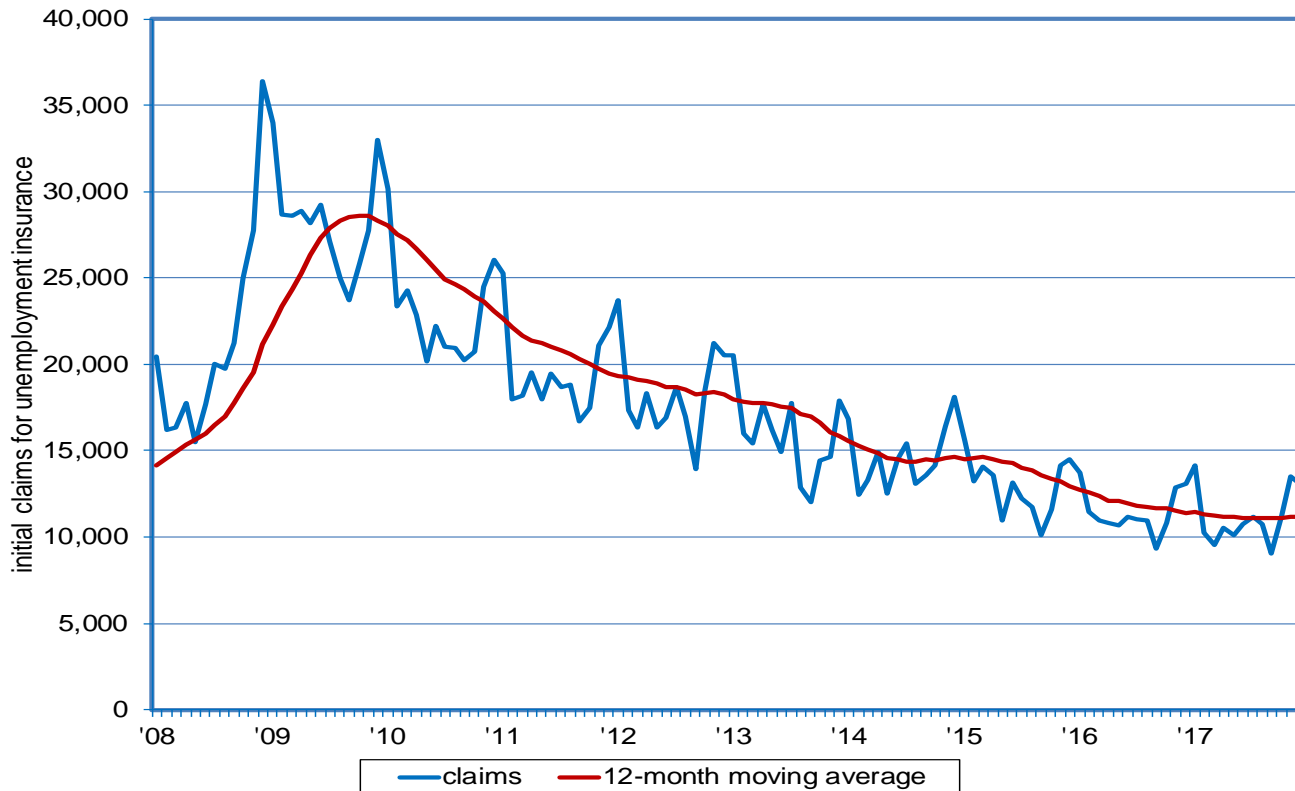
Unemployment Rate in Nevada Varies by Race; Rates Trending Down for All Groups Since the End of the Recession



