CBER Indexes for Nevada and Southern Nevada

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Summary of CBER’s Nevada Indexes

Coincident Index
(April)

Mo. to Mo.
- Taxable Sales: 1.8% ↑
- Gross Gaming Revenue: 2.9% ↑
- Nonfarm Employment: -0.1% ↓

Yr. to Yr.
- Taxable Sales: 5.9% ↑
- Gross Gaming Revenue: -2.2% ↓
- Nonfarm Employment: 2.3% ↑

Leading Index
(May)

1.3 %

Initial Claims*
Moody’s Baa*
Housing Permits
Commercial Permits
Airline Passengers
S&P 500
-10.6% ↓
-0.03% ↓
10.3% ↑
25.2% ↑
0.6% ↑
-0.5% ↓

2.3% ↑
1.3% ↑
34.9% ↑
55.1% ↑
3.9% ↑
-2.2% ↓

Note: The coincident index is a month behind relative to other indexes because of a two-month delay in the release of taxable sales.

* Inverted
The CBER Nevada coincident and leading indexes use the Department of Commerce index construction method. The CBER Nevada coincident index measures the ups and downs of the Nevada economy, while the CBER Nevada leading index provides an indication for the future direction of the coincident index. The coincident index provides the benchmark series that defines the business cycle or reference cycle in Nevada. The leading index then tracks the economy relative to that reference cycle. The coincident index peaked in February 2007 and then fell dramatically through June 2010. Prior to the Great Recession, identified by the benchmark Nevada coincident index, the Nevada leading index peaked in November 2005, 14 months before the Nevada coincident index peaked. Then the Nevada leading index troughed in May 2009, 13 months before the Nevada coincident index troughed. All series are seasonally adjusted (SA). A full description of the methodology used to construct the indexes can be found at: http://cber.unlv.edu/publications/nvindices.pdf.

The CBER's Indexes of Nevada Economic Activity

Coincident Index Components
- Nevada Taxable Sales
- Nevada Gross Gaming Revenue
- Nevada Nonfarm Employment

Leading Index Components
- Nevada Initial Claims for Unemployment (inverted)
- Moody’s Real Baa Bond Rate (inverted)
- Nevada Housing Permits
- Nevada Commercial Permits
- Nevada Airline Passengers
- Standard & Poor’s Stock Market Index
The CBER Nevada coincident index climbed in April 2016 relative to last month and last year. The CBER Nevada coincident index rose 0.3 and 2.1 percent month-over-month and year-over-year, respectively, with the release of April data. As shown in the table below, two components—seasonally adjusted taxable sales and gaming revenue—experienced monthly rises of 1.8 and 2.9 percent, respectively, from a month ago. Nonfarm employment deceased slightly by 0.1 percent compared to March 2016, but the loss is offset by gains from the other two components. Even though gaming revenue continued its year-over-year decrease for the second consecutive month, the index posted a robust yearly rise in April 2016.

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<td>Taxable Sales (SA)</td>
<td>Apr-16</td>
<td>4,459,494,000</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
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<td>Gaming Revenue (SA)</td>
<td>Apr-16</td>
<td>926,207,560</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
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<td>Nonfarm Employment (SA)</td>
<td>Apr-16</td>
<td>1,281,014</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
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<td>Overall Index Change</td>
<td>Apr-16</td>
<td>211.4</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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The CBER Nevada leading index increased by 1.3 and 4.1 percent, respectively, compared to a month and a year ago. Three components—initial claims for unemployment (inverted), the S&P 500 index, and the real Moody’s Baa corporate bond yield (inverted)—showed monthly losses in May 2016, decreasing by 10.6, 0.5, and 0.03 percent, respectively. These losses fully offset gains in the remaining three components—commercial permits, housing permits, and total airline passengers—which rose by 25.2, 10.3, and 0.6 percent, respectively, from April to May. Commercial permits still remain low and volatile. The index experienced the largest year-over-year increase since February 2014 thanks to significant jumps in housing and commercial permits. These increases mainly reflect a strong pickup in Clark County’s construction activities.
Summary of CBER’s Southern Nevada Indexes

- Coincident Index and Leading Index

### Coincident Index
(April)

- **Mo. to Mo.:**
  - Taxable Sales: 1.8% ↑
  - Gross Gaming Revenue: 2.6% ↑
  - Nonfarm Employment: 0.01% ↑

- **Yr. to Yr.:**
  - Taxable Sales: 3.6% ↑
  - Gross Gaming Revenue: -3.7% ↓
  - Nonfarm Employment: 2.3% ↑

