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DETR Releases March Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) March 2026 economic report, compared to February 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3 percent and the labor force increased by 2,804. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,603,700, representing an increase of 1.8% over the past year and a decrease of 1,600 jobs since February 2026.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Employment (Seasonally Adjusted):

- Las Vegas employment decreased by 400 jobs (0.03%) since February, and an increase of 19,800 jobs (1.7%) since March 2025.
- Reno employment had an increase of 400 jobs (0.1%) since February, and an increase of 6,200 jobs (2.2%) since March 2025.
- Carson City employment witnessed no change since February, and an increase of 100 jobs (0.3%) since March 2025.

"This month's report once again shows Nevada with a relatively rapid expansion in total jobs over the past year, a stable unemployment rate, and labor force participation remaining noticeably higher than the national average. Compared to last month, jobs in Leisure & Hospitality and in Construction slipped somewhat, with those declines mostly offset by gains in Professional & Business Services and in Health Care," said David Schmidt, Chief Economist.

To see additional labor market data view the department's [employment](#) and [unemployment](#) dashboards located at www.nevadaworkforce.com.

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The Research and Analysis Bureau is Nevada's premier source for labor market information. A part of DETR, the Bureau is responsible for creating, analyzing, and reporting Nevada's labor market information, in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

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In March 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 5.3 percent compared to February 2026. Over the same period, the labor force increased by 2,804 individuals, currently totaling 1,700,832 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was an increase of 2,729 employed individuals and an increase of 75 unemployed individuals.

Based on the March 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was a decrease of 1,600 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to February 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Leisure And Hospitality which dropped by 2,800, and Construction which lost 2,600 jobs. On the flip side, Professional And Business Services gained 1,900 jobs, followed by Education And Health Services which added 1,600 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw a decrease equivalent to 400 jobs (0.03 %) in March 2026, compared to February 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced an increase of 400 jobs (0.1%) during the same period. Finally, the number of jobs in the Carson City MSA in March 2026 remained the same as in February 2026.

Information on how to file an unemployment insurance claim, where to get updates from DETR, or what other services are available from the department can be found at the end of this write-up. Additional labor market information can be found on our website (<http://nevadaworkforce.com/>).

Current Employment Statistics ([CES](#))

Estimates for this section come from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program sponsored by the Bureau of Labor statistics ([BLS](#)). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,600 from February to March, or -0.1 percent. Compared to March 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 28,700 jobs, or 1.8 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our [Nevada Area Profile](#).

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment decreased by 400 jobs (0.03 %) from February 2026 to March 2026. Compared to March 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 19,800 jobs (1.7%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Las Vegas MSA Area Profile](#).

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 400 jobs (0.1%) from February 2026 to March 2026. Compared to March 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 6,200 jobs (2.2%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Reno-Sparks MSA Area Profile](#).

Carson City MSA total nonfarm employment remained unchanged from February 2026 to March 2026. Compared to March 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 100 jobs (0.3%). To see more employment information, please visit our [Carson City MSA Area Profile](#).

For more information visit our [CES Page](#), see the summary tables at the end of the document, or check out our dashboards for a [CES summary](#) or [industry estimates](#) or all the [Area Profiles](#).

See more summary information on [Nevada's Labor Market](#) and the [U.S. Labor Market](#).

March 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar - Feb Change	Mar - Feb Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	158,637.0	158,459.0	178.0	0.1%	158,377.0	260.0	0.2%
Nevada	1,603.7	1,605.3	-1.6	-0.1%	1,575.0	28.7	1.8%
Las Vegas MSA	1,171.9	1,172.3	-0.4	0.0%	1,152.1	19.8	1.7%
Reno-Sparks MSA	287.8	287.4	0.4	0.1%	281.6	6.2	2.2%
Carson City MSA	32.7	32.7	0.0	0.0%	32.6	0.1	0.3%

[†]Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

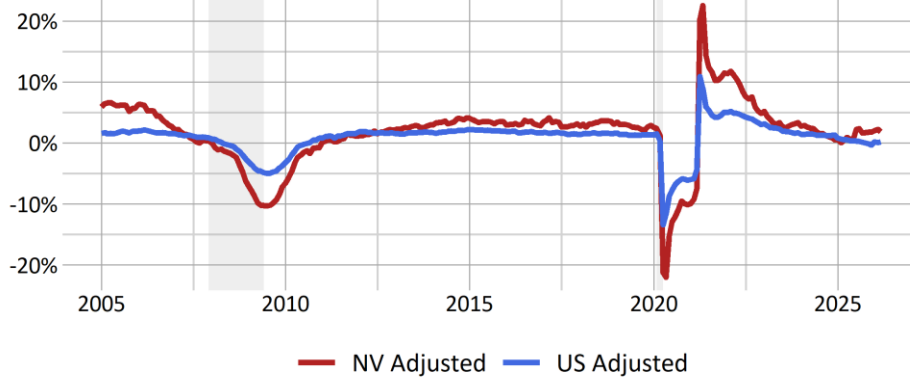
March 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar - Feb Change	Mar - Feb Growth [†]	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth [†]
U.S.	157,775.0	157,204.0	571.0	0.4%	157,540.0	235.0	0.1%
Nevada	1,596.1	1,595.1	1.0	0.1%	1,566.8	29.3	1.9%
Las Vegas MSA	1,164.1	1,164.1	0.0	0.0%	1,147.3	16.8	1.5%
Reno-Sparks MSA	286.5	285.6	0.9	0.3%	280.0	6.5	2.3%
Carson City MSA	32.4	32.3	0.1	0.3%	32.5	-0.1	-0.3%