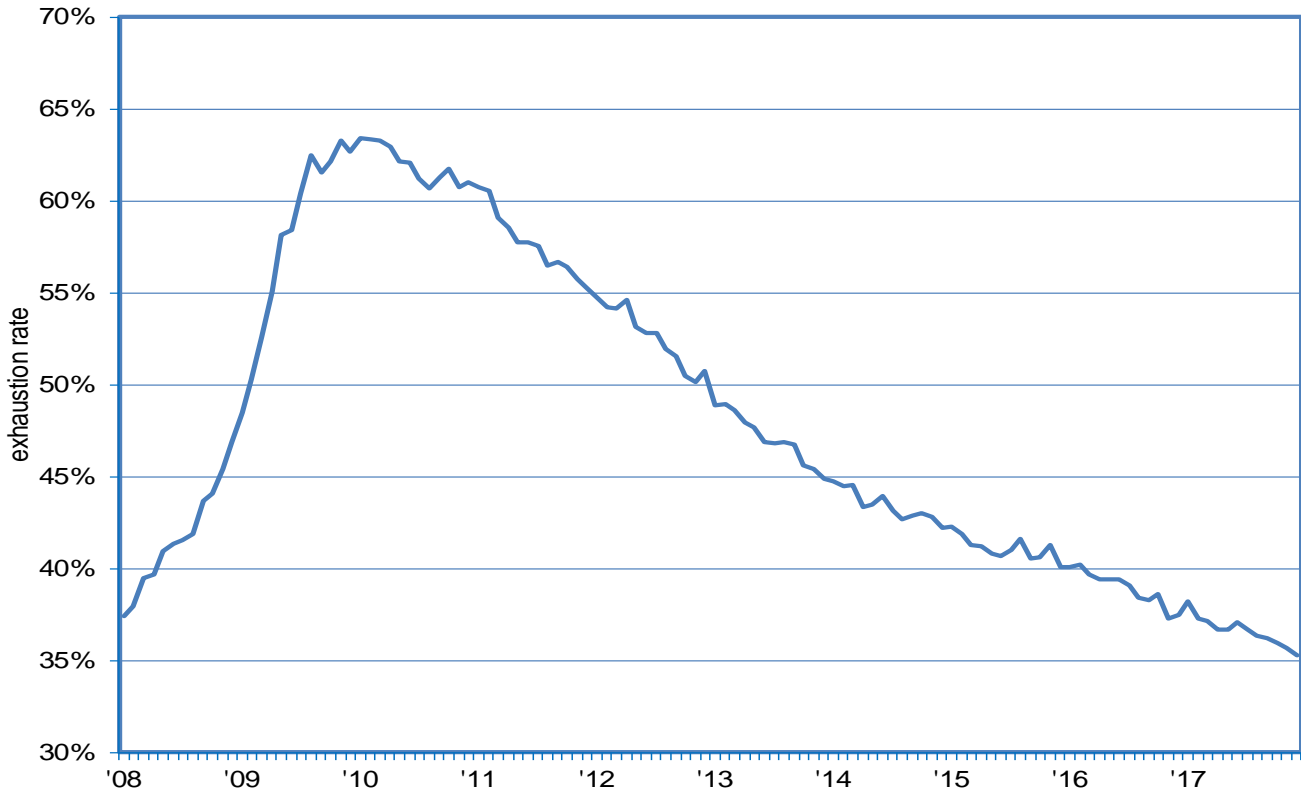
Labor Force Participation Rate Continues Trending Below that for the U.S.; Declining Over Time Due to Structural/Cyclical Forces



Initial Claims Activity Has Leveled Off After Several Years of Decline



Unemployment Insurance Benefit Exhaustion Rate At 10-Year Low in December



The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation is a proactive workforce & rehabilitation agency



