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In August 2023, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Nevada increased by 0.1 percentage point and now sits at 5.4 percent. The unadjusted rate did not change, and still sits at 5.8 percent. The state continued to see growth in its labor force, with the number of employed individuals and the number of unemployed individuals both increased. This is the 8th consecutive month where the state of Nevada has seen a month over month increase in its labor force.

At the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) level, the state saw no change in employment rate in two of its MSAs (Carson City and Las Vegas-Paradise) and an increase of 0.1 percentage points in the Reno-Sparks MSA, bringing its unemployment rate to 4.5 percent. The Las Vegas-Paradise MSA still has the highest unemployment rate in the state at a figure of 6.1 percent.

At the county level, the state saw increases or no change in unemployment rate in all of its counties besides Lander and Elko County. These counties both saw decreases of 0.1 percentage points, bringing their unemployment rate to 4.3 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively. The largest increase was in Esmeralda County, which saw a 1.0 percentage point increase from a rate of 5.2 percent to 6.2 percent. Eureka county witnessed the second highest increase in unemployment rate, of 0.4 percentage point, rising from 4.5 to 4.9 percent. Three counties (Douglas, Lincoln, and Storey) saw increases of 0.3 percentage points.

Figures for state unemployment estimates come from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a state/federal partnership sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS-LAUS). This program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for census regions, states, counties, metropolitan areas, and many large cities, based on place of residence. For more on LAUS data or for a look at estimates in your area visit our [LAUS Page](#), and for a look that the economic profile of Nevada, the metropolitan areas, or your county visit our [Area Profiles](#) Page.

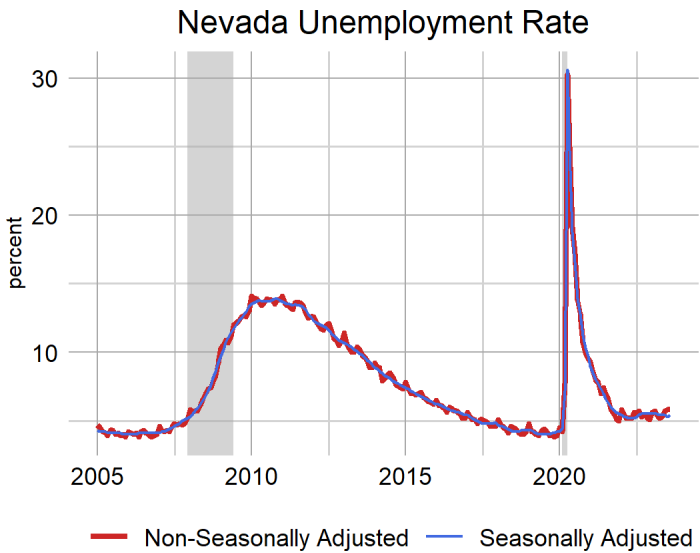
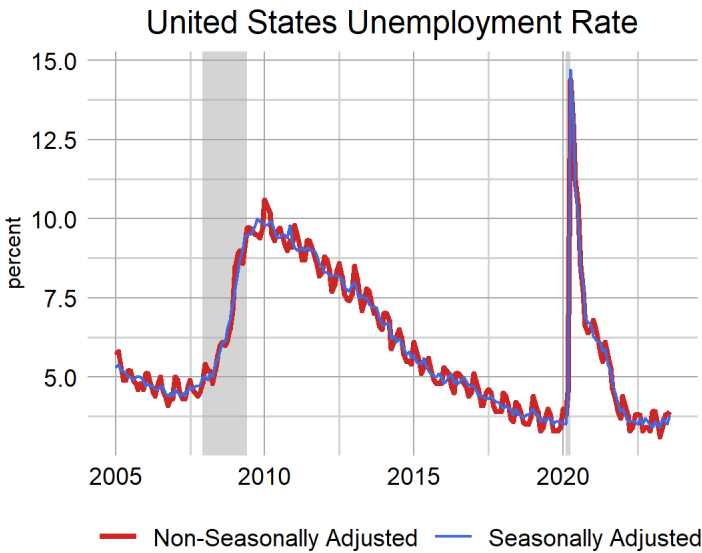
U.S. & Nevada Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Population Ratio
US						
U.S.	168,049,000	161,427,000	6,623,000	3.9	62.9	60.4
U.S. SA	167,839,000	161,484,000	6,355,000	3.8	62.8	60.4
State						
Nevada	1,612,709	1,519,596	93,113	5.8	62.5	58.9
Nevada SA	1,591,984	1,506,353	85,631	5.4	61.7	58.4

