



# **CBER Economic Indexes for Nevada and Southern Nevada**

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**CBER's Indexes of Nevada Economic Activity**

### Coincident Index Components

- Nevada Taxable Sales
- Nevada Gross Gaming Revenue
- Nevada Nonfarm Employment

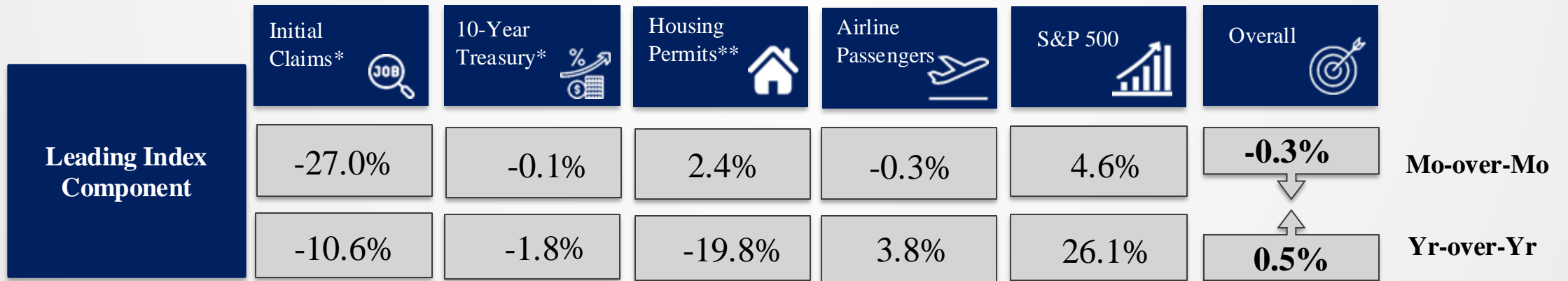
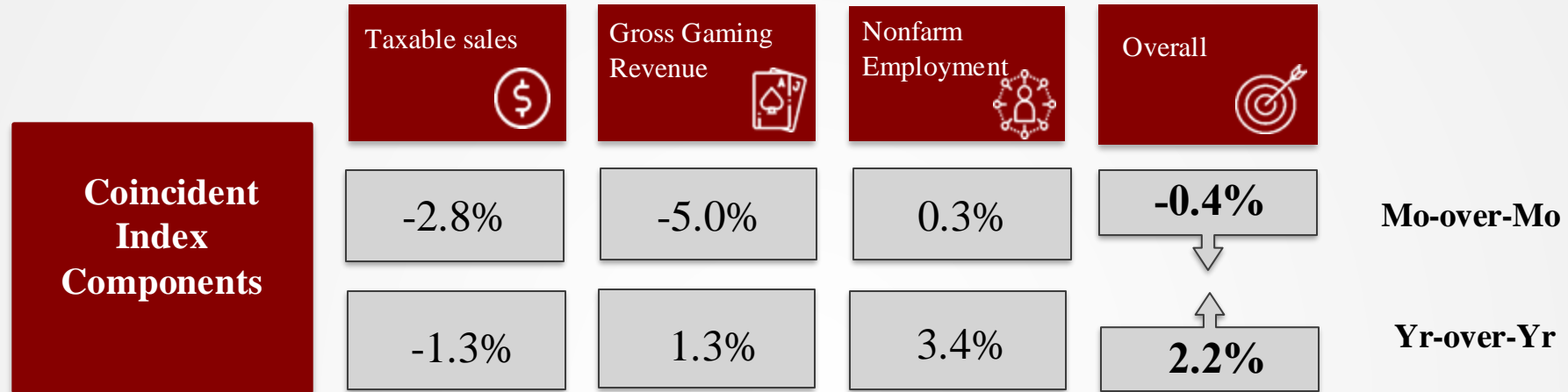
### Leading Index Component

- Nevada Initial Claims for Unemployment (inverted)
- Real 10-Year Treasury Rate (inverted)
- Nevada Housing Permits
- Nevada Commercial Permits
- Nevada Airline Passengers
- Standard & Poor's Stock Market Index

The CBER Nevada coincident and leading indexes use the Department of Commerce index construction method. The CBER Nevada coincident index measures the ups and downs of the Nevada economy, while the CBER Nevada leading index provides an indication for the future direction of the coincident index. The coincident index provides the benchmark series that defines the business cycle or reference cycle in Nevada. The leading index then tracks the economy relative to that reference cycle. The coincident index peaked in February 2007 and then fell dramatically through June 2010. Prior to the Great Recession, identified by the benchmark Nevada coincident index, the Nevada leading index peaked in November 2005, 14 months before the Nevada coincident index peaked. Then, the Nevada leading index troughed in May 2009, 13 months before the Nevada coincident index troughed. The COVID-19 recession differs from typical economic recessions. It provides almost no signal that it is coming. The coincident index peaked in December 2019 while the leading index peaked in January 2020. The big dips in both indexes came with the March data and the April data should provide even more dramatic decreases in the two indexes. The Nevada COVID-19 recession began in December 2019. All series are seasonally adjusted (SA). A full description of the methodology used to construct the indexes can be found at this [link](#).