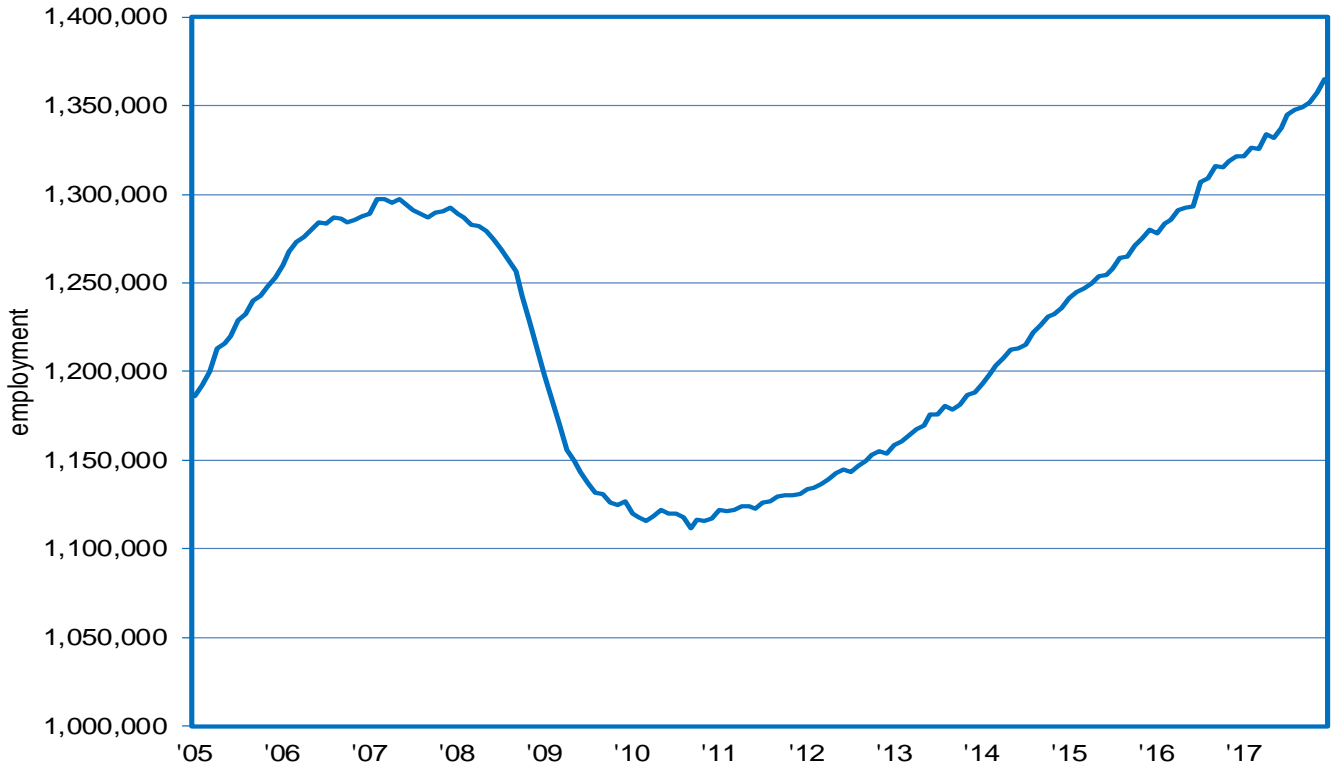
State Employment (SA)

- ❑ Non-Farm Job Levels Up 43,800 Relative to a Year Ago in December
 - ❑ another record-high
 - ❑ 84 consecutive months of year-over-year gains
 - ❑ 3.3% gain compares to 1.4% in the nation
 - ❑ 65 straight months in which Nevada > U.S.
- ❑ Up 7,600 Over the Month
 - ❑ 5,100 (NSA²) jobs were expected to be lost based upon historical trends, but 2,500 jobs were actually added, resulting in the seasonally adjusted increase
- ❑ State Added 40,900 Jobs in 2017, a Growth of 3.1% from 2016

