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In March 2023, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada was unchanged and still sits at 5.5 percent. The unadjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly, going from 5.7 percent to 5.4 percent for a decrease of 0.3 percentage points. As has been the case with previous months, the labor force in the state grew. However, unlike in previous months, the number of unemployed individuals decreased whereas the number of employed individuals still increased. The labor force grew by 1,895 people in total, with an increase of 2,345 employed people and a decrease of unemployed of 450.

At the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) level, the state saw decreases in unemployment rate across all three MSAs. In the Reno-Sparks and Carson MSAs, there was a decrease equivalent to 0.1 percentage points, with them now sitting at rates of 4.4 and 5.1 percent, respectively. The Las Vegas MSA also saw a decrease, with it's drop being 0.3 percentage points, down to 5.7 percent. These figures are not seasonally adjusted

At the county level, the state saw a similar trend with all counties seeing decreases in unemployment rate. The largest decreases were in Eureka and Mineral county, with decreases of 0.9 percentage points and 0.6 percentage points respectively. The smallest decreases were in Carson City, and Washoe and White Pine County, with all only seeing decreases of 0.1 percentage points.

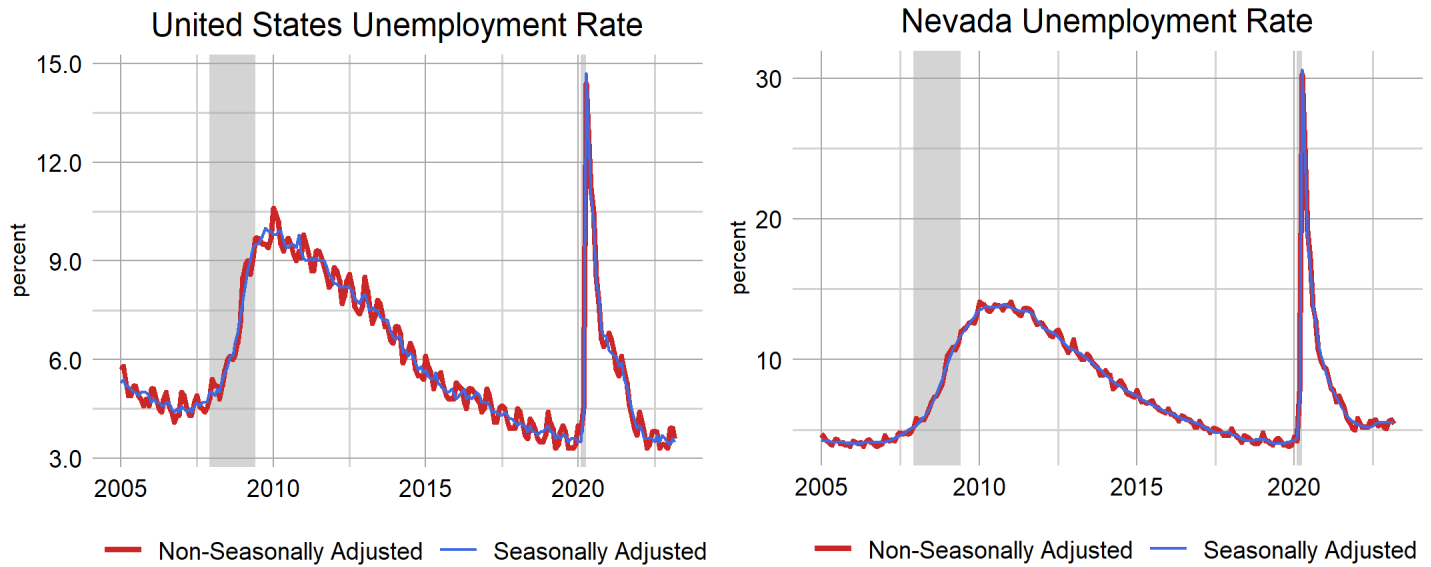
Figures for state unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a state/federal partnership sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS-LAUS). This program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for census regions, states, counties, metropolitan areas, and many large cities, based on place of residence. For more on LAUS data or for a look at estimates in your area visit our [LAUS Page](#), and for a look that the economic profile of Nevada, the metropolitan areas, or your county visit our [Area Profiles](#) Page.

