



# NEVADA BUSINESS CONDITIONS

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The third estimate of U.S. real gross domestic product (GDP) for the third quarter of 2022 rebounded, increasing 2.6 percent at an annual rate, after two consecutive quarters of declines. The robust rebound was largely due to unsustainably strong net exports. Consumer spending on services and government spending also contributed positively to the real GDP growth. Business investment and consumer spending on goods, however, contracted from the last quarter, which likely signals economic weakness. U.S. nonfarm employment experienced a larger-than-expected gain, adding 261,000 jobs. The unemployment rate, nevertheless, edged up to 3.7 percent from its 50-year low of 3.5 percent as unemployed persons rose by 306,000 to 6.1 million. Job openings to unemployed person remained down from the summer's high of 2 to 1.86, indicating 1.86 job openings for every unemployed person. The Fed raised the federal funds rate by another 75 basis points to a target range of 3.75 to 4 percent in November and stated that they will not stop rate hikes until inflation returns to normal levels. Even so, CPI inflation remained high in September at 0.4 and 8.2 percent month-over-month and year-over-year.

Nevada posted favorable economic signals. Seasonally adjusted statewide employment increased by 3,600 jobs in September. The unemployment rate, however, remained unchanged at 4.4 percent. September gaming revenue surged by 3.3 percent from last month. Taxable sales in August climbed robustly by 1.1 and 11.3 percent, respectively, month-over-month and year-over-year.

Clark County's economy showed strong performance. Seasonally adjusted employment in September added 2,100 jobs, while the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4 percent. September total Harry Reid passengers rebounded, up by 2.5 percent month-over-month, reaching its second-highest level in the sample. Visitor volume surged by 5.1 percent from last month and was only 4.9 percent lower than the level in September 2019, which narrowed from 12.6 percent in August. Gaming revenue also gained 5.5 percent year-over-year in September. Taxable sales rose by 11.5 percent year-over-year in August. September residential permits continued to drop by 16.9 percent year-over-year.

Washoe County displayed positive economic signals. The Reno-Sparks seasonally adjusted employment

gained 1,900 jobs in September. The unemployment rate, however, increased to 3.2 percent. Taxable sales jumped by 13.3 percent year-over-year in August. Gaming revenue and visitor volume in September rose by 9.7 and 4.0 percent, respectively, from last year. September residential permits surged by 65.8 percent year-over-year despite higher interest rates.

