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Local unemployment rates see seasonal increase in May

According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) May 2022 economic report, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in May 2022 which decreased by 0.1 percent from April 2022. Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen economic patterns, with the following estimates not seasonally adjusted.

In the three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), the unemployment rates were 5.2 percent in the Las Vegas area, 2.9 percent in Reno, and 3.2 percent in the Carson area in May 2022.

In Nevada's counties, the lowest unemployment rate was in Eureka County at 2.3 percent, and Clark County had the highest rate at 5.2 percent. For a look at the unemployment rate in your county, visit our [Area Profiles Page](#).

For the latest information on the Nevada economy including employment, unemployment, and unemployment insurance check out our monthly [Labor Market Overview](#), or to see the data on your area, take a look at our monthly [Local Area Labor Market Overview](#).

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 [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#) page. Additionally, employment estimates by industry can be found at our [Current Employment Statistics](#) page.

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Nevada Local Area Labor Market Overview

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The state seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May decreased by 0.1 percent to 4.9, a figure that is 2.9 percent down from the 7.8 percent in May of 2021. The non-seasonally adjusted rate for the state increased for the month, it is up 0.2 percent to 4.7 percent, from 4.5 percent in April. Continuing to look at non-seasonally adjusted data at the county level, we see that all counties had slight increases in unemployment rate. However, it is important to reiterate that this data is not adjusted for seasonality. Esmeralda County saw the highest increase, going from 2.1 percent to 2.7 percent for an increase of 0.6 percent. After Esmeralda is a tie between Eureka and Pershing County, both of which saw 0.5 percent increases in unemployment. Adjusting for seasonality smooths out the expected ups and downs in the rates, giving a clearer picture of the overall unemployment situation.

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 at the economic profile of Nevada, the metropolitan areas, or your county visit our [Area Profiles](#) Page.

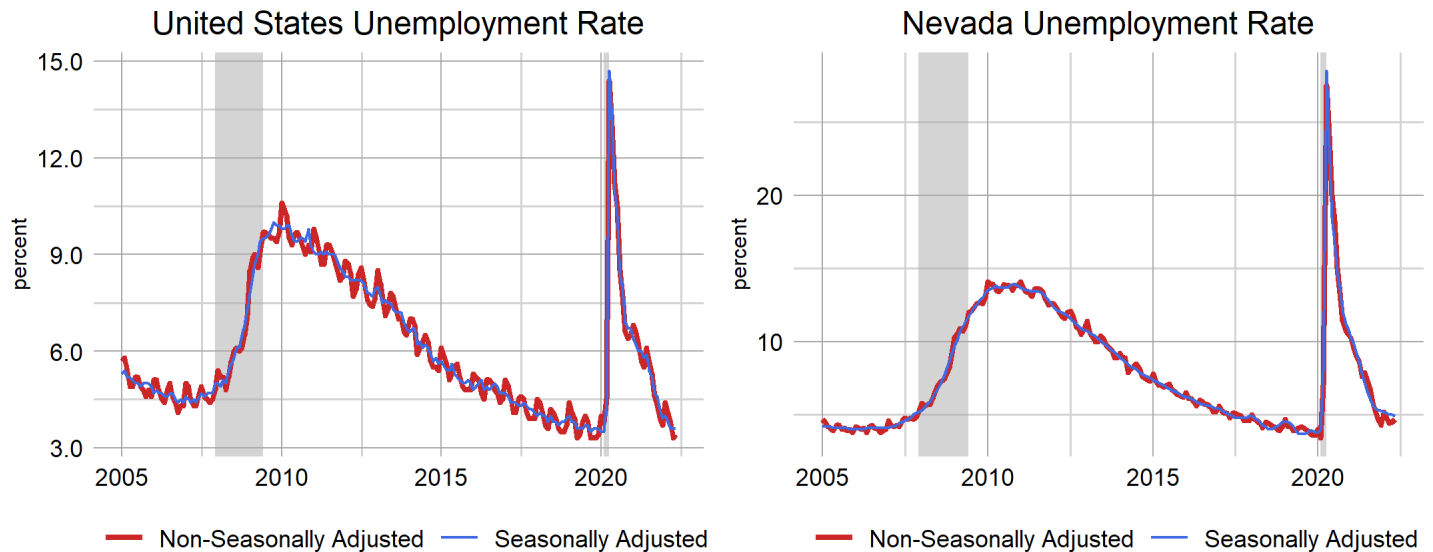
U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
US						
U.S.	164,157,000	158,609,000	5,548,000	3.4	62.3	60.2
U.S. SA	164,376,000	158,426,000	5,950,000	3.6	62.3	60.1
State						
Nevada	1,527,840	1,456,630	71,210	4.7	60.6	57.8
Nevada SA	1,515,764	1,441,593	74,171	4.9	60.1	57.2

