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CBER Southern Nevada Indicators Show Growth

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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 (MSA) employment. CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index also measures the Southern Nevada economy—using local, regional, and national variables—and predicts 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.

For the most recent data, CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index increased slightly, recovering from July's slippage. Year-over-year the index is up by 1.16 percent. Similarly, CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index increased for August 2012, benefiting from gains in all four of its components. The S&P 500 Index had a particularly strong month, increasing by almost 4 percent. Year-over-year, the leading index is up by 3.31 percent.

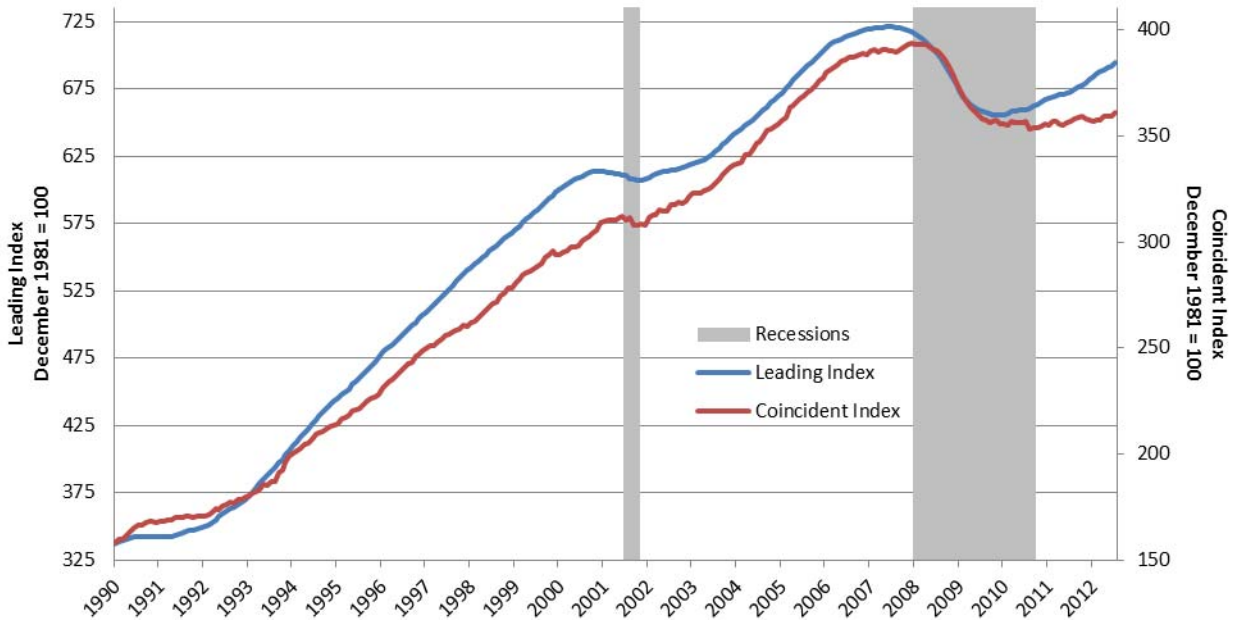
Changes in CBER's three other indexes for Southern Nevada were as follows:

- CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index declined after four months of growth, but is faring better than in August 2011.
- CBER's Clark County Tourism Index declined and is down year-over-year.
- CBER's Clark County Construction Index decreased significantly, falling below where it was during August of last 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	Aug-12	748.66	0.32%	2.85%
California Index	Aug-12	585.81	0.46%	4.16%
S&P 500 Index	Aug-12	1425.74	3.99%	18.77%
McCarran Total Passengers	Aug-12	3476791	0.50%	0.30%
Overall Index Change		695.30	0.40%	3.31%

