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CBER's Leading Index Predicts Job Growth through Third 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.

As the result of increases in both measures of Las Vegas employment, CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index saw modest gains for the month of February. Year-over-year the index is up by 2.11 percent. CBER's Southern Nevada Leading Index also increased for February 2013, benefiting from gains in our neighboring states and growth in the S&P 500 Index. Year-over-year, the leading index is up by 2.49 percent. This implies that we should see growth in the Southern Nevada economy through third quarter 2013.

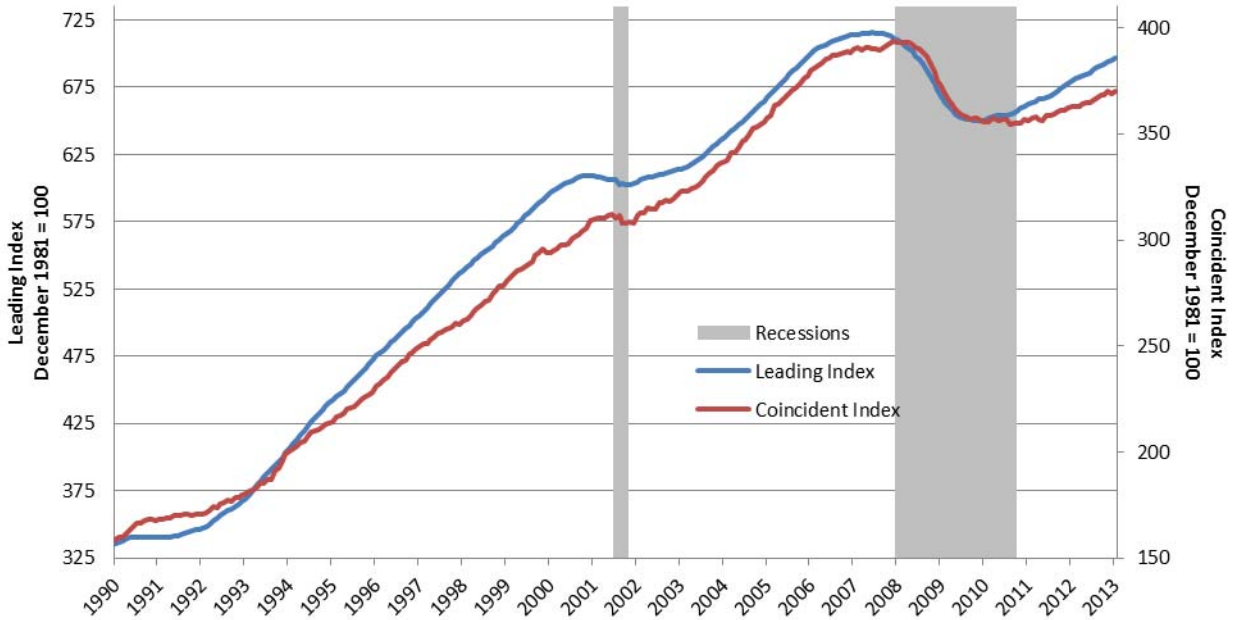
Changes in CBER's three other indexes for Southern Nevada were as follows:

- CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index increased for the month and is faring better than in February 2012.
- CBER's Clark County Tourism Index rebounded from January's decline and is above its level from February last year.
- CBER's Clark County Construction Index fell after last month's large gains, but it is still 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 | Feb-13 | 745.12 | 0.15% | 1.98% |
| California Index | Feb-13 | 597.01 | 0.37% | 3.80% |
| S&P 500 Index | Feb-13 | 1470.93 | 1.04% | 10.91% |
| McCarran Total Passengers | Feb-13 | 3,375,996 | -1.77% | -3.56% |
| Overall Index Change | | 696.43 | 0.20% | 2.49% |