²not seasonally adjusted

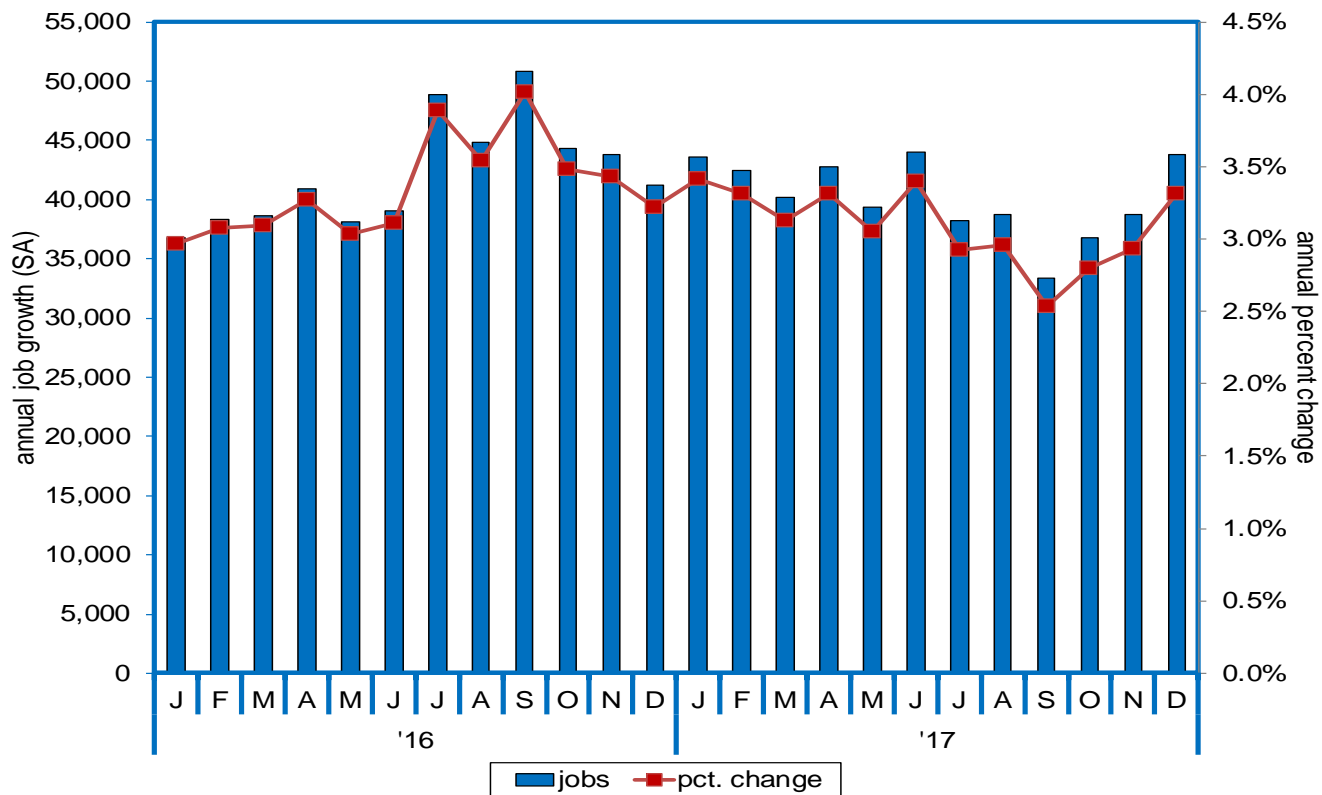


Employment Continues to Shatter Records in Nevada; 67,900 Jobs Above Previous Peak