# Summary of CBER's Nevada Coincident and Leading Indexes in May 2024



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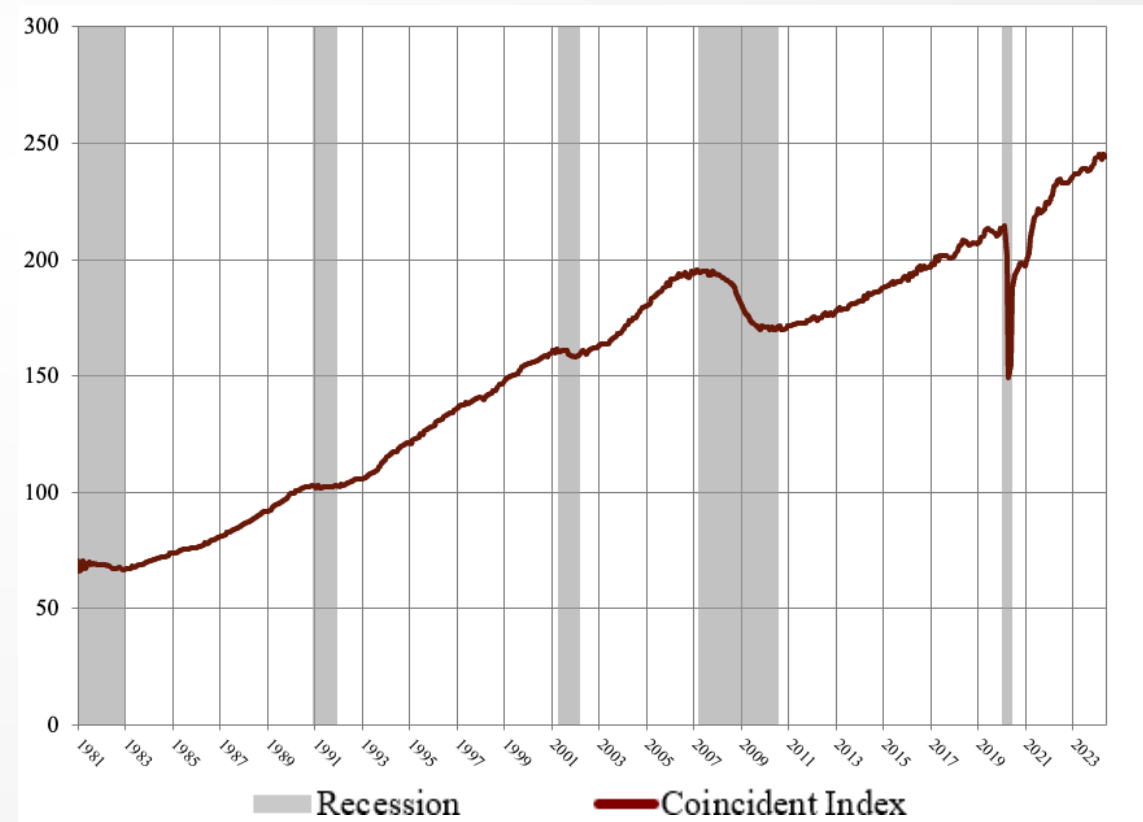
# Nevada Coincident Index in May 2024

## *The CBER Nevada coincident index fell month-over-month and rose year-over-year.*

The CBER Nevada coincident index decreased by 0.4 percent month-over-month in May. Since last month, taxable sales and gross gaming revenue fell by 2.8 and 5.0 percent, respectively. Nonfarm employment rose by 0.3 percent from April 2024.

