

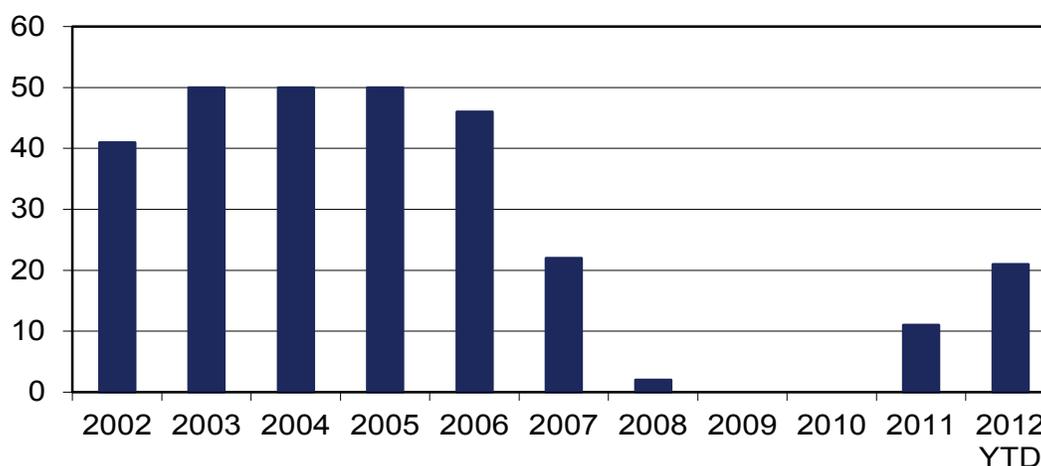


Nevada Employment Ranking

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Number of States with Employment Growth Less than Nevada (2012 YTD through QIII)



- Information obtained through the QCEW 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 employment growth rates in the country in 2003 (3.4%), 2004 (6.0%), and 2005 (6.1%).
- Conversely, during the recession, Nevada was the most effected state in terms of employment growth. In fact, Nevada's employment growth was the lowest in the nation in 2009 (-9.2%) and 2010 (-2.6%).
- However, in 2011 and the first three quarters of 2012, Nevada's employment growth rate is rising again. The latest available data show that Nevada's employment growth rate in the first three quarters of 2012 was 1.4% , higher than 20 states and the District of Columbia. In nominal terms, this is an increase of just over 15,000 jobs from the same period in the previous year.