U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
US						
U.S.	166,783,000	160,741,000	6,043,000	3.6	62.6	60.4
U.S. SA	166,731,000	160,892,000	5,839,000	3.5	62.6	60.4
State						
Nevada	1,578,107	1,492,672	85,435	5.4	61.6	58.3
Nevada SA	1,572,641	1,485,980	86,661	5.5	61.4	58.0

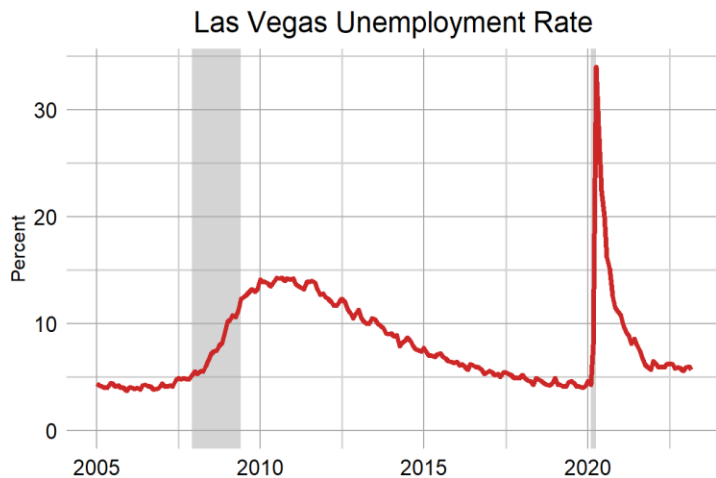
SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen seasonal employment patterns such as jobs associated with holiday hiring, holiday and weather seasons, or other jobs with seasonal components. The result of a seasonally adjusted estimate is usually a smoother estimate from which underlying economic trends can be seen. Adjusted estimates are in the summary table above, and in many of the other tables and figures throughout this document.

Nevada’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in March, which was unchanged from 5.5 percent in February, and increased by 0.2 percentage point from 5.3 percent in 2022. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 450 from February for a current level of 86,661 people, which increased by 6,001 unemployed people since 2022. The labor force in Nevada is currently 1,572,641 people, which has increased by 1,895 people from February, and increased by 44,358 people since 2022.

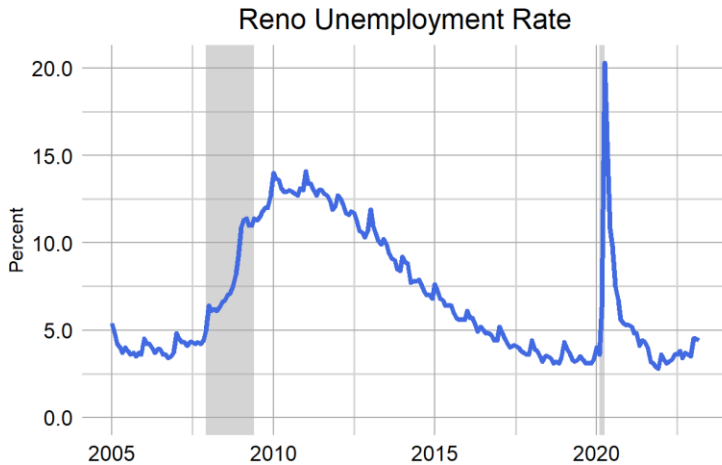


The Las Vegas Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA)s unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in March 2023, decreasing from 6 percent in February 2023, and down from 5.9 percent in March 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 3,562 since February 2023 for a current level of 66,396 people, which is 209 less unemployed people than March 2022. The labor force in Las Vegas is currently 1,163,562 people, which is 1,334 less people than February 2023, and is up 37,724 people since March 2022.



Las Vegas LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	5.7
Previous Month	6
Previous Year	5.9
Maximum Rate	34
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	66,396
Monthly Change	3,562
Annual Change	209
Maximum Level	370,113

The Reno MSA’s unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in March 2023, decreasing from 4.5 percent in February 2023, and up from 3.1 percent in March 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 293 since February 2023 for a current level of 11,610 people, which is 3,803 more unemployed people than March 2022. The labor force in Reno is currently 264,723 people, which is 1,282 less people than February 2023, and is up 9,245 people since March 2022.