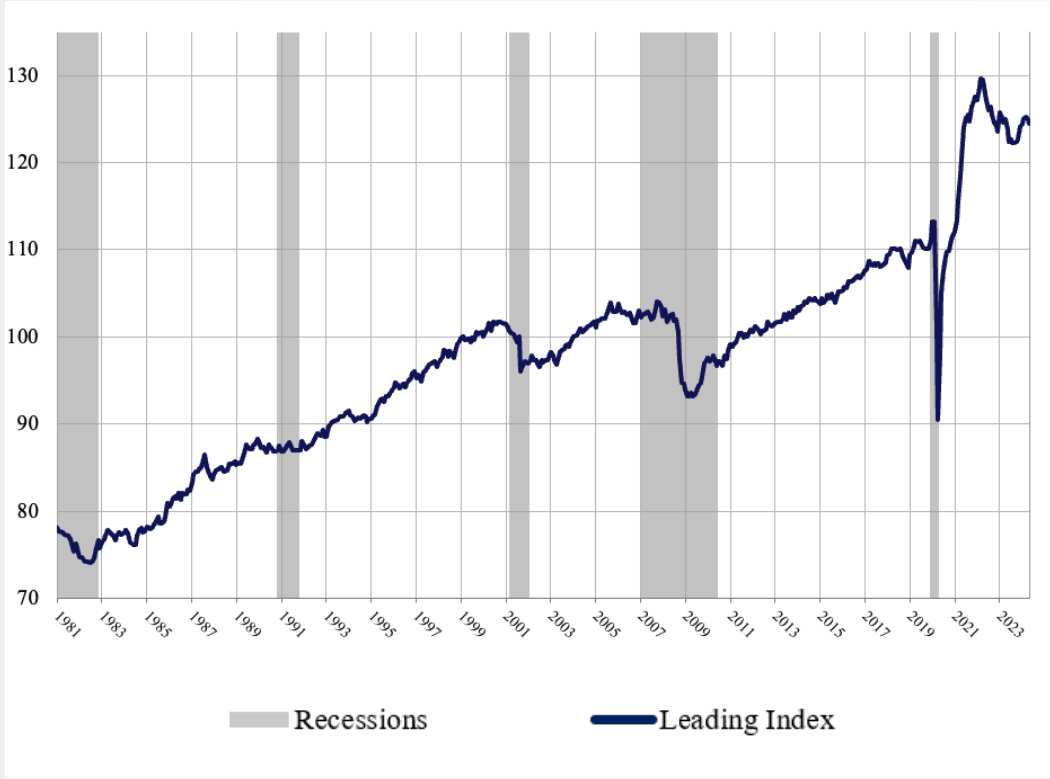
On a year-over-year basis, the CBER Nevada coincident index increased by 2.2 percent. This gain was led by the growth in two components. Gross gaming revenue and nonfarm employment rose by 1.3 and 3.4 percent, respectively, from the previous year. Meanwhile, taxable sales decreased by 1.3 percent from May 2023.

Series	Latest Period	Month-Over-Month	Year-Over-Year
Taxable Sales (SA)	7,469,742,852	-2.8%	-1.3%
Gross Gaming Revenue (SA)	1,269,128,073	-5.0%	1.3%
Nonfarm Employment (SA)	1,592,713	0.3%	3.4%
<b>Index and % Change</b>	<b>244.3</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>



# Nevada Leading Index in May 2024

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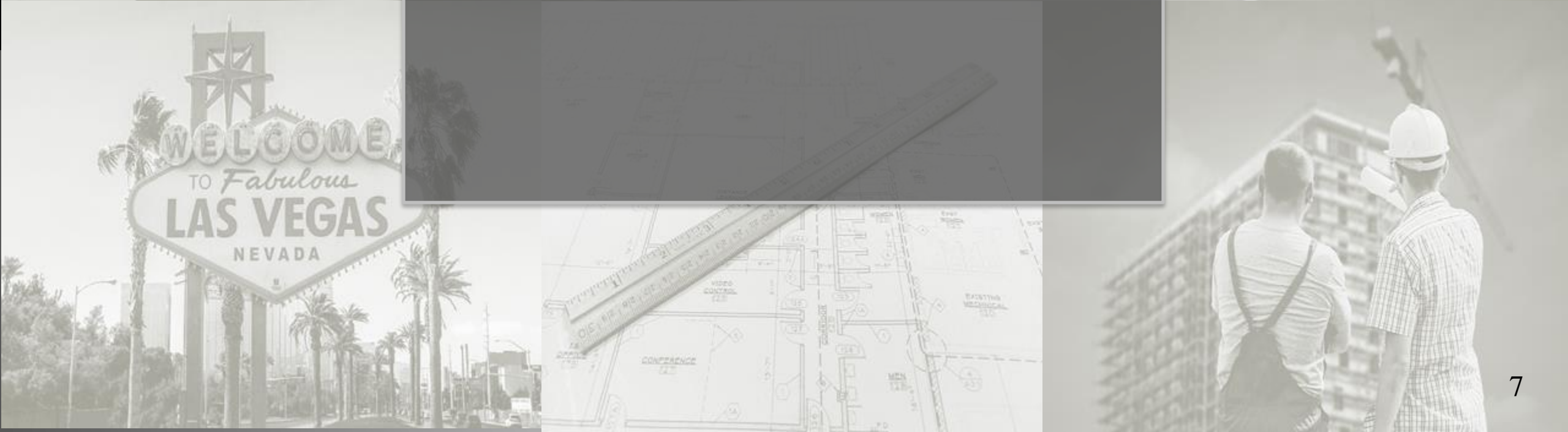
Date	Index	Month-over-Month	Year-over-Year
May-23	123.9	-0.9%	-3.1%
Jun-23	122.4	-1.2%	-3.8%
Jul-23	122.7	0.3%	-2.6%
Aug-23	122.3	-0.3%	-3.2%
Sep-23	122.3	0.0%	-2.6%
Oct-23	122.3	0.0%	-1.8%
Nov-23	122.7	0.3%	-1.2%
Dec-23	124.1	1.2%	0.4%
Jan-24	124.5	0.3%	-0.9%
Feb-24	125.0	0.4%	-0.1%
Mar-24	125.3	0.2%	0.6%
Apr-24	124.9	-0.3%	-0.1%
<b>May-24</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

