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CBER's Coincident Index Continues to Grow

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CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index rose in August 2014 for the fourth straight month, benefitting from gains in both of its components. Las Vegas nonfarm employment increased by 0.18 percent for the month and is up year-over-year by 2.71 percent. Las Vegas household employment experienced slightly smaller monthly gains, rising by 0.06 percent, and it is only up 2.32 percent from its level last year.

Changes in the rest of CBER's indexes for Southern Nevada were as follows:

- CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index increased for the month, and it is faring better than in August 2013.
- CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index rose in August and is above its level from last year.
- CBER's Clark County Tourism Index experienced gains for the month, and it is up from last year.
- CBER's Clark County Construction Index decreased for the month and is down year-over-year.

More detailed information is found on the pages that follow.

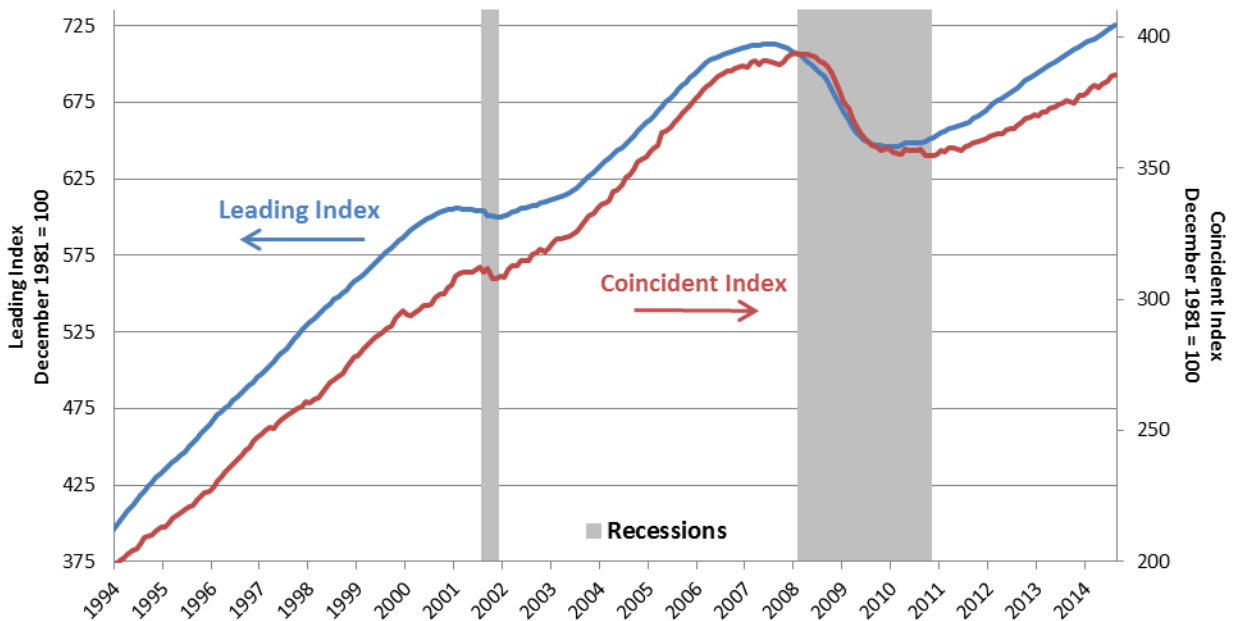
CBER's Coincident and Leading Indexes of Southern Nevada Economic Activity

CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index represents the current state of the Southern Nevada economy using two series that measure Las Vegas Metropolitan Statistical Area employment. CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index uses local, regional, and national variables to predict movement in the coincident index four to six months in advance.

For the Great Recession, the coincident index peaked in January 2008 and reached its lowest point in September 2010. The leading index peaked in July 2007—six months before the coincident index and reached its bottom in February 2010—seven months before the coincident index started recovery.

