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CBER's Economic Indicators Project Growth for Second Quarter 2013

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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.

After conflicting jobs reports in November, CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index saw modest gains for December 2012. Year-over-year the index is up by 0.83 percent. CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index increased for December 2012, benefiting from gains in our neighboring states and a strong month for the S&P 500 Index. Year-over-year, the leading index is up by 2.98 percent. The gain in the leading index implies that we should see continued growth in the Southern Nevada economy through second quarter 2013.

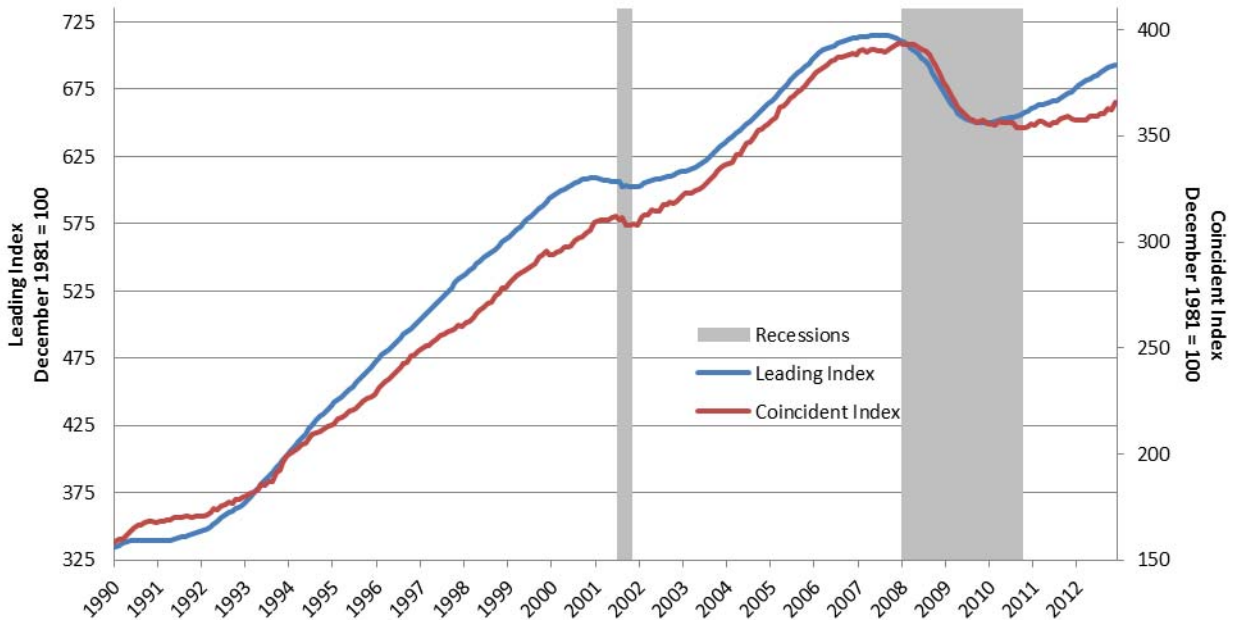
Changes in CBER's three other indexes for Southern Nevada were as follows:

- CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index increased for the month, and it is faring better than in December 2011.
- CBER's Clark County Tourism Index rebounded from November's decline, and it is also up year-over-year.
- CBER's Clark County Construction Index declined after two months of strong growth, and it is lower than in December 2011.

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	Dec-12	746.32	0.15%	2.60%
California Index	Dec-12	582.84	0.10%	3.34%
S&P 500 Index	Dec-12	1426.99	0.46%	14.14%
McCarran Total Passengers	Dec-12	3457484	-0.27%	-0.64%
Overall Index Change		692.78	0.14%	2.87%

