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#### SUB-STATE PRESS RELEASE

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# April unemployment continues to decline in several areas in Nevada

According to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (<u>DETR</u>) March 2021 economic report, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in March 2021, decreasing from 8.4 percent in February 2021, and up from 6.4 percent in March 2020. Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen economic patterns, and the rest of the estimates in the release have not been seasonally adjusted.

In the three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), the unemployment rates were 8.8 percent in the Las Vegas area, 4.6 percent in Reno, and 5.1 percent in the Carson area in March 2021.

In Nevada's counties the lowest unemployment rate was in Eureka County at 2.3 percent, while Clark County had the highest rate at 8.8 percent. Since March 2020, all county's unemployment rates decreased over the year, besides Clark County's. Compared to the national unadjusted rate of 6.2 percent, only Clark County had an unemployment rather higher than the national average. For a look at unemployment rates in your county visit our Area Profiles Page.

For the latest information on the Nevada economy including employment, unemployent, and unemployment insurance check out our monthly <u>Labor Market Overview</u>, or for the latest on your area take a look at our monthly <u>Local Area Labor Market Overview</u>.

Additional information on unemployment estimates along with a complete breakout of unemployment in counties, cities, and other areas in Nevada can be found by visiting our <u>Local Area Unemployment Statistics</u> page. Additionally, employment estimates industry can be found at our <u>Current Employment Statistics</u> page.

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## **Nevada Local Area Labor Market Overview**

#### **March 2021**

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March's unemployment generally improved when compared to February 2021, but still is up from March 2020. The state has an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent when accounting for seasonal patterns which is higher than the national rate of six percent. Within the state, rates ranged from 2.3 percent in Eureka County to 8.8 percent in Clark County. Within Clark County the city North Las Vegas has the highest unemployment rate in the state at 10 percent. It is important to note that the 2020 annual benchmark revision process in Nevada and it's substate areas has concluded and is reflected in this month's report.

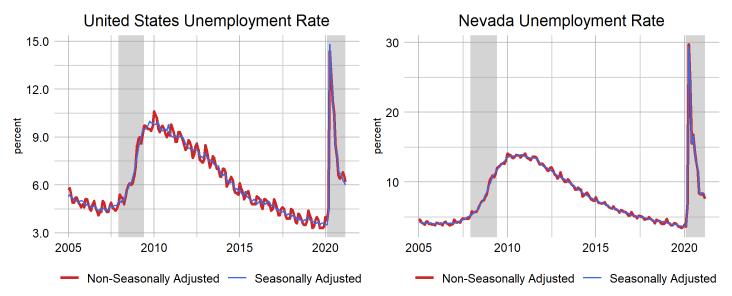
When looking at unemployment claims in March there were slight increases in many of the state 's counties that is likely in line with seasonal patterns. In March, there were 42,498 initial claims in Nevada an increase of 8,620 claims, or 25.4 percent, from February when there were 33,878 claims, but down from a high of 208,869 claims in March 2020. Most claims were in the Clark County area.

Figures for our unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a state /federal partnership sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (<u>BLS-LAUS</u>). 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 <u>LAUS Page</u>, and for a look that the economic profile of Nevada, the MSAs, or your county visit our <u>Area Profiles Page</u>.

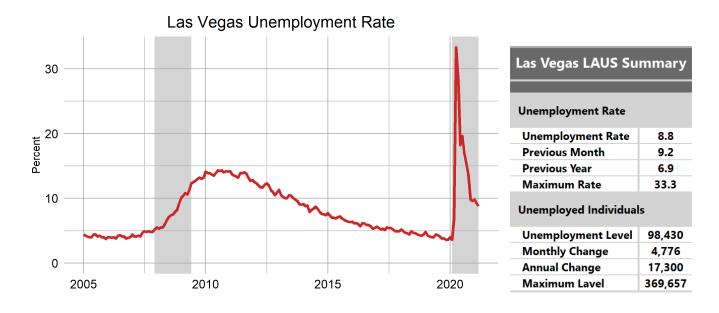
	U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics											
Area		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio					
US												
U.S.		160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2	61.5	57.7					
U.S.	SA	160,558,000	150,848,000	9,710,000	6.0	61.5	57.8					
State												
Nevada		1,548,115	1,430,230	117,885	7.6	61.6	56.9					
Nevada	SA	1,552,901	1,426,545	126,356	8.1	61.8	56.8					
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Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen seasonal employment patterns. Things like holiday hiring, beach season, ski season, 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 through this document.

