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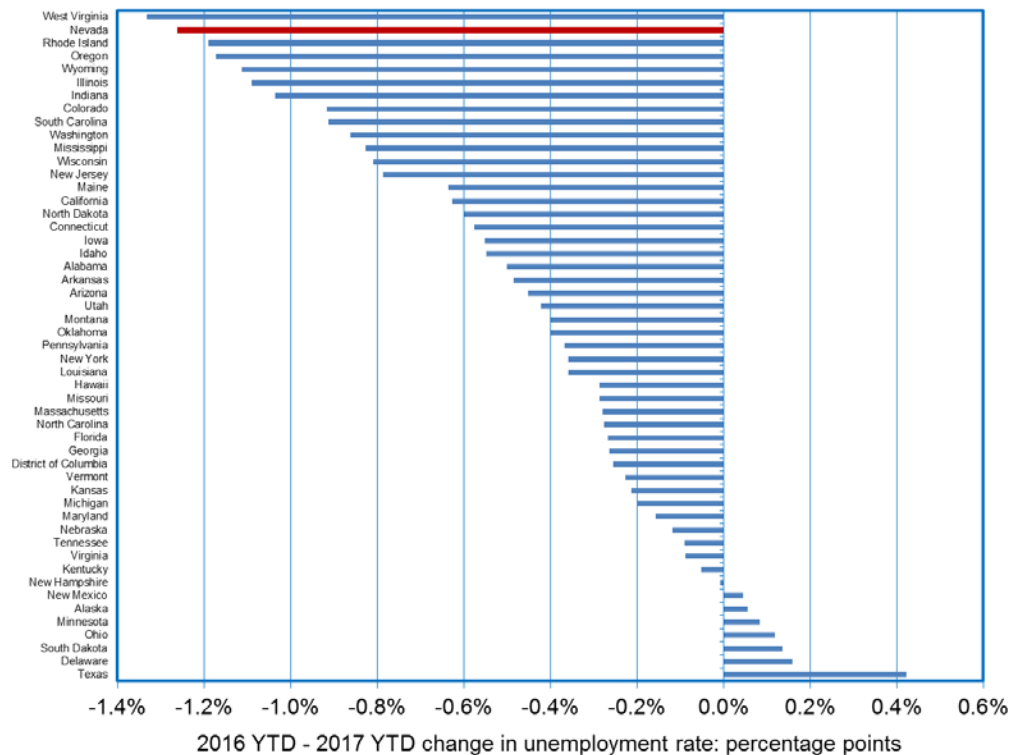
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Unemployment Rate Change
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Nevada Has the 2nd-Strongest Unemployment Rate Decline so Far in 2017; WV is Slightly Ahead; Seven States Show Slight Increases



- Information from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program allows us to assess Nevada's unemployment rate change relative to that for other states.
- Estimates show Nevada's unemployment rate averaged 4.8% in 2017 year-to-date, down from 6.1% in 2016 same period. This translates into a decrease of 1.3 percentage points. The Silver State's decline is just slightly less pronounced than West Virginia's.
- Other relatively large declines have been reported in Rhode Island, Oregon, and Wyoming.
- Forty-three states, plus the District of Columbia, show a decline in their unemployment rate, while seven states show an increase, including Texas, Delaware, and South Dakota.