

Research Notes



Sub-State Labor Market Dynamics 2017
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2017 Employment up in 14 of 17 Counties; Unemployment Rate Down in All Counties

	<u>2016-2017 change</u>			<u>unemployment rate</u>	
	<u>labor force</u>	<u>employment</u>	<u>unemployment</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Clark	19,448	26,349	-6,901	5.8%	5.1%
Washoe	3,207	5,114	-1,907	5.0%	4.1%
Elko	111	350	-239	4.5%	3.6%
Eureka	56	71	-15	4.6%	3.0%
Carson City	53	314	-261	6.1%	5.0%
Nye	49	216	-167	7.3%	6.2%
Pershing	49	81	-32	5.9%	4.6%
Mineral	43	67	-24	6.6%	5.3%
Lincoln	16	28	-13	5.1%	4.4%
Storey	14	40	-26	6.3%	4.9%
White Pine	13	44	-31	4.6%	3.9%
Esmeralda	-9	-4	-5	4.5%	3.6%
Douglas	-23	183	-206	5.6%	4.7%
Lander	-29	29	-58	6.2%	4.4%
Humboldt	-98	10	-108	5.4%	4.1%
Churchill	-176	-58	-119	5.4%	4.4%
Lyon	-359	-25	-334	7.4%	5.9%

- 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 in 2017 relative to a year ago. Over the same period, 14 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 19,400, while Washoe's has increased 3,200 compared to last year.
- The unemployment rate in every county in the Silver State has declined relative to 2016. In fact, ten counties have declined by at least one full percentage point.
- The largest declines in the jobless rate are found in Lander (down 1.8 percentage points), followed by Eureka and Lyon, with a decline of 1.6 and 1.4 percentage points respectively. Washoe's rate is down by 0.9 percentage point relative to 2016, just barely above the 0.8 point decline registered in Clark County.