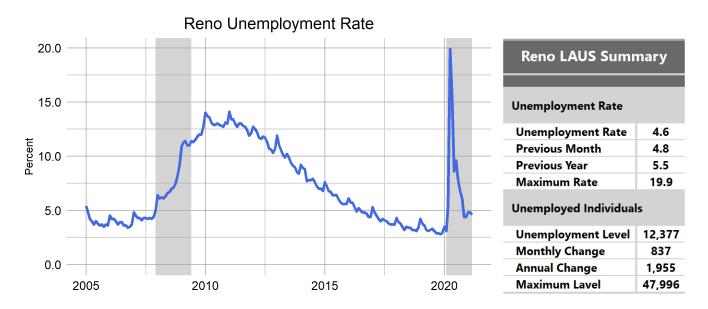
Nevada's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in March 2021, decreasing from 8.4 percent in February 2021, and up from 6.4 percent in March 2020, seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 4,238 since February 2021 for a current level of 126,356 people, which is 24,267 more unemployed people then March 2020. The labor force in Nevada is currently 1,552,901 people, which is 5,645 more people than February 2021, and is down 34,999 people since March 2020.



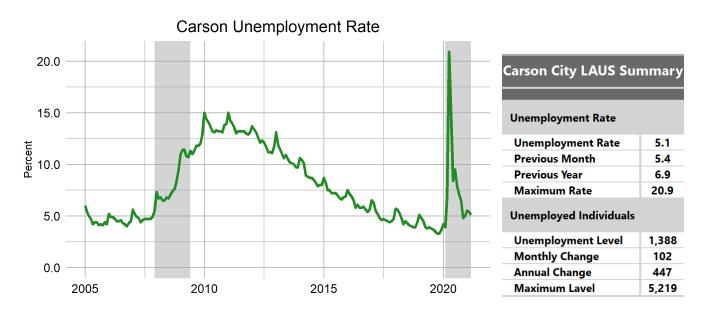
The Las Vegas MSA's unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in March 2021, decreasing from 9.2 percent in February 2021, and up from 6.9 percent in March 2020, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 4,776 since February 2021 for a current level of 98,430 people, which is 17,300 more unemployed people then March 2020. The labor force in Las Vegas is currently 1,117,466 people, which is 3,217 less people than February 2021, and is down 50,664 people since March 2020.



The Reno MSA's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in March 2021, decreasing from 4.8 percent in February 2021, and down from 5.5 percent in March 2020, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decrease by 837 since February 2021 for a current level of 12,377 people, which is 1,955 less unemployed people then March 2020. The labor force in Reno is currently 270,600 people, which is 2,005 less people than February 2021, and is up 9,138 people since March 2020.



The Carson City MSA's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in March 2021, decreasing from 5.4 percent in February 2021, and down from 6.9 percent in March 2020, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 102 since February 2021 for a current level of 1,388 people, which is 447 less unemployed people then March 2020. The labor force in Carson City is currently 27,285 people, which is 107 less people than February 2021, and is up 610 people since March 2020.