The CBER Nevada leading index decreased in May on a monthly basis by 0.3 percent. Initial claims for unemployment insurance (inverted), the ten-year real Treasury yield (inverted), and Nevada airline passengers fell by 27.0, 0.1, and 0.3 percent, respectively, from the preceding month. Housing permits and the S&P 500 rose by 2.4 and 4.6 percent, respectively, from April 2024.

On a year-over-year basis, the CBER Nevada leading index increased by 0.5 percent from May 2023. On the positive side, Nevada airline passengers and the S&P 500 rose by 3.8 and 26.1 percent, respectively. On the negative side, initial claims for unemployment insurance (inverted), the ten-year real Treasury yield (inverted), and housing permits all fell by 10.6, 1.8, and 19.8 percent, respectively, from the previous year. Although the leading index has fallen from its peak in March 2022, no signs of a recession exist in the coincident index. But, after six consecutive monthly increases, the leading index has decreased for the second month in a row.



## CBER Indexes of Southern Nevada Economic Activity





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### Coincident Index

- CC Taxable Sales
- CC Gross Gaming Revenue
- CC Nonfarm Employment

Note: CC = Clark County

### Leading Index

- NV Initial Claims for Unemployment (inverted)
- Real 10-Year Treasury Rate (inverted)
- CC Housing Permits
- CC Commercial Permits
- Harry Reid Passengers
- S&P 500

### Tourism Index

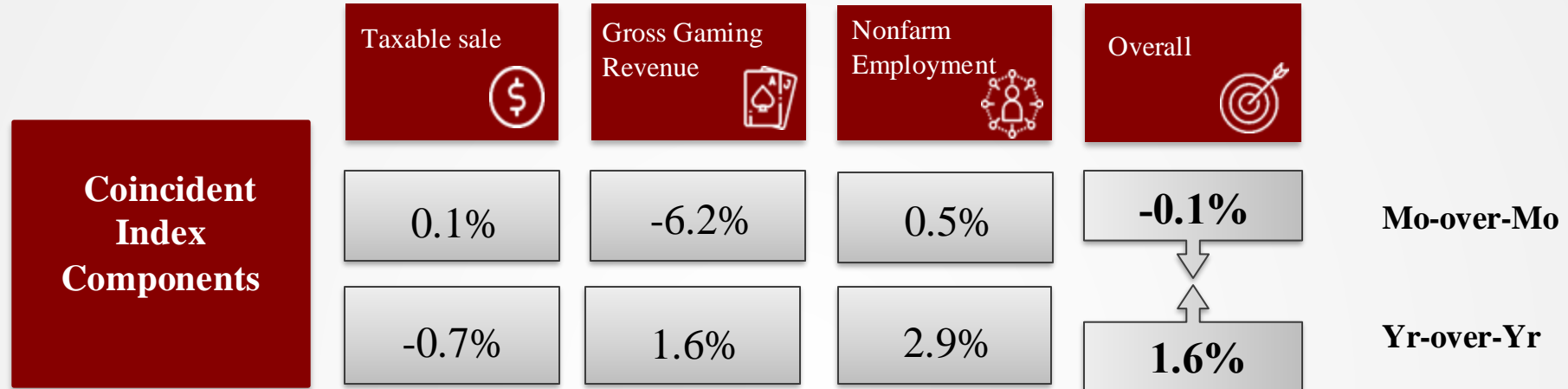
- Harry Reid Passengers
- CC Gross Gaming Revenue
- LV Hotel/Motel Occupancy Rate

