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DETR Releases October Jobs Report

CARSON CITY, NV - According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) October 2026 economic report, compared to September 2026, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.7 percent, and the labor force decreased by 1,812. The seasonally adjusted total number of nonfarm jobs in Nevada was 1,621,900, representing an increase of 1.6% over the past year and an increase of 1,000 jobs since September 2026.

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

- Las Vegas employment increased by 1,000 jobs (0.1%) since September, and an increase of 22,400 jobs (1.9%) since October 2025.
- Reno employment had an increase of 200 jobs (0.1%) since September, and an increase of 4,000 jobs (1.4%) since October 2025.
- Carson City employment had an increase of 200 jobs (0.6%) since September, and a decrease of 200 jobs (-0.6%) since October 2025.

"October's report shows steady performance in Nevada's labor market, with job growth at 1.6% over the past year and the unemployment rate unchanged from September's rate of 4.7%. The share of the population either working or looking for work fell by 0.1 percentage points over the month to 62.2 %. Average hourly wages in the private sector rose from $32.20 in October 2025 to $33.85 in October 2026," said David Schmidt, Chief Economist.

Please note:

Due to the closure of state offices in Northern Nevada, dashboard updates will resume once offices reopen.

There are no household survey estimates for October 2025. Household survey data, which provide the primary inputs to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, were not collected for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown and were not collected retroactively. Therefore, this release does not include the typical analysis of over-the-year unemployment rate changes from October 2025 to October 2026. For more information, visit https://www.bls.gov/cps/methods/2025-federal-government-shutdown-impact-cps.htm.

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

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October 2026 Nevada Statewide & Metro Area Labor Market Overview

October 2026

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In October 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 4.7 percent compared to September 2026. Over the same period, the labor force decreased by 1,812 individuals, currently totaling 1,668,524 individuals. Breaking up the labor force change, there was a decrease of 651 employed individuals and a decrease of 1,161 unemployed individuals.

Based on the October 2026 Current Employment Statistics (CES) seasonally adjusted numbers, there was an increase of 1,000 in the number of jobs in the state of Nevada, compared to September 2026. The two largest decreases in jobs were seen in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities which dropped by 1,300, and Leisure and Hospitality which lost 700 jobs. On the flip side, Education and Health Services gained 1,500 jobs, followed by Financial Activities which added 1,200 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA saw an increase equivalent to 1,000 jobs (0.1%) in October 2026, compared to September 2026. Meanwhile, the Reno-Sparks MSA experienced an increase of 200 jobs (0.1%) during the same period. Finally, the Carson City MSA had an increase of 200 jobs (0.6%) in October 2026, compared to September 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/).

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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 increased by 1,000 from September to October, or 0.1 percent. Compared to October 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 24,800 jobs, or 1.6 percent. For more state employment information, please visit our Nevada Area Profile.

Las Vegas MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 1,000 jobs (0.1%) from September to October 2026. Compared to October 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 22,400 jobs (1.9%). To see more employment information, please visit our Las Vegas MSA Area Profile.

Reno-Sparks MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 200 jobs (0.1%) from September to October 2026. Compared to October 2025, total nonfarm employment increased by 4,000 jobs (1.4%). To see more employment information, please visit our Reno-Sparks MSA Area Profile.

Carson City MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 200 jobs (0.6%) from September to October 2026. Compared to October 2025, total nonfarm employment decreased by 200 jobs (-0.6%). 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.

October 2026 Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Oct 2026	Sep 2026	Oct - Sep Change	Oct - Sep Growth†	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth†
U.S.	159,293.0	159,128.0	165.0	0.1%	158,408.0	885.0	0.6%
Nevada	1,621.9	1,620.9	1.0	0.1%	1,597.1	24.8	1.6%
Las Vegas MSA	1,188.5	1,187.5	1.0	0.1%	1,166.1	22.4	1.9%
Reno-Sparks MSA	288.9	288.7	0.2	0.1%	284.9	4.0	1.4%
Carson City MSA	32.6	32.4	0.2	0.6%	32.8	-0.2	-0.6%

†Percentages might display 0.0% due to rounding

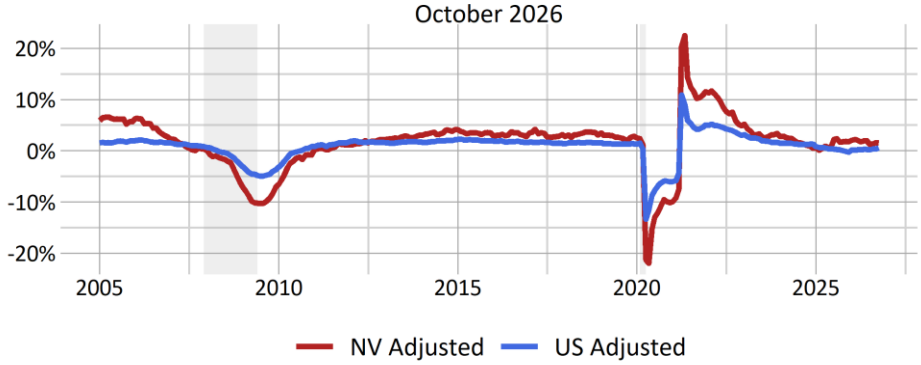
October 2026 Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment (in Thousands)