For more on the economy of your county including unemployment, employment, unemployment insurance, wages, and more visit our <a href="Area Profiles Page">Area Profiles Page</a>.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics							
Area		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate		
US							
U.S.	SA	160,558,000	150,848,000	9,710,000	6.0		
U.S.		160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2		
State		, ,					
Nevada		1,548,115	1,430,230	117,885	7.6		
Nevada	SA	1,552,901	1,426,545	126,356	8.1		
Metropolitan Statistical Area		1,552,551	.,0,5 .5	120,550			
Reno - Sparks MSA		270,600	258,223	12,377	4.6		
Carson City MSA		27,285	25,897	1,388	5.1		
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		1,117,466	1,019,036	98,430	8.8		
Combined Statistical Area		1,117,400	1,015,050	30,430	0.0		
	Statistical Avec	245.007	220.077	16 120	4.7		
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined County	Statistical Area	345,097	328,977	16,120	4.7		
Eureka County		1,320	1,290	30	2.3		
Esmeralda County		472	458	14	3.0		
Lincoln County		2,258	2,186	72	3.2		
Churchill County		12,180	11,779	401	3.3		
Elko County		28,758	27,809	949	3.3		
Humboldt County		8,862	8,551	311	3.5		
Pershing County		2,876	2,775	101	3.5		
White Pine County		4,867	4,688	179	3.7		
Lander County		3,458	3,317	141	4.1		
Mineral County		2,147	2,058	89	4.1		
Douglas County		22,857	21,824	1,033	4.5		
Washoe County		268,444	256,177	12,267	4.6		
Storey County		2,156	2,046	110	5.1		
Carson City		27,285	25,897	1,388	5.1		
Lyon County		24,355	23,033	1,322	5.4		
Nye County		18,354	17,306	1,048	5.7		
Clark County		1,117,466	1,019,036	98,430	8.8		
Labor Market Area							
Elko Micropolitan Area		30,078	29,099	979	3.3		
Fallon Micropolitan Area		12,180	11,779	401	3.3		
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		8,862	8,551	311	3.5		
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		22,857	21,824	1,033	4.5		
Fernley Micropolitan Area		24,355	23,033	1,322	5.4		
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		18,354	17,306	1,048	5.7		
City							
Elko City*		11,241	10,851	390	3.5		
Mesquite*		7,680	7,327	353	4.6		
Reno		145,637	138,975	6,662	4.6		
Sparks		60,006	57,204	2,802	4.7		
Fernley City*		9,174	8,618	556	6.1		
Boulder City*		7,275	6,813	462	6.4		
Henderson		161,688	149,828	11,860	7.3		
Las Vegas		309,433	281,932	27,501	8.9		
North Las Vegas		115,691	104,148	11,543	10.0		

<sup>\*</sup>State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

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

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

### **Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UI)**

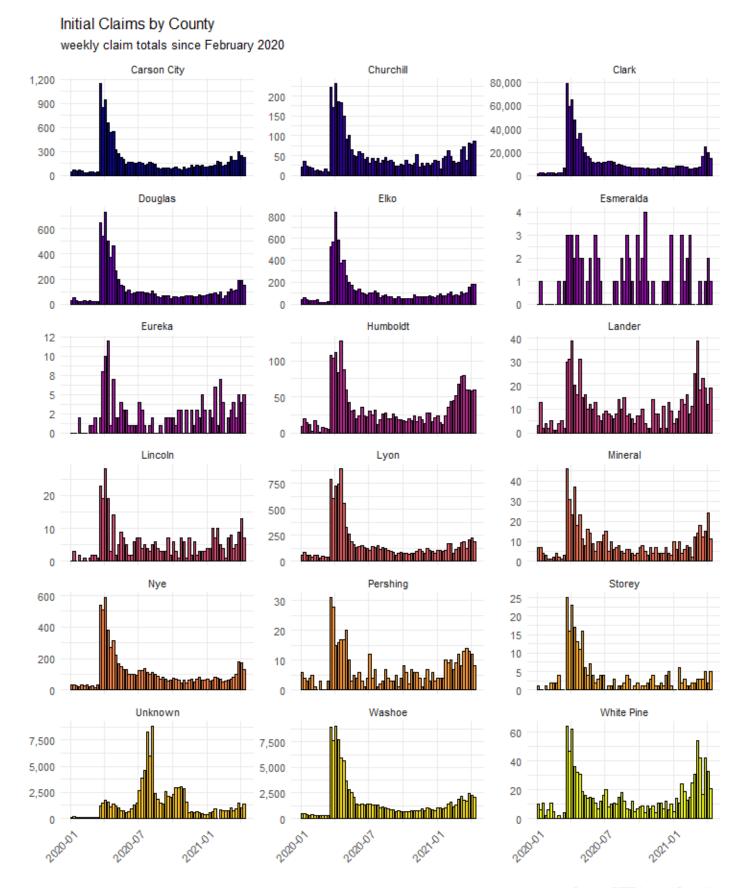
Initial claims for unemployment insurance totaled 42,498 statewide in March 2021, up 25.3 percent from February. With many claimants having begun filing for unemployment insurance benefits in March of 2020, this month saw the end of the benefit year for those claimants. Those claimants were required to file a new initial claim for the new benefit year and is likely the primary driver of the month-over-month increase. Some of these new filings may have been classified as a transitional initial claim and are not counted in our monthly claims total. These transitional claims are included in our county data.