A full description of the methodology used to construct the indexes can be found at:
<http://cber.unlv.edu/reports/SoNVEconomicIndexes.pdf>.

CBER Southern Nevada Economic Indicators



Leading Index

Series	Date	Latest Period	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Arizona Index	Aug-14	775.76	0.23%	2.26%
California Index	Aug-14	615.41	0.29%	3.59%
S&P 500 Index	Aug-14	1,990.41	0.23%	17.43%
McCarran Total Passengers	Aug-14	3,569,280	0.95%	3.39%
Overall Index Change		725.70	0.26%	2.81%

Sources: Philadelphia Federal Reserve, McCarran International Airport, St. Louis Federal Reserve (FRED)

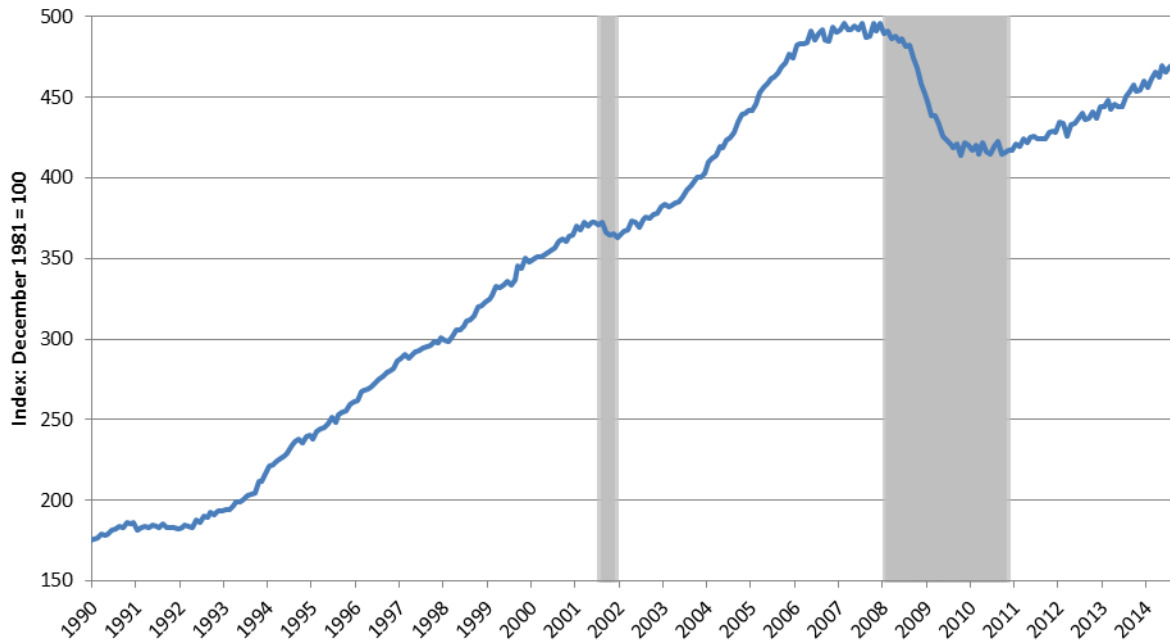
Coincident Index

Series	Date	Latest Period	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Las Vegas MSA Nonfarm Employment	Aug-14	878,745	0.18%	2.71%
Las Vegas MSA Household Employment	Aug-14	918,258	0.06%	2.32%
Overall Index Change		385.37	0.12%	2.52%

Sources: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

All four components of CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index increased for August 2014 and are up year-over-year. For CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index, both Las Vegas MSA nonfarm employment and Las Vegas MSA household employment increased for the month and are up from their level last year.