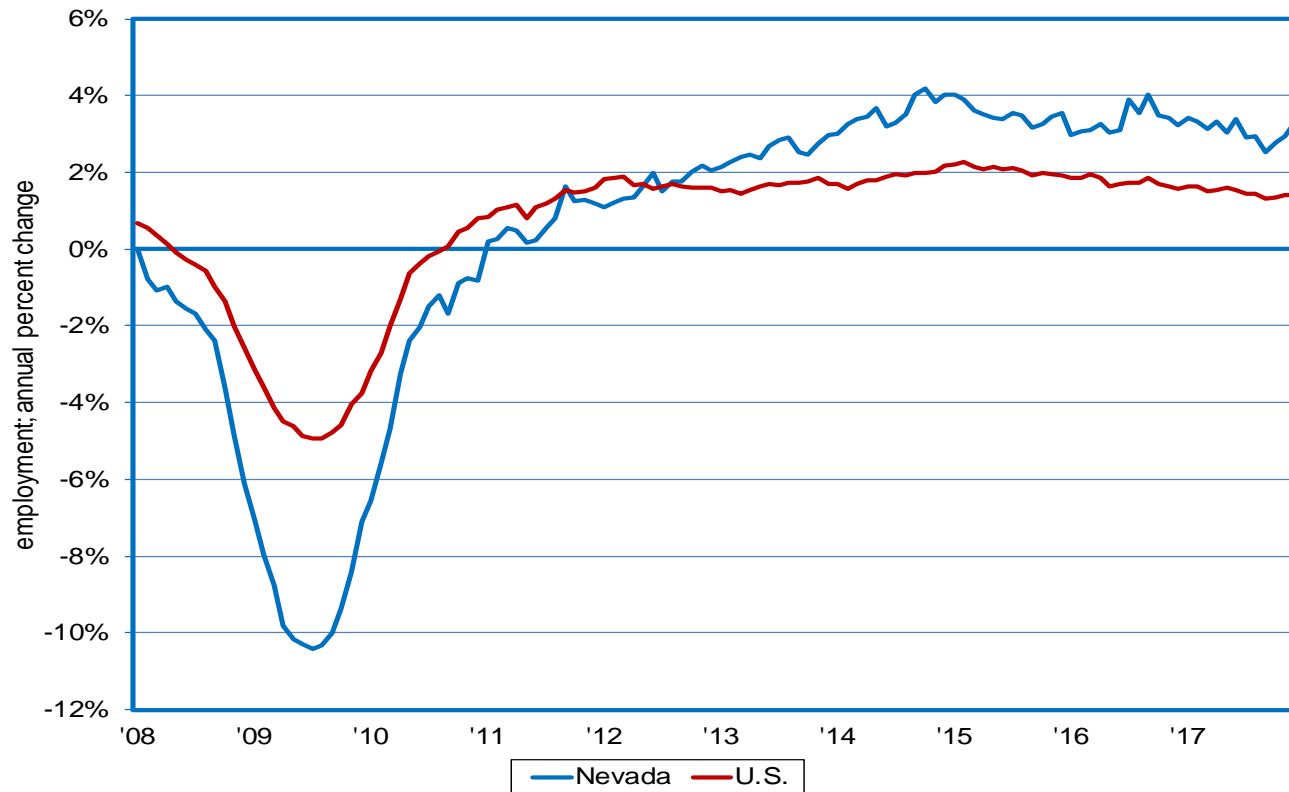


The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation is a proactive workforce & rehabilitation agency