At the county level, increases in initial claims were seen in every county in the state. Much of this increase in activity was driven by the new claim year. Continued claims for the regular unemployment insurance, which are a proxy for the number of persons filing for regular benefits in a given week, were largely unchanged in the month. Only a handful of counties, including Humboldt, Lander, Washoe, and White Pine, saw increases in activity over the month. Continued claims levels have been more stable in the recent months as most of Nevada's claimants are receiving benefits from the pandemic extension programs.

Looking to other measures of unemployment insurance activity, we saw sizable increases across most counties in the number of first payments, though this is likely related to our increase in initial claims. Final payments, also known as exhaustions, fell in nearly every county. Payments in the regular program also fell in nearly every county. This was led by Clark County which saw benefit payments fall by \$17 million compared to February's total. It should be noted that most of Nevada's claimants have already exhausted their regular program benefit weeks and are likely receiving pandemic extension program benefits.

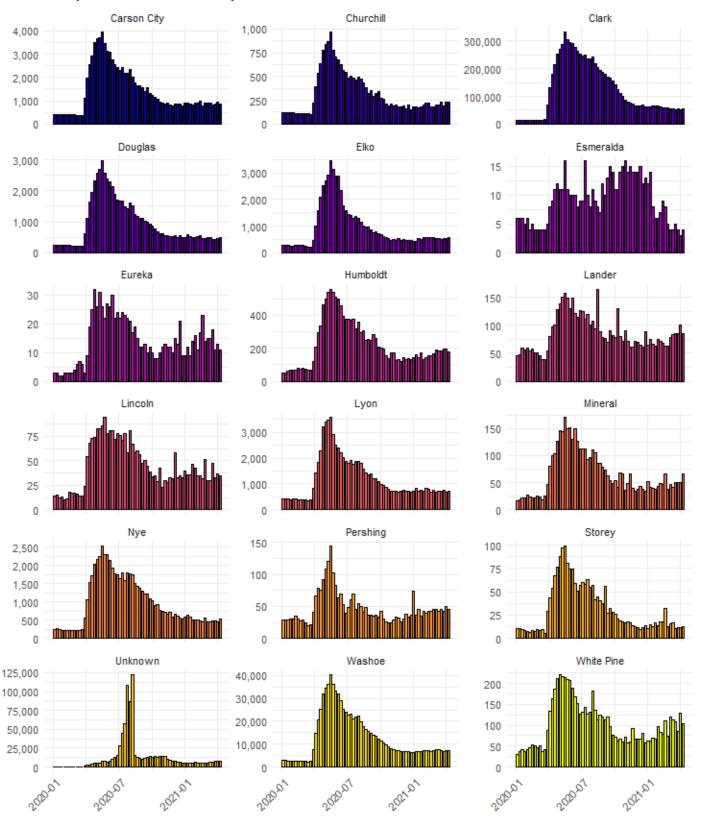
	County	First Payments	Final Payments	Weeks Compensated	<b>Benefit Payments</b>	Average Weekly Benef
	Carson City	164	70	2,214	\$746,892	\$337.3
	Churchill	46	14	538	\$186,150	\$346.0
	Clark	10,470	6,121	129,895	\$38,093,312	\$293.2
	Douglas	73	57	1,184	\$409,986	\$346.2
	Elko	79	33	1,284	\$466,701	\$363.4
	Esmeralda	0	2	12	\$5,051	\$420.9
	Eureka	2	2	25	\$8,804	\$352.1
	Humboldt	70	9	602	\$244,281	\$405.7
	Lander	24	2	184	\$77,094	\$418.9
	Lincoln	1	3	106	\$34,233	\$322.9
	Lyon	142	51	1,734	\$621,982	\$358.7
	Mineral	7	2	101	\$35,364	\$350.
	Nye	75	50	1,097	\$341,759	\$311.
	Pershing	13	4	106	\$45,280	\$427.
	Storey	3	2	41	\$15,278	\$372.0
	Unknown	1,558	682	15,133	\$6,679,586	\$441.3
	Washoe	1,633	598	19,242	\$6,952,005	\$361.2
	White Pine	34	10	253	\$97,781	\$386.4
tatewide	_	14,394	7,712	173,751	\$55,061,539.03	