Area	Oct 2026	Sep 2026	Oct - Sep Change	Oct - Sep Growth†	Previous Year	Annual Change	Y/Y Growth†
U.S.	160,277.0	159,254.0	1,023.0	0.6%	159,355.0	922.0	0.6%
Nevada	1,634.4	1,626.8	7.6	0.5%	1,609.4	25.0	1.6%
Las Vegas MSA	1,197.1	1,191.3	5.8	0.5%	1,175.1	22.0	1.9%
Reno-Sparks MSA	291.8	290.9	0.9	0.3%	288.2	3.6	1.2%
Carson City MSA	32.7	32.4	0.3	0.9%	32.9	-0.2	-0.6%

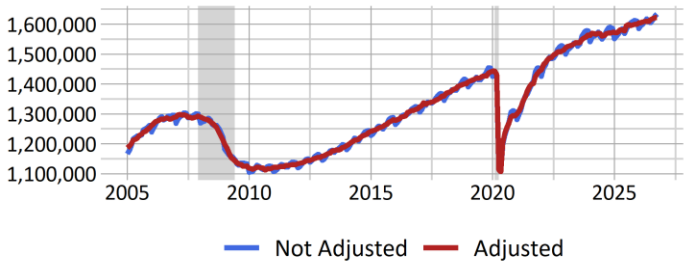
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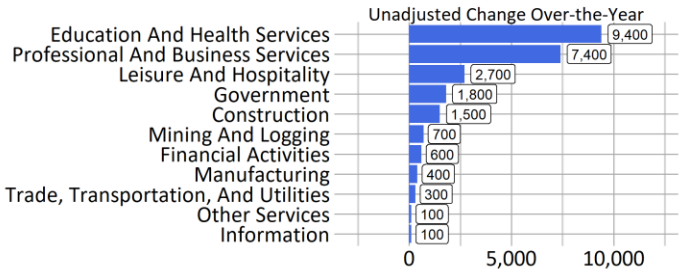
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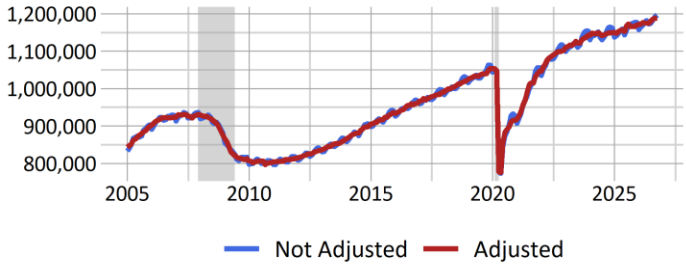
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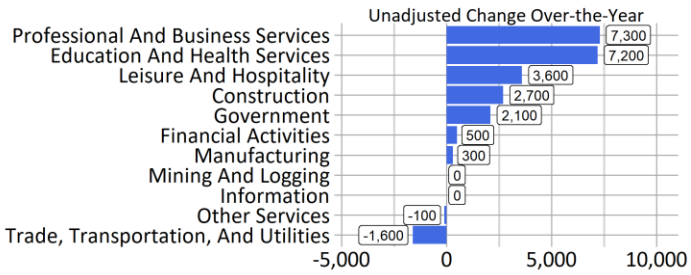
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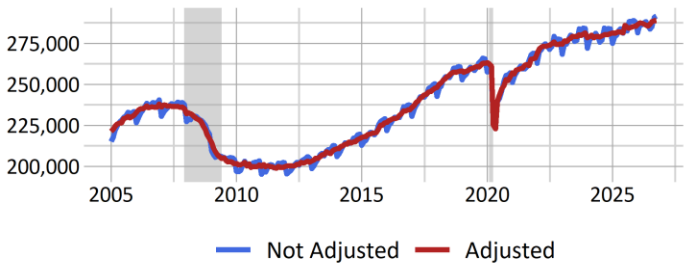
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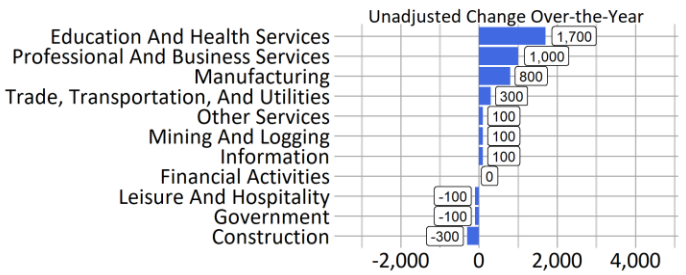
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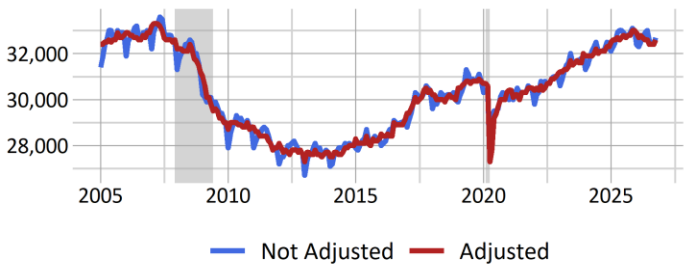
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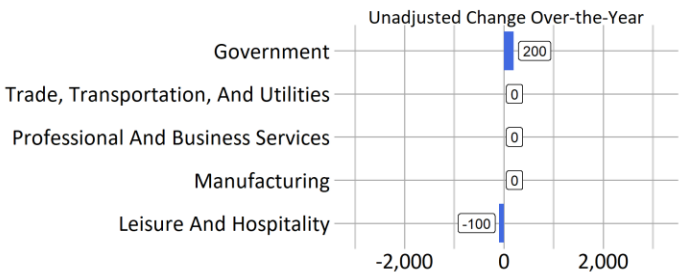
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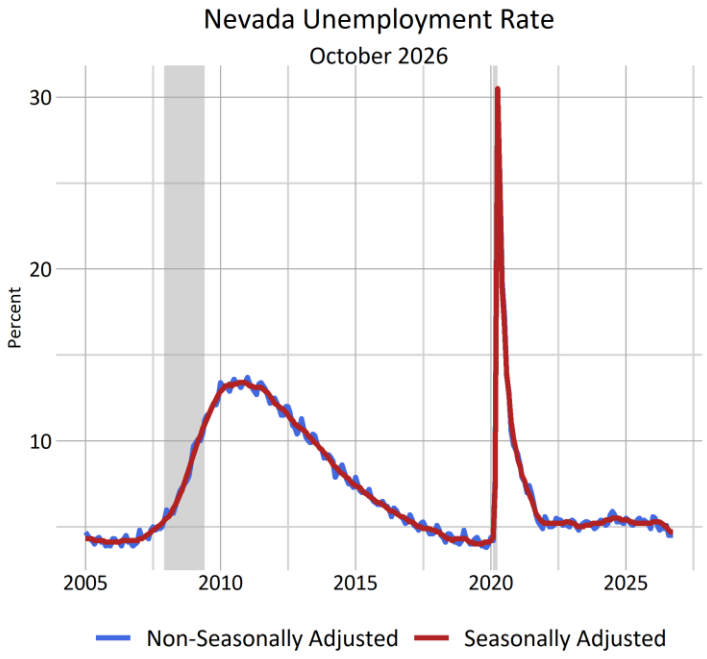
Nevada & Area Seasonally Adjusted Employment Summary (in Thousands)												
Area	Oct 2026	Oct - Sep Change	1-Yr High	1-Yr Low	1-Yr High Change	1-Yr Low Change	3-Yr High	3-Yr Low	3-Yr High Change	3-Yr Low Change	All-Time High	All-Time Min
Nevada	1,621.9	1.0	1,621.9	1,597.1	6.5	-1.8	1,621.9	1,553.4	17.6	-7.7	1,621.9	609.8
Las Vegas MSA	1,188.5	1.0	1,188.5	1,165.9	6.0	-1.1	1,188.5	1,134.2	14.4	-7.1	1,188.5	364.3
Reno - Sparks MSA	288.9	0.2	288.9	284.9	1.6	-0.7	288.9	278.4	4.7	-2.9	288.9	148.2
Carson City MSA	32.6	0.2	33.0	32.4	0.2	-0.2	33.0	31.6	0.4	-0.2	33.3	21.1