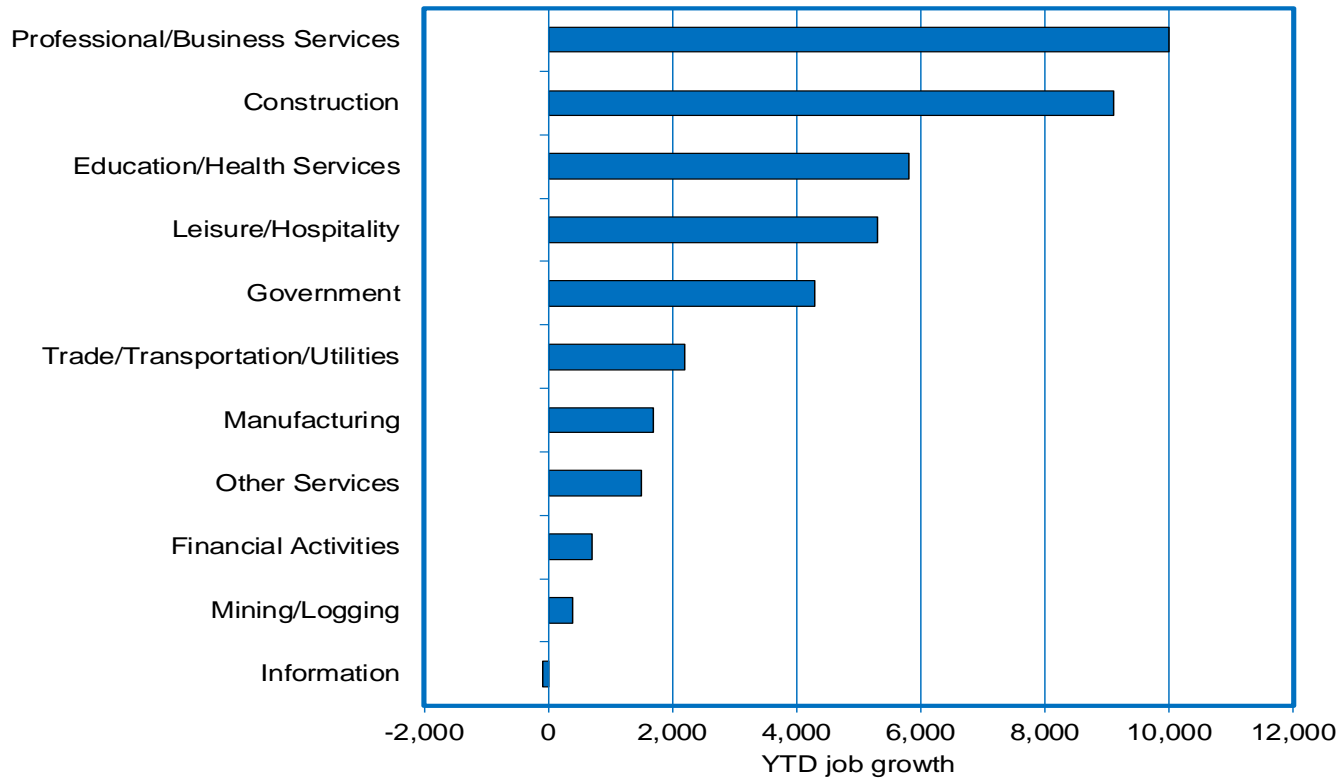
Annual Job Growth Trending Around 40,000