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	Date	Units	Data			Growth		Comments
			Latest	Previous	Year Ago	Recent	Year Ago	
<b>Nevada</b>								
Employment	2022M09	000s, SA	1463.1	1459.5	1396.5	0.2%	4.8%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M09	%, SA	4.4	4.4	5.6	0.0%	-1.2%	Flat Month-Over-Month
Taxable Sales	2022M08	\$billion	7.017	6.939	6.302	1.1%	11.3%	Up Strongly
Gaming Revenue	2022M09	\$million	1248.85	1208.50	1158.17	3.3%	7.8%	Up Strongly
Air Passengers	2022M09	million persons	5.161	5.059	4.091	2.0%	26.2%	Up Strongly
Gasoline Sales	2022M08	million gallons	106.97	104.67	109.80	2.2%	-2.6%	Down From Year Ago
<b>Clark County</b>								
Employment	2022M09	000s, SA	1065.9	1063.8	1014.0	0.2%	5.1%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M09	%, Smoothed SA	5.4	5.4	6.6	0.0%	-1.2%	Flat Month-Over-Month
Taxable Sales	2022M08	\$billion	5.095	5.057	4.567	0.7%	11.5%	Up Strongly
Gaming Revenue	2022M09	\$million	1060.63	1024.09	1005.18	3.6%	5.5%	Up Strongly
Residential Permits	2022M09	units permitted	935	659	1125	41.9%	-16.9%	Down From Year Ago
Commercial Permits	2022M08	permits	39	22	34	77.3%	14.7%	Low and Volatile
Air Passengers	2022M09	million persons	4.757	4.642	3.778	2.5%	25.9%	Up Strongly
Gasoline Sales	2022M08	million gallons	71.56	69.80	74.19	2.5%	-3.5%	Down From Year Ago
Visitor Volume	2022M09	million persons	3.525	3.353	3.034	5.1%	16.2%	Up Strongly
<b>Washoe County</b>								
Employment**	2022M09	000s, SA	260.4	258.5	248.8	0.7%	4.7%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M09	%, Smoothed SA	3.2	3.1	3.6	0.1%	-0.4%	Recent Increase
Taxable Sales**	2022M08	\$billion	1.177	1.122	1.038	4.8%	13.3%	Up Strongly
Gaming Revenue	2022M09	\$million	97.69	92.58	89.06	5.5%	9.7%	Up Strongly
Residential Permits	2022M09	units permitted	630	509	380	23.8%	65.8%	Up Strongly
Commercial Permits	2019M01	permits	40	21	42	90.5%	-4.8%	Low and Volatile
Air Passengers	2022M09	million persons	0.397	0.410	0.303	-3.1%	31.2%	Up Strongly From Year Ago
Gasoline Sales**	2022M08	million gallons	16.57	15.90	16.38	4.2%	1.2%	Up Over Year Ago
Visitor Volume	2022M09	million persons	0.364	0.355	0.350	2.5%	4.0%	Up Strongly
<b>United States</b>								
Employment	2022M10	million, SA	153.308	153.047	148.005	0.2%	3.6%	Up From Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M10	%, SA	3.7	3.5	4.6	0.2%	-0.9%	Recent Increase
Consumer Price Index	2022M09	82-84=100, SA	296.8	295.6	274.2	0.4%	8.2%	Up Strongly
Core CPI	2022M09	82-84=100, SA	298.7	297.0	280.0	0.6%	6.7%	Up Strongly
Employment Cost Index	2022Q3	05.12=100, SA	155.9	154.1	148.1	1.2%	5.3%	Strong Increase
Productivity Index	2022Q3	2012=100, SA	113.2	113.2	114.8	0.0%	-1.4%	Down From Year Ago
Retail Sales	2022M09	\$billion, SA	684.0	684.0	632.0	0.0%	8.2%	Flat Month-Over-Month
Auto and Truck Sales	2022M10	million, SA	14.90	13.57	13.22	9.8%	12.7%	Up Strongly
Housing Starts	2022M09	million, SA	1.439	1.566	1.559	-8.1%	-7.7%	Down From Year Ago
Real GDP***	2022Q3	2012\$billion, SA	20021.7	19895.3	19672.6	2.6%	1.8%	Rebound
Dollar Exchange Rate	2022M10	06.01=100	127.645	125.748	114.097	1.5%	11.9%	Up Strongly
Trade Balance	2022M09	\$billion, SA	-73.282	-65.679	-78.334	11.6%	-6.4%	Month-Over-Month Deficit Increase
S and P 500	2022M10	monthly close	3871.98	3585.62	4605.38	8.0%	-15.9%	Recent Rebound
Real Short-term Rate*	2022M10	%, NSA	-1.28	-1.57	-4.75	0.3%	3.5%	Up From Year Ago
Treasury Yield Spread*	2022M10	%, NSA	0.26	0.39	1.53	-0.1%	-1.3%	Down From Year Ago

Note: NSA = Not Seasonally Adjusted, SA = Seasonally Adjusted

\*Growth data represent change in the percentage rate

\*\*Reflects the Reno-Sparks MSA which includes Washoe and Storey Counties

\*\*\*Recent growth is an annualized rate

Sources: Nevada Department of Taxation; Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation; UNR Bureau of Business and Economic Research; UNLV Center for Business and Economic Research; McCarran International Airport; Reno/Tahoe International Airport; Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority; U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Federal Reserve System.