

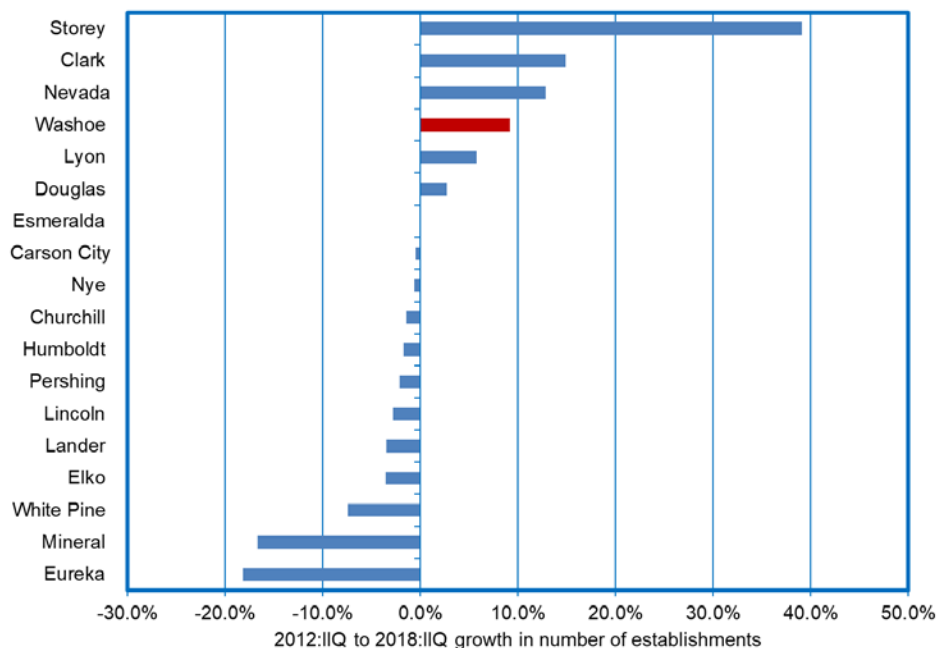
Research Notes



Establishment Growth by County
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6 of 17 Counties Have Realized Growth in the Number of Business Establishments Since 2011; Storey, Clark, and Washoe Lead the Way



- Information obtained through the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program provides a nearly complete count of business establishments based upon quarterly wage records submitted by employers whose employees are covered under the Unemployment Insurance System.
- From 2012:IIQ to 2018:IIQ, the number of private sector business establishments Statewide grew by 9,100 or 13%. All told, there were just over 80,000 business establishments in the State by the second quarter of 2018.
- Six counties saw increases. Eleven experienced decreases over the period.
- Storey County grew the most, accounting for a gain of 39%. As for Nevada's major population centers, Clark grew faster than the State at 15%. Washoe grew at a slower rate, 9%, while Carson City declined by 1%. Eureka and Mineral decreased the most at 18.2% and 16.7%, respectively.
- Not surprisingly, Clark accounts for the bulk of establishment growth during this time period, with nearly 7,200 new worksites.
- Over the same span of time, total private employment for the Silver State grew by 22 percent.
- Five counties (Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, and White Pine) saw both decrease in number of establishments and employment. This is likely attributable to lower number of establishments connected to mining and construction.