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

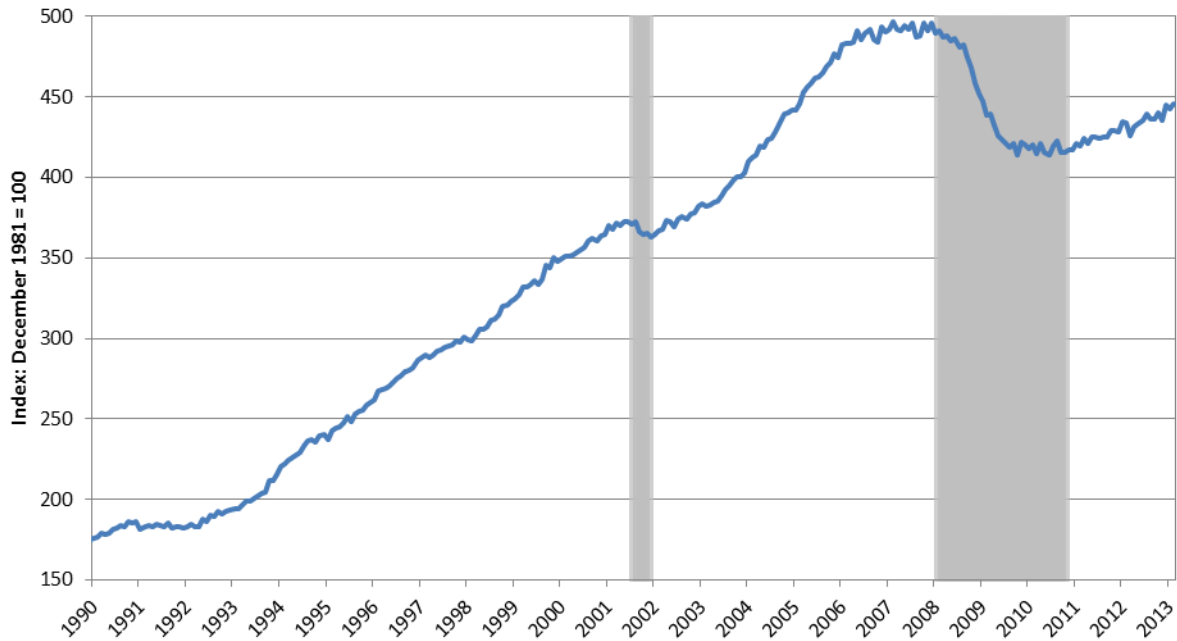
Coincident Index

| Series | Date | Latest Period | Change Previous Period | Change Year Ago |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Las Vegas MSA Nonfarm Employment | Feb-13 | 834,711 | 0.11% | 2.11% |
| Las Vegas MSA Household Employment | Feb-13 | 893,717 | 0.82% | 2.12% |
| Overall Index Change | | 370.39 | 0.45% | 2.11% |

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 February 2013. All three are up year-over-year. The number of total passengers passing through McCarran Airport fell slightly and is below its value for February 2012. Both measures of employment made gains for the month, pushing the coincident index up slightly for February.