### Construction Index

- CC Construction Employment
- CC Housing Permits
- CC Commercial Permits



# Summary of CBER's Southern Nevada Coincident and Leading Indexes in May 2024



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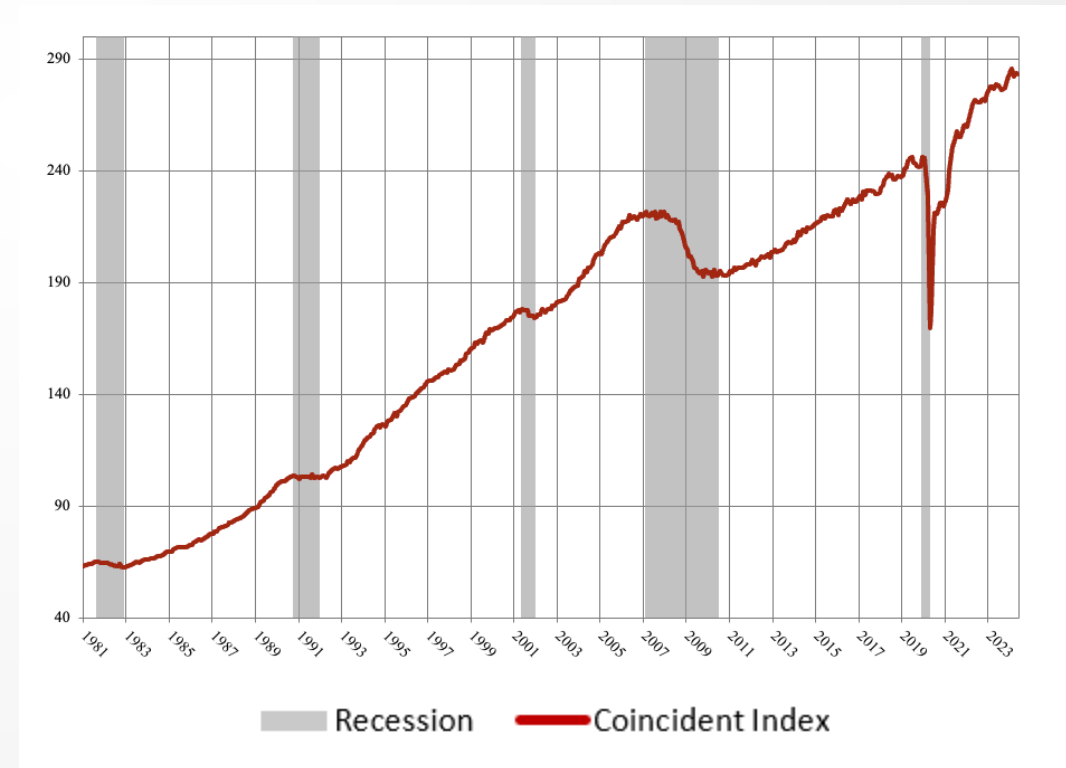
# Southern Nevada Coincident Index in May 2024

**The CBER Southern Nevada coincident index fell month-over-month and rose year-over-year.**

The CBER Southern Nevada coincident index fell by 0.1 percent month-over-month in May. Gross gaming revenue decreased by 6.2 percent month-over-month. Taxable sales and nonfarm employment rose by 0.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively, from April 2024. Although the Southern Nevada index experienced growth in the fall of 2023 and winter of 2024, it appears now to have paused in spring of 2024.

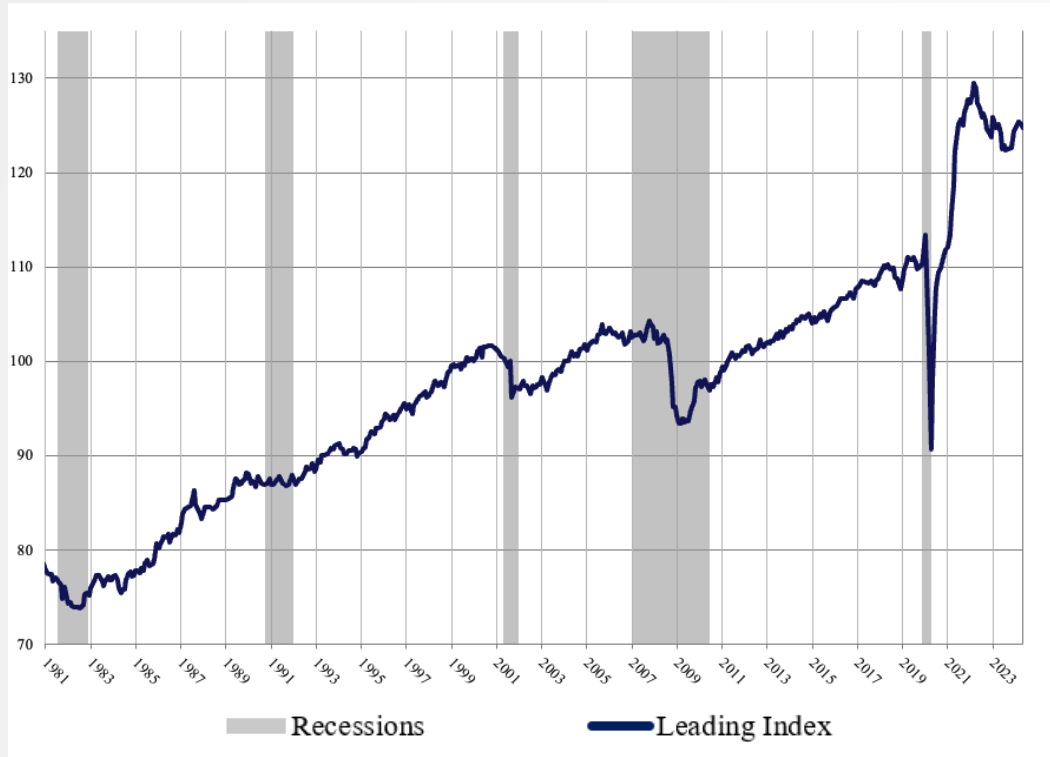
The CBER Southern Nevada coincident index posted a year-over-year gain of 1.6 percent. The annual growth was driven by positive increases in two components. Gross gaming revenue and nonfarm employment rose by 1.6 and 2.9 percent, respectively, year-over-year. Meanwhile, taxable sales decreased by 0.7 percent from the previous year.