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

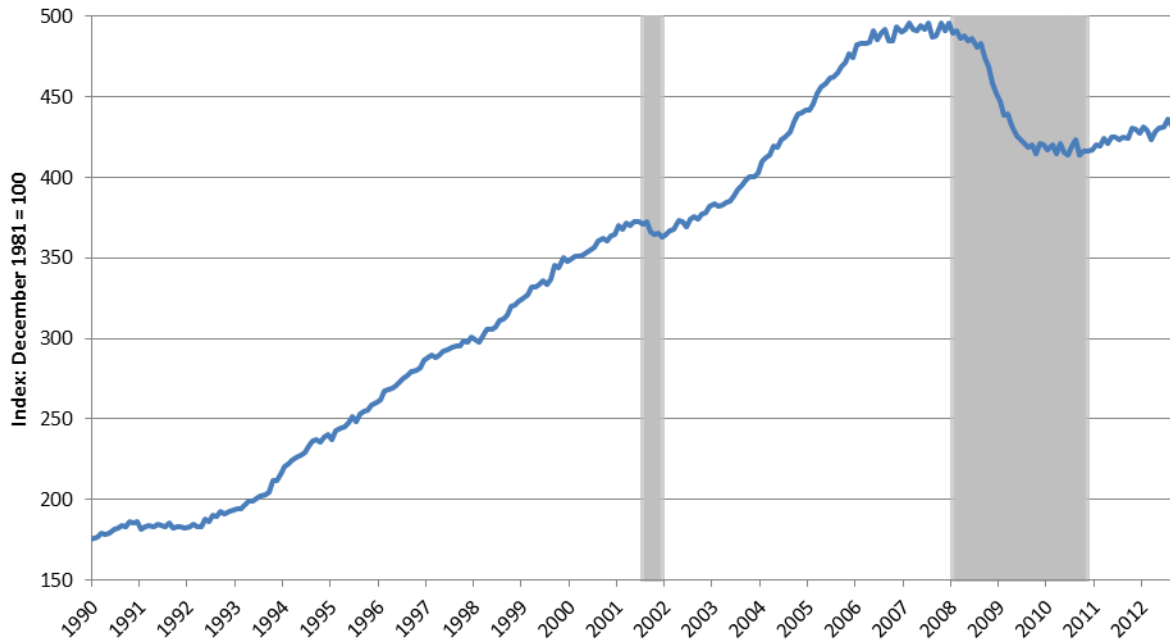
Coincident Index

Series	Date	Latest Period	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Las Vegas MSA Nonfarm Employment	Aug-12	816660	0.23%	0.97%
Las Vegas MSA Household Employment	Aug-12	866331	0.62%	1.36%
Overall Index Change		360.76	0.42%	1.16%

Sources: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

All four components of CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index—the Philadelphia Fed's Leading Indexes for Arizona and California, the S&P 500 Index, and total passengers from McCarran Airport—increased for August 2012. In addition, all of the components are up year-over-year. Both employment series increased in August, putting the coincident index up month-over-month and year-over-year.

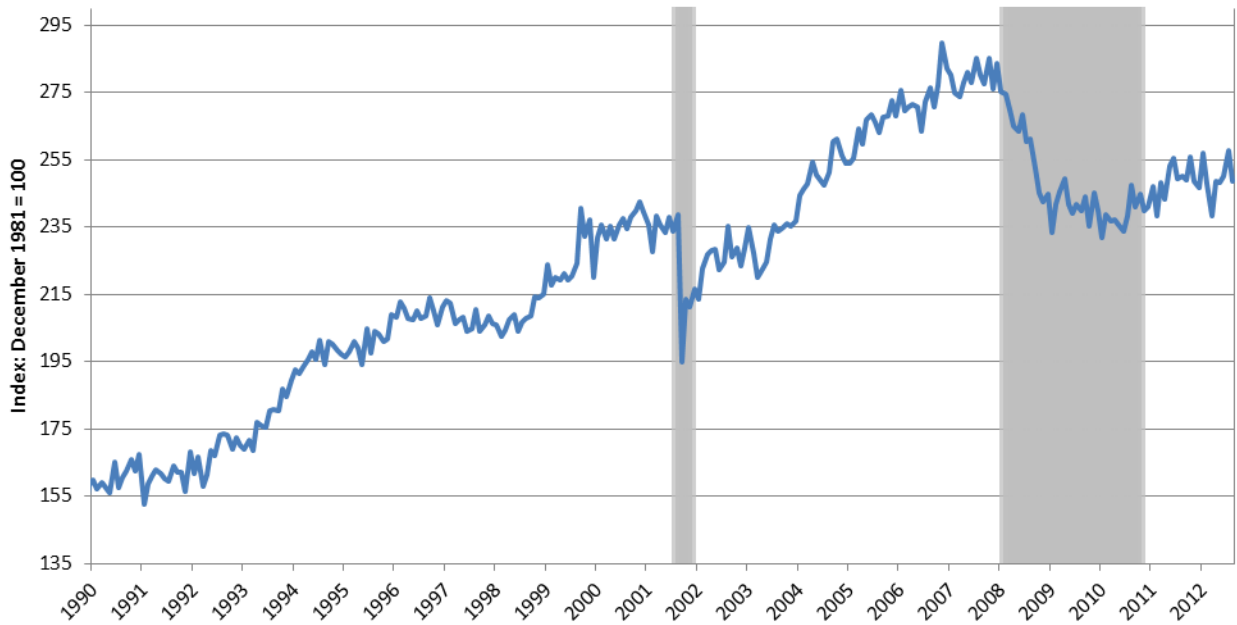
CBER Clark County Business Activity Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-11	424.75	0.35%	0.33%
Sep-11	424.07	-0.16%	2.40%
Oct-11	430.71	1.56%	3.43%
Nov-11	429.87	-0.19%	3.18%
Dec-11	427.78	-0.49%	2.53%
Jan-12	431.77	0.93%	2.63%
Feb-12	429.26	-0.58%	2.37%
Mar-12	423.22	-1.41%	-0.32%
Apr-12	428.08	1.15%	1.63%
May-12	430.86	0.65%	1.38%
Jun-12	431.60	0.17%	1.47%
Jul-12	436.35	1.10%	3.09%
Aug-12	432.12	-0.97%	1.74%

CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index declined for August 2012, after fourth straight months of growth. The only contributor to this loss was seasonally adjusted gaming revenue, which fell by 16.85 percent—mostly the result of reduced slot play. As seen in CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index, Las Vegas nonfarm employment increased by 0.23 percent for August. Clark County taxable sales also had modest gains, growing by 1.84 percent.