Reno LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	4.4
Previous Month	4.5
Previous Year	3.1
Maximum Rate	20.3
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	11,610
Monthly Change	293
Annual Change	3,803
Maximum Level	47,922

The Carson City MSA’s unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in March 2023, decreasing from 5.2 percent in February 2023, and up from 3.6 percent in March 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 31 since February 2023 for a current level of 1,319 people, which is 416 more unemployed people than March 2022. The labor force in Carson City is currently 25,870 people, which is 2 less people than February 2023, and is up 999 people since March 2022.



Carson City LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	5.1
Previous Month	5.2
Previous Year	3.6
Maximum Rate	21.2
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	1,319
Monthly Change	31
Annual Change	416
Maximum Level	5,206

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
US					
U.S.	SA	166,731,000	160,892,000	5,839,000	3.5
U.S.		166,783,000	160,741,000	6,043,000	3.6
State					
Nevada		1,578,107	1,492,672	85,435	5.4
Nevada	SA	1,572,641	1,485,980	86,661	5.5
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Reno - Sparks MSA		264,723	253,113	11,610	4.4
Carson City MSA		25,870	24,551	1,319	5.1
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		1,163,562	1,097,166	66,396	5.7
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		336,963	321,450	15,513	4.6
County					
Eureka County		1,040	1,006	34	3.3
Elko County		25,407	24,442	965	3.8
Humboldt County		7,749	7,451	298	3.8
Lander County		3,019	2,905	114	3.8
White Pine County		4,445	4,275	170	3.8
Esmeralda County		415	399	16	3.9
Churchill County		11,047	10,563	484	4.4
Storey County		2,123	2,030	93	4.4
Washoe County		262,600	251,083	11,517	4.4
Douglas County		22,420	21,372	1,048	4.7
Lincoln County		2,040	1,945	95	4.7
Pershing County		2,460	2,334	126	5.1
Carson City		25,870	24,551	1,319	5.1
Mineral County		1,989	1,886	103	5.2
Clark County		1,163,562	1,097,166	66,396	5.7
Nye County		17,969	16,849	1,120	6.2
Lyon County		23,950	22,414	1,536	6.4
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area		26,447	25,448	999	3.8
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		7,749	7,451	298	3.8
Fallon Micropolitan Area		11,047	10,563	484	4.4
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		22,420	21,372	1,048	4.7
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		17,969	16,849	1,120	6.2
Fernley Micropolitan Area		23,950	22,414	1,536	6.4
City					
Elko City*		9,935	9,533	402	4.0
Mesquite*		8,335	7,999	336	4.0
Sparks		58,889	56,412	2,477	4.2
Reno		142,882	136,565	6,317	4.4
Boulder City*		7,642	7,270	372	4.9
Henderson		171,114	162,314	8,800	5.1
Las Vegas		321,146	302,132	19,014	5.9
Fernley City*		9,033	8,443	590	6.5
North Las Vegas		121,522	113,288	8,234	6.8

*State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

The cities of Boulder City, Elko, Fernley, and Mesquite are state specific areas. These estimates are not endorsed or published by the BLS.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

