

RCG NEVADA JOBS FLASH REPORT July 2, 2014



Nevada

Nevada's economy added **8,300** establishment-based jobs between April and May, reaching a total of **1,219,800**. This is a year-over-year increase of **43,800** (3.7%) jobs compared to May 2013. The year-to-date job growth in 2014 is **2.9%** compared to **1.0%** during the same period in 2013. With the exception of a small loss of jobs in January, the state has seen positive job growth during the last **10 months**. With May's increase, the "headline" unemployment dropped to **7.9%** in May, down from 8.0% the previous month. We would like to note, though, the U-6 rate, which includes forced part time and discouraged workers remains stubbornly high at 17.4% (Q1 2014-latest available data.)

During the past year, the employment-to-population ratio rose to **44.3%**, or by 0.1 percentage points. The 12-month rolling average was 44%. June matched the peak month for the ratio during the last 12 months, which was November 2013. The lowest point was this past February when it was 43.6%.

Nevada added **42,100** private-sector jobs during the last 12 months. Excluding

Construction sector job gains, **35,600** establishment-based jobs were added during the period.

The **Top 3 sectors** in Nevada with the most job gains during the year were Leisure & Hospitality (**11,600 jobs**), Professional & Business Services (**9,700 jobs**) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (**7,300 jobs**). The Natural Resources & Mining (-300 jobs) sector and the Information sector (-100) were the only sectors that experienced job losses during the 12-month period.

The **Top 3 sectors** in the state with the most recent consecutive months of job gains were Professional & Business Services (**8 months**), Manufacturing (**6 months**), and Leisure & Hospitality (**5 months**).

Las Vegas MSA

The Las Vegas MSA economy added **3,900** establishment-based jobs between April and May, resulting in a total of **876,300** jobs. This is a year-over-year increase of **26,300** (3.1%) jobs compared to May 2013. Including May, Las Vegas has had **4 months** of consecutive job growth, and **8 months** of job growth during the last 10 months. The year-to-date job growth in 2014 was **2.4%**, slightly ahead of the 2.3% growth during the same time period in 2013.

The **highest month of job gains** in the past 12 months was August with 10,000 jobs followed by November and March with 7,800 jobs, each. The **highest month of job losses** was July at -10,300, followed by December with -2,700 jobs.

The Las Vegas MSA private sector added **24,300** establishment-based jobs from May 2013 to May 2014. Excluding the job gains in the Construction sector, the private sector added **21,800** jobs during the same period.

The MSA's May 2014 headline unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage points to **7.9%** from 7.4% in April. However, it has fallen by 1.4% from 9.3% in May 2013. Compared to May 2013, the employment-to-population ratio increased by 0.3 percentage points, to **39.3%** from 39.0%. The 12-month rolling monthly average was 39.1%. The peak month for the ratio during the last 12 months was last November (39.4%), and the lowest point was in January at 38.7%.

Most of Southern Nevada's major employment sectors saw job growth. The **Top 3 sectors** in jobs gains during the last 12 months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (**7,400 jobs**), Leisure & Hospitality (**5,800 jobs**) and Professional & Business Services (**4,300 jobs**). All other job sectors posted job gains besides Natural Resources & Mining, which was flat over the year, and the Information sector, which lost 200 jobs.

The top sectors in Las Vegas with the most recent consecutive months of job gains were Manufacturing (**6 months**) and Construction, Professional & Business Services, and Leisure & Hospitality, which all had **5 months** of consecutive job gains.

Reno-Sparks MSA

Reno-Sparks area's economy added **900** jobs between April and May, culminating in total of **202,900** jobs. This is a year-over-year increase of **6,800** (3.5%) jobs compared to May 2013. The year-to-date job growth in 2014 was **3.0%**, compared to **0.9%** during the same period in 2013. May represents the 10th consecutive month of job gains. This increase partially led to a drop in the headline unemployment rate of 1.9 percentage points from 9.3% in May 2013 to the current rate of **7.4%**.

The employment-to-population ratio rose to **34.0%** or by 0.3 percentage points

compared to May 2013. The 12-month rolling average was 33.8%. The peak month for the ratio during the last 12 months was December (34.2%); the lowest point was January 2014 at 33.3%. The Reno-Sparks MSA private sector added **6,400** establishment-based jobs from May 2013 to May 2014. When excluding Construction sector job gains, the private sector only added **5,300** jobs.

For Reno-Sparks, 8 sectors posted job gains over the year. The **Top 3 sectors** for job growth were Professional & Business Services (**2,600 jobs**), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (**1,200 jobs**), and Construction (**1,100 jobs**). The Other Services, Information and Natural Resources & Mining sectors saw job losses (-100).

In Reno-Sparks, the Professional & Business Services sector has had job growth for **10 consecutive months**. The Leisure & Hospitality sector has had **4 months** of consecutive job gains.

Conclusion

The Nevada's job markets have generally improved compared to 2013. As we've noted, Nevada's year-to-date job growth in 2014 was **2.9%** compared to **1.0%** during the same period in 2013. Las Vegas' year-to-date job growth during the first 5 months this year has been **2.4%**, compared with **2.3%** in 2013. And, finally, Reno's year-to-date growth in 2014 has been a positive **3.0%** versus **0.9%** in 2013.

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