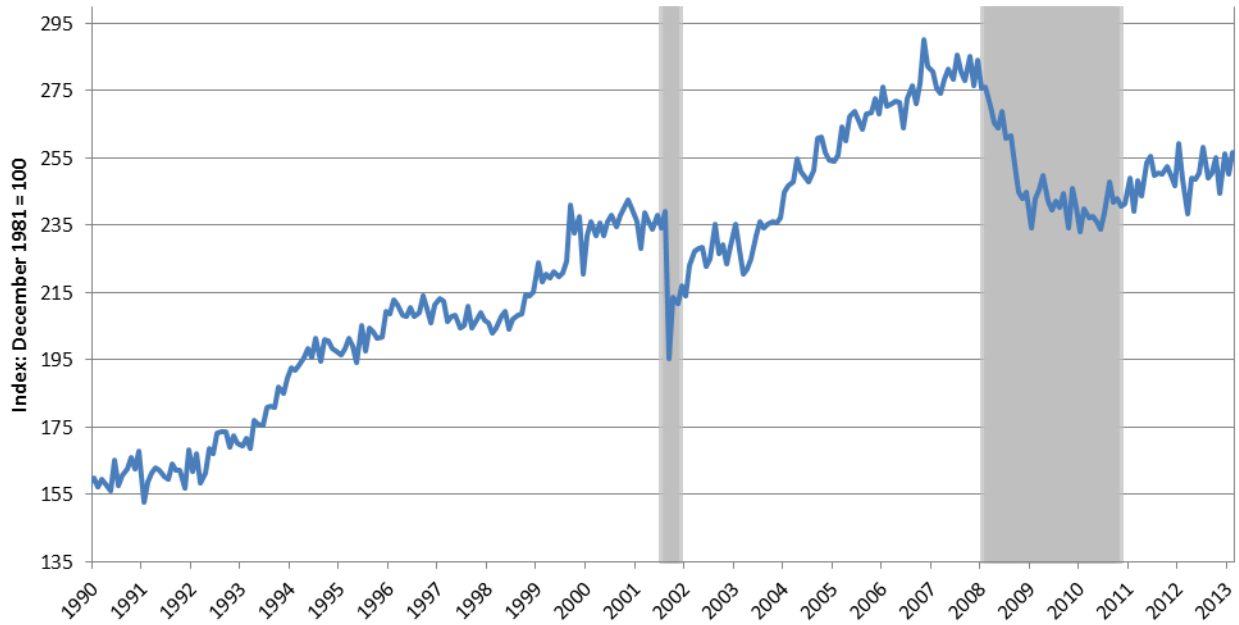
CBER Clark County Business Activity Index



| Date | Index | Change Previous Period | Change Year Ago |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb-12 | 433.64 | -0.31% | 3.41% |
| Mar-12 | 426.09 | -1.74% | 0.38% |
| Apr-12 | 431.86 | 1.35% | 2.52% |
| May-12 | 434.03 | 0.50% | 2.12% |
| Jun-12 | 435.38 | 0.31% | 2.49% |
| Jul-12 | 439.52 | 0.95% | 3.62% |
| Aug-12 | 436.06 | -0.79% | 2.65% |
| Sep-12 | 436.35 | 0.07% | 2.71% |
| Oct-12 | 440.28 | 0.90% | 2.54% |
| Nov-12 | 435.17 | -1.16% | 1.39% |
| Dec-12 | 444.63 | 2.17% | 3.89% |
| Jan-13 | 442.85 | -0.40% | 1.81% |
| Feb-13 | 446.11 | 0.74% | 2.88% |

CBER's Clark County Business Activity Index increased in February 2013. For the month, Clark County taxable sales declined by 1.33 percent. As seen in CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident Index, Las Vegas nonfarm employment rose by 0.11 percent in February. Seasonally adjusted gaming revenue experienced large gains, increasing by 11.61 percent.