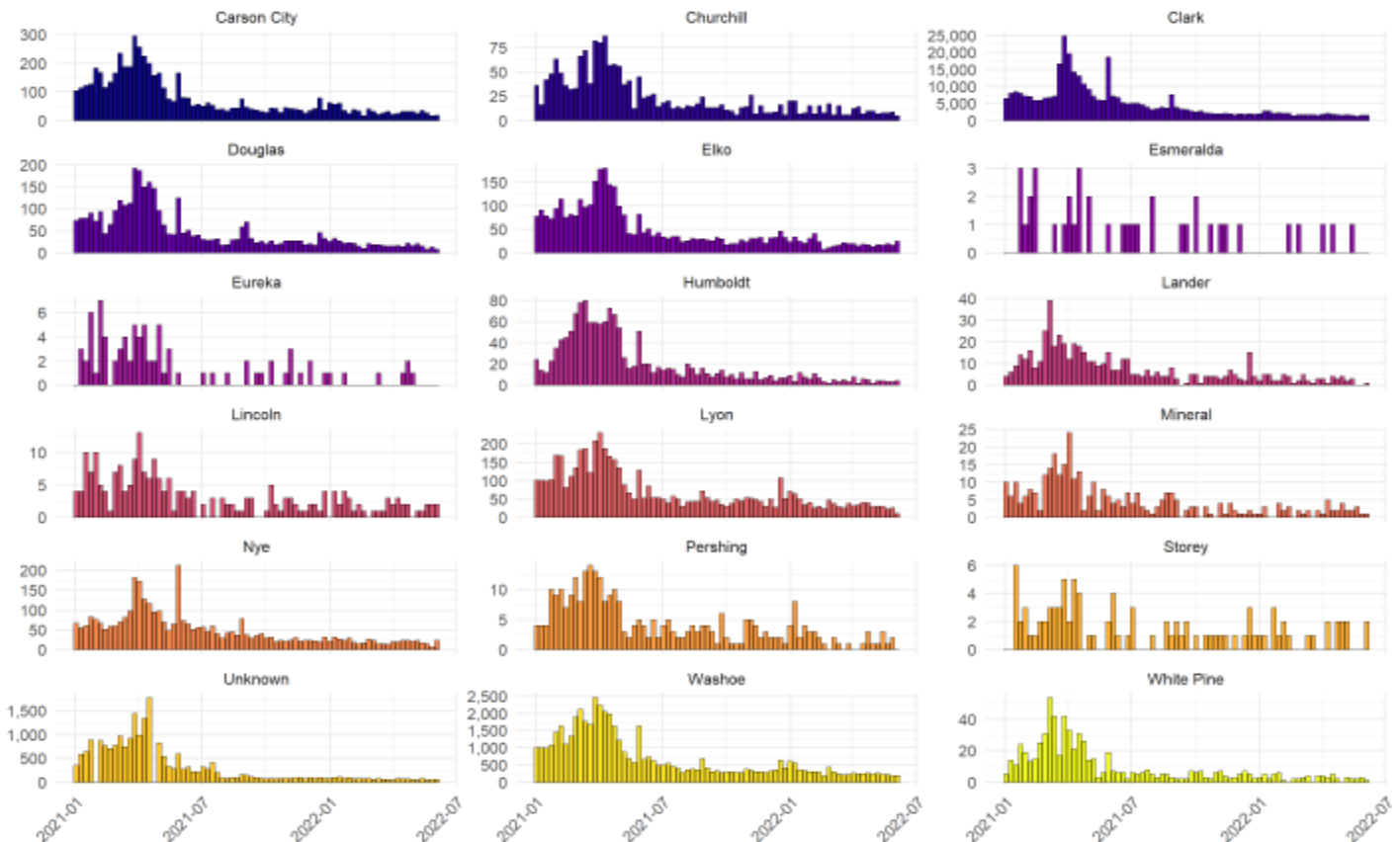
In March 2023, 9,639 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, an increase of 550 claims, or 6 percent, from April when there were 9,089 claims. As both the labor market and hiring remain strong in the state, the number of claimants continues to fall. Currently, both initial and continued claim levels are below pre-pandemic levels and continue to inch lower each week. Looking forward, continued claim levels should level off or decline slightly, as many of those continuing to claim benefits are the ones likely experiencing the greatest challenges re-entering the labor force.

The statewide decrease in continued claims over-the-year can be attributed to the large decreases realized in Clark and Washoe counties. Continued claim levels continue to inch lower in each county this month to levels not seen in a couple decades. While continued claim numbers have appeared to level off, the number of claimants will likely continue to decline as more constituents re-enter the labor market.

Within the states' 17 counties, initial claim levels were relatively stable, moderately increasing or decreasing over each report week this month. For the last report week in March, Washoe's initial claims decreased by 71 (-21%) claims, the largest decline realized in all the counties in the state.

