

# **Review of UI Trust Fund and Bond Status**

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#### UI Trust Fund Bond Retired in December 2017

- Issued in November 2013
- Final payment called in December of last year
- Average rate ranged from 0.56% to 0.63% over the life of the bond
- Provided employers with rate predictability and allowed the Trust Fund to build towards solvency



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### Agenda

- National Perspective
- Nevada UI Trends
- Nevada's Trust Fund
- 2019 Tax Rate Forecasts



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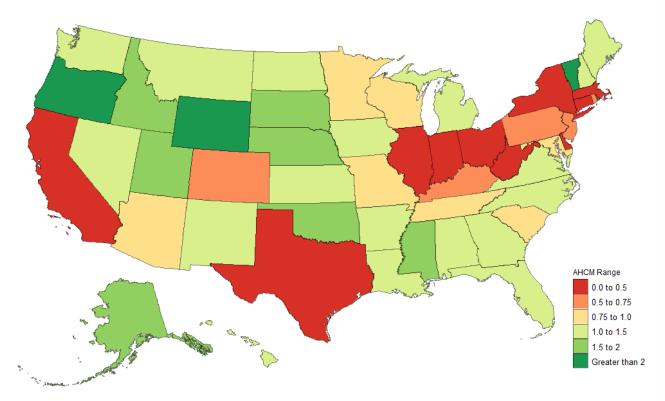


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#### **National Perspective:** All States have a Positive Trust Fund Balance

Average High Cost Multiple by State

as of 6/30/2018



Sources: ETA 394, ETA 2112, and US Treasury AHCM is calculated by dividing the Reserve Ratio (UITF balance divided by the previous year of Total Wages) by the Average High Cost Rate \*Figure uses calendar year 2017 wages due to calculation lags



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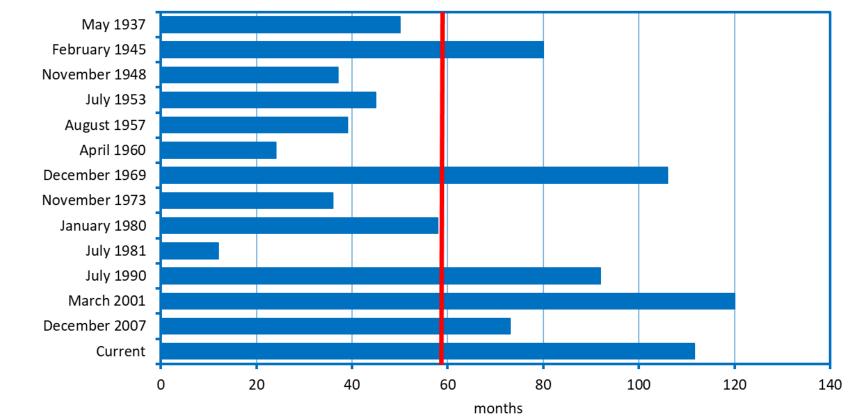


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#### National Perspective: Long Economic Expansion Continues

#### **Economic Expansion History**

Red Line Shows 1937-2007 Average





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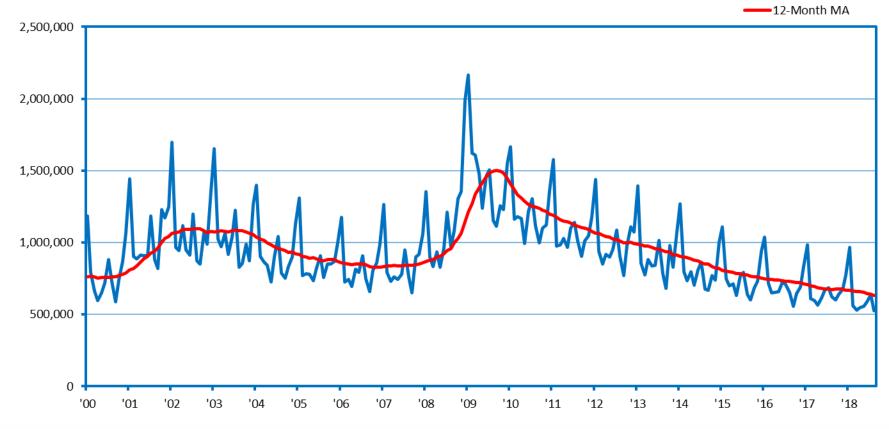
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#### **National Perspective: Claims Levels Low Across the Nation**

