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## **CBER's Construction Index Rebounds**

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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.

CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index increased for January 2014. Year-over-year, the index is up by 2.32 percent. CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index increased for the month, benefiting from gains in three of its four components. Year-over-year, the leading index is up by 3.04 percent.

Changes in CBER's three other indexes for Southern Nevada were as follows:

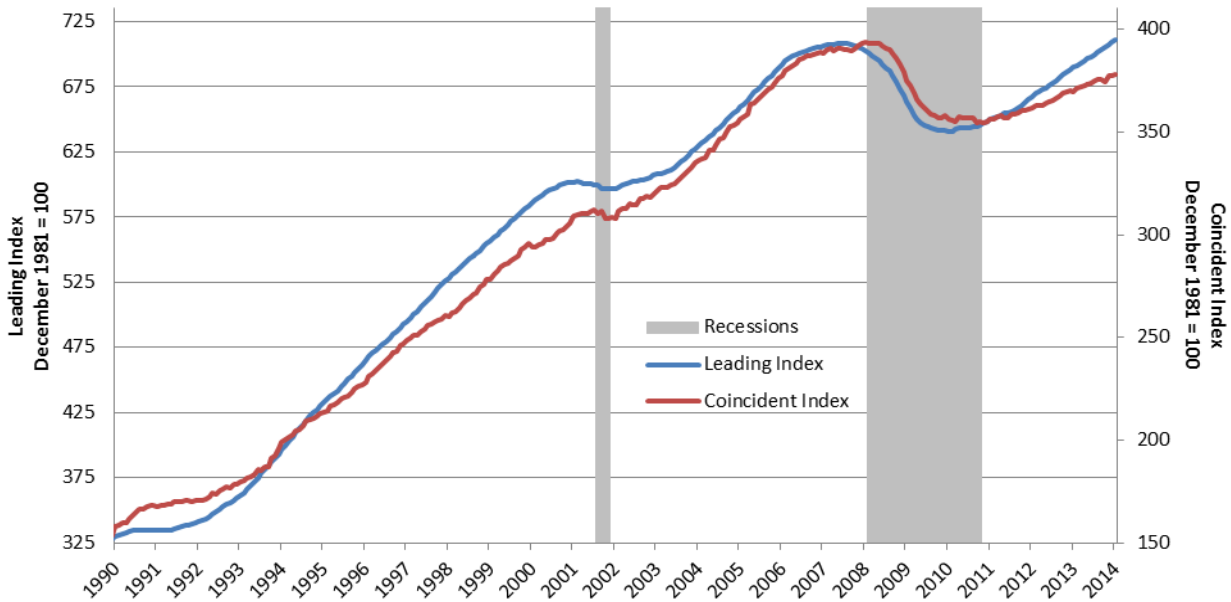
- CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index decreased for the month, but it is faring better than in January 2013.
- CBER's Clark County Tourism Index fell in December but is below its level from last year.
- CBER's Clark County Construction Index increased for the month and remains up year-over-year.

More detailed information is found on the pages that follow.

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	Jan-13	760.47	0.29%	2.45%
California Index	Jan-13	602.65	0.25%	3.72%
S&P 500 Index	Jan-13	1,814.50	-1.13%	23.04%
McCarran Total Passengers	Jan-13	3,624,231	0.87%	5.30%
Overall Index Change		710.74	0.26%	3.04%

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

### Coincident Index

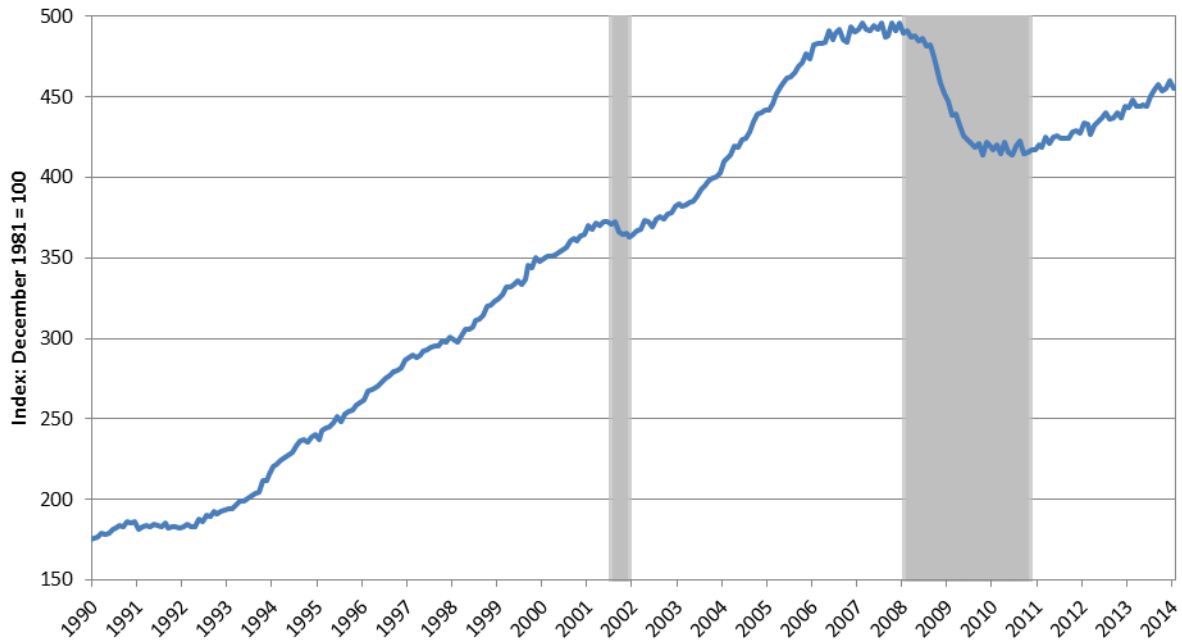
Series	Date	Latest Period	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Las Vegas MSA Nonfarm Employment	Jan-14	862,124	0.09%	2.90%
Las Vegas MSA Household Employment	Jan-14	901,460	0.26%	1.70%
Overall Index Change		378.19	0.17%	2.32%