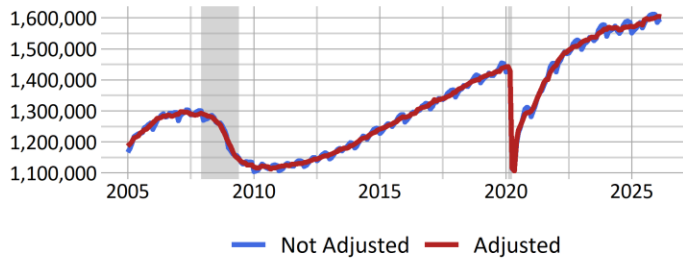
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Nevada vs U.S. Employment Growth

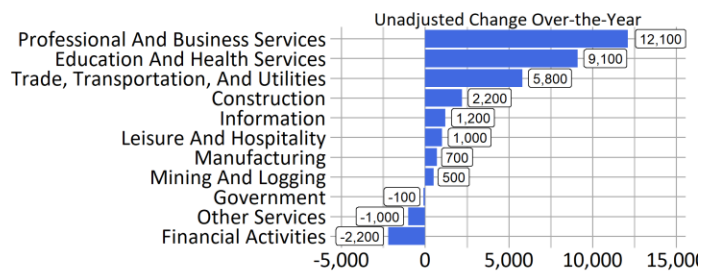
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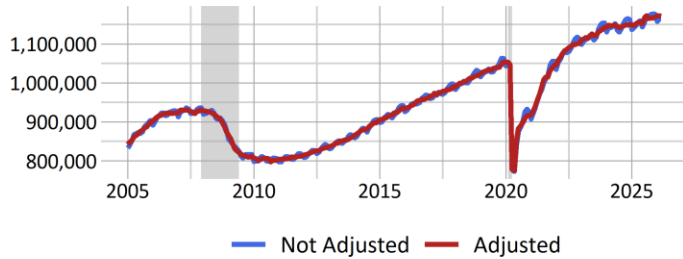
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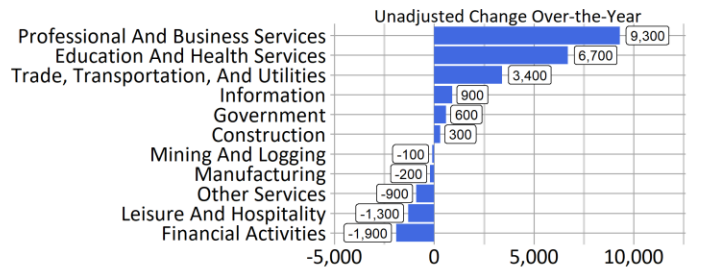
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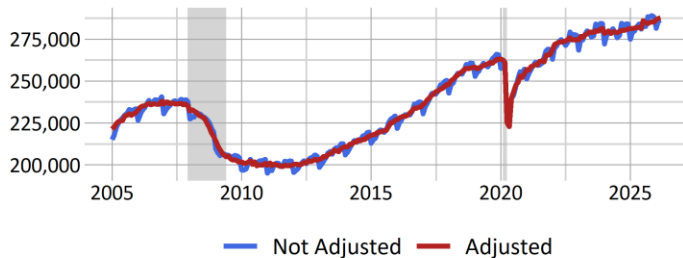
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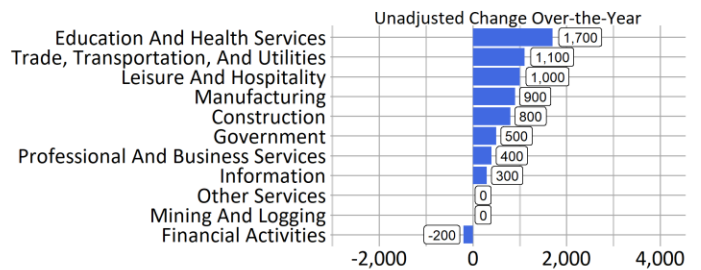
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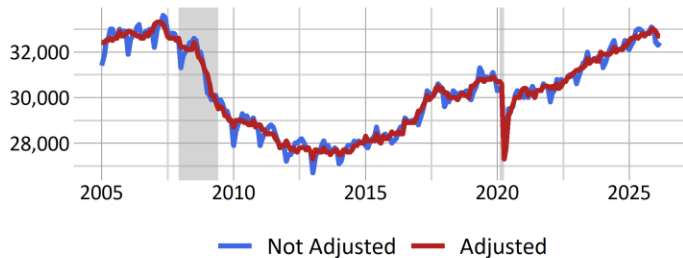
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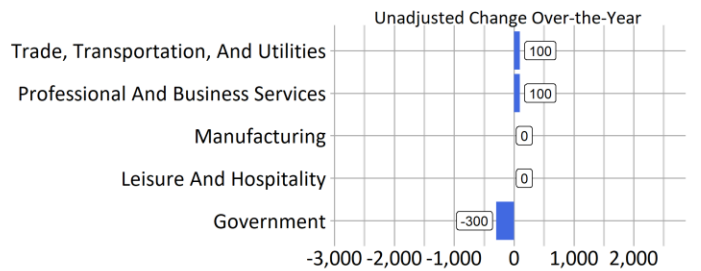
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Carson City Employment



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Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary in (1000s)

Area	Mar 2026	Mar - Feb Change	1-Yr High	1-Yr Low	1-Yr High Change	1-Yr Low Change	3-Yr High	3-Yr Low	3-Yr High Change	3-Yr Low Change	All-Time High	All-Time Min
Nevada	1,603.7	-1.6	1,605.3	1,575.0	17.6	-3.8	1,605.3	1,527.6	17.6	-7.7	1,605.3	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,171.9	-0.4	1,172.7	1,152.1	14.4	-7.1	1,172.7	1,115.2	14.4	-7.1	1,172.7	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	287.8	0.4	287.8	281.4	4.7	-1.2	287.8	276.1	4.7	-2.9	287.8	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.7	0.0	33.0	32.6	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.3	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