Furthermore, for the report week ending March 25, 2023, continued claim levels carried on an upward trend in two of the three metro areas, Carson City and Washoe County, and a downward trend in the last metro area, Clark County. In Carson City and Washoe County, an increase of 38 (10%) and 250 (9%) claims were realized, respectively. The last metro area, Clark County, realized a decrease in 405 (-3%) continued claims.

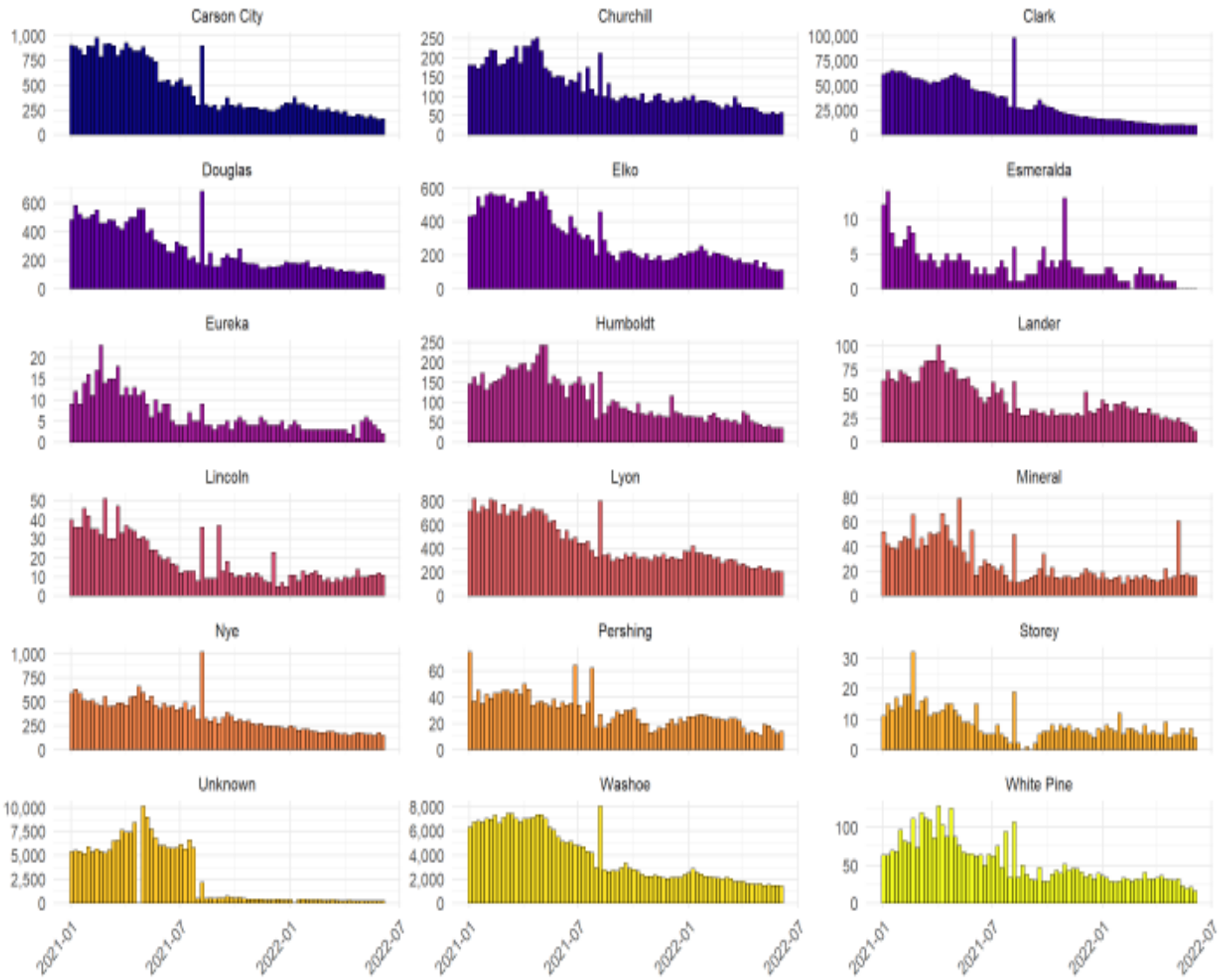
Initial Claims by County
weekly claim totals since January 2021



