

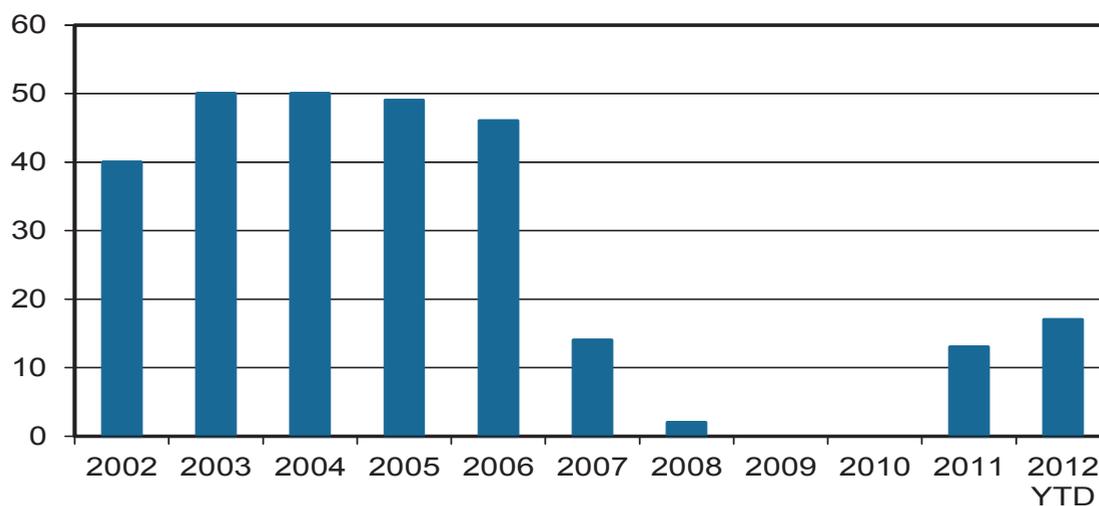


Nevada Employment Ranking

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Number of States with a Lower Job Growth Rate than Nevada



- Information obtained through the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program provides a complete job count based upon quarterly wage records submitted by employers covered under the Unemployment Insurance System. Because generating this information is a time-consuming process, it is only available with a 4-5 month lag.
- Examining this information over time, and for all 50 states (plus the District of Columbia), highlights Nevada's relative performance during the pre-recessionary boom, during the downturn, and in the early stages of the recovery.
- In the years preceding the economic downturn, Nevada led the country in employment growth. Indeed, Nevada had the highest private sector employment growth rates in the country in 2003 (3.5%) and 2004 (6.4%). Further, Nevada is second from the top in 2005 with a growth rate of 6.4%.
- Conversely, during the recession, Nevada was the most affected state in terms of employment growth. In fact, Nevada's private sector employment growth was the lowest in the nation in 2009 (-10.1%) and 2010 (-2.8%).
- However, in 2011 and the first half of 2012, Nevada's employment growth rate is rising again. The latest available data show that Nevada's private sector employment growth rate in the first half of 2012 was 1.7%. In nominal terms, this is an increase of nearly 16,500 jobs from the same period in the previous year. Most importantly 17 other states were home to a lower growth rate.