Series	Latest Value	Mo-over-Mo	Yr-over-Yr
Taxable Sales (SA)	5,454,370,859	0.1%	-0.7%
Gross Gaming Revenue (SA)	1,099,528,990	-6.2%	1.6%
Nonfarm Employment (SA)	1,165,007	0.5%	2.9%
<b>Index and % Change</b>	<b>283.3</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>



# Southern Nevada Leading Index in May 2024

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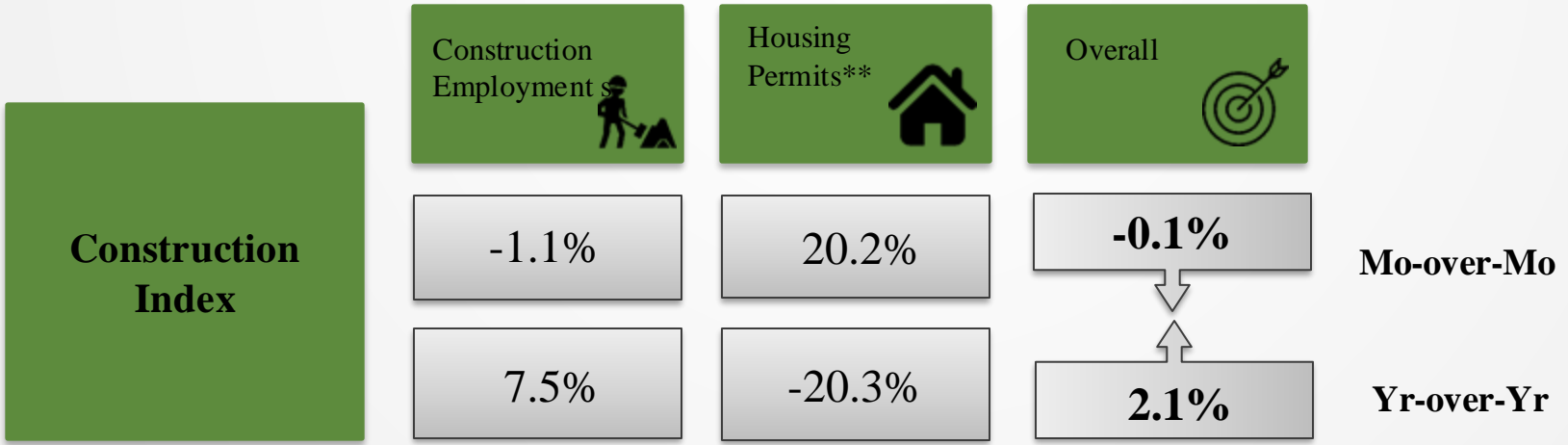
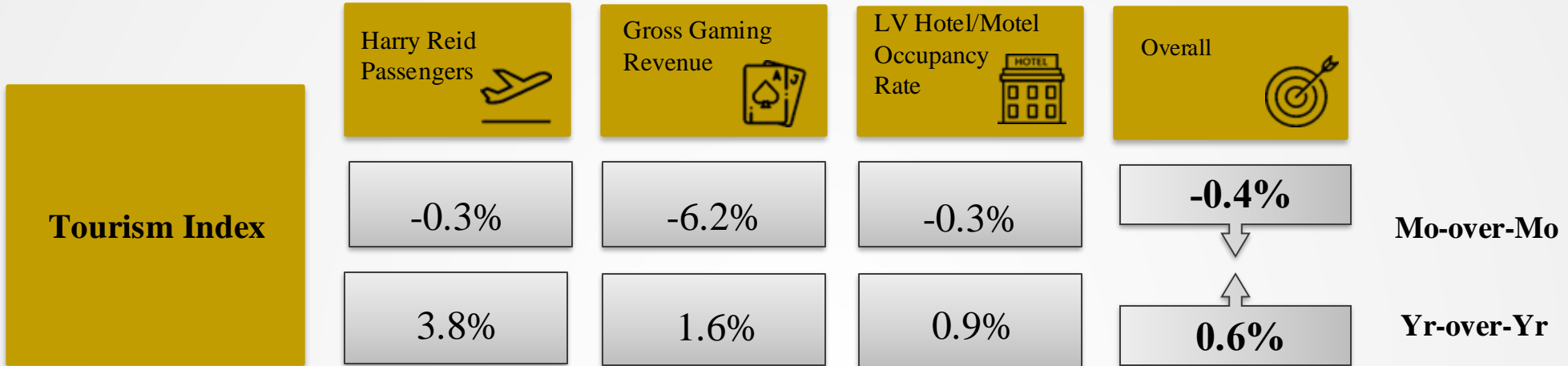


