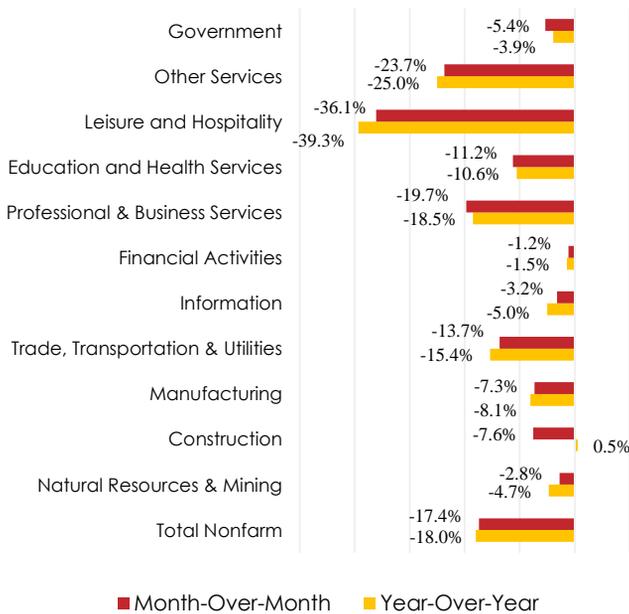


The COVID-19 Pandemic Affected All Sectors in Nevada

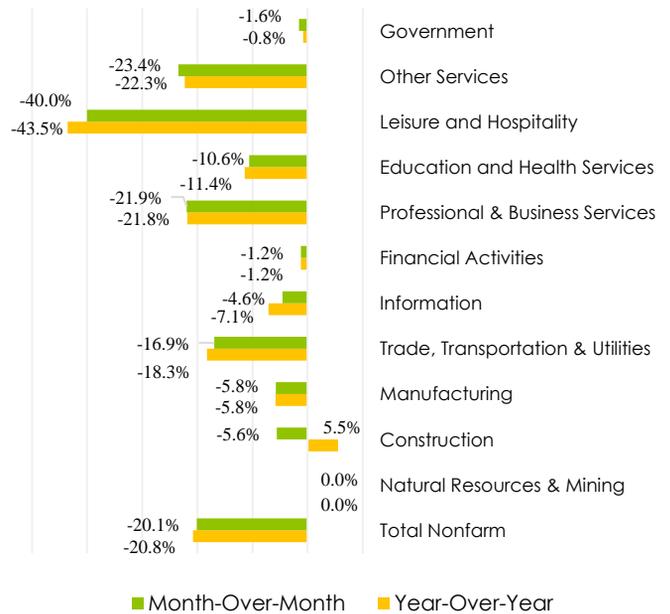
Analyzing the April State and MSA¹ employment data

- Recently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) published the employment and unemployment data for April. According to the report, Nevada’s unemployment rate experienced the largest percentage increase, reaching the highest rate among all states at 28.2 percent. Michigan ranked 2nd with 22.7 percent. Our neighboring states, however, experienced much lower unemployment rates: 9.7 in Utah, 11.5 in Idaho, 12.6 in Arizona, 14.2 in Oregon, and 15.5 percent in California. The unemployment rate for the United States was 14.7 percent in April.
- Nevada’s total employment lost 244,800 jobs in April, down by 17.4 percent month-over-month, reaching a level similar to its level from January 2013.
- Clark County experienced a deeper contraction as its share for the leisure and hospitality sector is larger. Clark County’s total employment lost 205,900 jobs in April, decreasing by 20.1 percent month-over-month.
- The largest decreases occurred in the leisure and hospitality sectors as expected for both Nevada and Clark County. Employment in the professional and business services and the other services sectors also experienced substantial losses.
- All the sectors experienced year-over-year contractions except for the construction sector. Construction employment increased from last year, up by 0.5 and 5.5 percent, respectively, for Nevada and Clark County.
- According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), continued unemployment claims reached 369,041 as of May 16. Among them, 284,594 or 77.1 percent were filed from Clark County, while only 73.7 percent of Nevada’s population reside in Clark County. Compared to Nevada, Clark County has a larger leisure and hospitality employment share of total employment.

Nevada Employment



Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise MSA Employment



Note: Seasonally adjusted data
Source: Nevada DETR; BLS; CBER UNLV

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1. MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area.