#### **US Initial Claims by Month**

2000 to Current





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# Nevada UI Trends: Initial Claims Lower than Boom Levels

#### Nevada Initial Claims by Month

2000 to Current





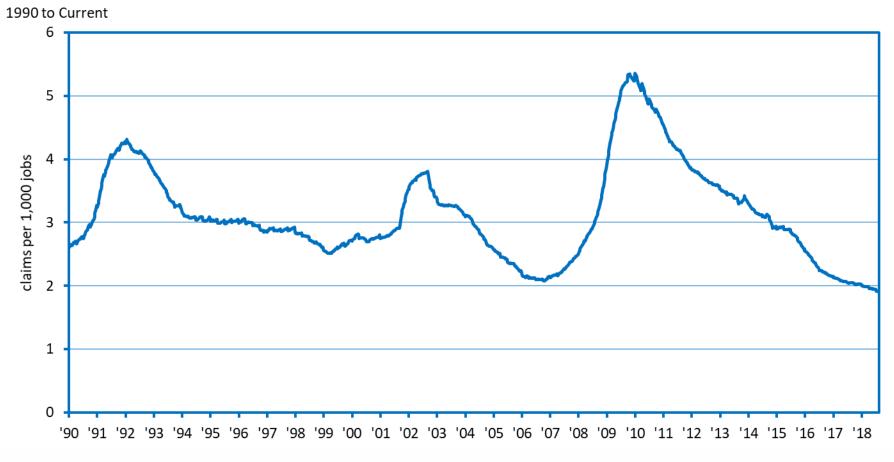
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#### Nevada UI Trends: Initial Claims at All-Time Low Relative to # of Jobs

#### **Initial Claims Per Job**





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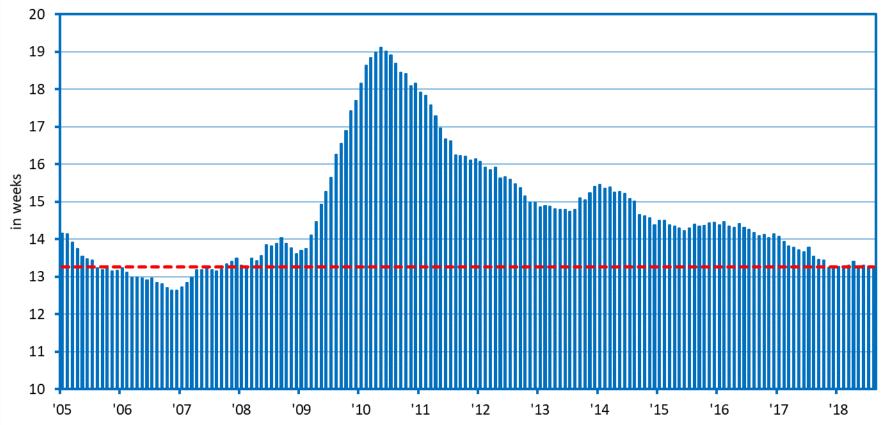


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#### Nevada UI Trends: Average Duration Fairly Flat Over the Last Year

#### **Average UI Duration in Weeks**

2000 to Current





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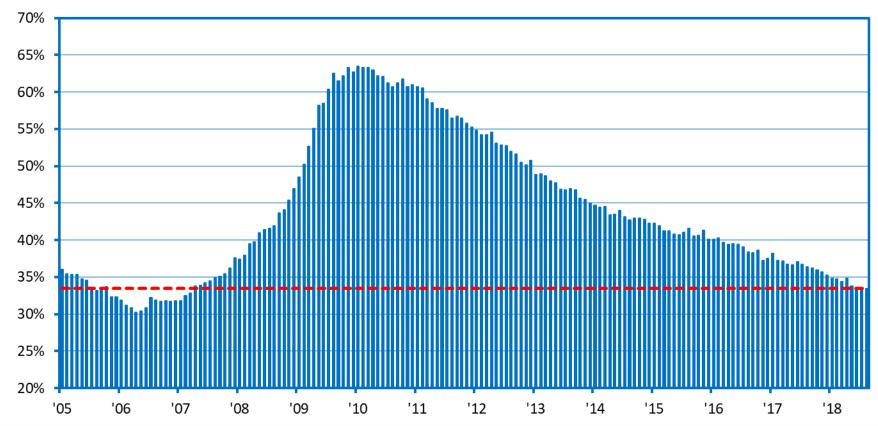
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#### Nevada UI Trends: **Exhaustion Rate Continues to Fall**

