



Unemployment Rate

- 4.9% in January, seasonally adjusted
 - no change from December
 - off from a recession peak of 13.7%
 - in absolute terms, unemployment totaled 72,100; off from a recession-high of 186,900
- Compares to a 4.1% rate for the U.S.
 - 0.8 percentage point lower than the Nevada rate
 - NV's rate was 4.4 points higher than the nation's at the height of the recession

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

- 12,939 claims in January
 - down 8.7% from a year ago
- Initial claims activity appears to be leveling off after several years of decline

Jobs

- January job levels at 1.36 million, seasonally adjusted
 - up 37,700 relative to a year ago
 - 85 consecutive months of year-over-year gains
- 2.8% gain compares to 1.5% in the nation
 - leisure/hospitality with 400 new jobs compared to the same period in 2016
 - professional/business services up 3,900
 - trade/transportation/utilities services up 5,500
 - construction services up 7,800
- Up 1,300 Over the Month

Wages

- \$900 per week in 2017:IIQ
 - up 3.0% from a year ago
 - year over year gains in 14 of the past 15 quarters

Number of Employers

- 68,938 Nevada employers in 2017:IVQ
 - highest fourth quarter reading
 - up 1.9% from a year ago
 - 26th-straight quarterly gain

Taxable Sales

- \$5.6 billion in December
 - 6.1% year-over-year percent change

Gaming Win

- \$101 billion in January
 - down 2.4% year-to-date change

Visitor Volume

- 3.39 million Las Vegas visitors in January
 - down 3.3. from a year ago
- 401,984 Reno visitors in December
 - up 4.2% from a year ago

Housing Starts

- Totaled 16,588 2017 YTD
 - down 1.5% from the same period in 2016
 - compares to a 2.4% gain in the U.S.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- \$132 billion in 2017:IIIQ
 - up 1.4% from previous year
 - compares to 2.2% for the nation
 - growth in 17 of past 18 quarters

Export Activity

- Nevada exports valued at \$8.5 million in November
 - up 2.4% from year ago
- Nevada exports valued at \$11.0 billion year-to-date
 - up 39.5.% compared to 2016

Personal Income

- \$134 billion in 2017:IIIQ
 - up 2.2% from previous year
 - compares to 2.6% for the nation
 - growth in 29 of past 30 quarters