Sources: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Three components of CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index—the Philadelphia Fed's Leading Indexes for Arizona and California and the number of total passengers passing through McCarran Airport—increased for January 2014. The S&P 500 Index fell for the month. All four are up year-over-year. Both components of the coincident index increased for the month. After annual revisions of the employment data,<sup>1</sup> Las Vegas MSA nonfarm employment is up almost 3 percent year-over-year.

<sup>1</sup> See Brown, Stephen P. A., Ryan T. Kennelly, and Peter Counts, "Revised Data Show a Much Stronger Nevada Economy," *Economic Commentary*, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 18, 2014, <http://cber.unlv.edu/commentary/CBER-18Mar2014.pdf>.

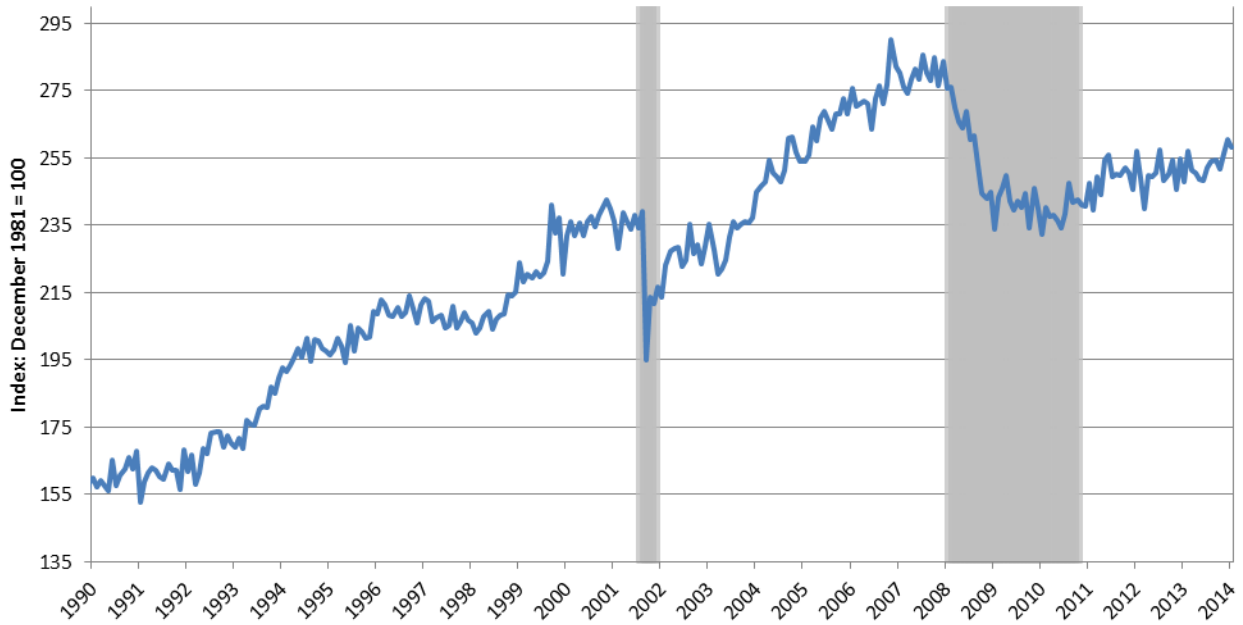
### CBER Clark County Business Activity Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Jan-13	443.55	-0.08%	2.24%
Feb-13	447.81	0.96%	3.31%
Mar-13	443.84	-0.89%	3.93%
Apr-13	444.34	0.11%	2.77%
May-13	445.00	0.15%	2.41%
Jun-13	443.84	-0.26%	1.59%
Jul-13	450.49	1.50%	2.35%
Aug-13	454.16	0.82%	4.08%
Sep-13	457.45	0.72%	4.67%
Oct-13	453.94	-0.77%	3.03%
Nov-13	455.17	0.27%	4.08%
Dec-13	459.99	1.06%	3.62%
Jan-14	455.09	-1.06%	2.60%

CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index decreased slightly in January 2014 despite gains in two of its three components. Seasonally adjusted gaming revenues were solely responsible for the decline, decreasing by 16.03 percent for the month. Las Vegas nonfarm employment and Clark County taxable sales increased by 0.09 percent and 1.45 percent, respectively.