#### **Exhaustion Rate**

2005 to Current





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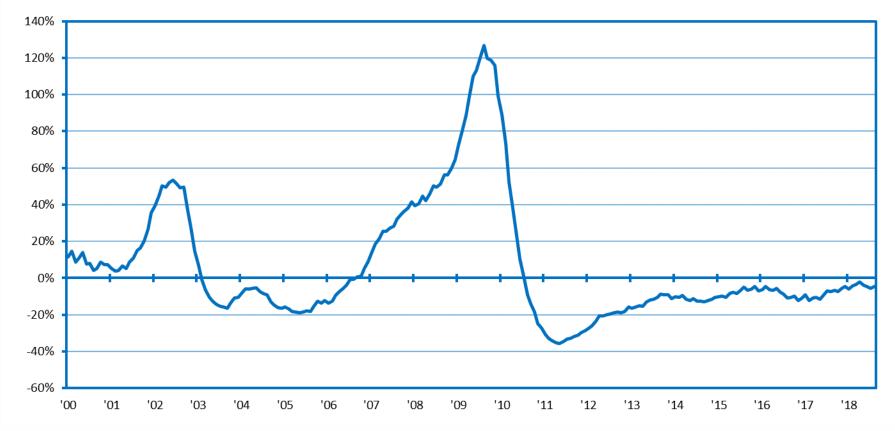
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#### Nevada UI Trends: **Benefit Payments Still in Decline**

#### **UI Benefits Paid Year-Over-Year % Change**

Using 12 month moving-average





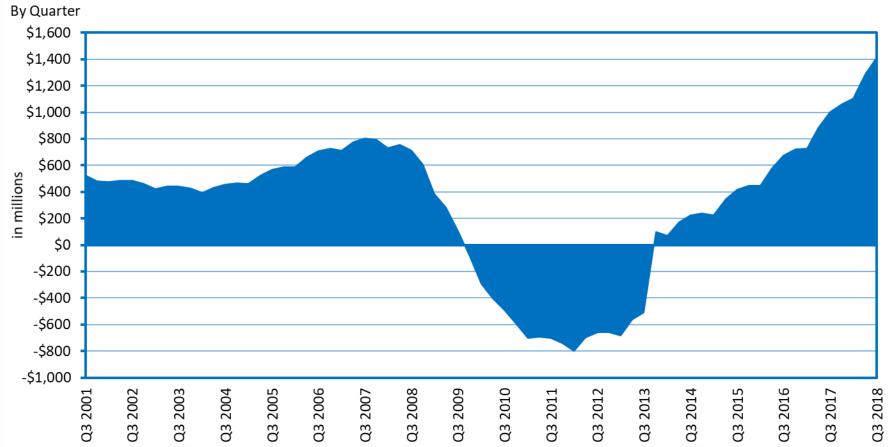
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### Nevada's Trust Fund: Growing and Growing

#### **Nevada Trust Fund Balance**





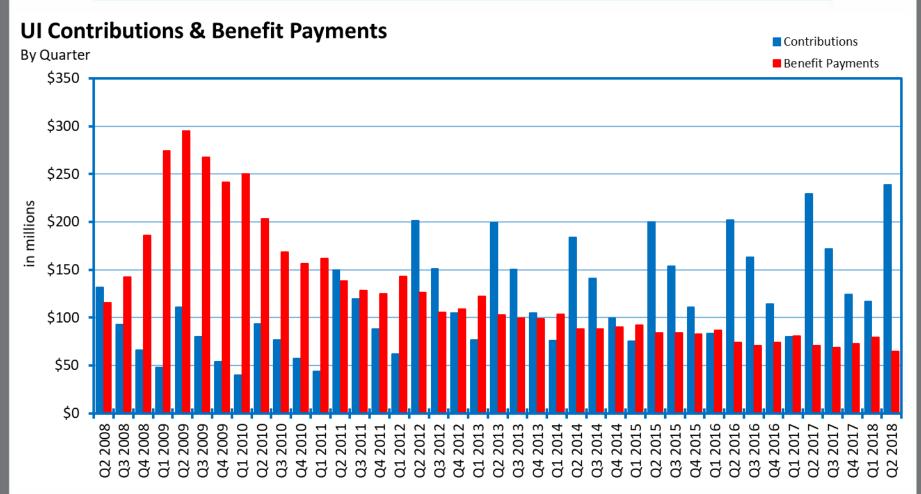
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### Nevada's Trust Fund: **Trust Fund Growth in Last 10 Quarters**