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

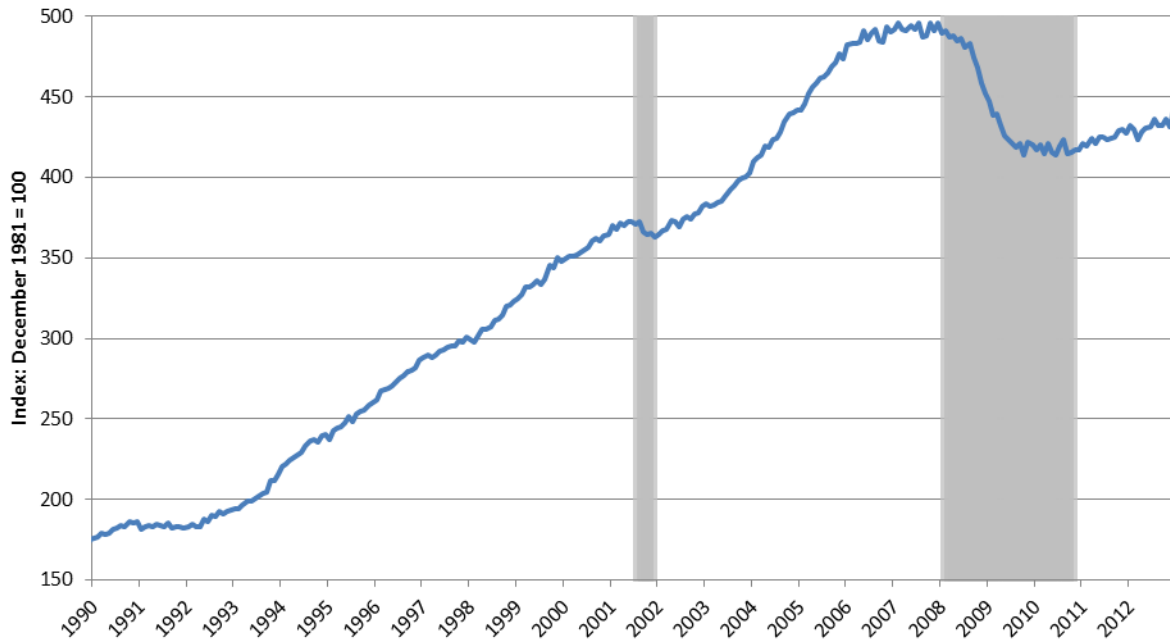
Coincident Index

Series	Date	Latest Period	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Las Vegas MSA Nonfarm Employment	Dec-12	826258	0.62%	1.93%
Las Vegas MSA Household Employment	Dec-12	881066	1.44%	2.47%
Overall Index Change		365.92	1.02%	2.19%

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 S&P 500 Index—increased for December 2012. All three are up year-over-year. The number of total passengers passing through McCarran Airport fell slightly and is below its value for December 2011. Data from both employment series show gains in jobs for December, and the coincident index remains up over a year earlier.

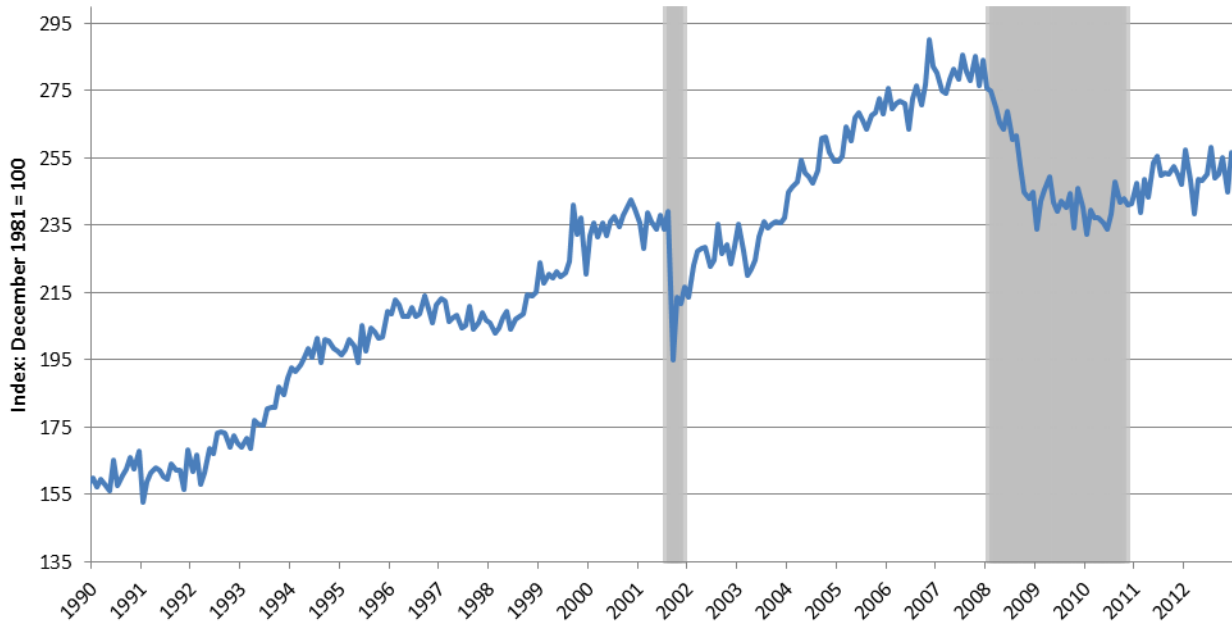
CBER Clark County Business Activity Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Dec-11	427.39	-0.66%	2.49%
Jan-12	432.03	1.09%	2.64%
Feb-12	429.55	-0.57%	2.38%
Mar-12	423.20	-1.48%	-0.33%
Apr-12	427.97	1.13%	1.63%
May-12	430.80	0.66%	1.38%
Jun-12	431.25	0.11%	1.46%
Jul-12	436.36	1.18%	3.09%
Aug-12	432.03	-0.99%	1.73%
Sep-12	432.06	0.01%	1.60%
Oct-12	435.99	0.91%	1.52%
Nov-12	431.48	-1.04%	0.29%
Dec-12	441.33	2.28%	3.26%

CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index increased in December 2012. For the month, Clark County taxable sales rose by 1.66 percent. Las Vegas nonfarm employment grew by 0.62 percent in December. Seasonally adjusted gaming revenue experienced large gains, increasing by 21.41 percent.