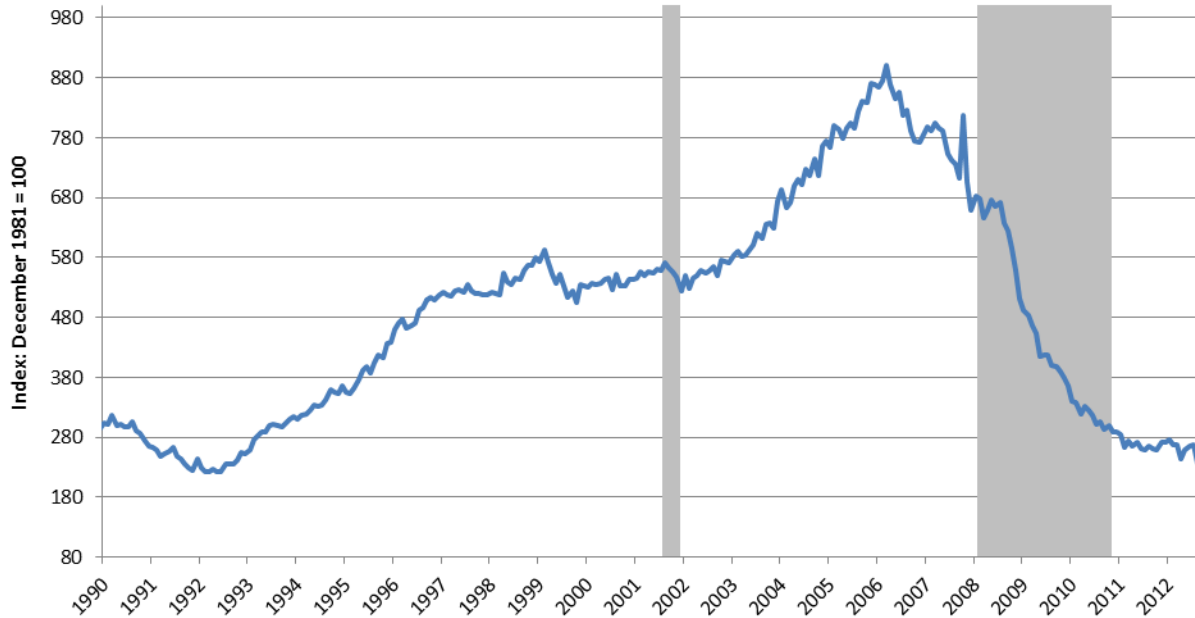
CBER Clark County Tourism Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-11	250.19	0.27%	1.09%
Sep-11	249.16	-0.41%	3.31%
Oct-11	255.74	2.64%	4.46%
Nov-11	248.65	-2.77%	3.58%
Dec-11	246.65	-0.80%	2.32%
Jan-12	256.91	4.16%	3.91%
Feb-12	247.76	-3.56%	3.99%
Mar-12	238.26	-3.83%	-4.06%
Apr-12	248.51	4.30%	2.19%
May-12	248.14	-0.15%	-2.07%
Jun-12	250.31	0.88%	-2.00%
Jul-12	257.84	3.01%	3.33%
Aug-12	248.48	-3.63%	-0.69%

As measured by CBER's Clark County Tourism Index, activity in the tourism sector decreased for August 2012. Gaming revenues decreased by 16.85 percent for the month. Hotel/motel room occupancy also decreased for August, down 0.07 percent. Passengers enplaned and deplaned at McCarran Airport increased slightly, up 0.50 percent from July.

CBER Clark County Construction Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Aug-11	264.87	2.02%	-13.34%
Sep-11	260.00	-1.84%	-11.43%
Oct-11	258.39	-0.62%	-13.59%
Nov-11	271.75	5.17%	-5.81%
Dec-11	271.16	-0.22%	-6.25%
Jan-12	276.78	2.07%	-2.60%
Feb-12	267.48	-3.36%	1.35%
Mar-12	266.60	-0.33%	-3.02%
Apr-12	244.68	-8.22%	-7.78%
May-12	257.85	5.38%	-5.26%
Jun-12	265.73	3.05%	1.59%
Jul-12	267.80	0.78%	3.15%
Aug-12	237.01	-11.50%	-10.52%

After being up year-over-year in July, the CBER Clark County Construction Index fell by 11.50 percent and is below its level from August 2011. Clark County residential building permits were up for the month, increasing by 0.60 percent from July to August. Las Vegas construction employment declined by 1.72 percent over the same period. Commercial building permits also fell significantly in August, remaining at a low and volatile level.

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