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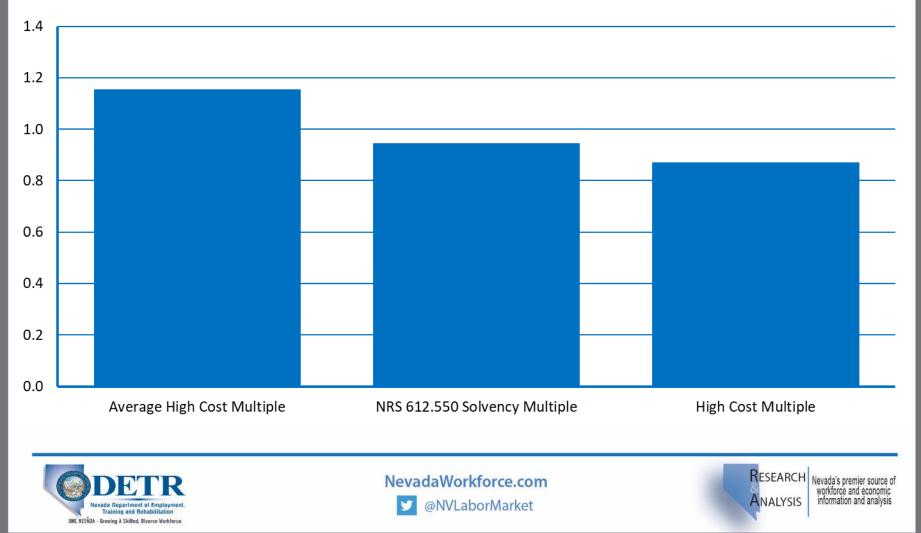
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### Nevada's Trust Fund: Current Solvency Multiples

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#### **Trust Fund Solvency Multiples**

\*1.0 represents 1 year of benefit payments



### 2019 Forecast: Where do we go from here?

- Bonds...Paid!
- Federal Solvency Minimum...Reached!
- What are our objectives moving forward?
- Counter-cyclical funding and continuing to prepare for future recessions?
- Maintaining rate stability for employers?
- Desired solvency level?

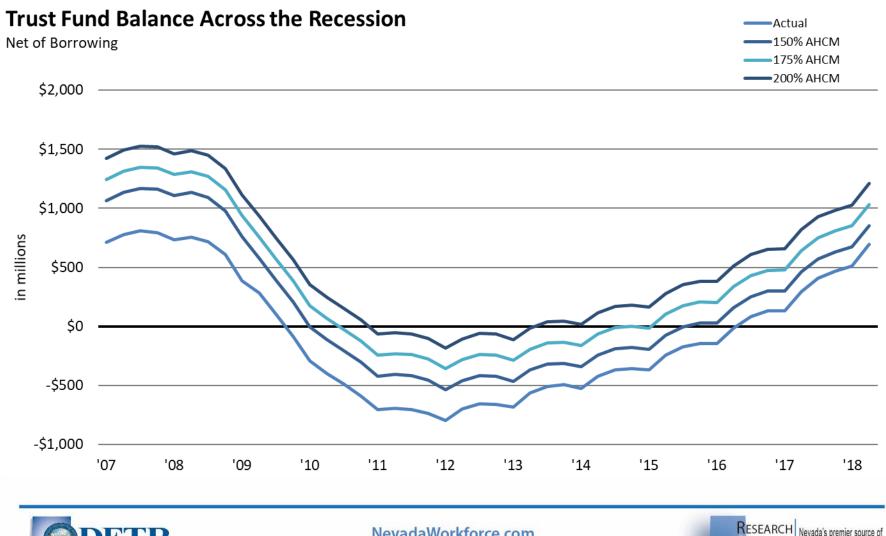


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### 2019 Forecast: What would have been enough?