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Jan-24	124.6	0.2%	-1.0%
Feb-24	125.1	0.4%	0.0%
Mar-24	125.4	0.2%	0.5%
Apr-24	125.1	-0.2%	0.0%
<b>May-24</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

The CBER Southern Nevada leading index fell month-over-month by 0.2 percent. In May, housing permits and the S&P 500 rose by 20.2 and 4.6 percent, respectively. Initial claims for unemployment insurance (inverted), the ten-year real Treasury yield (inverted), and Harry Reid airline passengers had month-over-month decreases of 27.0, 0.1, and 0.3 percent, respectively.

On a yearly basis, the CBER Southern Nevada leading index rose by 0.5 percent. Three components—initial claims for unemployment insurance (inverted), the ten-year real Treasury yield (inverted), and housing permits—fell by 10.6, 1.8, and 20.3 percent, respectively, from May 2023. Meanwhile Harry Reid airline passengers and the S&P 500 rose by 3.8 and 26.1 percent, respectively. Although the leading index has fallen from its peak in March 2022, no strong signs of a recession exist in the coincident index. But, after five consecutive monthly increases, the leading index has decreased for the second month in a row.

# Summary of CBER's Southern Nevada Tourism and Construction Indexes in May 2024



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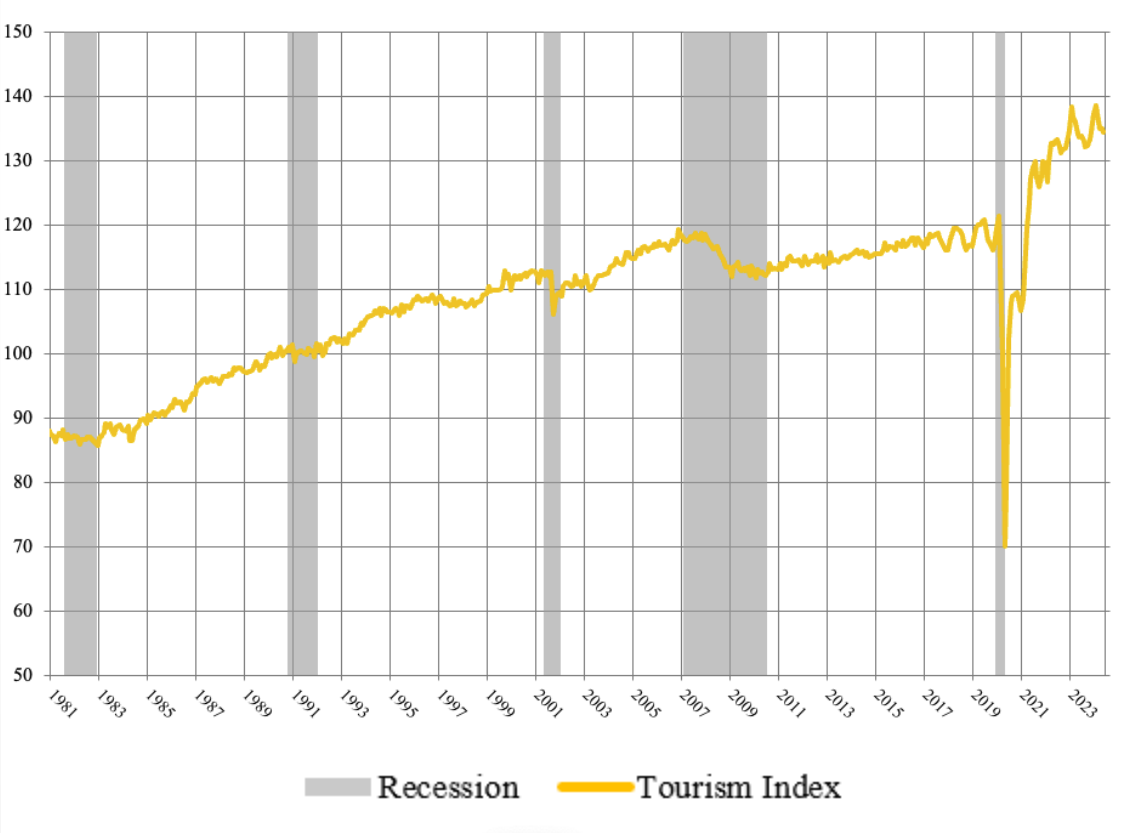
# Southern Nevada Tourism Index in May 2024

**The CBER Southern Nevada tourism index fell month-over-month and rose year-over-year.**

The CBER Southern Nevada tourism index fell by 0.4 percent month-over-month in May. Harry Reid airline passengers, gross gaming revenue, and the Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy rate all declined by 0.3, 6.2, and 0.3 percent, respectively, since April 2024.