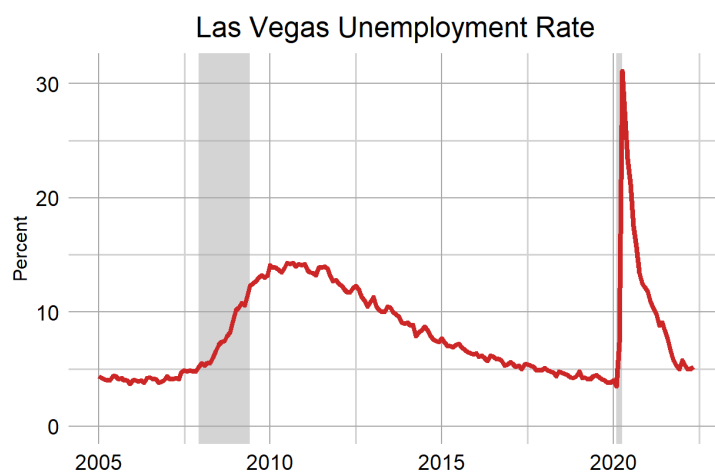
SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Seasonally adjusted estimates take into account the 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 4.9 percent in May 2022, decreasing from 5 percent in April 2022, and down from 7.8 percent in May 2021. The number of unemployed individuals decreased by 1,388 since April 2022 for a current level of 74,171 people, which is 44,456 less unemployed people than May 2021. The labor force in Nevada is currently 1,515,764 people, which is 6,981 more people than April 2022, and is up 4,381 people since May 2021.



The Las Vegas Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA)s unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in May 2022, increasing from 5 percent in April 2022, and down from 8.8 percent in May 2021, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 2,886 since April 2022 for a current level of 58,815 people, which is 38,074 less unemployed people than May 2021. The labor force in Las Vegas is currently 1,121,149 people, which is 11,925 more people than April 2022, and is up 24,169 people since May 2021.