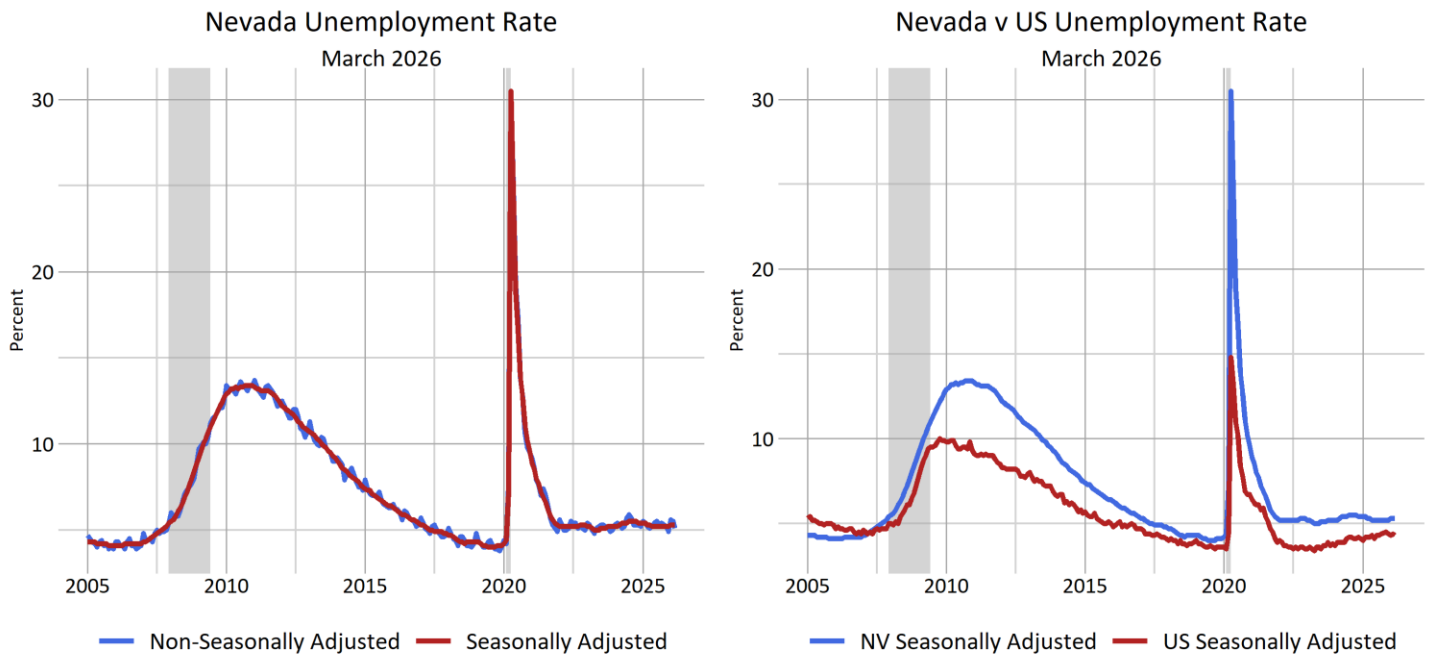
Local Area Unemployment Statistics ([LAUS](#))

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the ([BLS](#)). In March 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 5.3 percent compared to February and remained unchanged from 5.3 percent in March 2025. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 75 from February, for a current level of 90,223 people, and increased by 2,044 unemployed individuals year-over-year. The labor force in Nevada increased by 2,804 individuals compared to February, and currently sits at 1,700,832, which represents an increase of 41,692 individuals compared to March 2025. Visit our [LAUS page](#) for more information on the labor force in Nevada, or check out our [dashboard](#) for a look at each area.

U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics March 2026

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.	170,102,000	162,764,000	7,337,000	4.3	61.9	59.2
U.S. SA ¹	170,087,000	162,848,000	7,239,000	4.3	61.9	59.2
Nevada	1,703,609	1,616,133	87,476	5.1	63.8	60.6
Nevada SA ¹	1,700,832	1,610,609	90,223	5.3	63.7	60.4

¹SA = Seasonally Adjusted.