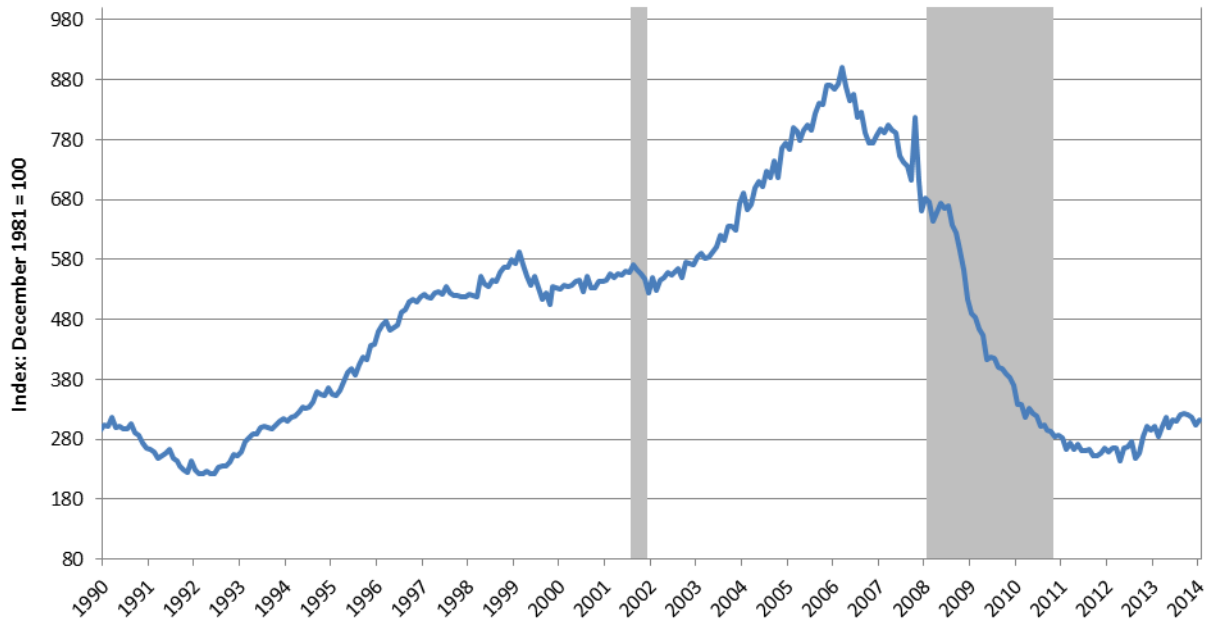
### CBER Clark County Tourism Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Jan-13	247.75	-2.67%	-3.61%
Feb-13	256.83	3.66%	3.12%
Mar-13	251.47	-2.09%	4.90%
Apr-13	250.35	-0.45%	0.17%
May-13	248.56	-0.71%	-0.33%
Jun-13	248.34	-0.09%	-0.88%
Jul-13	252.24	1.57%	-2.07%
Aug-13	254.03	0.71%	2.32%
Sep-13	254.53	0.20%	1.79%
Oct-13	251.55	-1.17%	-1.11%
Nov-13	256.27	1.88%	4.32%
Dec-13	260.32	1.58%	2.26%
Jan-14	258.05	-0.87%	4.16%

As measured by CBER's Clark County Tourism Index, activity in the tourism sector decreased for January 2014. The decrease can be attributed to seasonally adjusted gaming revenues, which fell by 16.03 percent. Total passengers enplaned/deplaned at McCarran Airport and the Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy rate increased by 0.87 percent and 5.69 percent, respectively.

## CBER Clark County Construction Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Jan-13	302.49	2.74%	16.54%
Feb-13	283.66	-6.22%	6.65%
Mar-13	300.81	6.04%	13.14%
Apr-13	316.18	5.11%	29.72%
May-13	300.52	-4.95%	13.56%
Jun-13	312.34	3.93%	16.33%
Jul-13	311.06	-0.41%	12.99%
Aug-13	320.87	3.15%	28.87%
Sep-13	323.48	0.81%	26.14%
Oct-13	321.44	-0.63%	13.21%
Nov-13	316.35	-1.58%	4.71%
Dec-13	303.52	-4.06%	3.10%
Jan-14	311.96	2.78%	3.13%

CBER's Clark County Construction Index increased for January 2014 after three straight months of decline. All of the components experienced gains for the month. Las Vegas construction employment increased by 1.38 percent. Residential permits rose by 23.21 percent from December. Despite rising in January, commercial permits remained at a low and volatile level.

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