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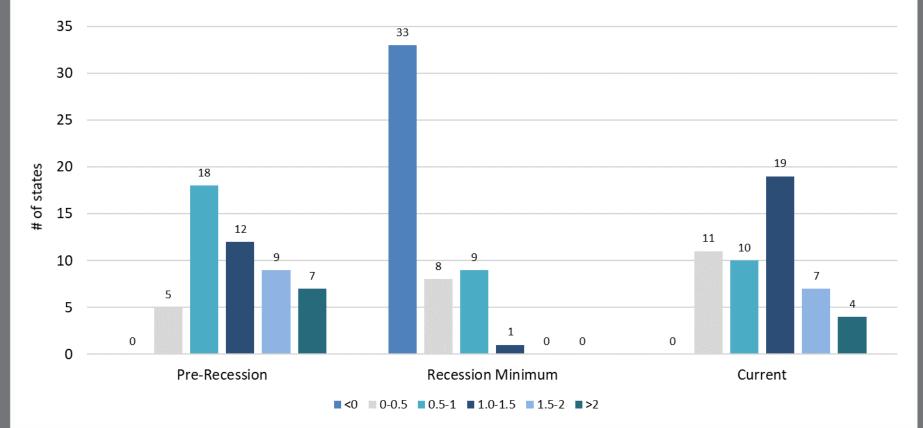
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### 2019 Forecast: **Recessionary Effects on AHCM**

#### **State Average High Cost Multiples**

Changes over the course of the Recession





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# 2019 Forecast: Contribution Rates and Benefit Cost Rates

#### Taxes vs. Benefit Cost Rates Recession Benefit Cost Rate Using Taxable Wages Avg. Tax Rate 5.0% 4.5% 4.0% 3.5% 3.0% 2.5% 2.0% 1.5% 1.0% 0.5% 0.0% 1989 1996 1999 2000 2008 2009 2010 2015 2016 1984 1985 1986 1988 1990 1993 1995 1998 2001 2003 2006 2007 2012 2013 2017 2018 1982 1983 1987 1991 1992 1994 1997 2002 2004 2005 2011 2014 5 5 5 5 **Q**1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 5 Q1 5 Q1 Q1 **Q**1 5 <u>д</u> 5 5 5 **5** 5 5 5 2 **5 Q**1 **Q**1 5 **0**1 Q1 **Q**1 5 5



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#### 2019 Forecast: Nevada's Current BCR is Historically Low

Years where BCR Less than 2017 (0.92%):
1952 (0.84%)
1946 (0.69%)
1945 (0.15%)
1944 (0.05%)
1943 (0.04%)
1942 (0.26%)

Benefit Cost Rate Averages				
All-Time Average:	1.81%			
20-Year Average:	1.75%			
Median:	1.74%			
Non-Recession* Years:	1.73%			
Recession* Years:	2.21%			
*Recession Year is when 6 months or more of they year was during a recession. Note higher benefit costs may continue several years after a recession ends.				



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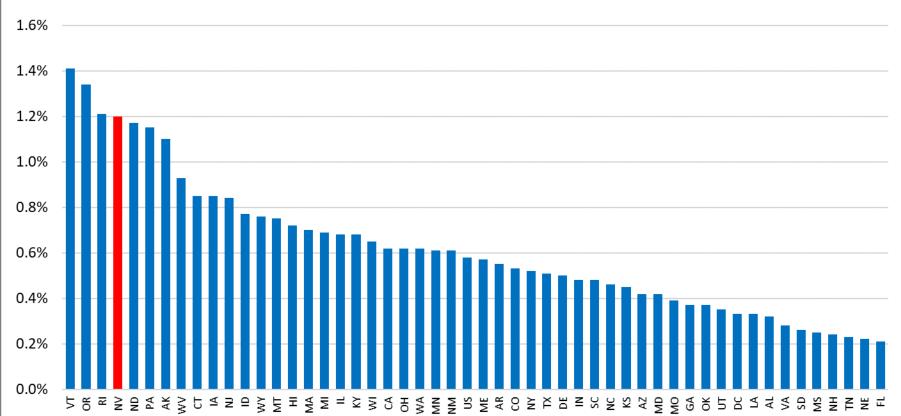
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#### 2019 Forecast:

#### Nevada had the 4<sup>th</sup> Highest UI Tax Rate in the Nation

#### Average UI Tax Rate (Total Wages)

As of Q4 2017





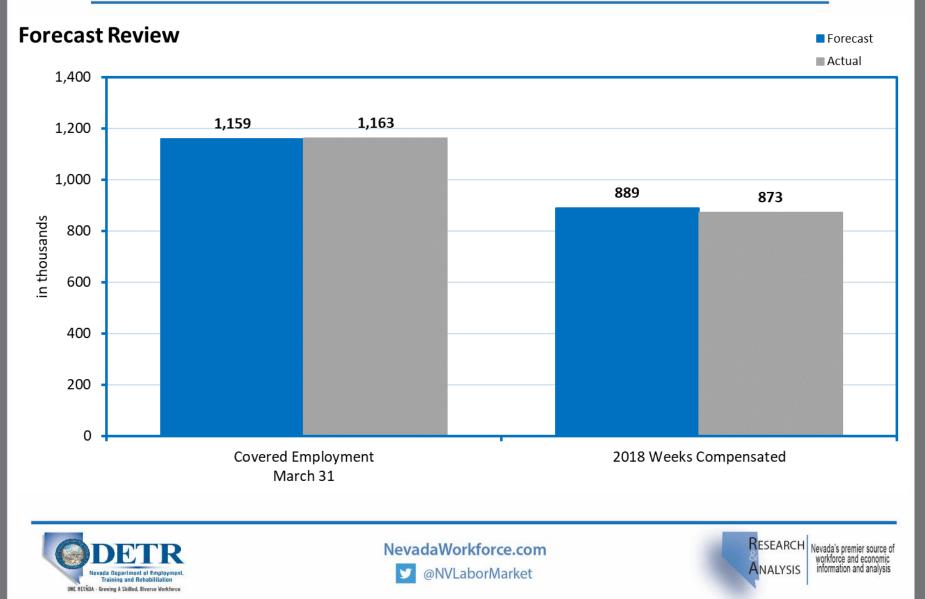
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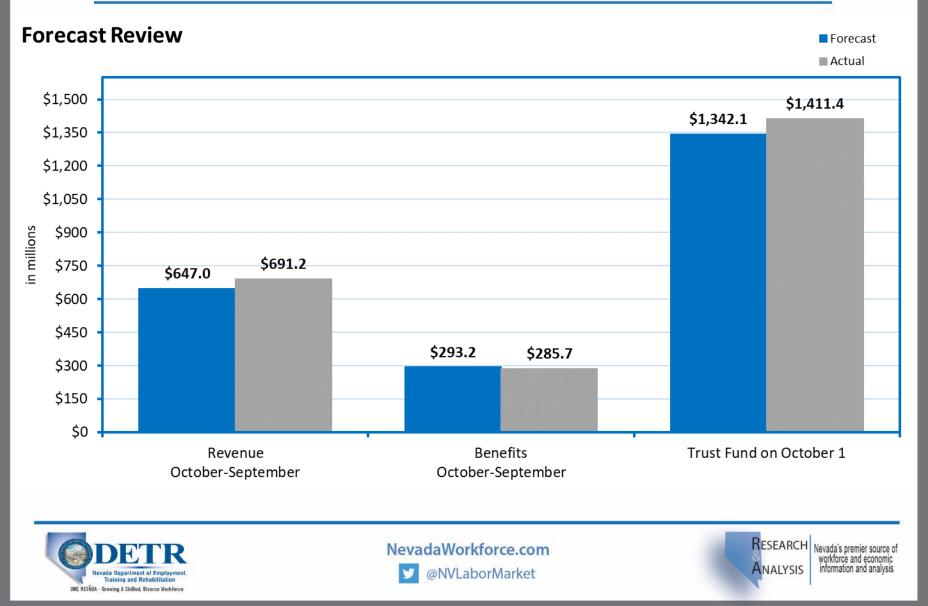
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### 2019 Forecast: Review of Forecast for 2018



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### 2019 Forecast: **Historical Solvency Review**