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Continued Claims by County

weekly claim totals since January 2021



Source: DETR Internal Reporting
Figure 11

Looking at other measures of unemployment insurance activity, most counties' final payments slightly increased or remained unchanged from last month aside from Carson City, Elko, Nye, and Pershing counties. Washoe County realized the largest increase (31) in final payments over the month. First payments increased or remained unchanged in most counties in March 2023 as well. However, Clark decreased first payments by 290. Additionally, most counties realized a decrease in benefit payments over the month with Clark decreasing by \$640,801 (-3%) while Washoe increased benefit payments by \$326,910 (6%).

UI Claims Activity by County

March 2023

County	First Payments	Final Payments	Weeks Compensated	Benefit Payments	Average Weekly Benefit	
Carson City	109	23	1,416	\$602,358	\$425.39	
Churchill	38	5	404	\$194,114	\$480.48	
Clark	3,390	1,059	46,626	\$19,223,934	\$412.30	
Douglas	46	7	734	\$332,407	\$452.87	
Elko	41	7	568	\$258,840	\$455.70	
Esmeralda	1	0	1	\$354	\$354.00	
Eureka	1	1	46	\$25,275	\$549.46	
Humboldt	17	3	215	\$98,724	\$459.18	
Lander	3	2	69	\$34,845	\$505.00	
Lincoln	1	0	36	\$13,804	\$383.44	
Lyon	106	17	1,549	\$729,389	\$470.88	
Mineral	20	3	124	\$61,232	\$493.81	
Nye	59	11	807	\$311,093	\$385.49	
Pershing	8	1	117	\$51,521	\$440.35	
Storey	1	1	38	\$17,822	\$469.00	
Unknown	215	79	2,652	\$1,333,920	\$502.99	
Washoe	774	144	11,120	\$5,291,317	\$475.84	
White Pine	6	3	100	\$41,253	\$412.53	
Statewide	—	4,836	1,366	66,622	\$28,622,202.00	—

Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Unemployment Rate Summary LAUS

Area		March 2023	February 2023	Monthly Change	March 2022	Yearly Change
US						
U.S.	SA	3.5	3.6	-0.1	3.6	-0.1
U.S.		3.6	3.9	-0.3	3.8	-0.2
State						
Nevada		5.4	5.7	-0.3	5.2	0.2
Nevada	SA	5.5	5.5	0.0	5.3	0.2
Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Reno - Sparks MSA		4.4	4.5	-0.1	3.1	1.3
Carson City MSA		5.1	5.2	-0.1	3.6	1.5
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		5.7	6.0	-0.3	5.9	-0.2
Combined Statistical Area						
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		4.6	4.7	-0.1	3.2	1.4
County						
Eureka County		3.3	4.2	-0.9	1.7	1.6
Elko County		3.8	4.0	-0.2	2.6	1.2
Humboldt County		3.8	4.3	-0.5	2.6	1.2
Lander County		3.8	4.0	-0.2	3.3	0.5
White Pine County		3.8	3.9	-0.1	2.6	1.2
Esmeralda County		3.9	4.1	-0.2	2.4	1.5
Churchill County		4.4	4.6	-0.2	2.7	1.7
Storey County		4.4	4.9	-0.5	3.4	1.0
Washoe County		4.4	4.5	-0.1	3.1	1.3
Douglas County		4.7	5.2	-0.5	3.4	1.3
Lincoln County		4.7	5.2	-0.5	2.7	2.0
Pershing County		5.1	5.3	-0.2	2.9	2.2
Carson City		5.1	5.2	-0.1	3.6	1.5
Mineral County		5.2	5.8	-0.6	3.3	1.9
Clark County		5.7	6.0	-0.3	5.9	-0.2
Nye County		6.2	6.7	-0.5	4.8	1.4
Lyon County		6.4	6.6	-0.2	4.2	2.2
Labor Market Area						
Elko Micropolitan Area		3.8	4.0	-0.2	2.6	1.2
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		3.8	4.3	-0.5	2.6	1.2
Fallon Micropolitan Area		4.4	4.6	-0.2	2.7	1.7
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		4.7	5.2	-0.5	3.4	1.3
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		6.2	6.7	-0.5	4.8	1.4
Fernley Micropolitan Area		6.4	6.6	-0.2	4.2	2.2
City						
Elko City*		4.0	4.1	-0.1	2.6	1.4
Mesquite*		4.0	4.7	-0.7	4.5	-0.5
Sparks		4.2	4.3	-0.1	3.1	1.1
Reno		4.4	4.5	-0.1	3.0	1.4
Boulder City*		4.9	5.1	-0.2	4.6	0.3
Henderson		5.1	5.5	-0.4	5.2	-0.1
Las Vegas		5.9	6.2	-0.3	6.1	-0.2
Fernley City*		6.5	6.6	-0.1	4.1	2.4
North Las Vegas		6.8	6.9	-0.1	7.4	-0.6