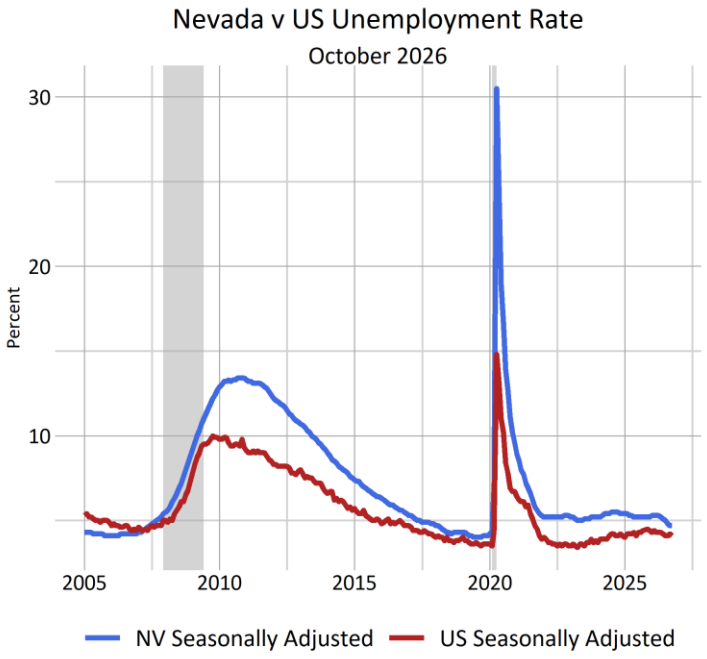
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program sponsored by the (BLS). In October 2026, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada remained steady at 4.7 percent compared to September. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 1,161 from September, for a current level of 77,667 people. The labor force in Nevada decreased by 1,812 individuals compared to September, and currently sits at 1,668,524. 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 October 2026							
Area		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
U.S.		170,906,000	164,183,000	6,724,000	3.9	62.0	59.6
U.S.	SA[1]	170,683,000	163,615,000	7,068,000	4.1	61.9	59.3
Nevada		1,668,964	1,593,100	75,864	4.5	62.2	59.4
Nevada	SA[1]	1,668,524	1,590,857	77,667	4.7	62.2	59.3

[1]SA = Seasonally Adjusted.