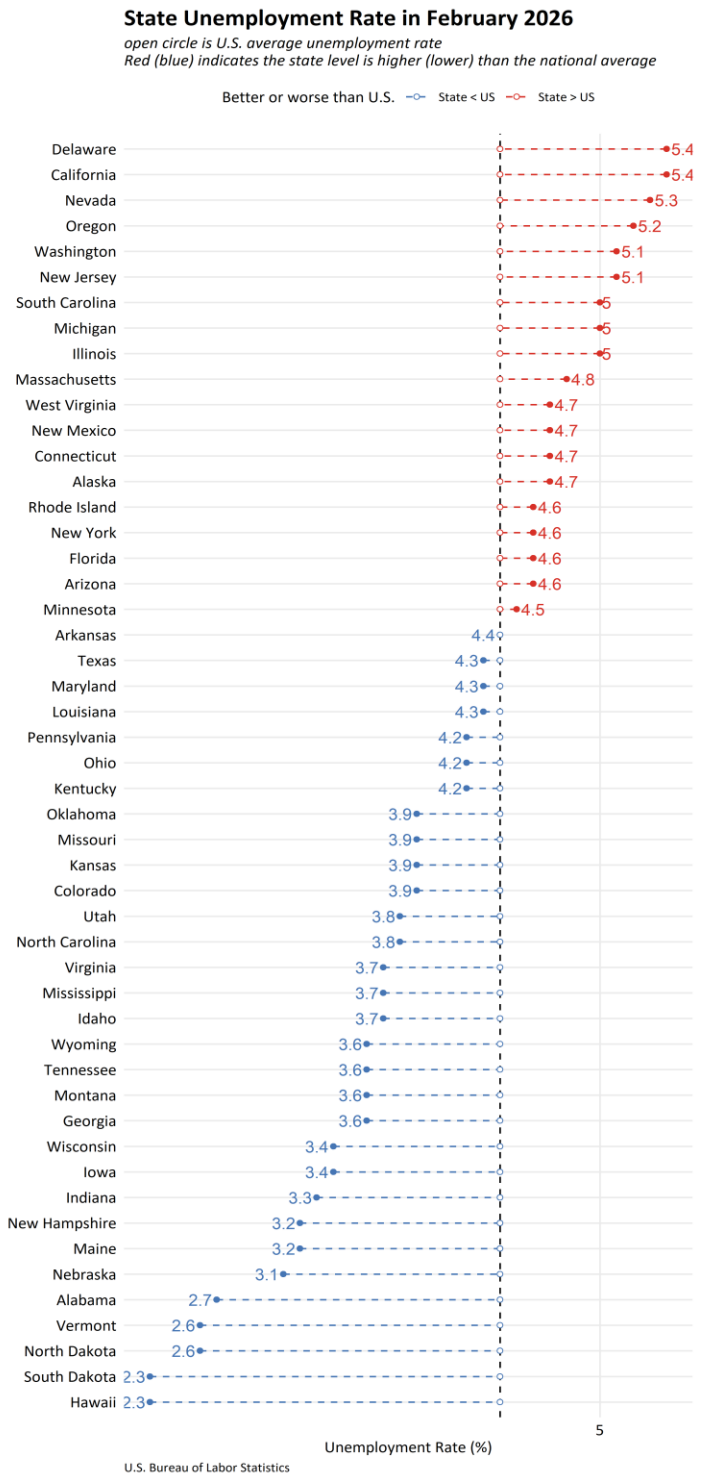
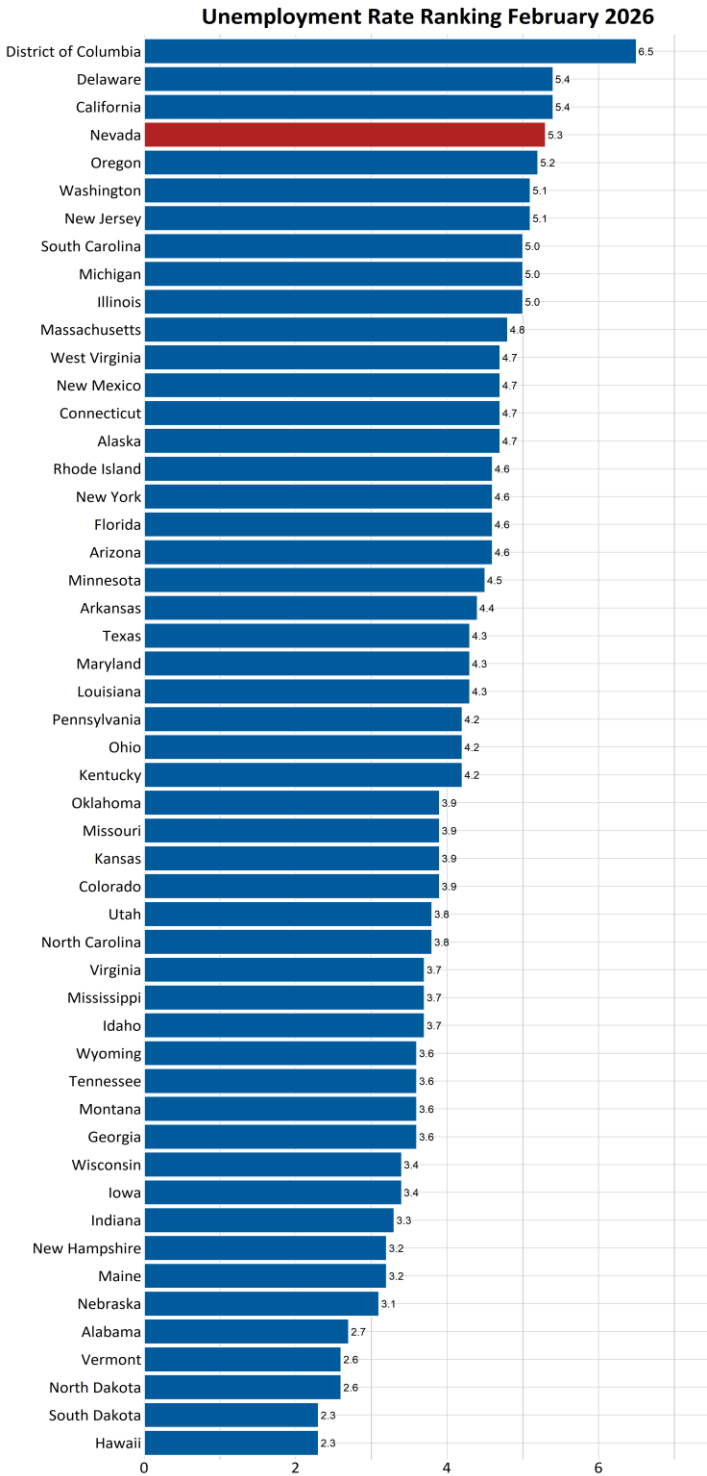
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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (February 2026 Data)