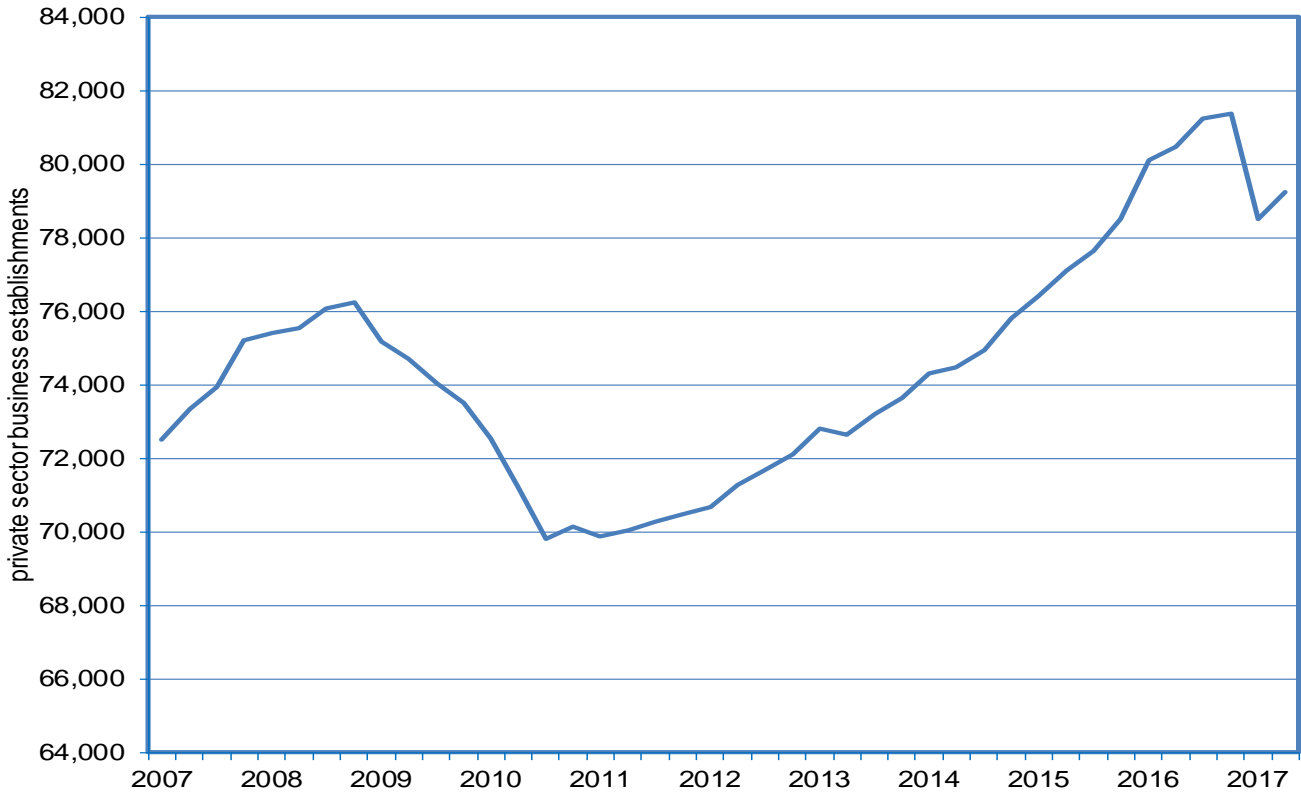
Nevada Job Growth has Exceeded the U.S. Every Month Since August 2012



Professional Services Leads the Way With 10,000 New Jobs in 2017; Construction Adds 9,100 (+11.9%)



Number of Establishments at 79,000 Continuing Current Upward Trend; Pre-Recessionary Peak Exceeded in Ten Consecutive Quarters



With the release of 2017:IQ information, the data has been "cleaned up," with the removal of employers that are not reporting any employment and wages. Specifically, from 2016:IVQ to 2017:IQ, the number of establishments decreased by 2,800 as a result of this process.

