

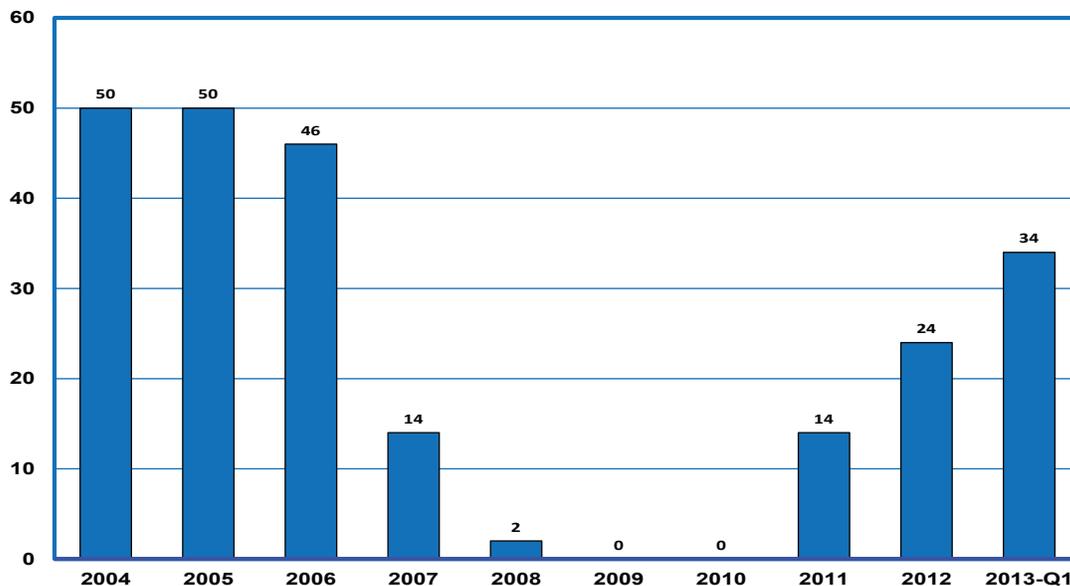


## Nevada Employment Ranking

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### QCEW Employment Ranking - Private Sector Number of States with Employment Growth less than Nevada



- Information obtained through the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program provides a nearly 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, through the downturn, and into the early stages of the recovery.
- In the years preceding the economic downturn, Nevada led in the country in private sector employment growth. Indeed, Nevada had the highest employment growth rates in the country in 2004 and 2005 (6.4% each year).
- Conversely, during the recession, Nevada was the most affected state in terms of private sector employment growth. In fact, Nevada's employment growth was the lowest in the nation in 2009 (-10.1%) and 2010 (-2.8%).
- Nevada has gradually regained lost ground over the past two years. In 2011 the private sector grew at a rate of 1.2%, faster than 14 other states; and in 2012 we grew at a rate of 1.9%, faster than 24 other states.
- When we consider 2013-Q1, the latest available data, we can see that Nevada's recovery is steadily continuing. The private sector is currently growing at an annual rate of 2.3%, a higher rate than 34 other states.