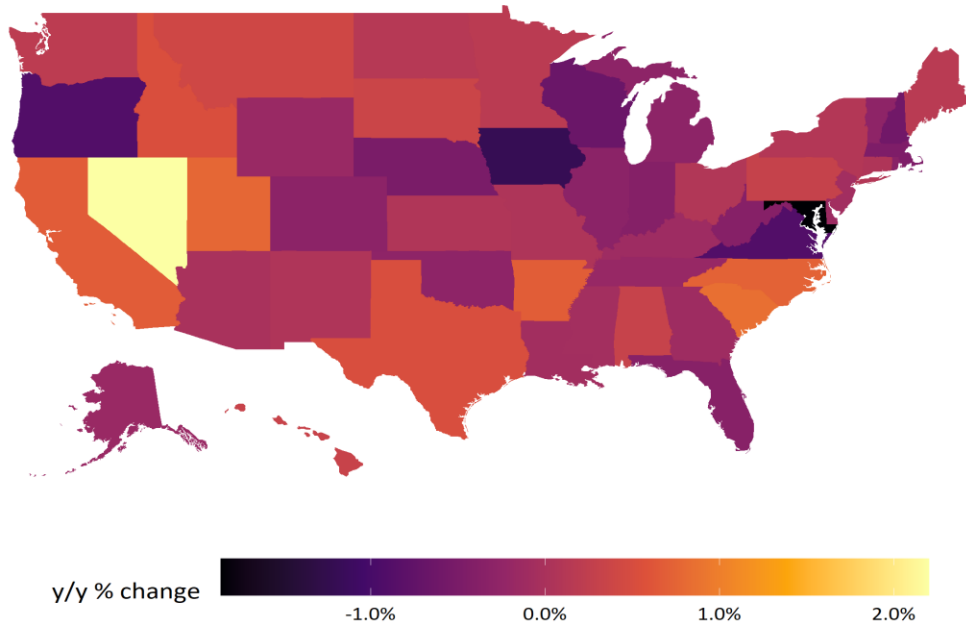
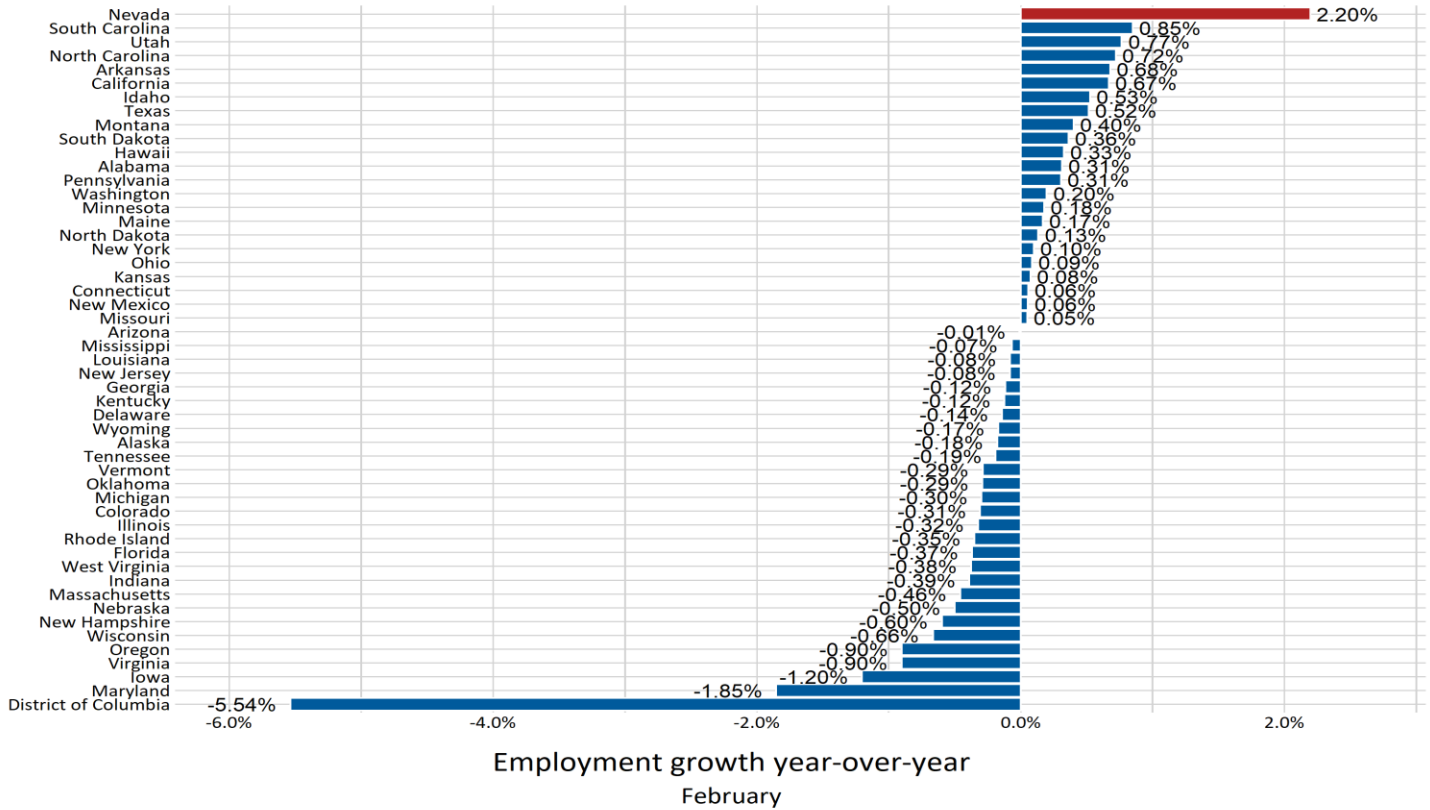
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the 3rd highest unemployment rate of any state in February 2026 at a figure of 5.3%. Ahead of Nevada were California with 5.4% and Delaware with 5.4%. Behind Nevada were Oregon with 5.2% and New Jersey with 5.1%.



Employment State Rankings (February 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had highest over-the-year employment growth in February 2026 at a figure of 2.2%.