Las Vegas LAUS Summary

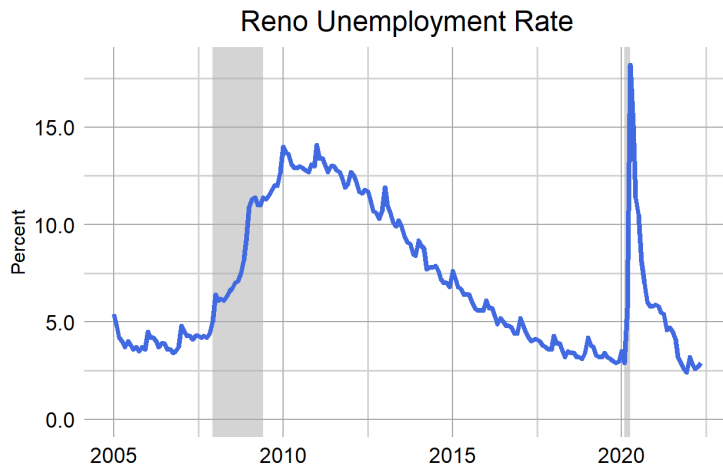
Unemployment Rate

Unemployment Rate	5.2
Previous Month	5
Previous Year	8.8
Maximum Rate	31.1

Unemployed Individuals

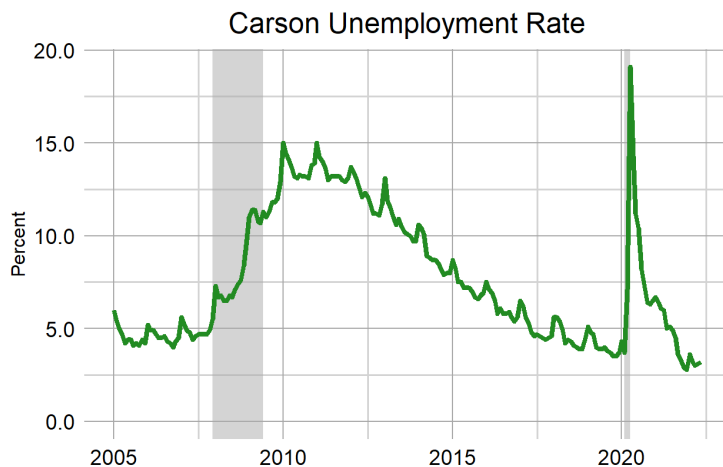
Unemployment Level	58,815
Monthly Change	2,886
Annual Change	38,074
Maximum Level	321,394

The Reno MSA's unemployment rate was 2.9 percent in May 2022, increasing from 2.7 percent in April 2022, and down from 4.6 percent in May 2021, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 458 since April 2022 for a current level of 7,432 people, which is 4,264 less unemployed people than May 2021. The labor force in Reno is currently 257,193 people, which is 3,219 more people than April 2022, and is up 708 people since May 2021.



Reno LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	2.9
Previous Month	2.7
Previous Year	4.6
Maximum Rate	18.2
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	7,432
Monthly Change	458
Annual Change	4,264
Maximum Level	41,615

The Carson City MSA's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in May 2022, increasing from 3.1 percent in April 2022, and down from 5 percent in May 2021, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 30 since April 2022 for a current level of 812 people, which is 483 less unemployed people than May 2021. The labor force in Carson City is currently 25,618 people, which is 229 more people than April 2022, and is down 209 people since May 2021.



Carson City LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	3.2
Previous Month	3.1
Previous Year	5
Maximum Rate	19.1
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	812
Monthly Change	30
Annual Change	483
Maximum Level	4,520

For more on the economy of your county including unemployment, employment, unemployment insurance, wages, and more visit our [Area Profiles Page](#).

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
US				
U.S.	164,157,000	158,609,000	5,548,000	3.4
U.S. SA	164,376,000	158,426,000	5,950,000	3.6
State				
Nevada	1,527,840	1,456,630	71,210	4.7
Nevada SA	1,515,764	1,441,593	74,171	4.9
Metropolitan Statistical Area				
Reno - Sparks MSA	257,193	249,761	7,432	2.9
Carson City MSA	25,618	24,806	812	3.2
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,121,149	1,062,334	58,815	5.2
Combined Statistical Area				
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	328,161	318,250	9,911	3.0
County				
Eureka County	1,094	1,069	25	2.3
White Pine County	4,560	4,447	113	2.5
Elko County	25,630	24,963	667	2.6
Humboldt County	8,101	7,893	208	2.6
Esmeralda County	447	435	12	2.7
Churchill County	11,363	11,044	319	2.8
Washoe County	255,114	247,756	7,358	2.9
Lander County	3,112	3,019	93	3.0
Lincoln County	2,196	2,131	65	3.0
Pershing County	2,548	2,469	79	3.1
Carson City	25,618	24,806	812	3.2
Mineral County	2,052	1,984	68	3.3
Douglas County	21,610	20,880	730	3.4
Storey County	2,079	2,005	74	3.6
Lyon County	23,740	22,803	937	3.9
Nye County	17,425	16,591	834	4.8
Clark County	1,121,149	1,062,334	58,815	5.2
Labor Market Area				
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,724	26,032	692	2.6
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	8,101	7,893	208	2.6
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,363	11,044	319	2.8
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	21,610	20,880	730	3.4
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,740	22,803	937	3.9
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	17,425	16,591	834	4.8
City				
Elko City*	10,008	9,736	272	2.7
Reno	138,722	134,756	3,966	2.9
Sparks	57,331	55,665	1,666	2.9
Mesquite*	8,063	7,745	318	3.9
Fernley City*	8,977	8,589	388	4.3
Boulder City*	7,371	7,039	332	4.5
Henderson	164,806	157,161	7,645	4.6
Las Vegas	309,317	292,540	16,777	5.4
North Las Vegas	117,037	109,691	7,346	6.3

*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.