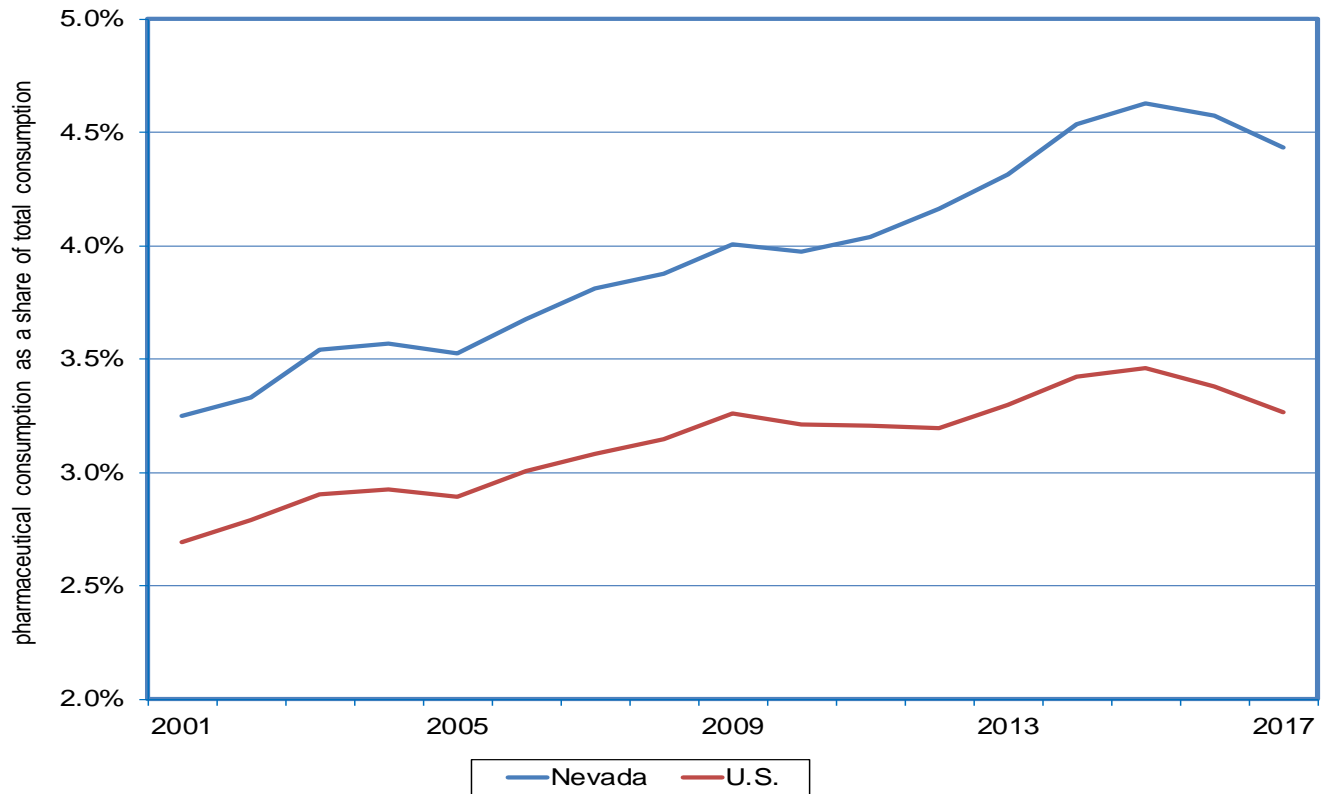


Hiring Activity Trending Up Across Nearly All Industries; Accommodation/Food Services, Admin. Support Lead the Way

Industry	New Hires		
	2011:IQ	2017:IQ	Change
Accommodation/Food Services	34,409	49,422	15,013
Administrative/Support/Waste Management	27,806	38,535	10,729
Construction	11,310	20,458	9,148
Retail Trade	15,261	22,347	7,086
Health Care/Social Assistance	11,371	15,766	4,395
Transportation/Warehousing	5,300	8,426	3,126
Manufacturing	3,577	5,828	2,251
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	3,831	5,760	1,929
Information	2,358	4,117	1,759
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5,115	6,712	1,597
Finance/Insurance	2,411	3,925	1,514
Professional/Scientific/Technical Services	7,163	8,511	1,348
Public Administration	1,489	2,423	934
Wholesale Trade	2,996	3,868	872
Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	3,203	4,052	849
Educational Services	4,433	4,995	562
Management of Companies/Enterprises	2,018	2,443	425
Agriculture/ Forestry/Fishing/Hunting	314	639	325
Utilities	123	183	60
Mining/Quarrying/Oil/Gas Extraction	1,363	898	(465)



Pharmaceuticals Accounting for an Increasing Share of Total Consumption in the Silver State



2,300 Pharmacists Employed in Nevada, with 3,400 Pharmacy Technicians

Occupation	Number Employed in Nevada, 2016	Annual Openings, 2014-2024	Mean Salary
Pharmacists	2,340	87	\$123,430
Pharmacy Technicians	3,380	116	\$35,500
Pharmacy Aides	110	N/A	\$30,830





For Additional Information, Please Contact:

Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation
Research and Analysis Bureau

Bill Anderson
Chief Economist
wdanderson@nvdetr.org

Christopher Robison
Supervising Economist
c-robison@nvdetr.org

(775) 684-0450

<http://www.nevadaworkforce.com>

follow us on Twitter @nvlabormarket

