

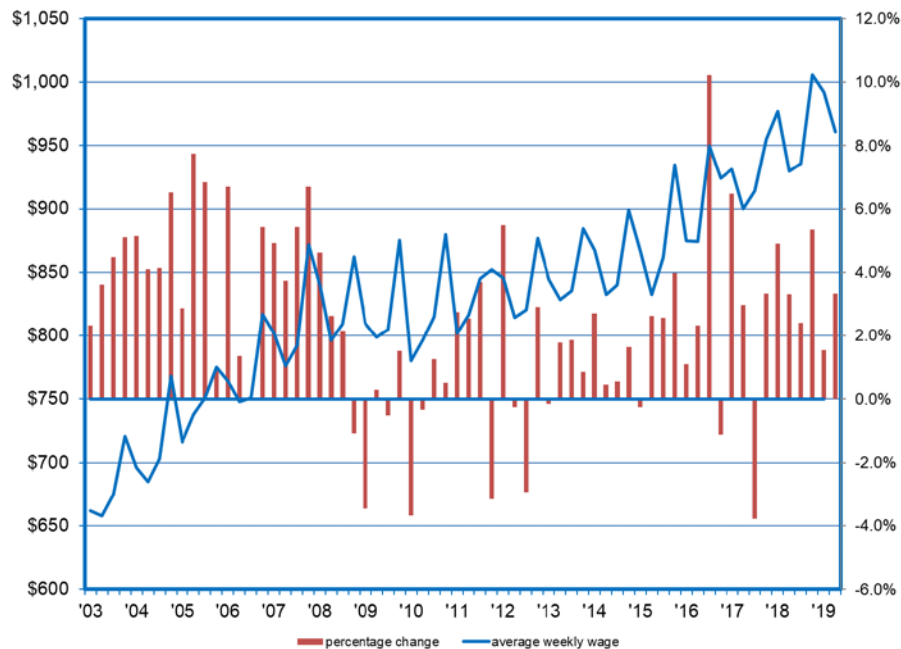
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Average Weekly Wages 2019:IIQ
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Average Silver State Wages Up by 3.3% in 2019: IIQ; Continuing Growth Trend Over the Last 5 Years.



- In the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program, the Research and Analysis Bureau collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by Nevada unemployment insurance laws, and federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees.
- Weekly wages in Nevada averaged \$961 during the second quarter of 2019. This compares to \$930 during the same period last year, an increase of \$31 or 3.3 percent, year-over-year.
- Wages have been trending up since 2008. Wage gains early in the recovery initially were modest averaging .6% per quarter from third quarter of 2008 to fourth quarter of 2013. However, since fourth quarter of 2014 wages have been growing at a similar rate to that of the U.S, 2.8 percent. The average weekly wage has increased in 19 of the last 22 quarters.
- The average weekly wage declined, \$31 or 1.3 percent, on a quarterly basis from first quarter of 2019 to second quarter of 2019. However, this is part of a normal seasonal trend. Over the past sixteen years, average weekly wages have declined by an average of \$17 from second quarter to first quarter of a given year.

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- The following table shows the average weekly wage by industry (2-digit NAICS level) as of second quarter of 2019. Management of Companies and Mining/Quarrying/Oil and Gas Extraction lead the way at \$2263 and \$2047. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation and Retail Trade are the lowest at \$639 and \$627.
- In terms of percentage growth from second quarter 2018 to second quarter 2019, all industries saw a year-over-year growth. Twelve of the 21 industries have a year-over-year percentage growth above the State average of 3.3 and ten were below. Of those industries that saw increases; Agriculture, Information, and Management of Companies and Enterprises; saw the highest growth rates of 9.2 percent, 7.3 percent, and 5.8 percent respectively.

Average Weekly Wages			
Industry	2019:IIQ	Industry	2019:IIQ
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2263	Manufacturing	1030
Utilities	2047	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	972
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil/Gas Extraction	1875	Transportation and Warehousing	957
Finance and Insurance	1493	Educational Services	916
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1431	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	786
Wholesale Trade	1406	Other Services	731
Unclassified	1402	Administrative and Waste Management Services	689
Information	1312	Accommodation and Food Services	653
Public Administration	1304	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	639
Construction	1208	Retail Trade	627
Health Care and Social Assistance	1087		

Industry	Average Weekly Wages		
	2018:IVQ	Industry	2018:IVQ
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3012	Manufacturing	1079
Utilities	2228	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1056
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil/Gas Extraction	1819	Educational Services	924
Finance and Insurance	1556	Transportation and Warehousing	963
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1612	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	805
Wholesale Trade	1514	Other Services	743
Public Administration	1344	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	824
Unclassified	1708	Administrative and Waste Management Services	675
Information	1389	Accommodation and Food Services	653
Construction	1270	Retail Trade	606
Health Care and Social Assistance	1132		

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- Since 2015, wages have increased by an average of approximately 11.1 percent. During that same time, the increase in consumer prices or inflation, has grown at an average rate of 8.4 percent. This suggests that wages are growing in “real” terms, when adjusted for inflation. While the current gap between the increase in average weekly wage and increase in consumer prices is just over seven percent, that gap has averaged 3.2 percent since first quarter of 2015.

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