## **UI Summary Tables**



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

## Continued Claims by County weekly claim totals since February 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

<b>Unemployment Rate Summary LAUS</b>	S
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Area		March 2021	February 2021	Monthly Change	March 2020	Yearly Change
us						
U.S.	SA	6.0	6.2	-0.2	4.4	1.6
U.S.		6.2	6.6	-0.4	4.5	1.7
State						
Nevada		7.6	8.0	-0.4	6.7	0.9
Nevada	SA	8.1	8.4	-0.3	6.4	1.7
Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Reno - Sparks MSA		4.6	4.8	-0.2	5.5	-0.9
Carson City MSA		5.1	5.4	-0.3	6.9	-1.8
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		8.8	9,2	-0.4	6.9	1.9
Combined Statistical Area		0.0	3.2	<b>0.</b> -1	0.5	1.5
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		4.7	5.0	-0.3	5.8	-1.1
		4.7	5.0	-0.5	5.0	-1.1
County						
Eureka County		2.3	2.7	-0.4	3.8	-1.5
Esmeralda County		3.0	4.5	-1.5	5.7	-2.7
Lincoln County		3.2	4.1	-0.9	5.9	-2.7
Churchill County		3.3	3.8	-0.5	5.8	-2.5
Elko County		3.3	3.9	-0.6	4.8	-1.5
Humboldt County		3.5	3.9	-0.4	4.9	-1.4
Pershing County		3.5	3.9	-0.4	6.3	-2.8
White Pine County		3.7	3.4	0.3	5.0	-1.3
Lander County		4.1	3.9 4.6	0.2 -0.5	5.6 5.6	-1.5
Mineral County		4.1	5.3	-0.8	6.6	-1.5 -2.1
Douglas County Washoe County		4.6	4.8	-0.2	5.5	-0.9
Storey County		5.1	5.5	-0.4	6.4	-0.9
Carson City		5.1	5.4	-0.3	6.9	-1.8
Lyon County		5.4	6.0	-0.6	7.9	-2.5
Nye County		5.7	6.4	-0.7	8.0	-2.3
Clark County		8.8	9.2	-0.4	6.9	1.9
Labor Market Area						
Elko Micropolitan Area		3.3	3.9	-0.6	4.8	-1.5
Fallon Micropolitan Area		3.3	3.8	-0.5	5.8	-1.5
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		3.5	3.9	-0.4	4.9	-1.4
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		4.5	5.3	-0.8	6.6	-1. <del>4</del> -2.1
Fernley Micropolitan Area		5.4	6.0	-0.6	7.9	-2.5
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		5.7	6.4	-0.7	8.0	-2.3
City				51,		
Elko City*		3.5	4.4	-0.9	5.2	17
Mesquite*		4.6	4.4	-0.3	4.4	-1.7 0.2
Reno		4.6	4.9	-0.3	5.3	-0.7
Sparks		4.7	4.9	0.0	5.4	-0.7 -0.7
Fernley City*		6.1	6.2	-0.1	8.1	-0.7 -2.0
Boulder City*		6.4	7.2	-0.8	6.2	-2.0 0.2
Henderson		7.3	7.8	-0.5	6.2	1.1
Las Vegas		8.9	9.3	-0.4	7.1	1.8
North Las Vegas		10.0	10.3	-0.3	7.1	2.2
245 10945		10.0	10.5	0.5	7.0	