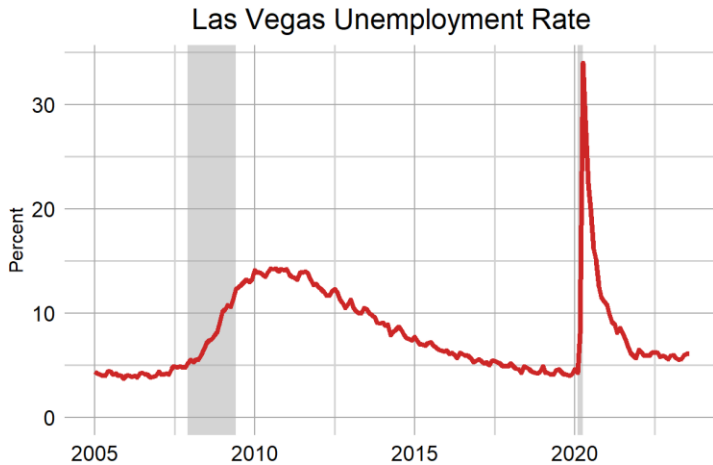
SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

Seasonally adjusted estimates account for regularly seen seasonal employment patterns such as jobs associated with holiday hiring, holiday and weather seasons, or other jobs with seasonal components. The result of a seasonally adjusted estimate is usually a smoother estimate from which underlying economic trends can be seen. Adjusted estimates are in the summary table above, and in many of the other tables and figures throughout this document.

Nevada’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in August, which increased by 0.1 percentage points from 5.3 percent in July and was unchanged from 5.4 percent in 2022. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 918 from July for a current level of 85,631 people, which increased by 1,086 unemployed people since 2022. The labor force in Nevada is currently 1,591,984 people, which has increased by 6,005 people from July, and increased by 22,906 people since 2022.

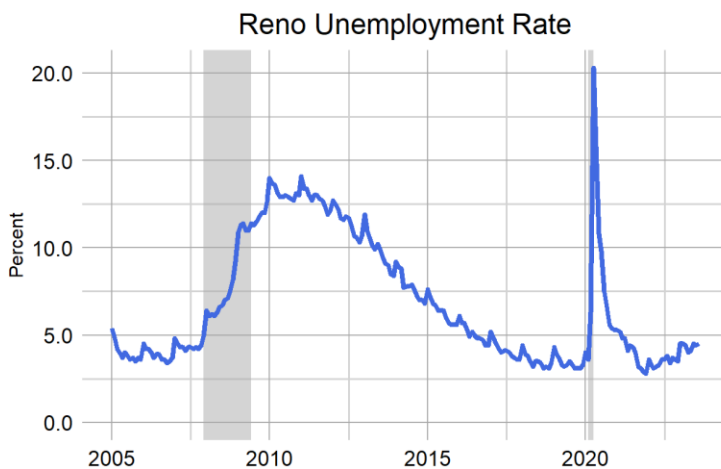


The Las Vegas Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA)s unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in August 2023, unchanged from 6.1 percent in July 2023, and down from 6.2 percent in August 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increase by 426 since July 2023 for a current level of 72,889 people, which is 552 more unemployed people than August 2022. The labor force in Las Vegas is currently 1,195,494 people, which is 14,011 more people than July 2023, and is up 30,970 people since August 2022.



Las Vegas LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	6.1
Previous Month	6.1
Previous Year	6.2
Maximum Rate	34
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	72,889
Monthly Change	426
Annual Change	552
Maximum Level	370,113

The Reno MSA's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in August 2023, increasing from 4.4 percent in July 2023, and up from 3.8 percent in August 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increased by 359 since July 2023 for a current level of 12,138 people, which is 2,320 more unemployed people than August 2022. The labor force in Reno is currently 267,644 people, which is 2,680 more people than July 2023, and is up 7,498 people since August 2022.