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Labor Force Levels Summary LAUS

Area	March 2023	February 2023	Monthly Change	March 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	166,783,000	166,178,000	605,000	164,274,000	2,509,000
U.S. SA	166,731,000	166,251,000	480,000	164,301,000	2,430,000
State					
Nevada	1,578,107	1,581,180	-3,073	1,530,468	47,639
Nevada SA	1,572,641	1,570,746	1,895	1,528,283	44,358
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	25,870	25,872	-2	24,871	999
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,163,562	1,164,896	-1,334	1,125,838	37,724
Reno - Sparks MSA	264,723	266,005	-1,282	255,478	9,245
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	336,963	338,552	-1,589	325,697	11,266
County					
Churchill County	11,047	11,084	-37	11,360	-313
Clark County	1,163,562	1,164,896	-1,334	1,125,838	37,724
Douglas County	22,420	22,669	-249	21,821	599
Elko County	25,407	25,353	54	25,909	-502
Esmeralda County	415	418	-3	457	-42
Eureka County	1,040	1,054	-14	1,191	-151
Humboldt County	7,749	7,787	-38	8,279	-530
Lander County	3,019	3,021	-2	3,099	-80
Lincoln County	2,040	2,053	-13	2,141	-101
Lyon County	23,950	24,006	-56	23,527	423
Mineral County	1,989	2,015	-26	1,978	11
Nye County	17,969	18,060	-91	17,221	748
Pershing County	2,460	2,456	4	2,788	-328
Storey County	2,123	2,149	-26	2,047	76
Washoe County	262,600	263,856	-1,256	253,431	9,169
White Pine County	4,445	4,432	13	4,511	-66
Carson City	25,870	25,872	-2	24,871	999
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,447	26,407	40	27,100	-653
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,047	11,084	-37	11,360	-313
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,950	24,006	-56	23,527	423
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	22,420	22,669	-249	21,821	599
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	17,969	18,060	-91	17,221	748
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,749	7,787	-38	8,279	-530
City					
Fernley City*	9,033	9,041	-8	8,857	176
Boulder City*	7,642	7,641	1	7,359	283
Elko City*	9,935	9,897	38	10,104	-169
Henderson	171,114	171,410	-296	165,380	5,734
Las Vegas	321,146	321,328	-182	310,704	10,442
Mesquite*	8,335	8,378	-43	8,088	247
North Las Vegas	121,522	121,418	104	118,117	3,405
Reno	142,882	143,554	-672	137,751	5,131
Sparks	58,889	59,173	-284	56,966	1,923