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Labor	For	ce Levels Su	mmary LAUS			
Area		March 2021	February 2021	Monthly Change	March 2020	<b>Yearly Change</b>
US						
U.S.		160,397,000	160,008,000	389,000	162,537,000	-2,140,000
U.S.	SA	160,558,000	160,211,000	347,000	162,721,000	-2,163,000
State						
Nevada		1,548,115	1,552,065	-3,950	1,586,360	-38,245
Nevada	SA	1,552,901	1,547,256	5,645	1,587,900	-34,999
Metropolitan Statistical Area		.,,	.,,	5,5 15	.,,	
Carson City MSA		27,285	27,392	-107	26,675	610
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		1,117,466	1,120,683	-3,217	1,168,130	-50,664
Reno - Sparks MSA		270,600	272,605	-2,005	261,462	9,138
Combined Statistical Area						
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		345,097	347,291	-2,194	335,456	9,641
County						
Churchill County		12,180	11,874	306	11,545	635
Clark County		1,117,466	1,120,683	-3,217	1,168,130	-50,664
Douglas County		22,857	23,089	-232	23,411	-554
Elko County		28,758	28,571	187	27,731	1,027
Esmeralda County		472	445	27	459	13
Eureka County		1,320	1,186	134	1,195	125
Humboldt County		8,862	8,519	343	8,495	367
Lander County		3,458	3,364	94	3,280	178
Lincoln County		2,258	2,169	89	2,137	121
Lyon County		24,355	24,205	150	23,908	447
Mineral County		2,147	2,149	-2	2,195	-48
Nye County		18,354	18,344	10	18,313	41
Pershing County		2,876	2,717	159	2,742	134
Storey County		2,156	2,184	-28	2,090	66
Washoe County		268,444	270,421	-1,977	259,372	9,072
White Pine County		4,867	4,753	114	4,681	186
Carson City		27,285	27,392	-107	26,675	610
Labor Market Area						
Elko Micropolitan Area		30,078	29,757	321	28,926	1,152
Fallon Micropolitan Area		12,180	11,874	306	11,545	635
Fernley Micropolitan Area		24,355	24,205	150	23,908	447
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		22,857	23,089	-232	23,411	-554
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		18,354	18,344	10	18,313	41
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		8,862	8,519	343	8,495	367
City						
Fernley City*		9,174	9,075	99	8,968	206
Boulder City*		7,275	7,333	-58	7,751	-476
Elko City*		11,241	11,200	41	10,866	375
Henderson		161,688	162,234	-546	170,331	-8,643
Las Vegas		309,433	310,214	-781	323,650	-14,217
Mesquite*		7,680	7,690	-10	8,173	-493
North Las Vegas		115,691	115,903	-212	120,442	-4,751
Reno		145,637	146,735	-1,098	140,470	5,167
Sparks		60,006	60,308	-302	57,867	2,139

<sup>\*</sup> State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Employed I	ndi	viduals Leve	ls Summary I	LAUS		
Area		March 2021	February 2021	Monthly Change	March 2020	Yearly Change
US						
U.S.		150,493,000	149,522,000	971,000	155,167,000	-4,674,000
U.S.	SA	150,848,000	150,239,000	609,000	155,536,000	-4,688,000
State				·		
Nevada		1,430,230	1,427,776	2,454	1,480,827	-50,597
Nevada	SA	1,426,545	1,416,662	9,883	1,485,811	-59,266
Metropolitan Statistical Area		.,,	.,,	-,	.,,	
Carson City MSA		25,897	25,902	-5	24,840	1,057
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		1,019,036	1,017,477	1,559	1,087,000	-67,964
Reno - Sparks MSA		258,223	259,391	-1,168	247,130	11,093
Combined Statistical Area		250,225	200,00	.,	,	,
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		328,977	329,922	-945	315,856	13,121
County		320,911	329,922	-945	313,036	13,121
Churchill County		11,779	11,424	355	10,878	901
Clark County		1,019,036	1,017,477	1,559	1,087,000	-67,964
Douglas County		21,824	21,869	-45	21,859	-35
Elko County		27,809	27,443	366	26,394	1,415
Esmeralda County		458	425	33	433	25
Eureka County		1,290	1,154	136	1,150	140
Humboldt County		8,551	8,191	360	8,078	473
Lander County		3,317	3,234	83	3,096	221
Lincoln County		2,186	2,079	107	2,011	175
Lyon County		23,033	22,760	273	22,027	1,006
Mineral County		2,058	2,050	8	2,071	-13
Nye County		17,306	17,178	128	16,845	461
Pershing County		2,775	2,610	165	2,570	205
Storey County		2,046	2,063	-17	1,957	89
Washoe County		256,177	257,328	-1,151	245,173	11,004
White Pine County		4,688	4,591	97	4,445	243
Carson City		25,897	25,902	-5	24,840	1,057
Labor Market Area						
Elko Micropolitan Area		29,099	28,597	502	27,544	1,555
Fallon Micropolitan Area		11,779	11,424	355	10,878	901
Fernley Micropolitan Area		23,033	22,760	273	22,027	1,006
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		21,824	21,869	-45	21,859	-35
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		17,306	17,178	128	16,845	461
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		8,551	8,191	360	8,078	473
City						
Fernley City*		8,618	8,516	102	8,242	376
Boulder City*		6,813	6,803	10	7,268	-455
Elko City*		10,851	10,708	143	10,299	552
Henderson		149,828	149,599	229	159,821	-9,993
Las Vegas		281,932	281,501	431	300,735	-18,803
Mesquite*		7,327	7,316	11	7,815	-488
North Las Vegas		104,148	103,989	159	111,095	-6,947
Reno		138,975	139,600	-625	133,006	5,969
Sparks		57,204	57,461	-257	54,747	2,457