Reno LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	4.5
Previous Month	4.4
Previous Year	3.8
Maximum Rate	20.3
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	12,138
Monthly Change	359
Annual Change	2,320
Maximum Level	47,922

The Carson City MSA’s unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in August 2023, unchanged from 4.8 percent in July 2023, and up from 4.2 percent in August 2022, non-seasonally adjusted. The number of unemployed individuals increase by 21 since July 2023 for a current level of 1,274 people, which is 202 more unemployed people than August 2022. The labor force in Carson City is currently 26,343 people, which is 46 more people than July 2023, and is up 831 people since August 2022.



Carson City LAUS Summary	
Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate	4.8
Previous Month	4.8
Previous Year	4.2
Maximum Rate	21.2
Unemployed Individuals	
Unemployment Level	1,274
Monthly Change	21
Annual Change	202
Maximum Level	5,206

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Area		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
US					
U.S.	SA	167,839,000	161,484,000	6,355,000	3.8
U.S.		168,049,000	161,427,000	6,623,000	3.9
State					
Nevada	SA	1,591,984	1,506,353	85,631	5.4
Nevada		1,612,709	1,519,596	93,113	5.8
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Reno - Sparks MSA		267,644	255,506	12,138	4.5
Carson City MSA		26,343	25,069	1,274	4.8
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA		1,195,494	1,122,605	72,889	6.1
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area		339,977	323,937	16,040	4.7
County					
White Pine County		4,602	4,420	182	4.0
Lander County		3,045	2,915	130	4.3
Elko County		25,954	24,783	1,171	4.5
Washoe County		265,484	253,447	12,037	4.5
Storey County		2,160	2,059	101	4.7
Carson City		26,343	25,069	1,274	4.8
Eureka County		878	835	43	4.9
Humboldt County		7,487	7,111	376	5.0
Douglas County		22,762	21,611	1,151	5.1
Churchill County		10,605	10,056	549	5.2
Pershing County		2,249	2,118	131	5.8
Lincoln County		1,957	1,841	116	5.9
Mineral County		2,028	1,907	121	6.0
Clark County		1,195,494	1,122,605	72,889	6.1
Esmeralda County		437	410	27	6.2
Lyon County		23,228	21,751	1,477	6.4
Nye County		17,996	16,658	1,338	7.4
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area		26,832	25,618	1,214	4.5
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area		7,487	7,111	376	5.0
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area		22,762	21,611	1,151	5.1
Fallon Micropolitan Area		10,605	10,056	549	5.2
Fernley Micropolitan Area		23,228	21,751	1,477	6.4
Pahrump Micropolitan Area		17,996	16,658	1,338	7.4
City					
Sparks		59,622	56,943	2,679	4.5
Reno		144,544	137,851	6,693	4.6
Elko City*		10,139	9,666	473	4.7
Mesquite*		8,602	8,185	417	4.8
Boulder City*		7,875	7,438	437	5.5
Henderson		175,826	166,078	9,748	5.5
Las Vegas		329,821	309,138	20,683	6.3
Fernley City*		8,758	8,193	565	6.5
North Las Vegas		124,766	115,914	8,852	7.1

*State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

The cities of Boulder City, Elko, Fernley, and Mesquite are state specific areas. These estimates are not endorsed or published by the BLS.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In August 2023, 10,253 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed in Nevada, a decrease of 770 claims, or 7 percent, from July 2023 when there were 11,023 claims. This figure is an increase from the 9,272 figure that was observed in August of 2022.