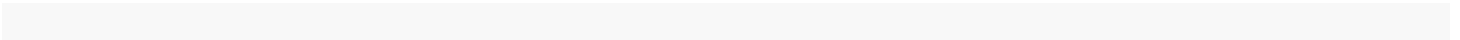
Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In May 2022, 7,968 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, a decrease of 898 claims, or 10.1 percent, from April when there were 8,866 claims. May 2022 had the lowest continued claim average (13.4K) in a month of May in the state since 1990. 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. The counties' continued claim levels continue to inch lower 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.

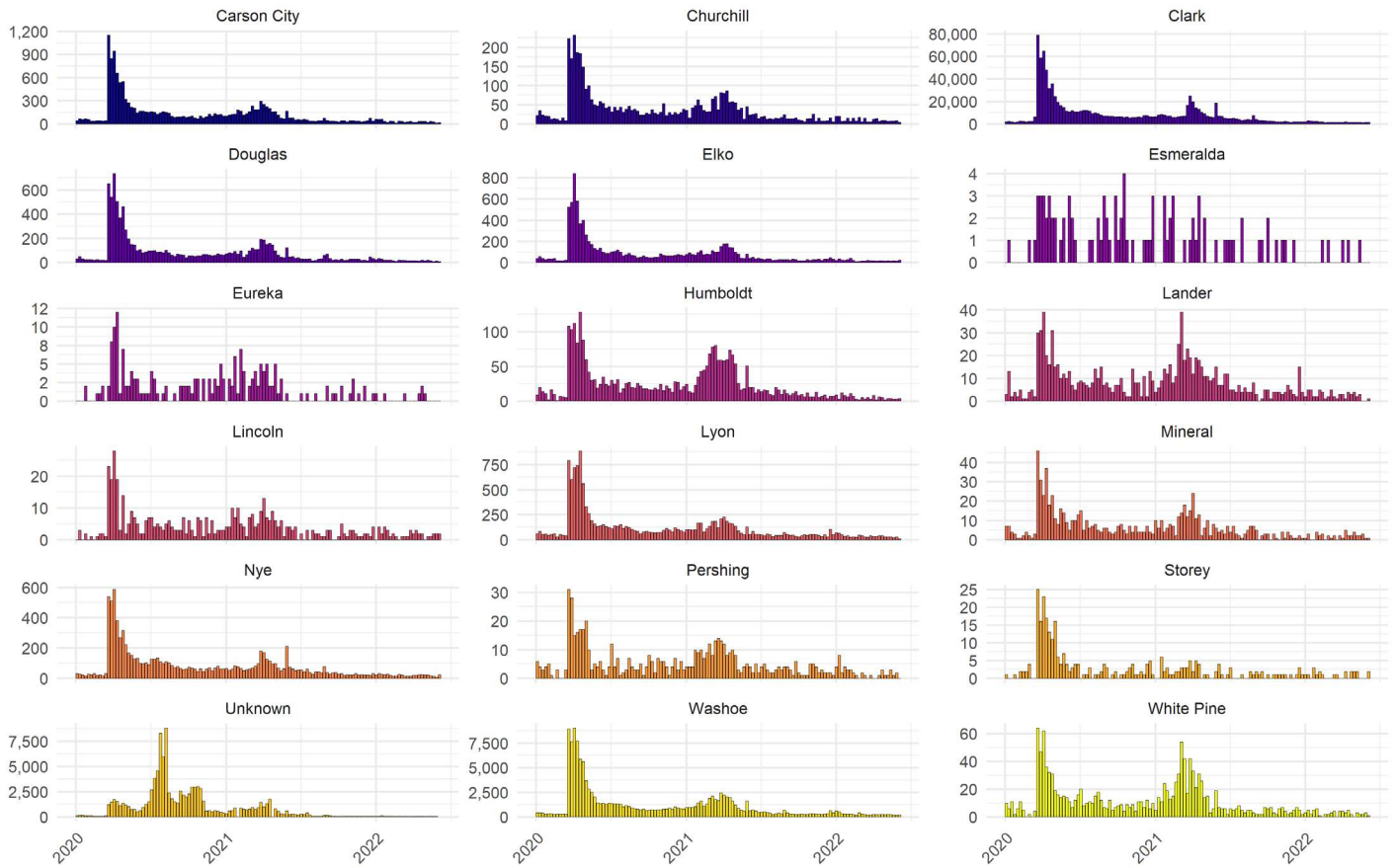
Within the state's 17 counties, initial claim levels were relatively stable, moderately increasing or decreasing over each report week this month. For the last report week in May, Clark's initial claims decreased by 62 claims from the last report week in April, the largest decline realized in all of the counties in the state. Further, continued claim levels carried on a downward trend in the state's three metro areas. For the report week ending May 28, 2022, Clark (-58), Washoe (-126), and Carson City (-7) all saw a reduction in continued claim levels from the last report week in April (April 30, 2022).