Over the Year Employment Growth Rank by State in February 2026



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (y/y)=Year-Over-Year

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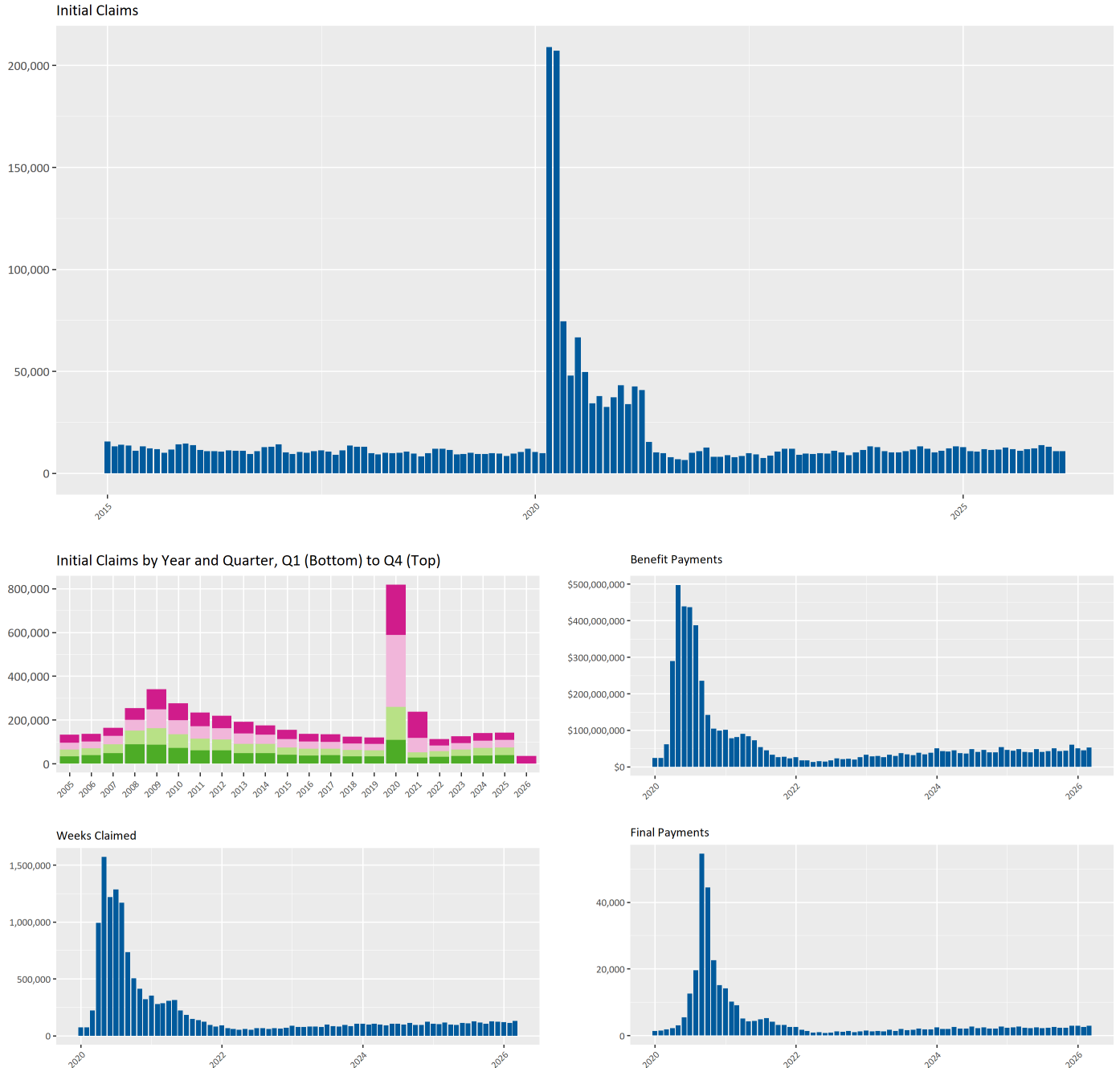
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Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in March 2026, 10,779 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 34 claims, or 0.3 percent, from February 2026 when there were 10,745 claims. This figure is an increase from the 10,633 figure that was observed in March of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity