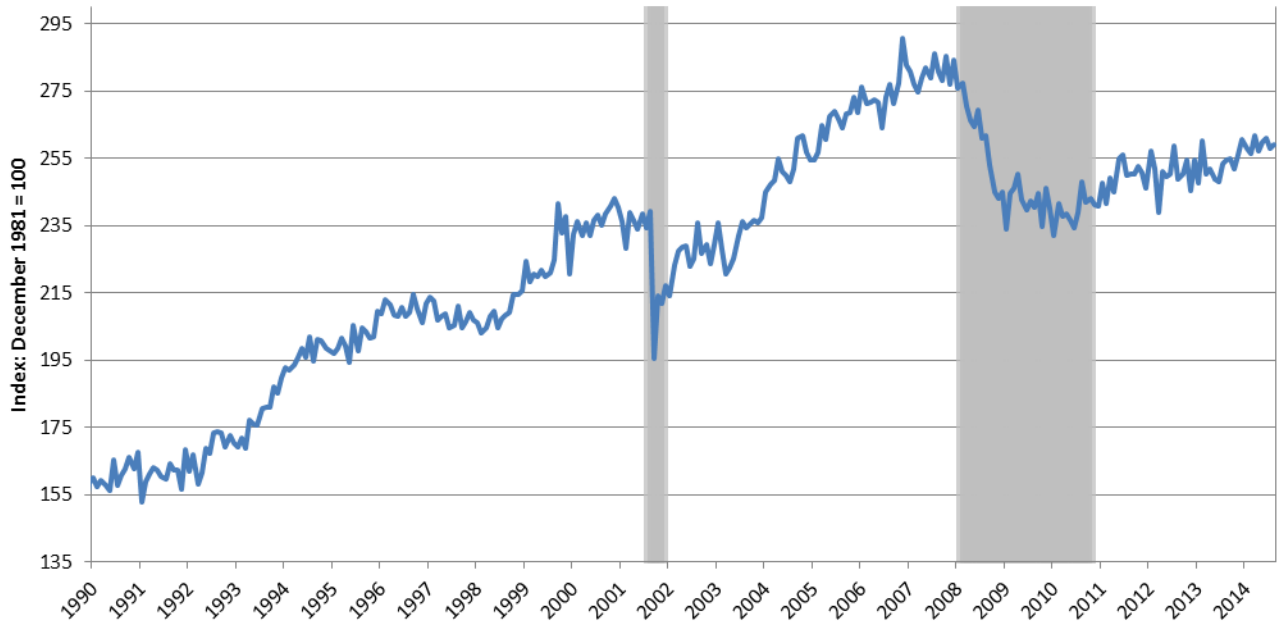
CBER Clark County Business Activity Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-13	453.99	0.78%	4.06%
Sep-13	457.39	0.75%	4.66%
Oct-13	453.91	-0.76%	3.02%
Nov-13	454.76	0.19%	4.07%
Dec-13	460.36	1.23%	3.63%
Jan-14	455.95	-0.96%	2.63%
Feb-14	461.43	1.20%	3.02%
Mar-14	465.98	0.99%	5.34%
Apr-14	462.45	-0.76%	3.76%
May-14	469.25	1.47%	5.60%
Jun-14	465.80	-0.73%	4.91%
Jul-14	468.87	0.66%	4.09%
Aug-14	470.10	0.26%	3.55%

CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index increased slightly in August 2014, despite the seasonally adjusted gaming revenues component falling by 3.52 percent for the month. Clark County taxable sales and Las Vegas nonfarm employment increased by 2.57 percent and 0.18 percent, respectively.