To provide perspective on where total continued claim levels stand in the state's largest counties, in the last report week's end in the month (May 28, 2022), the respective totals were as follows; Clark: 10,235, Washoe: 1,477, and Carson City: 154. From May 2021, Washoe, Clark, and Carson City have all decreased their continued claim levels.



Initial Claims by County

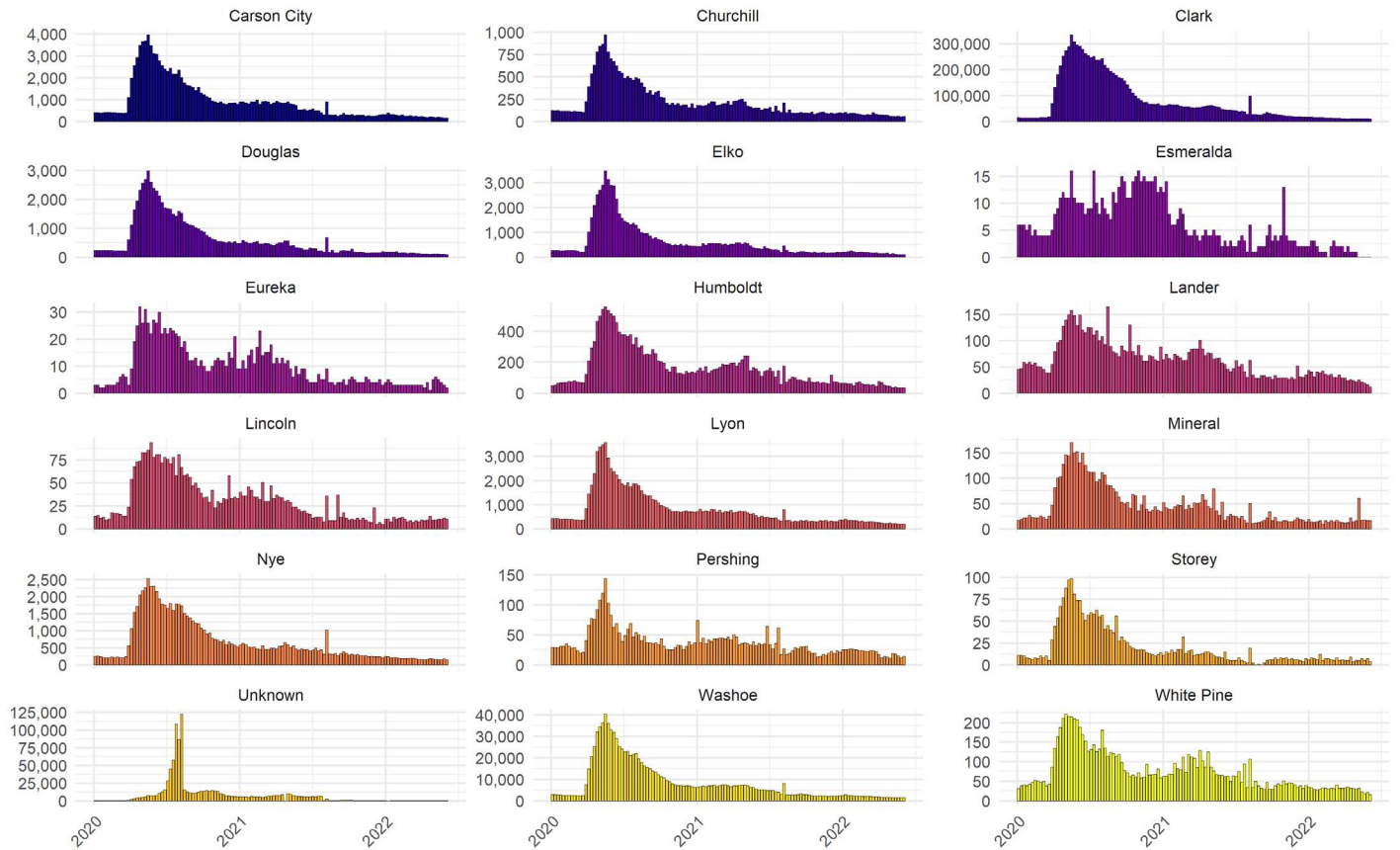
weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Continued Claims by County

weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting
Figure 11

Looking to other measures of unemployment insurance activity, most counties' final payments decreased or remained unchanged from last month aside from Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Lander, and Lincoln counties. Clark County realized the largest decrease (-116) in final payments over the month. First payments decreased or remained unchanged in most counties since April 2022 as well. However, both Clark and Washoe counties increased first payments by 264 and 47, respectively. The decrease in final payments in the state's largest population center is reflected in the increasingly low statewide continued claim levels reported in May. Additionally, most counties realized an increase in benefit payments over the month with Clark and Washoe increasing by nearly \$2.4 million combined from last month.

UI Claims Activity by County

May 2022

	County	First Payments	Final Payments	Weeks Compensated	Benefit Payments	Average Weekly Benefit
	Carson City	30	17	557	\$216,635	\$388.93
	Churchill	9	6	149	\$63,324	\$424.99
	Clark	1,930	940	28,784	\$10,041,547	\$348.86
	Douglas	18	8	312	\$120,274	\$385.49
	Elko	13	10	369	\$153,480	\$415.93
	Esmeralda	0	0	2	\$552	\$276.00
	Eureka	0	1	2	\$526	\$263.00
	Humboldt	8	4	177	\$81,952	\$463.01
	Lander	4	2	84	\$30,506	\$363.17
	Lincoln	4	1	34	\$11,346	\$333.71
	Lyon	43	15	634	\$285,781	\$450.76
	Mineral	4	1	34	\$12,906	\$379.59
	Nye	28	12	345	\$127,033	\$368.21
	Pershing	0	3	44	\$18,003	\$409.16
	Storey	1	0	22	\$8,513	\$386.95
	Unknown	108	53	1,683	\$725,183	\$430.89
	Washoe	258	101	4,190	\$1,776,461	\$423.98
	White Pine	4	3	62	\$23,794	\$383.77
Statewide	—	2,462	1,177	37,484	\$13,697,816.00	—

Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Unemployment Rate Summary LAUS

Area	May 2022	April 2022	Monthly Change	May 2021	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	3.4	3.3	0.1	5.5	-2.1
U.S. SA	3.6	3.6	0.0	5.8	-2.2
State					
Nevada	4.7	4.5	0.2	7.6	-2.9
Nevada SA	4.9	5.0	-0.1	7.8	-2.9
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Reno - Sparks MSA	2.9	2.7	0.2	4.6	-1.7
Carson City MSA	3.2	3.1	0.1	5.0	-1.8
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	5.2	5.0	0.2	8.8	-3.6
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	3.0	2.9	0.1	4.6	-1.6
County					
Eureka County	2.3	1.8	0.5	2.3	0.0
White Pine County	2.5	2.5	0.0	2.9	-0.4
Elko County	2.6	2.5	0.1	3.2	-0.6
Humboldt County	2.6	2.4	0.2	3.3	-0.7
Esmeralda County	2.7	2.1	0.6	3.5	-0.8
Churchill County	2.8	2.6	0.2	3.2	-0.4
Washoe County	2.9	2.7	0.2	4.6	-1.7
Lander County	3.0	2.8	0.2	3.5	-0.5
Lincoln County	3.0	2.8	0.2	2.8	0.2
Pershing County	3.1	2.6	0.5	3.4	-0.3
Carson City	3.2	3.1	0.1	5.0	-1.8
Mineral County	3.3	3.1	0.2	3.8	-0.5
Douglas County	3.4	3.2	0.2	4.5	-1.1
Storey County	3.6	3.3	0.3	4.9	-1.3
Lyon County	3.9	3.7	0.2	5.4	-1.5
Nye County	4.8	4.4	0.4	6.1	-1.3
Clark County	5.2	5.0	0.2	8.8	-3.6
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	2.6	2.5	0.1	3.2	-0.6
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	2.6	2.4	0.2	3.3	-0.7
Fallon Micropolitan Area	2.8	2.6	0.2	3.2	-0.4
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	3.4	3.2	0.2	4.5	-1.1
Fernley Micropolitan Area	3.9	3.7	0.2	5.4	-1.5
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	4.8	4.4	0.4	6.1	-1.3
City					
Elko City*	2.7	2.5	0.2	3.7	-1.0
Reno	2.9	2.7	0.2	4.7	-1.8
Sparks	2.9	2.7	0.2	4.6	-1.7
Mesquite*	3.9	4.0	-0.1	5.0	-1.1
Fernley City*	4.3	4.1	0.2	5.5	-1.2
Boulder City*	4.5	4.4	0.1	6.0	-1.5
Henderson	4.6	4.4	0.2	7.3	-2.7
Las Vegas	5.4	5.2	0.2	8.9	-3.5
North Las Vegas	6.3	6.1	0.2	9.8	-3.5