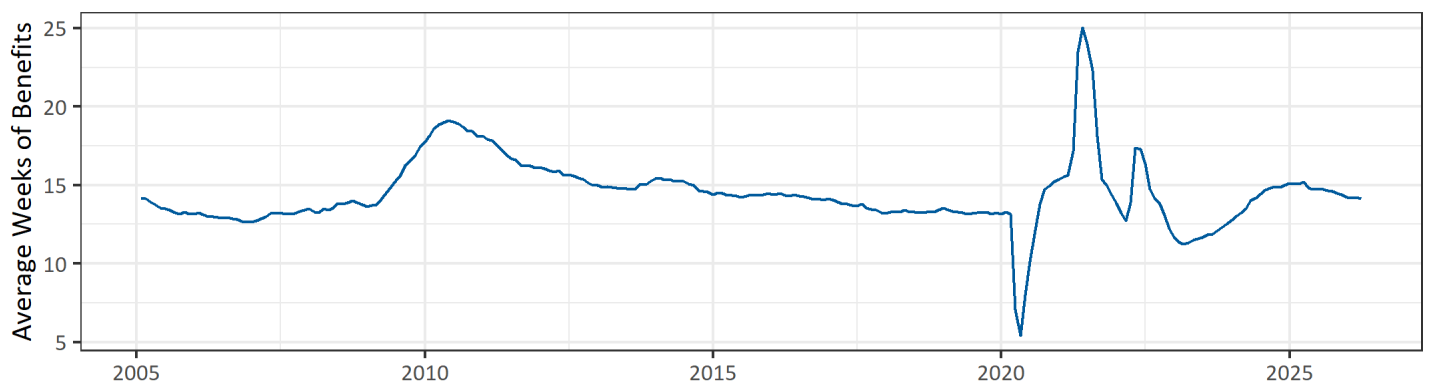
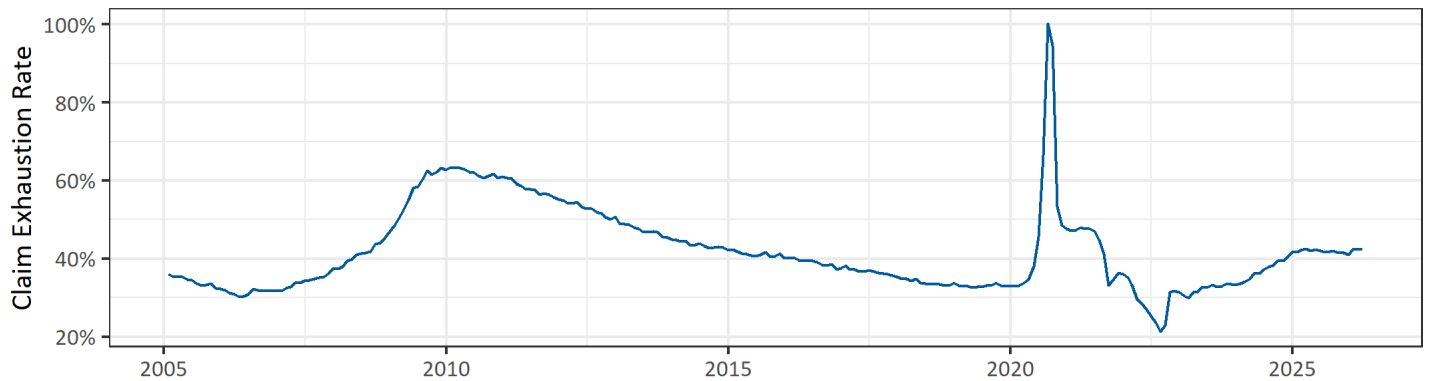
Source: ETA 5159

Monthly claims activity for Nevada’s regular program saw increases for most measures in March 2026. Compared to February, Weeks Compensated increased by 15,650, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) increased by 376. Total compensation was up by \$7,461,578 or 16.7 percentage points.

March 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	March 2026	March 2025	% change	February 2026	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	10,779	10,633	1.4%	10,745	0.3%	11,887
Weeks Claimed	128,251	115,337	11.2%	110,717	15.8%	113,341
Weeks Compensated	108,995	104,901	3.9%	93,345	16.8%	98,468
Amount Compensated	\$52,194,436	\$48,402,829	7.8%	\$44,732,858	16.7%	\$46,443,876
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	96,455	92,493	4.3%	82,343	17.1%	87,555
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$48,663,974	\$44,946,372	8.3%	\$41,631,959	16.9%	\$43,393,976
First Payments	6,251	5,386	16.1%	5,362	16.6%	6,202
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,871	2,637	8.9%	2,495	15.1%	2,481
Average Weekly Benefit	\$504.53	\$485.94	3.8%	\$505.59	-0.2%	\$495.03
Average Duration (in weeks)	14.12	15.18	-7.0%	14.23	-0.8%	14.49
Exhaustion Rate	42.42%	42.48%	-0.1%	42.35%	0.2%	41.96%