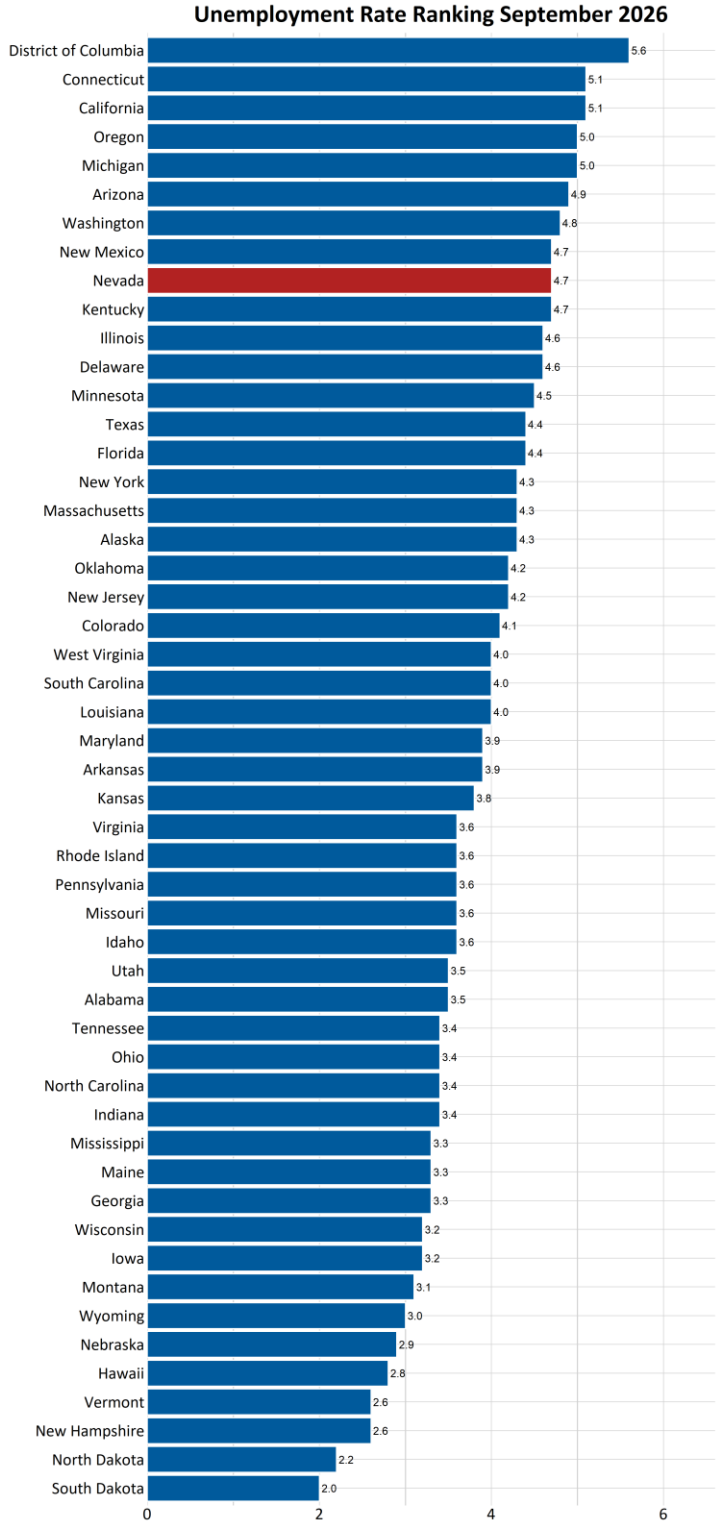


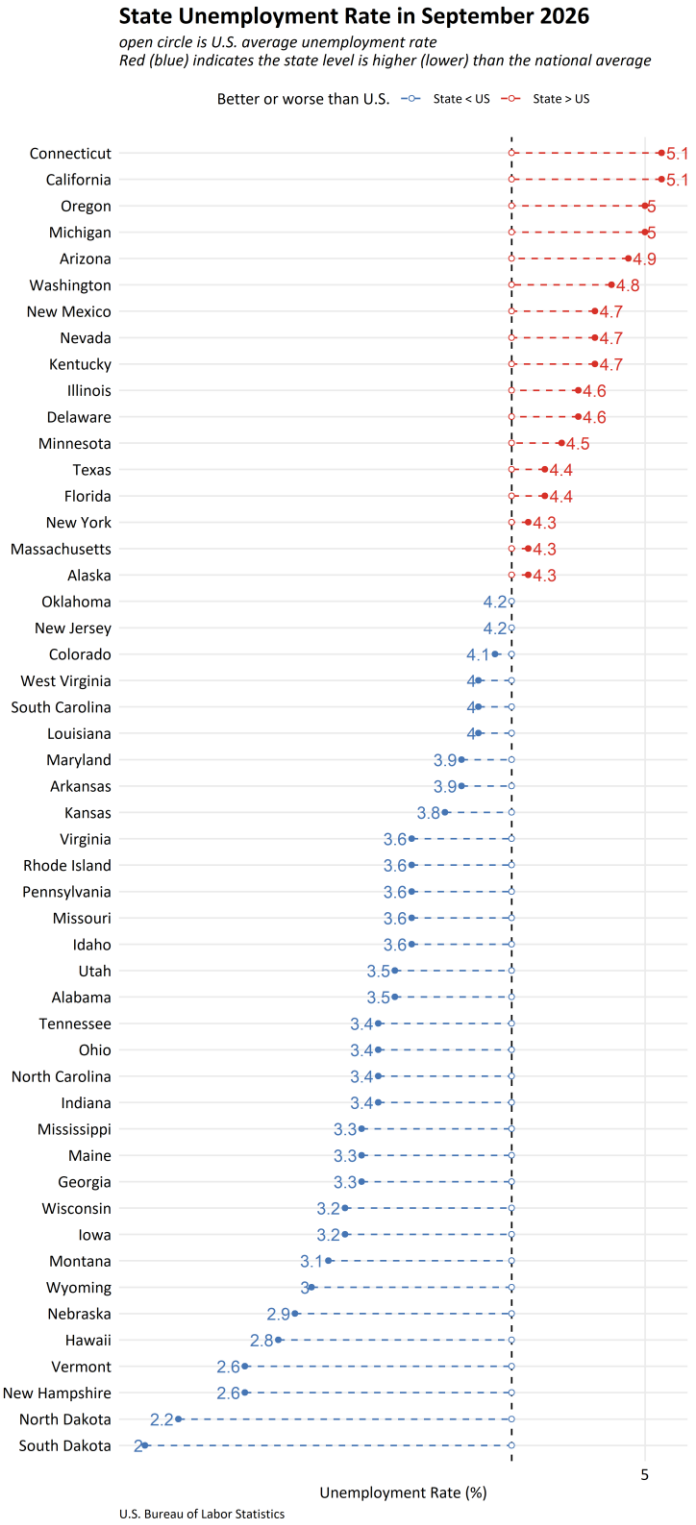


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Unemployment Rate State Rankings (September 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada was tied with Kentucky and New Mexico for the 7th highest unemployment rate of any state in September 2026 at a figure of 4.7%. Ahead of Nevada was Washington at 4.8%. Behind Nevada were Delaware and Illinois, each with 4.6%.