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Labor Force Levels Summary LAUS

Area	May 2022	April 2022	Monthly Change	May 2021	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	164,157,000	163,449,000	708,000	160,607,000	3,550,000
U.S. SA	164,376,000	164,046,000	330,000	160,801,000	3,575,000
State					
Nevada	1,527,840	1,512,571	15,269	1,507,577	20,263
Nevada SA	1,515,764	1,508,783	6,981	1,511,383	4,381
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	25,618	25,389	229	25,827	-209
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,121,149	1,109,224	11,925	1,096,980	24,169
Reno - Sparks MSA	257,193	253,974	3,219	256,485	708
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	328,161	324,454	3,707	328,454	-293
County					
Churchill County	11,363	11,480	-117	11,754	-391
Clark County	1,121,149	1,109,224	11,925	1,096,980	24,169
Douglas County	21,610	21,466	144	22,257	-647
Elko County	25,630	25,565	65	26,865	-1,235
Esmeralda County	447	476	-29	486	-39
Eureka County	1,094	1,190	-96	1,229	-135
Humboldt County	8,101	8,278	-177	8,689	-588
Lander County	3,112	3,144	-32	3,295	-183
Lincoln County	2,196	2,245	-49	2,309	-113
Lyon County	23,740	23,625	115	23,885	-145
Mineral County	2,052	2,035	17	2,098	-46
Nye County	17,425	17,294	131	17,742	-317
Pershing County	2,548	2,644	-96	2,865	-317
Storey County	2,079	2,043	36	2,050	29
Washoe County	255,114	251,931	3,183	254,435	679
White Pine County	4,560	4,544	16	4,811	-251
Carson City	25,618	25,389	229	25,827	-209
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,724	26,755	-31	28,094	-1,370
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,363	11,480	-117	11,754	-391
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,740	23,625	115	23,885	-145
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	21,610	21,466	144	22,257	-647
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	17,425	17,294	131	17,742	-317
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	8,101	8,278	-177	8,689	-588
City					
Fernley City*	8,977	8,928	49	9,013	-36
Boulder City*	7,371	7,298	73	7,051	320
Elko City*	10,008	9,967	41	10,529	-521
Henderson	164,806	163,070	1,736	159,658	5,148
Las Vegas	309,317	306,012	3,305	302,242	7,075
Mesquite*	8,063	8,000	63	7,673	390
North Las Vegas	117,037	115,798	1,239	114,429	2,608
Reno	138,722	136,982	1,740	138,561	161
Sparks	57,331	56,595	736	57,172	159