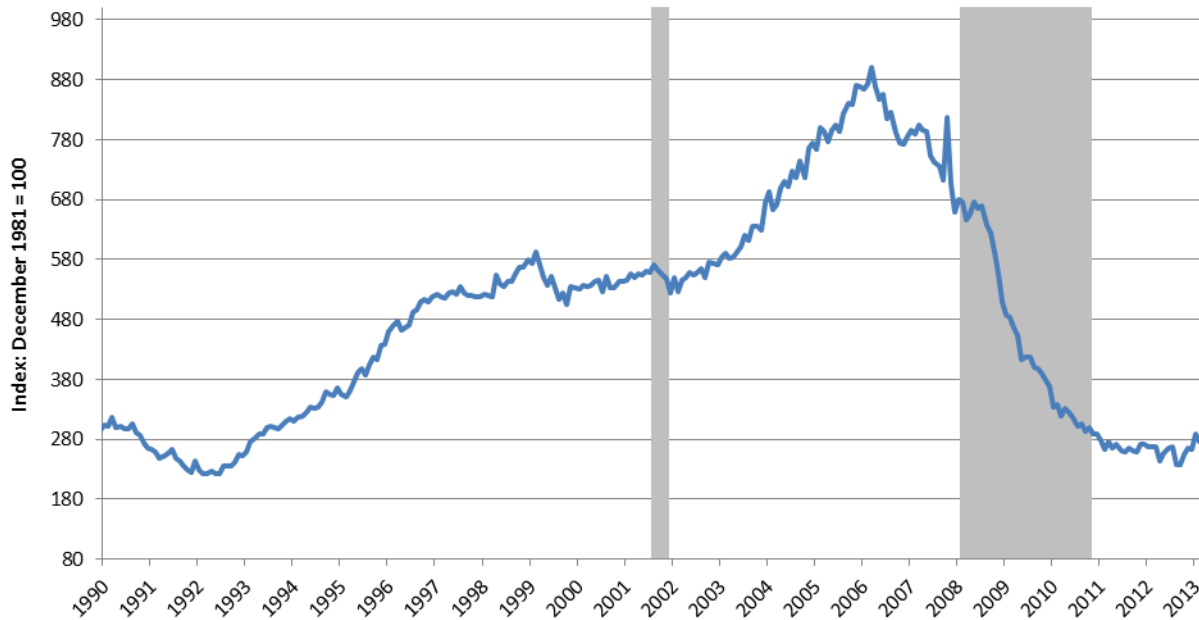
CBER Clark County Tourism Index



| Date | Index | Change Previous Period | Change Year Ago |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb-12 | 248.74 | -4.08% | 3.99% |
| Mar-12 | 238.22 | -4.23% | -4.07% |
| Apr-12 | 249.04 | 4.54% | 2.22% |
| May-12 | 248.53 | -0.21% | -2.07% |
| Jun-12 | 250.39 | 0.75% | -2.01% |
| Jul-12 | 258.20 | 3.12% | 3.34% |
| Aug-12 | 249.06 | -3.54% | -0.66% |
| Sep-12 | 250.35 | 0.52% | 0.05% |
| Oct-12 | 255.02 | 1.87% | 0.96% |
| Nov-12 | 244.38 | -4.17% | -2.13% |
| Dec-12 | 256.18 | 4.83% | 3.77% |
| Jan-13 | 250.16 | -2.35% | -3.53% |
| Feb-13 | 256.50 | 2.54% | 3.12% |

As measured by CBER's Clark County Tourism Index, activity in the tourism sector increased for February 2013. The growth can be attributed to seasonally adjusted gaming revenues and Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy, which rose by 11.61 and 1.90 percent, respectively. Passengers enplaned and deplaned at McCarran Airport decreased, down 1.77 percent from January.

CBER Clark County Construction Index



| Date | Index | Change Previous Period | Change Year Ago |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb-12 | 268.34 | -0.03% | 1.61% |
| Mar-12 | 267.28 | -0.39% | -2.94% |
| Apr-12 | 244.18 | -8.64% | -7.77% |
| May-12 | 257.32 | 5.38% | -5.21% |
| Jun-12 | 265.27 | 3.09% | 1.68% |
| Jul-12 | 268.32 | 1.15% | 3.30% |
| Aug-12 | 236.84 | -11.73% | -10.38% |
| Sep-12 | 236.68 | -0.07% | -9.17% |
| Oct-12 | 254.30 | 7.44% | -1.50% |
| Nov-12 | 265.87 | 4.55% | -2.17% |
| Dec-12 | 263.81 | -0.78% | -2.85% |
| Jan-13 | 287.89 | 9.13% | 7.25% |
| Feb-13 | 276.18 | -4.07% | 2.92% |

CBER's Clark County Construction Index decreased for February, but it is still up year-over-year. Las Vegas construction employment rose by 3.20 percent and was the only component that increased for the month. Clark County residential building permits experienced large losses, down 25.05 percent from January. Commercial building permits also decreased for the month and remain volatile at a low level.

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