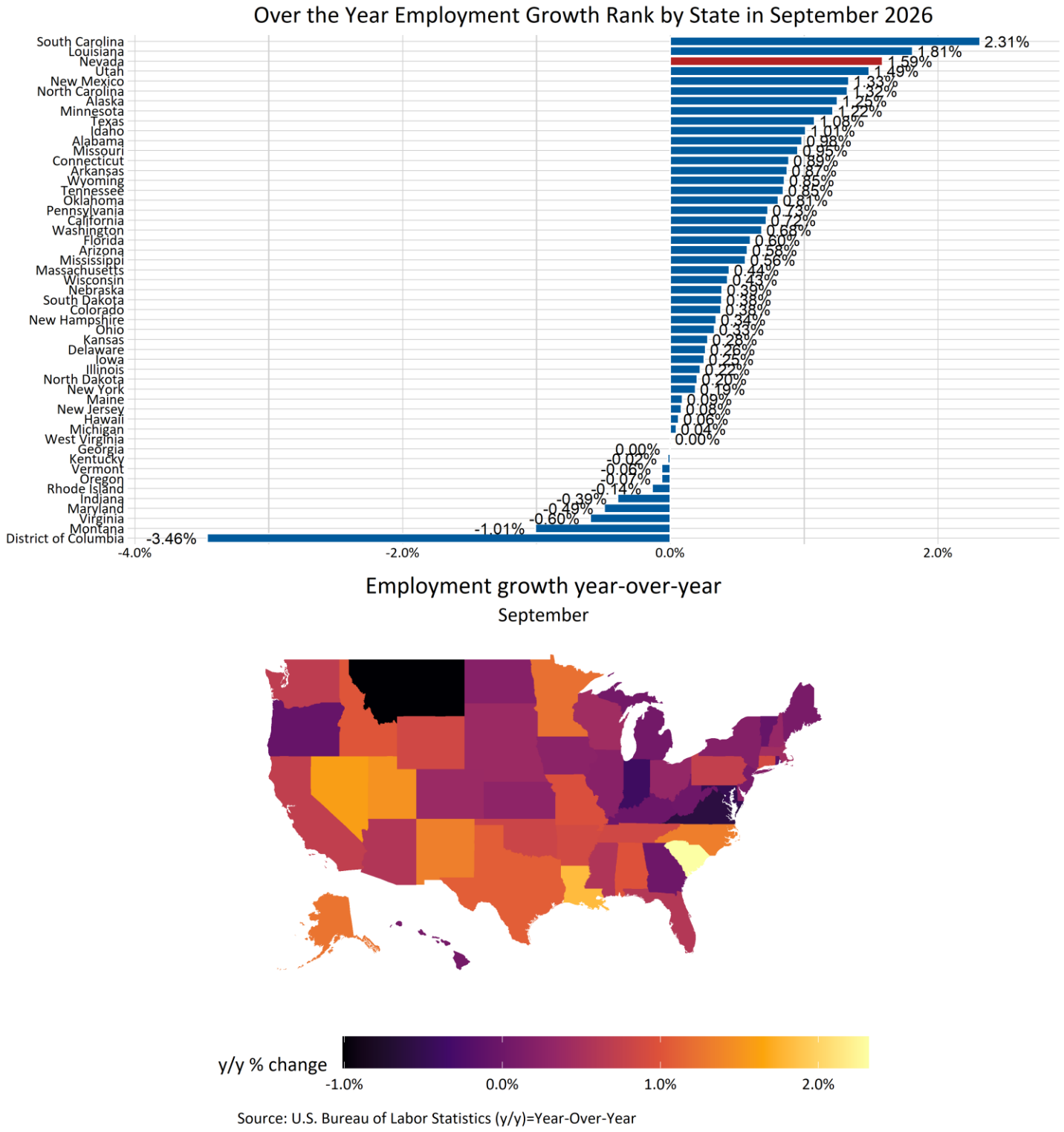
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Employment State Rankings (September 2026 Data)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada had the 3rd highest over-the-year employment growth of any state in September 2026 at a figure of 1.59%.