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Employed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	May 2022	April 2022	Monthly Change	May 2021	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	158,609,000	157,991,000	618,000	151,778,000	6,831,000
U.S. SA	158,426,000	158,105,000	321,000	151,550,000	6,876,000
State					
Nevada	1,456,630	1,444,997	11,633	1,392,287	64,343
Nevada SA	1,441,593	1,433,224	8,369	1,392,756	48,837
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	24,806	24,607	199	24,532	274
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,062,334	1,053,295	9,039	1,000,091	62,243
Reno - Sparks MSA	249,761	247,000	2,761	244,789	4,972
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	318,250	315,135	3,115	313,182	5,068
County					
Churchill County	11,044	11,180	-136	11,379	-335
Clark County	1,062,334	1,053,295	9,039	1,000,091	62,243
Douglas County	20,880	20,787	93	21,257	-377
Elko County	24,963	24,929	34	26,007	-1,044
Esmeralda County	435	466	-31	469	-34
Eureka County	1,069	1,168	-99	1,201	-132
Humboldt County	7,893	8,080	-187	8,405	-512
Lander County	3,019	3,057	-38	3,181	-162
Lincoln County	2,131	2,183	-52	2,244	-113
Lyon County	22,803	22,741	62	22,604	199
Mineral County	1,984	1,972	12	2,019	-35
Nye County	16,591	16,526	65	16,668	-77
Pershing County	2,469	2,575	-106	2,769	-300
Storey County	2,005	1,976	29	1,950	55
Washoe County	247,756	245,024	2,732	242,839	4,917
White Pine County	4,447	4,430	17	4,673	-226
Carson City	24,806	24,607	199	24,532	274
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,032	26,097	-65	27,208	-1,176
Fallon Micropolitan Area	11,044	11,180	-136	11,379	-335
Fernley Micropolitan Area	22,803	22,741	62	22,604	199
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	20,880	20,787	93	21,257	-377
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	16,591	16,526	65	16,668	-77
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,893	8,080	-187	8,405	-512
City					
Fernley City*	8,589	8,566	23	8,514	75
Boulder City*	7,039	6,979	60	6,626	413
Elko City*	9,736	9,722	14	10,143	-407
Henderson	157,161	155,824	1,337	147,953	9,208
Las Vegas	292,540	290,051	2,489	275,400	17,140
Mesquite*	7,745	7,679	66	7,291	454
North Las Vegas	109,691	108,758	933	103,264	6,427
Reno	134,756	133,270	1,486	132,081	2,675
Sparks	55,665	55,051	614	54,560	1,105

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SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Unemployed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	May 2022	April 2022	Monthly Change	May 2021	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	5,548,000	5,458,000	90,000	8,829,000	-3,281,000
U.S. SA	5,950,000	5,941,000	9,000	9,251,000	-3,301,000
State					
Nevada	71,210	67,574	3,636	115,290	-44,080
Nevada SA	74,171	75,559	-1,388	118,627	-44,456
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	812	782	30	1,295	-483
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	58,815	55,929	2,886	96,889	-38,074
Reno - Sparks MSA	7,432	6,974	458	11,696	-4,264
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	9,911	9,319	592	15,272	-5,361
County					
Churchill County	319	300	19	375	-56
Clark County	58,815	55,929	2,886	96,889	-38,074
Douglas County	730	679	51	1,000	-270
Elko County	667	636	31	858	-191
Esmeralda County	12	10	2	17	-5
Eureka County	25	22	3	28	-3
Humboldt County	208	198	10	284	-76
Lander County	93	87	6	114	-21
Lincoln County	65	62	3	65	0
Lyon County	937	884	53	1,281	-344
Mineral County	68	63	5	79	-11
Nye County	834	768	66	1,074	-240
Pershing County	79	69	10	96	-17
Storey County	74	67	7	100	-26
Washoe County	7,358	6,907	451	11,596	-4,238
White Pine County	113	114	-1	138	-25
Carson City	812	782	30	1,295	-483
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	692	658	34	886	-194
Fallon Micropolitan Area	319	300	19	375	-56
Fernley Micropolitan Area	937	884	53	1,281	-344
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	730	679	51	1,000	-270
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	834	768	66	1,074	-240
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	208	198	10	284	-76
City					
Fernley City*	388	362	26	499	-111
Boulder City*	332	319	13	425	-93
Elko City*	272	245	27	386	-114
Henderson	7,645	7,246	399	11,705	-4,060
Las Vegas	16,777	15,961	816	26,842	-10,065
Mesquite*	318	321	-3	382	-64
North Las Vegas	7,346	7,040	306	11,165	-3,819
Reno	3,966	3,712	254	6,480	-2,514
Sparks	1,666	1,544	122	2,612	-946

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

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

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