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Employed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	March 2023	February 2023	Monthly Change	March 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	160,741,000	159,713,000	1,028,000	158,106,000	2,635,000
U.S. SA	160,892,000	160,315,000	577,000	158,328,000	2,564,000
State					
Nevada	1,492,672	1,491,423	1,249	1,450,954	41,718
Nevada SA	1,485,980	1,483,635	2,345	1,447,623	38,357
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	24,551	24,522	29	23,968	583
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,097,166	1,094,938	2,228	1,059,233	37,933
Reno - Sparks MSA	253,113	254,102	-989	247,671	5,442
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	321,450	322,528	-1,078	315,263	6,187
County					
Churchill County	10,563	10,572	-9	11,055	-492
Clark County	1,097,166	1,094,938	2,228	1,059,233	37,933
Douglas County	21,372	21,492	-120	21,077	295
Elko County	24,442	24,341	101	25,235	-793
Esmeralda County	399	401	-2	446	-47
Eureka County	1,006	1,010	-4	1,171	-165
Humboldt County	7,451	7,456	-5	8,067	-616
Lander County	2,905	2,901	4	2,998	-93
Lincoln County	1,945	1,946	-1	2,084	-139
Lyon County	22,414	22,412	2	22,547	-133
Mineral County	1,886	1,899	-13	1,912	-26
Nye County	16,849	16,849	0	16,390	459
Pershing County	2,334	2,326	8	2,707	-373
Storey County	2,030	2,043	-13	1,978	52
Washoe County	251,083	252,059	-976	245,693	5,390
White Pine County	4,275	4,257	18	4,393	-118
Carson City	24,551	24,522	29	23,968	583
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	25,448	25,351	97	26,406	-958
Fallon Micropolitan Area	10,563	10,572	-9	11,055	-492
Fernley Micropolitan Area	22,414	22,412	2	22,547	-133
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	21,372	21,492	-120	21,077	295
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	16,849	16,849	0	16,390	459
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,451	7,456	-5	8,067	-616
City					
Fernley City*	8,443	8,442	1	8,493	-50
Boulder City*	7,270	7,255	15	7,018	252
Elko City*	9,533	9,493	40	9,842	-309
Henderson	162,314	161,985	329	156,703	5,611
Las Vegas	302,132	301,519	613	291,686	10,446
Mesquite*	7,999	7,983	16	7,723	276
North Las Vegas	113,288	113,058	230	109,371	3,917
Reno	136,565	137,096	-531	133,634	2,931
Sparks	56,412	56,632	-220	55,201	1,211

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Unemployed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	March 2023	February 2023	Monthly Change	March 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	6,043,000	6,465,000	-422,000	6,168,000	-125,000
U.S. SA	5,839,000	5,936,000	-97,000	5,972,000	-133,000
State					
Nevada	85,435	89,757	-4,322	79,514	5,921
Nevada SA	86,661	87,111	-450	80,660	6,001
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	1,319	1,350	-31	903	416
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	66,396	69,958	-3,562	66,605	-209
Reno - Sparks MSA	11,610	11,903	-293	7,807	3,803
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	15,513	16,024	-511	10,434	5,079
County					
Churchill County	484	512	-28	305	179
Clark County	66,396	69,958	-3,562	66,605	-209
Douglas County	1,048	1,177	-129	744	304
Elko County	965	1,012	-47	674	291
Esmeralda County	16	17	-1	11	5
Eureka County	34	44	-10	20	14
Humboldt County	298	331	-33	212	86
Lander County	114	120	-6	101	13
Lincoln County	95	107	-12	57	38
Lyon County	1,536	1,594	-58	980	556
Mineral County	103	116	-13	66	37
Nye County	1,120	1,211	-91	831	289
Pershing County	126	130	-4	81	45
Storey County	93	106	-13	69	24
Washoe County	11,517	11,797	-280	7,738	3,779
White Pine County	170	175	-5	118	52
Carson City	1,319	1,350	-31	903	416
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	999	1,056	-57	694	305
Fallon Micropolitan Area	484	512	-28	305	179
Fernley Micropolitan Area	1,536	1,594	-58	980	556
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	1,048	1,177	-129	744	304
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	1,120	1,211	-91	831	289
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	298	331	-33	212	86
City					
Fernley City*	590	599	-9	364	226
Boulder City*	372	386	-14	341	31
Elko City*	402	404	-2	262	140
Henderson	8,800	9,425	-625	8,677	123
Las Vegas	19,014	19,809	-795	19,018	-4
Mesquite*	336	395	-59	365	-29
North Las Vegas	8,234	8,360	-126	8,746	-512
Reno	6,317	6,458	-141	4,117	2,200
Sparks	2,477	2,541	-64	1,765	712

* State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

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