Nevada Solvency Calculation	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Preliminary
NRS 612.550	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Covered Employment	1,009,195	1,051,719	1,087,749	1,124,517	1,163,171
Highest Risk Ratio	18.98%	18.98%	18.98%	18.98%	18.98%
Highest Weeks Duration	19.12	19.12	19.12	19.12	19.12
Average Weekly Payment	\$310.18	\$318.88	\$326.32	\$335.91	\$346.86
Solvency Target (Millions)	\$1,136.0	\$1,217.0	\$1,288.1	\$1,370.7	\$1,464.1
Beginning Fund Balance (Millions)	(\$507.8)	\$225.5	\$419.3	\$672.9	\$1,000.8
Intake to Fund	1,100.9	535.9	571.3	613.7	691.2
Taxes	505.4	528.8	559.5	595.4	648.2
Bond Related	592.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3
Interest	3.1	7.1	11.7	18.3	26.7
Payout From Fund	379.1	350.3	315.0	294.2	285.7
Regular Benefits	379.1	350.3	315.0	294.2	285.7
Net Change in Fund	721.8	193.8	253.6	327.9	410.6
Ending Fund Balance (Millions)	\$225.5	\$419.3	\$672.9	\$1,000.8	\$1,411.4
Solvency Level (Millions)	(910.4)	(797.7)	(615.2)	(369.9)	(52.7)
Multiple	0.20	0.34	0.52	0.73	0.95
Average High Cost Multiple	0.25	0.43	0.64	0.91	1.16
Average Tax Rate	1.95%	2.00%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Average Bond Assessment	0.63%	0.56%	0.62%	0.63%	
CEP Rate	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Total Cost to Employers	2.63%	2.61%	2.62%	<b>2.63%</b>	2.00%
Average Cost per Employee at Max Taxable Wage (excl FUTA & Interest)	\$720.62	\$725.58	\$738.84	\$775.85	\$610.00



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### 2019 Forecast: **Potential 2019 Tax Rates**

Nevada Solvency Calculation	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
Covered Employment	1,216,824	1,216,824	1,216,824	1,216,824	1,216,824	1,216,824
Highest Risk Ratio - 3/2010	17.30%	17.30%	17.30%	17.30%	17.30%	17.30%
Highest Weeks Duration - 09/2010	18.45	18.45	18.45	18.45	18.45	18.45
Average Weekly Payment	\$358.15	\$358.15	\$358.15	\$358.15	\$358.15	\$358.15
Solvency Target (Millions)	\$1,391.5	\$1,391.5	\$1,391.5	\$1,391.5	\$1,391.5	\$1,391.5
UI Trust Fund Level						
Fund Balance (Millions)	\$1,411.4	\$1,411.4	\$1,411.4	\$1,411.4	\$1,411.4	\$1,411.4
Intake to Fund	625.3	648.7	672.1	683.8	695.5	718.9
Taxes	590.3	613.5	636.7	648.3	659.9	683.1
Interest	35.0	35.2	35.4	35.5	35.6	35.8
Payout From Fund	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8
Regular Benefits	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8	281.8
Net Change in Fund	343.5	366.9	390.3	402.0	413.7	437.1
Fund Balance (Millions)	\$1,754.9	\$1,778.3	\$1,801.7	\$1,813.4	\$1,825.1	\$1,848.5
State Solvency Excess (Millions)	363.4	386.8	410.2	421.9	433.6	457.0
State Solvency Multiple	1.26	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.31	1.33
AHCM Solvency Excess (Millions)	498.2	521.6	545.0	556.7	568.4	591.8
Average High Cost Multiple	1.36	1.37	1.39	1.40	1.41	1.43
Average Tax Rate	1.55%	1.65%	1.75%	1.80%	1.85%	1.95%
CEP Assessment	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Total Cost to Employers	<b>1.60%</b>	1.70%	1.80%	1.85%	1.90%	2.00%
Average Cost Per Employee at Taxable Wage Base	\$499.20	\$530.40	\$561.60	\$577.20	\$592.80	\$624.00