Source: ETA 5159

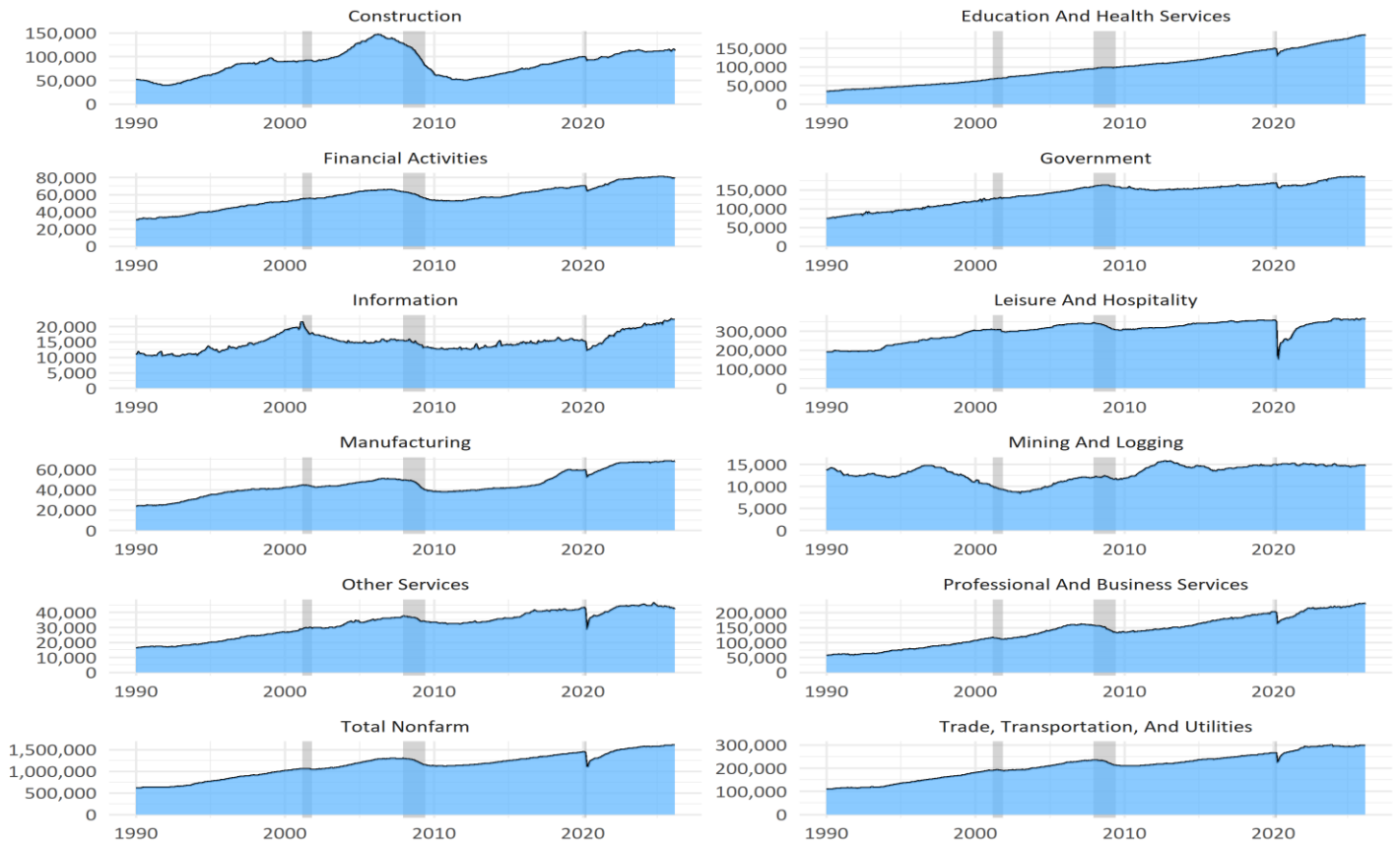


CES Summary Tables

Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change			
February 2026 - March 2026			
Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	571,000	393,000	178,000
Nevada	1,000	2,600	-1,600

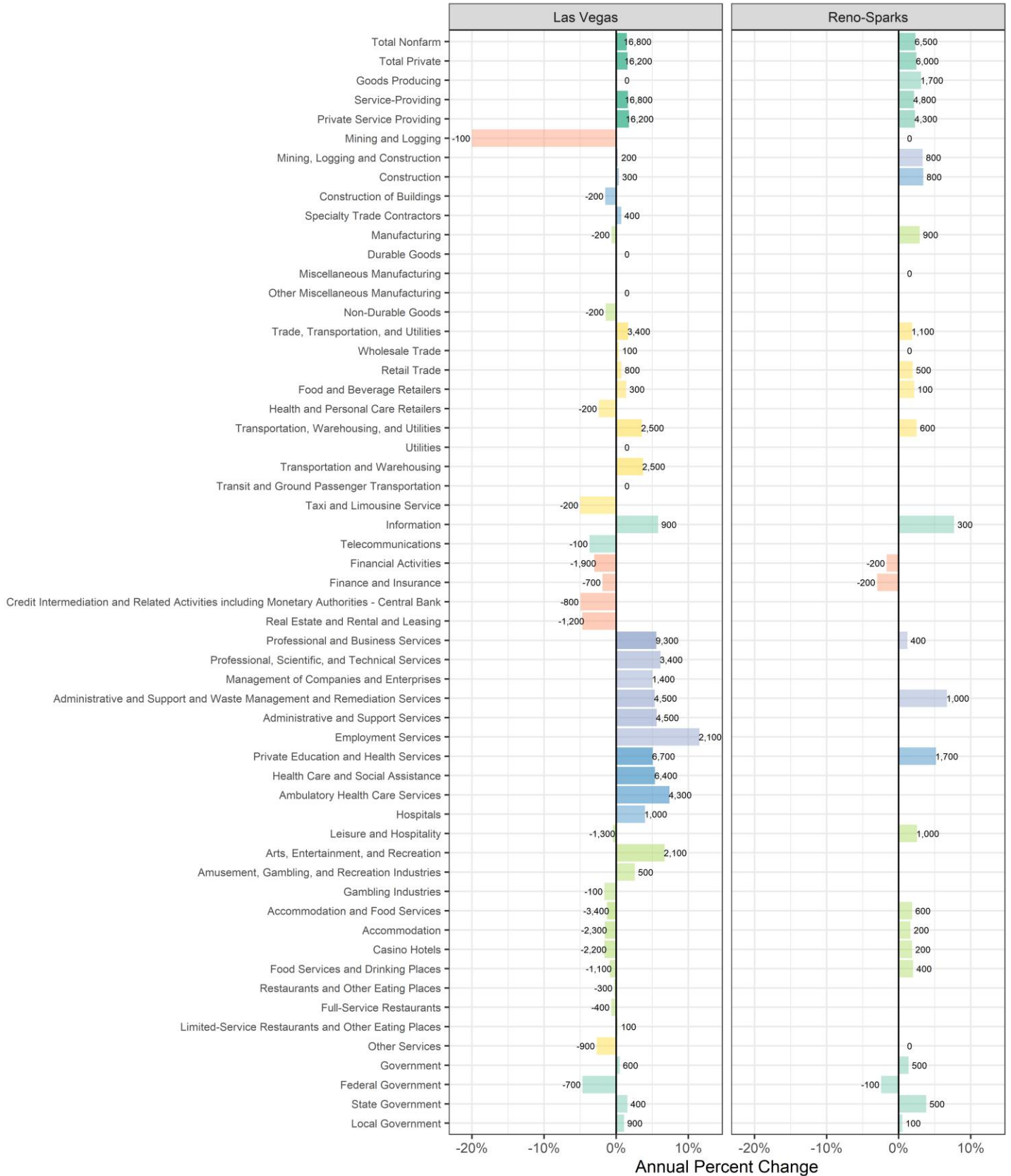
State of Nevada Industry Employment seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Change in Employment, March 2025 to March 2026

Bars show percent change, labels show change in number of jobs



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To report unemployment fraud, please visit: https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Unemployment_Fraud

For workforce services available to jobseekers, employers, and the public: <https://www.employNV.gov>

For services available to people with disabilities: <https://vrnevada.nv.gov/>

For information about Nevada's Equal Rights Commission: <https://detr.nv.gov/NERC>

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