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

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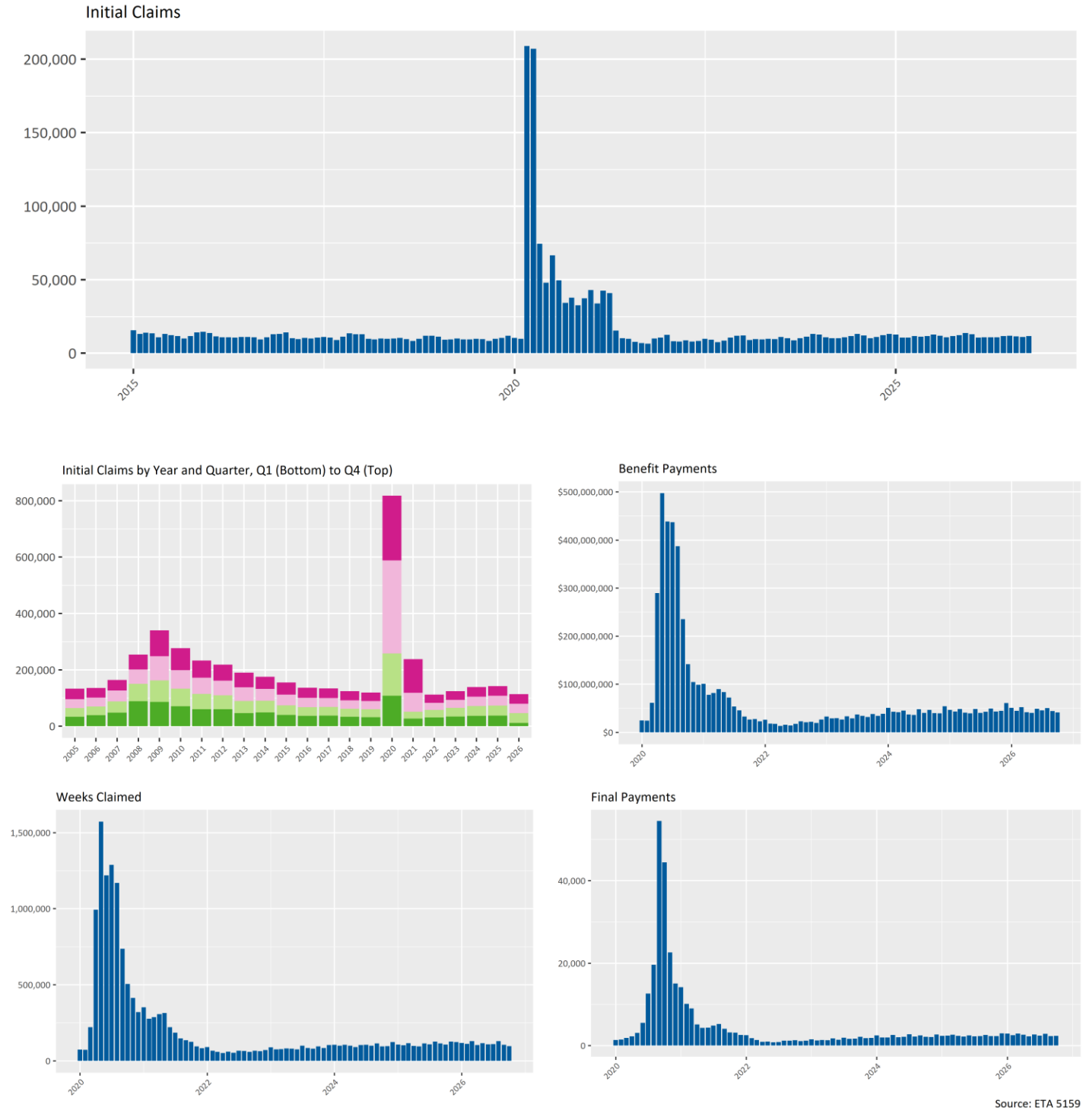
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Unemployment Insurance

Turning to our monthly data, in October 2026, 11,765 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 659 claims, or 5.9 percent, from September 2026 when there were 11,106 claims. This figure is a decrease from the 11,793 figure that was observed in October of 2025.

