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Sub-State Labor Force Dynamics
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So Far This Year Employment Up in 13 of 17 Counties; Unemployment Down Across the Board

Year-to-Date (through July) Change vs. 2016

County	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
Clark	13,946	24,846	-10,900	-1.1%
Washoe	3,028	5,639	-2,611	-1.2%
Eureka	65	83	-18	-1.9%
Lincoln	20	38	-18	-0.9%
Mineral	6	38	-32	-1.6%
Storey	4	44	-40	-2.1%
Elko	2	306	-304	-1.1%
Pershing	-1	46	-47	-1.8%
Esmeralda	-11	-2	-9	-1.6%
White Pine	-13	28	-41	-0.9%
Lander	-42	22	-64	-1.9%
Carson City	-107	244	-351	-1.4%
Douglas	-141	134	-275	-1.2%
Humboldt	-148	-4	-144	-1.6%
Nye	-163	86	-249	-1.5%
Churchill	-315	-154	-161	-1.4%
Lyon	-643	-178	-465	-1.9%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

- This Research Note examines the growth/decline in each county's labor force, employment, unemployment and the jobless rate.
- Estimates show all counties in the Silver State have realized decreases in unemployment through the first seven months of 2017 relative to a year ago. Over the same period, 13 counties saw increases in employment. Labor force (those actively involved in the labor market, either employed or actively looking for work) growth is concentrated in the State's two largest population centers. Clark County's labor force is up 13,900, while Washoe's has increased 3,000 compared to the first seven months of last year.
- The unemployment rate in every county in the Silver State has declined relative to 2016. In fact, every county has declined by at least one full percentage point.
- The largest declines in the jobless rate are found in Storey and Lyon, with 2.1 and 1.9 percentage points respectively. Clark's rate is down 1.1 points, while Washoe's is off by 1.2 points relative to the first seven months of 2016.