On an annual basis, the CBER Southern Nevada tourism index increased by 0.6 percent. Harry Reid airline passengers, gross gaming revenue, and the Las Vegas hotel/motel occupancy rate all rose by 3.8, 1.6, and 0.9 percent, respectively, from May 2023.

Series	Latest Value	Mo-over-Mo	Yr-over-Yr
Harry Reid Passengers (SA)	4,921,429	-0.3%	3.8%
Gross Gaming Revenue (SA)	1,099,528,990	-6.2%	1.6%
LV Hotel/Motel Occupancy Rate (SA)	82.6%	-0.3%	0.9%
<b>Index and % Change</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>



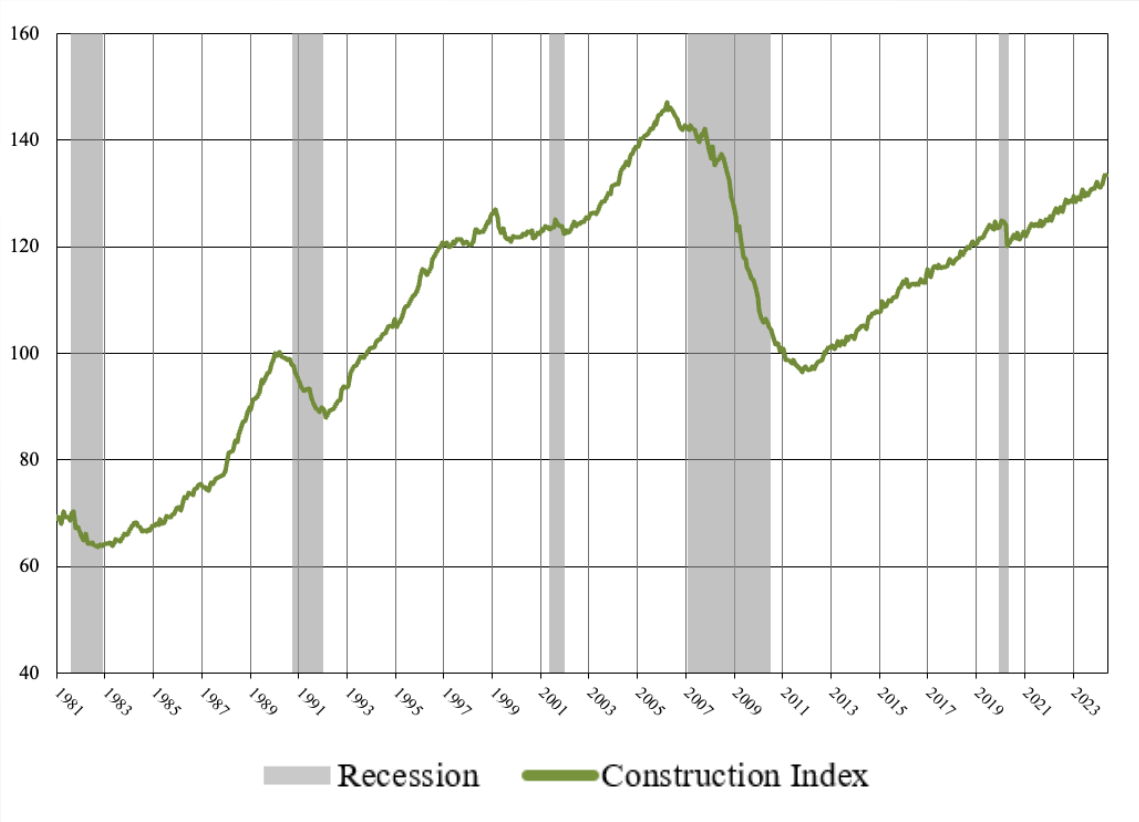
# Southern Nevada Construction Index in May 2024

**The CBER Southern Nevada construction index fell month-over-month and rose year-over-year.**

The CBER Southern Nevada construction index fell by 0.1 percent from last month. On a monthly basis, construction employment decreased by 1.1 percent while housing permits increased by 20.2 percent.

The CBER Southern Nevada construction index increased by 2.1 percent year-over-year. Construction employment rose by 7.5 percent while housing permits fell by 20.3 percent.

Series	Latest Period	Mo-over-Mo	Yr-over-Yr
Construction Employment (SA)	86,917	-1.1%	7.5%
Housing Permits (SA)	1,404	20.2%	-20.3%
<b>Index and % Change</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>



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