State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Activity

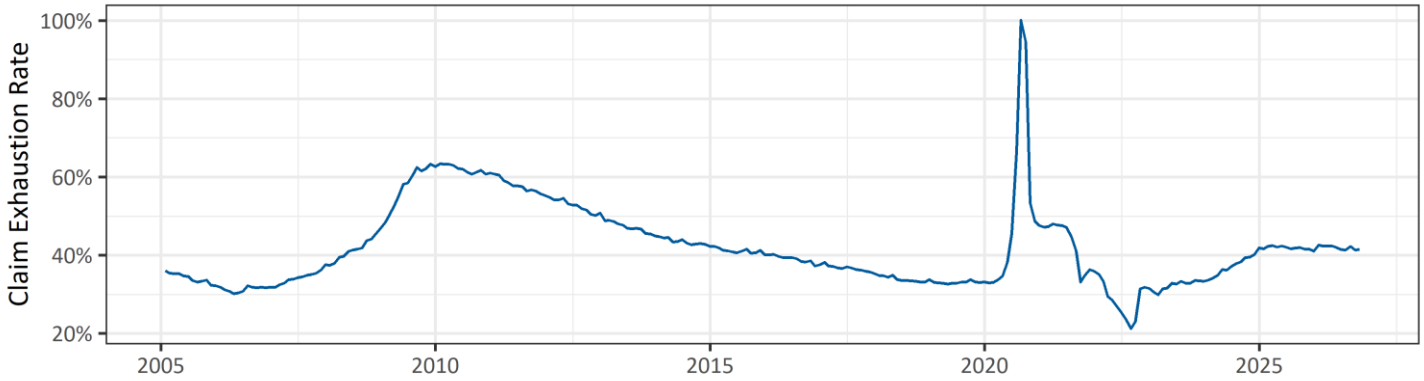


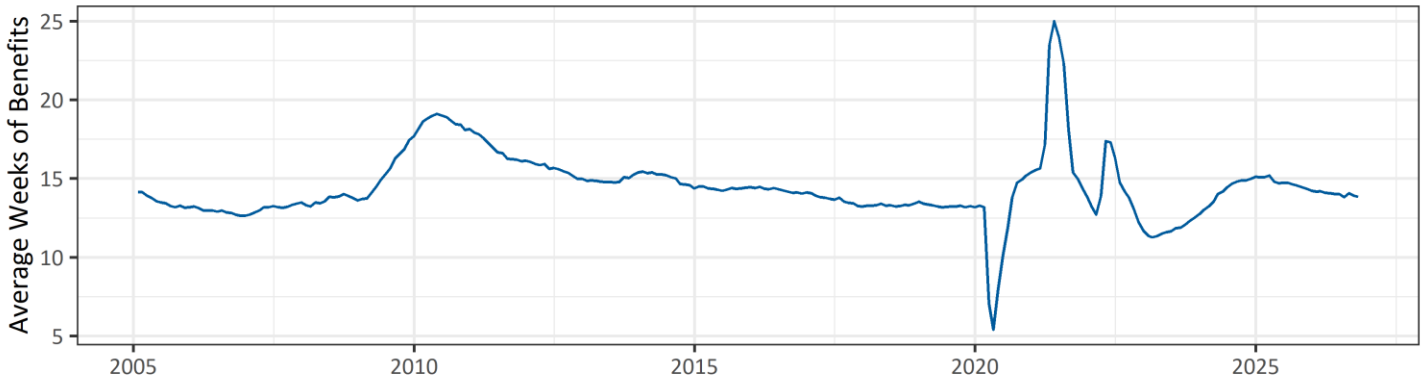
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Monthly claims activity for Nevada's regular program saw decreases for most measures in October 2026. Compared to September, Weeks Compensated decreased by 7,201, and Final Payments (also known as exhaustions) increased by 93. Total compensation was down by $3,289,185 or 7.4 percentage points.

October 2026 Unemployment Insurance Activity						
Measure	**October 2026**	**October 2025**	**% change**	**September 2026**	**% change**	**12 month average**
Initial Claims	11,765	11,793	-0.2%	11,106	5.9%	11,690
Weeks Claimed	96,111	105,806	-9.2%	104,444	-8.0%	113,874
Weeks Compensated	84,924	90,861	-6.5%	92,125	-7.8%	97,895
Amount Compensated	$40,969,241	$42,972,818	-4.7%	$44,258,426	-7.4%	$47,016,586
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	74,530	81,298	-8.3%	80,051	-6.9%	86,743
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	$38,122,002	$40,284,906	-5.4%	$40,910,599	-6.8%	$43,890,736
First Payments	5,791	5,835	-0.8%	6,025	-3.9%	6,272
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	2,359	2,286	3.2%	2,266	4.1%	2,572
Average Weekly Benefit	$511.50	$495.52	3.2%	$511.06	0.1%	$506.03
Average Duration (in weeks)	13.83	14.44	-4.2%	13.91	-0.6%	14.06
Exhaustion Rate	41.41%	41.56%	-0.4%	41.37%	0.1%	41.85%

Source: ETA 5159





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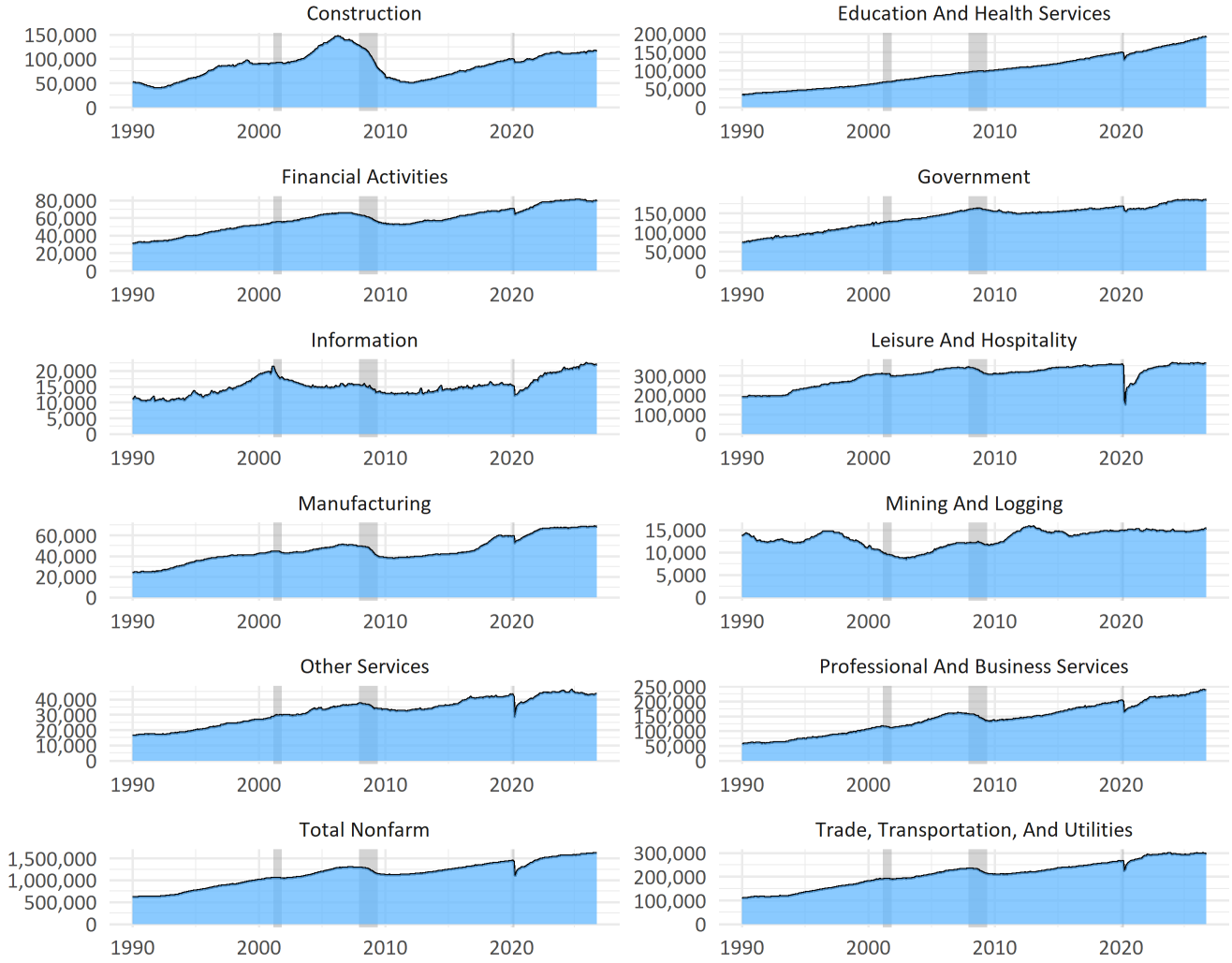
Seasonally adjusted estimates are used to show underlying economic trends by accounting for regularly seen seasonal patterns, and the result is smoother estimates. They are found by taking the difference of the unadjusted estimate and the expected seasonal movement.