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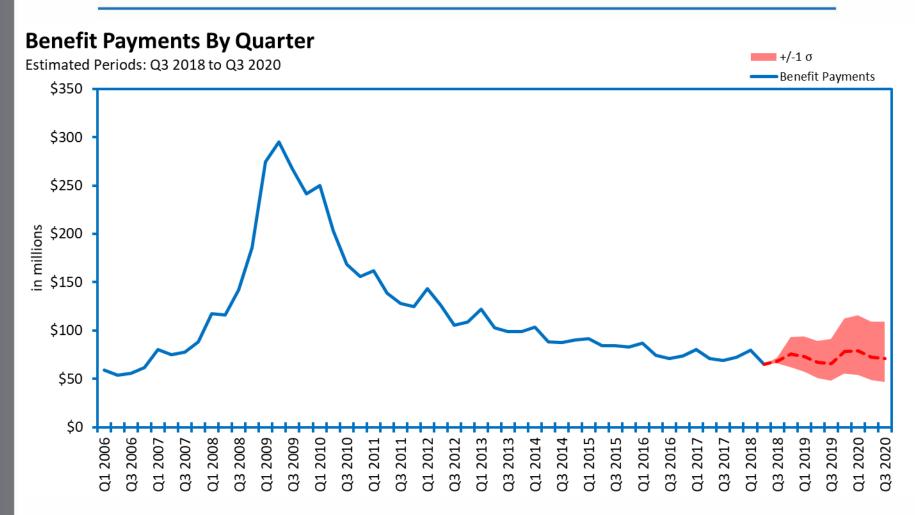
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#### 2019 Forecast:

#### Benefit Payments Unlikely to Fall Much More Moving Forward





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### 2019 Forecast: AHCM Solvency Measure

#### TF Balance Estimated Periods: Q3 2018 to Q3 2020 (assumed 1.80% UI Tax Rate for all periods) AHCM 1.0 ---- AHCM 1.5 \$2,500 \$2,000 \$1,500 in millions \$1,000 \$500 \$0 -\$500 -\$1,000 Q3 2010 Q1 2011 Q3 2015 Q1 2016 Q3 2016 Q3 2008 Q1 2009 Q3 2009 Q1 2010 Q1 2013 Q3 2013 Q3 2014 Q1 2015 Q1 2017 Q3 2017 Q1 2018 Q3 2018 Q1 2019 Q3 2019 Q1 2020 Q3 2020 Q1 2007 2008 Q3 2011 2012 Q1 2014 2007 2012 5 g 3 5



Federal AHCM Trust Fund Adequacy Level

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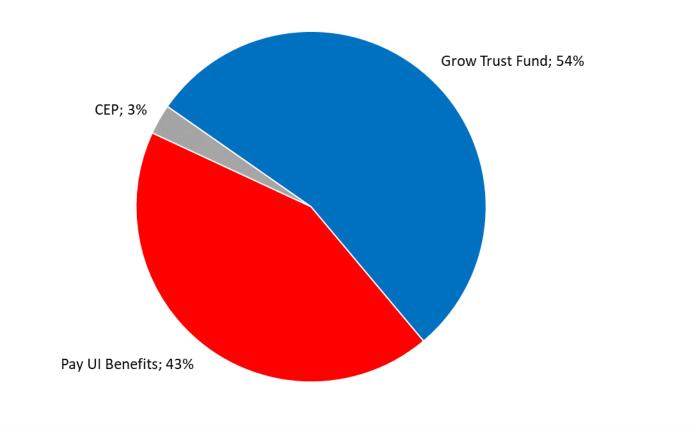
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### 2019 Forecast: Where do UI Contributions Go?

#### **Distribution of UI Contributions**





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### 2019 Forecast: Long Term Effect of Different Rates

AHCM on 9/30 of Each Year					
Tax Rate	2018 AHCM	2019 AHCM	2020 AHCM	2021 AHCM	2022 AHCM
1.55%	1.16	1.36	1.53	1.72	1.91
1.65%	1.16	1.37	1.58	1.79	2.01
1.75%	1.16	1.39	1.62	1.86	2.11
1.80%	1.16	1.40	1.64	1.90	2.16
1.85%	1.16	1.41	1.67	1.93	2.21
1.95%	1.16	1.43	1.71	2.01	2.31

• Estimates reflect constant tax rate for all years



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### 2019 Forecast: Things to Consider...

- Rate stability
- Counter-cyclical funding
- Continued preparation for future recession
- Long-run solvency goal



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