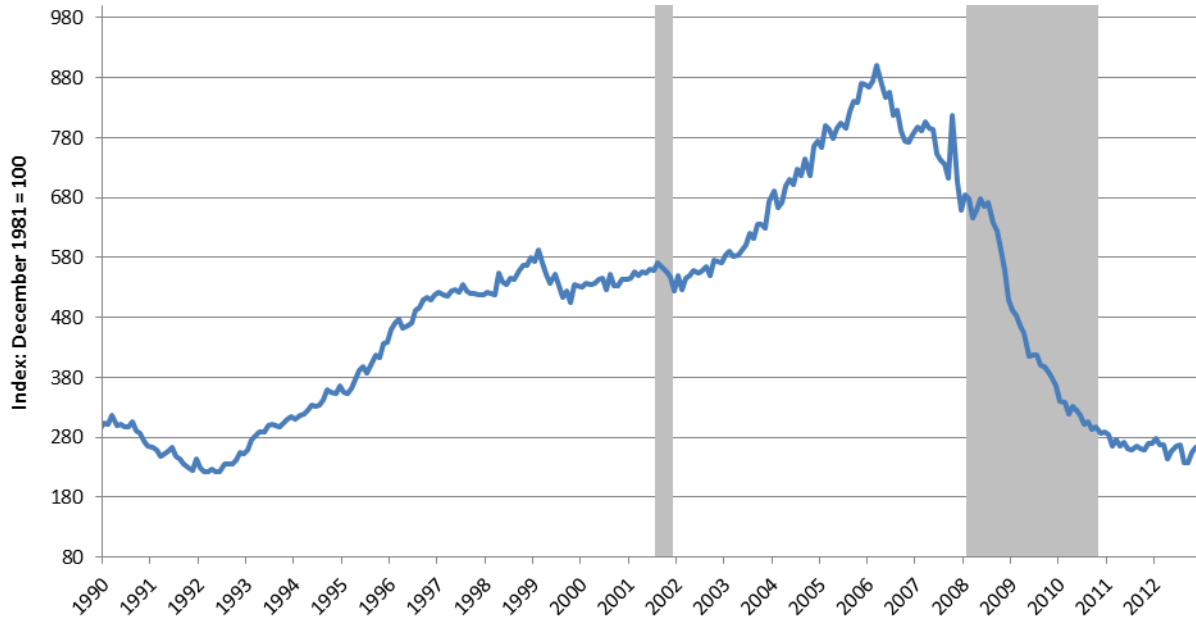
CBER Clark County Tourism Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Dec-11	247.17	-1.22%	2.39%
Jan-12	257.34	4.11%	3.95%
Feb-12	248.42	-3.47%	4.02%
Mar-12	238.50	-4.00%	-4.05%
Apr-12	248.78	4.31%	2.20%
May-12	248.30	-0.19%	-2.07%
Jun-12	250.32	0.81%	-2.00%
Jul-12	258.14	3.12%	3.36%
Aug-12	248.93	-3.57%	-0.66%
Sep-12	250.31	0.55%	0.07%
Oct-12	255.10	1.92%	0.98%
Nov-12	244.97	-3.97%	-2.10%
Dec-12	256.56	4.73%	3.80%

As measured by CBER's Clark County Tourism Index, activity in the tourism sector increased for December 2012. Much of the growth can be attributed to seasonally adjusted gaming revenues, which rose by 21.41 percent for the month. Hotel/motel room occupancy increased by 1.53 percent. Passengers enplaned and deplaned at McCarran Airport decreased, down 0.27 percent from November.

CBER Clark County Construction Index



Date	Index	Change Previous Period	Change Year Ago
Dec-11	270.48	0.06%	-6.38%
Jan-12	277.27	2.51%	-2.61%
Feb-12	267.94	-3.37%	1.35%
Mar-12	267.25	-0.26%	-3.01%
Apr-12	244.37	-8.56%	-7.83%
May-12	257.50	5.37%	-5.31%
Jun-12	265.25	3.01%	1.56%
Jul-12	267.87	0.98%	3.13%
Aug-12	236.74	-11.62%	-10.45%
Sep-12	236.70	-0.02%	-9.27%
Oct-12	253.64	7.16%	-1.68%
Nov-12	263.71	3.97%	-2.45%
Dec-12	262.40	-0.50%	-2.99%

CBER's Clark County Construction Index decreased slightly for December, and it remains down year-over-year. The only component to increase was Las Vegas construction employment, which rose by 4.83 percent. Clark County residential building permits were 17.53 percent lower than for December 2011. Commercial building permits fell for the month and remain volatile at a low level.

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