### Leading Index
(May)

- **Mo. to Mo.:**
  - Initial Claims*: -10.6% ↓
  - Moody’s Baa*: -0.03% ↓
  - Housing Permits: 22.0% ↑
  - Commercial Permits: 48.3% ↑
  - McCarran Passengers: 0.7% ↑
  - S&P 500: -0.5% ↓

- **Yr. to Yr.:**
  - Initial Claims*: 2.3% ↑
  - Moody’s Baa*: 1.3% ↑
  - Housing Permits: 51.1% ↑
  - Commercial Permits: 80.3% ↑
  - McCarran Passengers: 3.9% ↑
  - S&P 500: -2.2% ↓

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# Summary of CBER’s Southern Nevada Indexes

**Construction Index (May)**

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<td>1.1% ↑</td>
<td>3.9% ↑</td>
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<td>Employment</td>
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<td>Housing Permits</td>
<td>1.6% ↑</td>
<td>12.3% ↑</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commercial</td>
<td>22.0% ↑</td>
<td>51.1% ↑</td>
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<td>Permits</td>
<td>48.3% ↑</td>
<td>80.3% ↑</td>
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**Tourism Index (May)**

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<td>McCarran</td>
<td>-0.1% ↓</td>
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<td>Passengers</td>
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<td>Gross Gaming</td>
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<td>Revenue</td>
<td>-0.1% ↓</td>
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<td>LV Hotel/Motel</td>
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<td>Occupancy Rate</td>
<td>-0.9% ↓</td>
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- Construction Index and Tourism Index
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Southern Nevada Coincident Index

The CBER Southern Nevada coincident index experienced both monthly and yearly gains in April 2016.

The CBER Southern Nevada coincident index increased by 0.5 and 1.7 percent, respectively, compared to a month and a year ago. All three components—seasonally adjusted gaming revenue, taxable sales, and nonfarm employment—experienced gains compared to last month, up by 2.6, 1.8, and 0.01 percent, respectively. Even though gaming revenue rose for the month, it experienced a year-over-year loss, decreasing by 3.7 percent. Earnings in taxable sales and nonfarm employment, however, completely offset the loss from gaming revenue and contributed to a 1.7 percent yearly rise in the index.

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<td>Gaming Revenue (SA)</td>
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<td>795,052,625</td>
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<td>933,592</td>
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<td>246.8</td>
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The CBER Southern Nevada leading index rose by 0.2 and 1.5 percent, respectively, compared to a month and a year ago. Like the CBER Nevada leading index, initial claims for unemployment (inverted), the S&P 500, and the real Moody’s Baa grade corporate bond yield (inverted) experienced monthly losses in May 2016, decreasing by 10.6, 0.5, and 0.03 percent, respectively. The gains from the remaining three components—commercial permits, housing permits, and McCarran passengers, up by 48.3, 22.0, and 0.7 percent, respectively—contributed to a continuing upward trend of the index from April to May. Although commercial permits increased by 48.3 and 80.3 percent, respectively, compared to last month and last year, they remain low and volatile.
The CBER Southern Nevada construction index posted a 1.1 percent monthly increase in May 2016. It rebounded after two straight months of decline as a consequence of large monthly gains in commercial permits. Both housing and commercial permits showed double-digit month-over-month increases, up by 22.0 and 48.3 percent, respectively. Commercial permits, however, still remain low and volatile. Construction employment rose by 1.6 percent from April to May. All three components—seasonally adjusted commercial permits, housing permits, and construction employment—experienced strong double-digit year-over-year gains, up by 80.3, 51.1, and 12.3 percent, respectively, which resulted in a 3.9 percent year-over-year rise in the index.
The CBER Southern Nevada tourism index was the only CBER index which experienced both monthly and yearly declines in May 2016, falling by 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively. Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy and gaming revenue fell by 0.9 and 0.1 percent, respectively, from April to May, and these losses dragged down the monthly values of the index. McCarran passengers increased by 0.7 percent during the same period. A year-over-year decrease in gaming revenues mainly reflects a significant drop in seasonally adjusted table gaming revenue, decreasing by 19.9 percent from May 2015. The seasonally adjusted slot machine revenue, however, increased by 6.8 percent compared to last year.

### Southern Nevada Tourism Index

The CBER Southern Nevada tourism index experienced both month-over-month and year-over-year losses.

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<td>McCarran Passengers (SA)</td>
<td>May-16</td>
<td>3,879,822</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Gaming Revenue (SA)</td>
<td>May-16</td>
<td>794,260,168</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
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<td>LV Hotel/Motel Occupancy Rate (SA)</td>
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<td>0.862</td>
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<td>Overall Index Change</td>
<td>May-16</td>
<td>123.7</td>
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Sources

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