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Unemployed	Ind	ividuals Lev	els Summary	LAUS		
Area		March 2021	February 2021	Monthly Change	March 2020	Yearly Change
us						
U.S.		9,905,000	10,486,000	-581,000	7,370,000	2,535,000
U.S.	SA	9,710,000	9,972,000	-262,000	7,185,000	2,525,000
State						
Nevada		117,885	124,289	-6,404	105,533	12,352
Nevada	SA	126,356	130,594	-4,238	102,089	24,267
Metropolitan Statistical Area		·			•	
Carson City MSA		1,388	1,490	-102	1,835	-447
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		98,430	103,206	-4,776	81,130	17,300
Reno - Sparks MSA		12,377	13,214	-837	14,332	-1,955
Combined Statistical Area			,		,	-,
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		16,120	17,369	-1,249	19,600	-3,480
County		,	,	.,=	,	3,100
Churchill County		401	450	-49	667	-266
Clark County		98,430	103,206	-4,776	81,130	17,300
Douglas County		1,033	1,220	-187	1,552	-519
Elko County		949	1,128	-179	1,337	-388
Esmeralda County		14	20	-6	26	-12
Eureka County		30	32	-2	45	-15
Humboldt County		311	328	-17	417	-106
Lander County		141	130	11	184	-43
Lincoln County		72	90	-18	126	-54
Lyon County		1,322	1,445	-123	1,881	-559
Mineral County		89	99	-10	124	-35
Nye County		1,048	1,166	-118	1,468	-420
Pershing County		101	107	-6	172	-71
Storey County		110	121	-11	133	-23
Washoe County		12,267	13,093	-826	14,199	-1,932
White Pine County		179	162	17	236	-57
Carson City		1,388	1,490	-102	1,835	-447
Labor Market Area						
Elko Micropolitan Area		979	1,160	-181	1,382	-403
Fallon Micropolitan Area		401	450	-49	667	-266
Fernley Micropolitan Area		1,322	1,445	-123	1,881	-559
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		1,033	1,220	-187	1,552	-519
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		1,048	1,166	-118	1,468	-420
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		311	328	-17	417	-106
City						
Fernley City*		556	559	-3	726	-170
Boulder City*		462	530	-68	483	-21
Elko City*		390	492	-102	567	-177
Henderson		11,860	12,635	-775	10,510	1,350
Las Vegas		27,501	28,713	-1,212	22,915	4,586
Mesquite*		353	374	-21	358	-5
North Las Vegas		11,543	11,914	-371	9,347	2,196
Reno		6,662	7,135	-473	7,464	-802
Sparks		2 802	2 9/17	_15	2 120	_210

2,802

2,847

-45

3,120

-318

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Sparks

<sup>\*</sup> State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

#### **End Notes**

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