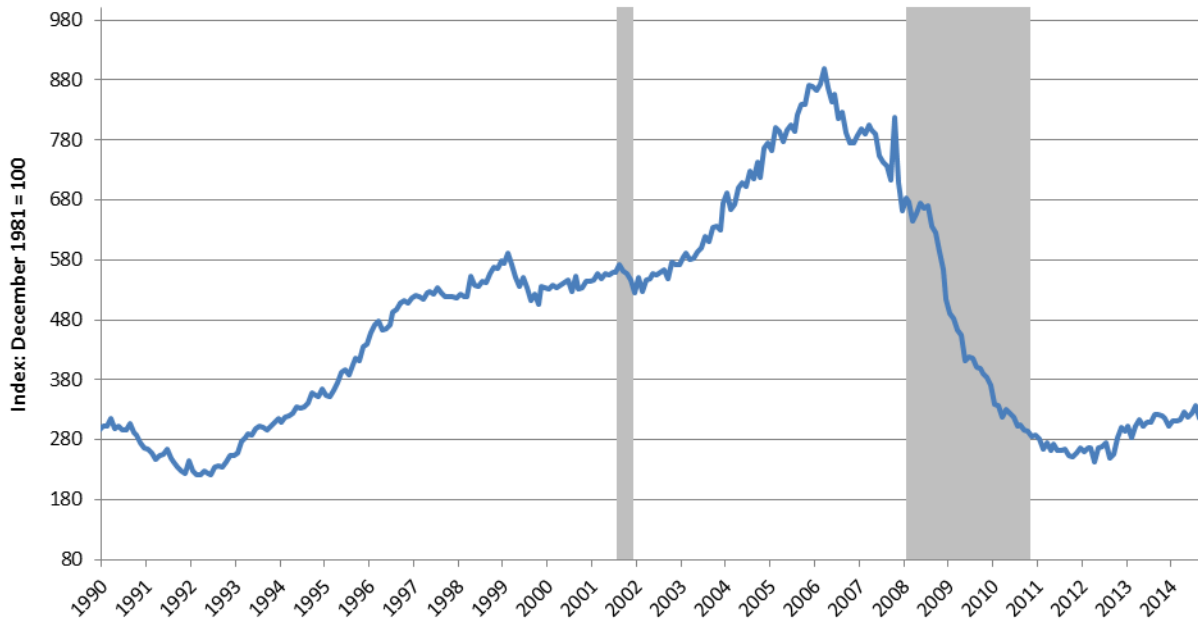
CBER Clark County Tourism Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-13	254.55	0.51%	2.33%
Sep-13	254.87	0.13%	1.79%
Oct-13	251.81	-1.20%	-1.13%
Nov-13	256.08	1.70%	4.29%
Dec-13	260.43	1.70%	2.26%
Jan-14	258.02	-0.93%	4.15%
Feb-14	256.51	-0.58%	-1.40%
Mar-14	261.69	2.02%	4.57%
Apr-14	257.29	-1.68%	2.23%
May-14	259.75	0.95%	4.36%
Jun-14	260.91	0.45%	5.12%
Jul-14	257.92	-1.14%	1.84%
Aug-14	259.26	0.52%	1.85%

As measured by CBER's Clark County Tourism Index, activity in the tourism sector increased for August 2014. Seasonally adjusted gaming revenues fell by 3.52 percent. Total passengers enplaned/deplaned at McCarran Airport rose by 0.95 percent. The Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy rate increased by 2.14 percent for the month.

CBER Clark County Construction Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-13	322.79	4.50%	29.32%
Sep-13	322.35	-0.14%	26.20%
Oct-13	319.75	-0.80%	13.02%
Nov-13	314.71	-1.58%	4.53%
Dec-13	302.85	-3.77%	2.96%
Jan-14	312.04	3.03%	3.02%
Feb-14	311.49	-0.18%	9.86%
Mar-14	312.74	0.40%	3.56%
Apr-14	326.87	4.52%	4.65%
May-14	317.34	-2.91%	4.59%
Jun-14	323.96	2.09%	4.63%
Jul-14	336.23	3.79%	8.85%
Aug-14	316.41	-5.90%	-1.98%

CBER's Clark County Construction Index decreased for August 2014. Las Vegas construction employment fell by 2.66 percent. Residential permits declined by 29.71 percent. Commercial permits also decreased for the month and remain at a low and volatile level.

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