Nevada Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month Change

September 2026 - October 2026

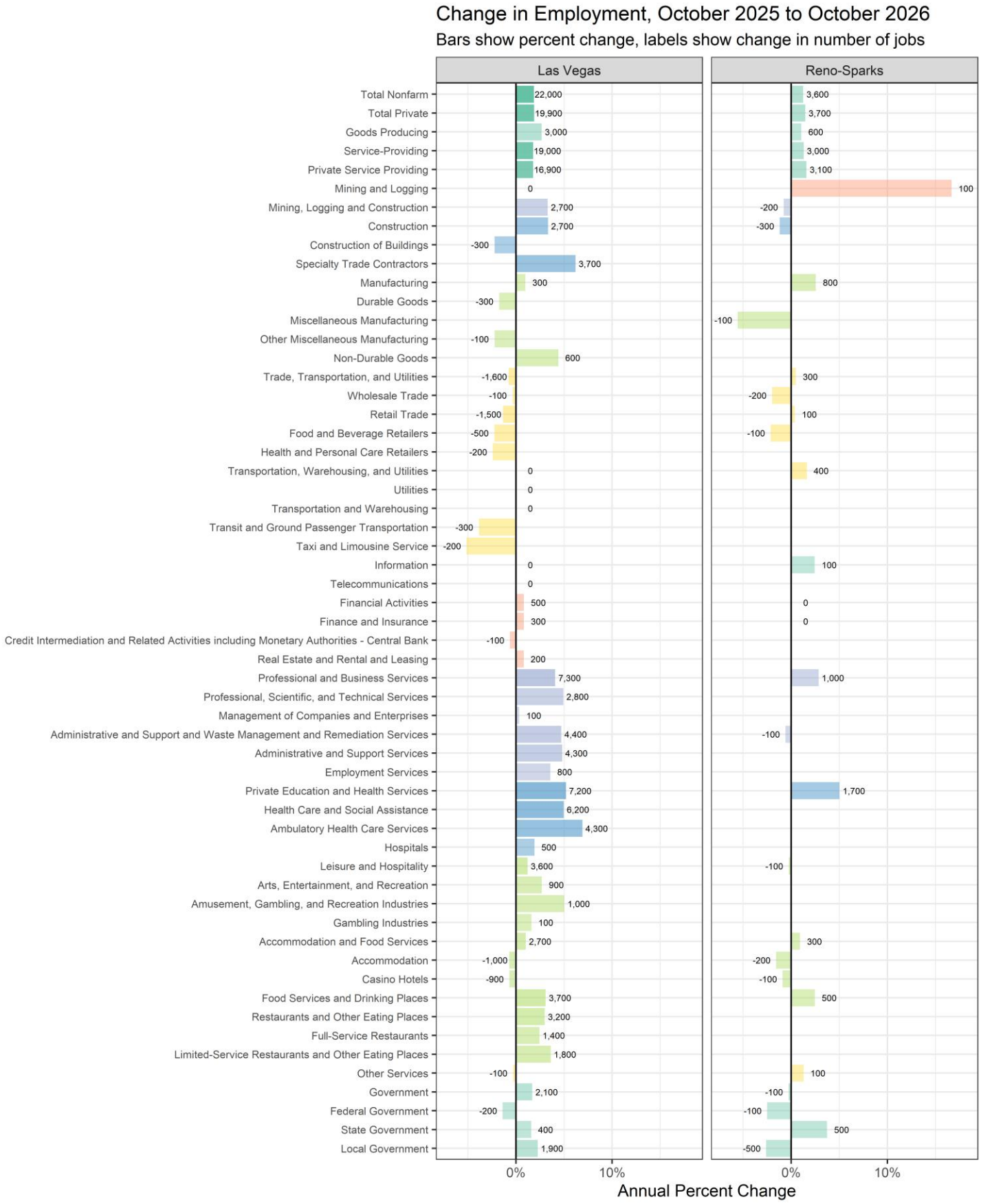
Area	Unadjusted Change	Expected Seasonal Movement	Seasonally Adjusted Change
U.S.	1,023,000	858,000	165,000
Nevada	7,600	6,600	1,000

State of Nevada Industry Employment
seasonally adjusted



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

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