

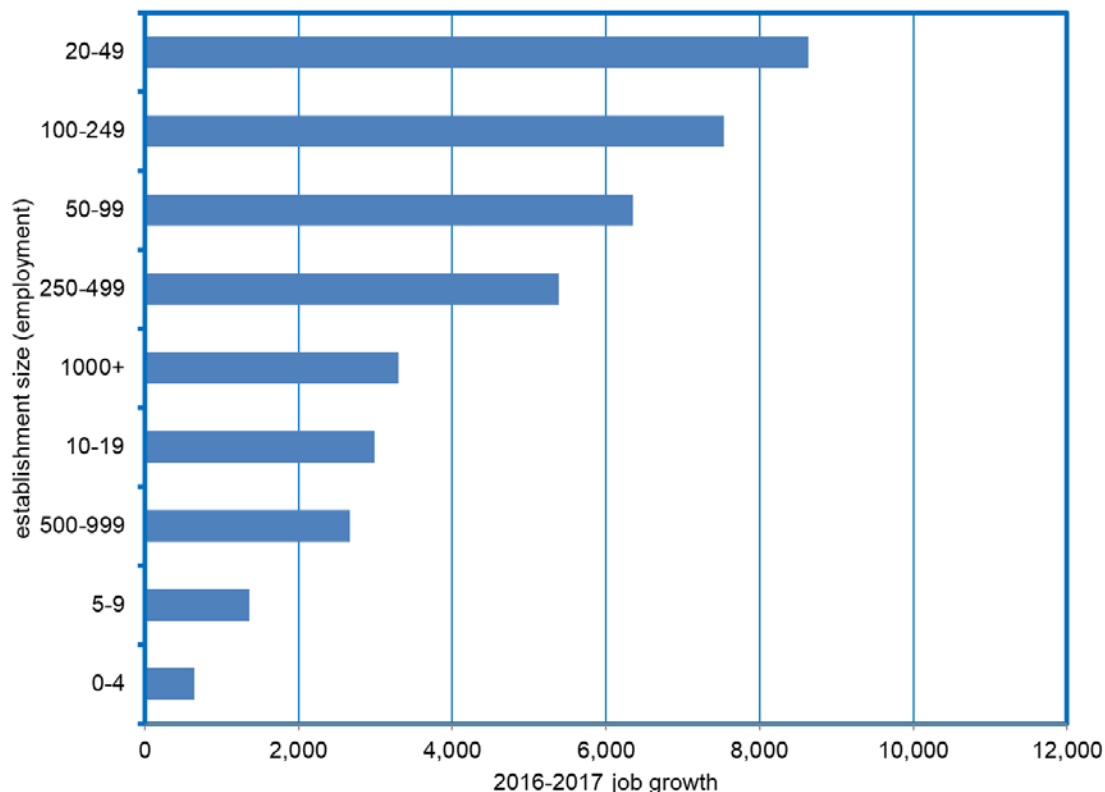
Research Notes



Job Growth by Establishment Size
Tim Wilcox, Economist

Note: 2018:90
July 17, 2018

Job Gains Across All Size Groups; Establishments with Less Than 100 Workers Added 20,000 Jobs in 2017



- The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program, produced by state agencies in cooperation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, represents a comprehensive count of employment based on information reported by all businesses covered under the Unemployment Insurance System, but is not available until several months following the end of a calendar quarter.
- Private sector 2017 job growth was widespread across all establishment size groups. All told, jobs were up by almost 39,000 vs. 2016.
- Establishments with 20-49 employees led the way with 8,600 new jobs. Next in line are those worksites with 100-249 workers, up 7,500 from the prior year. Businesses with 50-99 workers added just over 6,300 jobs.
- Job counts in those establishments with less than 100 employees, our definition of “small business,” were up 20,000 relative to 2016, accounting for nearly 51% of total growth. By the end of 2017, small business employment totaled 623,000, a record-high.
- Job growth in Nevada’s largest establishments, those with at least 500 workers, totaled 6,000 for all of 2017.