



NEVADA BUSINESS CONDITIONS

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The second estimate of U.S. real gross domestic product (GDP) for the third quarter of 2022 grew by an annual 2.9 percent, up by 0.3 percent from the advance estimate. The upward revision largely reflected a smaller-decline in business investment, but unsustainably strong net exports mainly drove the real GDP gain. U.S. nonfarm employment continued to increase, adding 263,000 jobs. Average hourly earnings surged by 0.6 percent month-over-month, signaling a tight labor market with a lower labor participation rate. The unemployment rate did not budge from 3.7 percent in November. Furthermore, the BLS still records about 1.7 jobs per unemployed person in October despite a recent decline in job openings. As a tight labor market helps keep inflation high with robust consumer spending, the Fed will likely continue to increase interest rates to bring down inflation to its target level. CPI inflation posted signs of cooling in October up 7.8 percent over last year. Retail sales in October rose strongly by 1.3 and 8.3 percent, respectively, month-over-month and year-over-year.

Nevada posted positive economic signals. Seasonally adjusted statewide employment increased strongly by 7,500 jobs in October. The unemployment rate, however, rose by 0.2 percent to 4.6 percent as the labor force participation rate continued to climb. Nevada sees 1.4 jobs per unemployed person in October. October gaming revenue jumped by 2.6 and 10.6 percent from last month and last year. Taxable sales in September also surged by 18.5 percent year-over-year.

Clark County's economy continued to show strong performance. Seasonally adjusted employment in October added 4,900 jobs, while the unemployment rate edged up to 5.5 percent. October total Harry Reid passengers rebounded, up by 8.7 percent month-over-month, reaching its highest level in the sample. Visitor volume soared by 8.7 and 9.7 percent, respectively, month-over-month and year-over-year thanks to a substantial gain in convention attendance. Gaming revenue increased strongly by 9.9 percent year-over-year in October. Taxable sales rose by 20.5 percent year-over-year in September. October residential permits, however, continued to plummet by 39.0 percent from last year.

Washoe County displayed mixed economic signals. The Reno-Sparks seasonally adjusted employment lost 500 jobs, and the unemployment rate rose to 3.4 percent in October. Taxable sales climbed by 10.6 percent year-over-year in September. Gaming revenue and visitor volume in October gained 2.7 and 2.2 percent, respectively, year-over-year. October residential permits, however, decreased by 12.6 percent from last year.

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	Date	Units	Data			Growth		Comments
			Latest	Previous	Year Ago	Recent	Year Ago	
Nevada								
Employment	2022M10	000s, SA	1471.8	1464.3	1416.3	0.5%	3.9%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M10	%, SA	4.6	4.4	5.4	0.2%	-0.8%	Recent Increase
Taxable Sales	2022M09	\$billion	7.469	7.017	6.302	6.4%	18.5%	Up Strongly
Gaming Revenue	2022M10	\$million	1280.70	1248.85	1158.17	2.6%	10.6%	Up Strongly
Air Passengers	2022M09	million persons	5.161	5.059	4.091	2.0%	26.2%	Up Strongly
Gasoline Sales	2022M09	million gallons	102.55	106.97	102.25	-4.1%	0.3%	Up Slightly From Year Ago
Clark County								
Employment	2022M10	000s, SA	1072.5	1067.6	1026.2	0.5%	4.5%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M10	%, Smoothed SA	5.5	5.4	6.1	0.1%	-0.6%	Recent Increase
Taxable Sales	2022M09	\$billion	5.504	5.095	4.567	8.0%	20.5%	Up Strongly
Gaming Revenue	2022M10	\$million	1104.85	1060.63	1005.18	4.2%	9.9%	Up Strongly
Residential Permits	2022M10	units permitted	764	935	1252	-18.3%	-39.0%	Down From Year Ago
Commercial Permits	2022M08	permits	39	22	34	77.3%	14.7%	Low and Volatile
Air Passengers	2022M10	million persons	5.172	4.757	4.182	8.7%	23.7%	Up Strongly
Gasoline Sales	2022M09	million gallons	69.39	71.56	69.97	-3.0%	-0.8%	Down From Year Ago
Visitor Volume	2022M10	million persons	3.831	3.525	3.493	8.7%	9.7%	Up Strongly
Washoe County								
Employment**	2022M10	000s, SA	259.5	260.0	252.2	-0.2%	2.9%	Up Over Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M10	%, Smoothed SA	3.4	3.2	3.3	0.2%	0.1%	Increased
Taxable Sales**	2022M09	\$billion	1.148	1.177	1.038	-2.4%	10.6%	Up Strongly From Year Ago
Gaming Revenue	2022M10	\$million	91.47	97.69	89.06	-6.4%	2.7%	Up Over Year Ago
Residential Permits	2022M10	units permitted	369	630	422	-41.4%	-12.6%	Down From Year Ago
Commercial Permits	2019M01	permits	40	21	42	90.5%	-4.8%	Low and Volatile
Air Passengers	2022M10	million persons	0.385	0.397	0.351	-3.0%	9.9%	Up Strongly From Year Ago
Gasoline Sales**	2022M09	million gallons	15.36	16.57	15.27	-7.3%	0.6%	Up Over Year Ago
Visitor Volume	2022M10	million persons	0.330	0.364	0.323	-9.3%	2.2%	Up Over Year Ago
United States								
Employment	2022M11	million, SA	153.548	153.285	148.652	0.2%	3.3%	Up From Year Ago
Unemployment Rate*	2022M11	%, SA	3.7	3.7	4.2	0.0%	-0.5%	Flat Month-Over-Month
Consumer Price Index	2022M10	82-84=100, SA	298.1	296.8	276.6	0.4%	7.8%	Up Strongly
Core CPI	2022M10	82-84=100, SA	299.5	298.7	281.7	0.3%	6.3%	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	2022M10	\$billion, SA	694.5	685.8	641.5	1.3%	8.3%	Up Strongly
Auto and Truck Sales	2022M10	million, SA	14.90	13.57	13.22	9.8%	12.7%	Up Strongly
Housing Starts	2022M10	million, SA	1.425	1.488	1.563	-4.2%	-8.8%	Down From Year Ago
Real GDP***	2022Q3	2012\$billion, SA	20039.4	19895.3	19672.6	2.9%	1.9%	Rebound
Dollar Exchange Rate	2022M10	06.01=100	125.241	127.645	115.025	-1.9%	8.9%	Up Strongly
Trade Balance	2022M09	\$billion, SA	-78,162	-74128	-68,156	5.4%	14.7%	Month-Over-Month Deficit Increase
S and P 500	2022M11	monthly close	4080.11	3871.98	4567.00	5.4%	-10.7%	Recent Rebound
Real Short-term Rate*	2022M11	%, NSA	-0.75	-1.28	-4.85	0.5%	4.1%	Up From Year Ago
Treasury Yield Spread*	2022M11	%, NSA	-0.26	0.26	1.51	-0.5%	-1.8%	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.