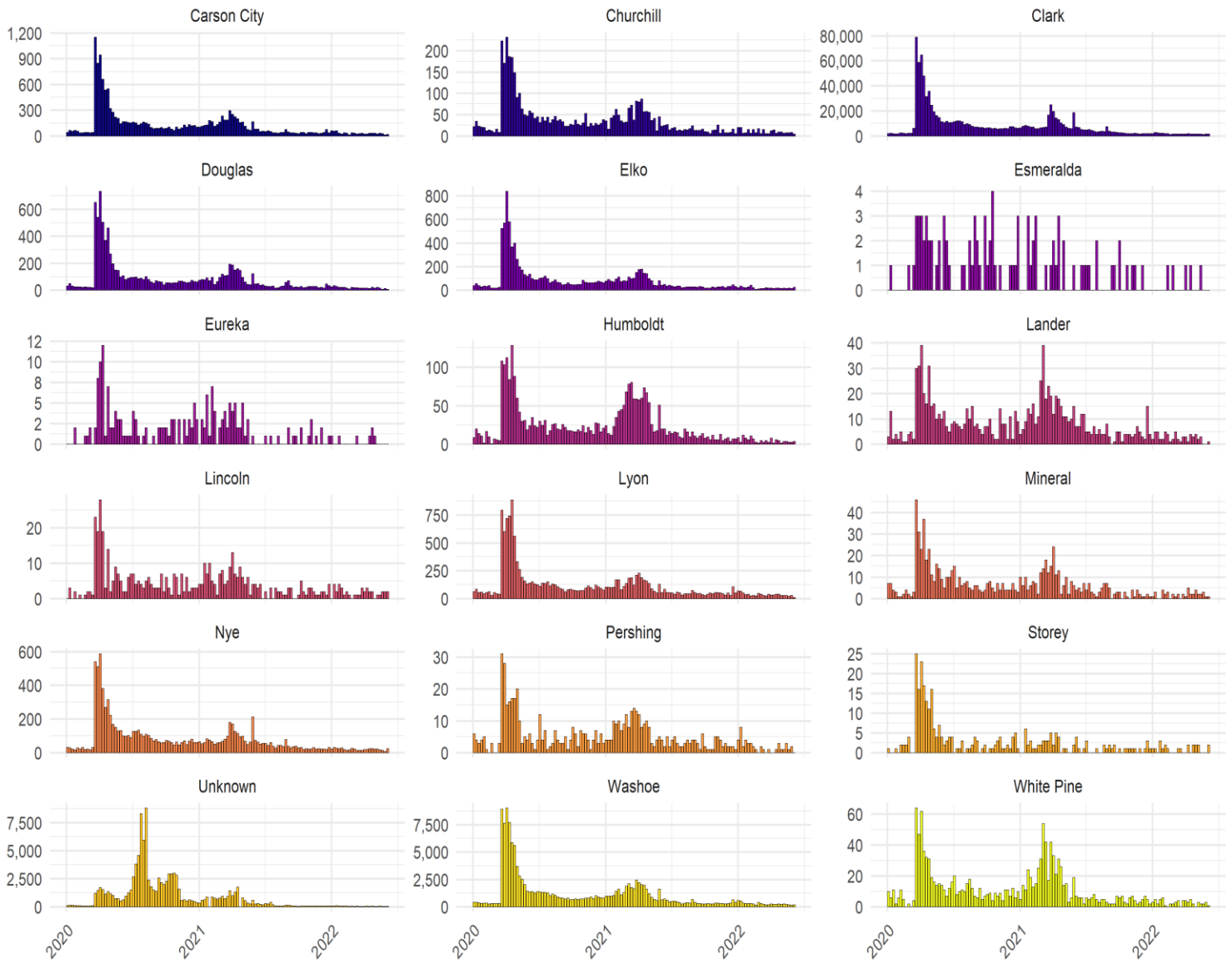
August 2023 Unemployment Insurance Activity

Measure	August 2023	August 2022	% change	July 2023	% change	12 month average
Initial Claims	10,253	9,272	10.6%	11,023	-7.0%	9,982
Weeks Claimed	83,843	64,167	30.7%	97,893	-14.4%	75,889
Weeks Compensated	79,117	59,729	32.5%	87,427	-9.5%	67,670
Amount Compensated	\$33,945,309	\$22,597,128	50.2%	\$37,031,085	-8.3%	\$28,213,729
Weeks Compensated Total Unemployment	71,502	53,409	33.9%	79,483	-10.0%	61,039
Amount Compensated Total Unemployment	\$32,032,144	\$21,304,794	50.4%	\$35,010,390	-8.5%	\$26,626,817
First Payments	5,931	4,532	30.9%	6,441	-7.9%	5,139
Final Payments (Exhaustions)	1,619	1,182	37.0%	1,910	-15.2%	1,386
Average Weekly Benefit	\$447.99	\$398.90	12.3%	\$440.48	1.7%	\$434.48
Average Duration (in weeks)	11.88	14.18	-16.3%	11.85	0.2%	11.94
Exhaustion Rate	32.83%	21.23%	54.6%	33.37%	-1.6%	31.08%

Source: ETA 5159

Initial Claims by County

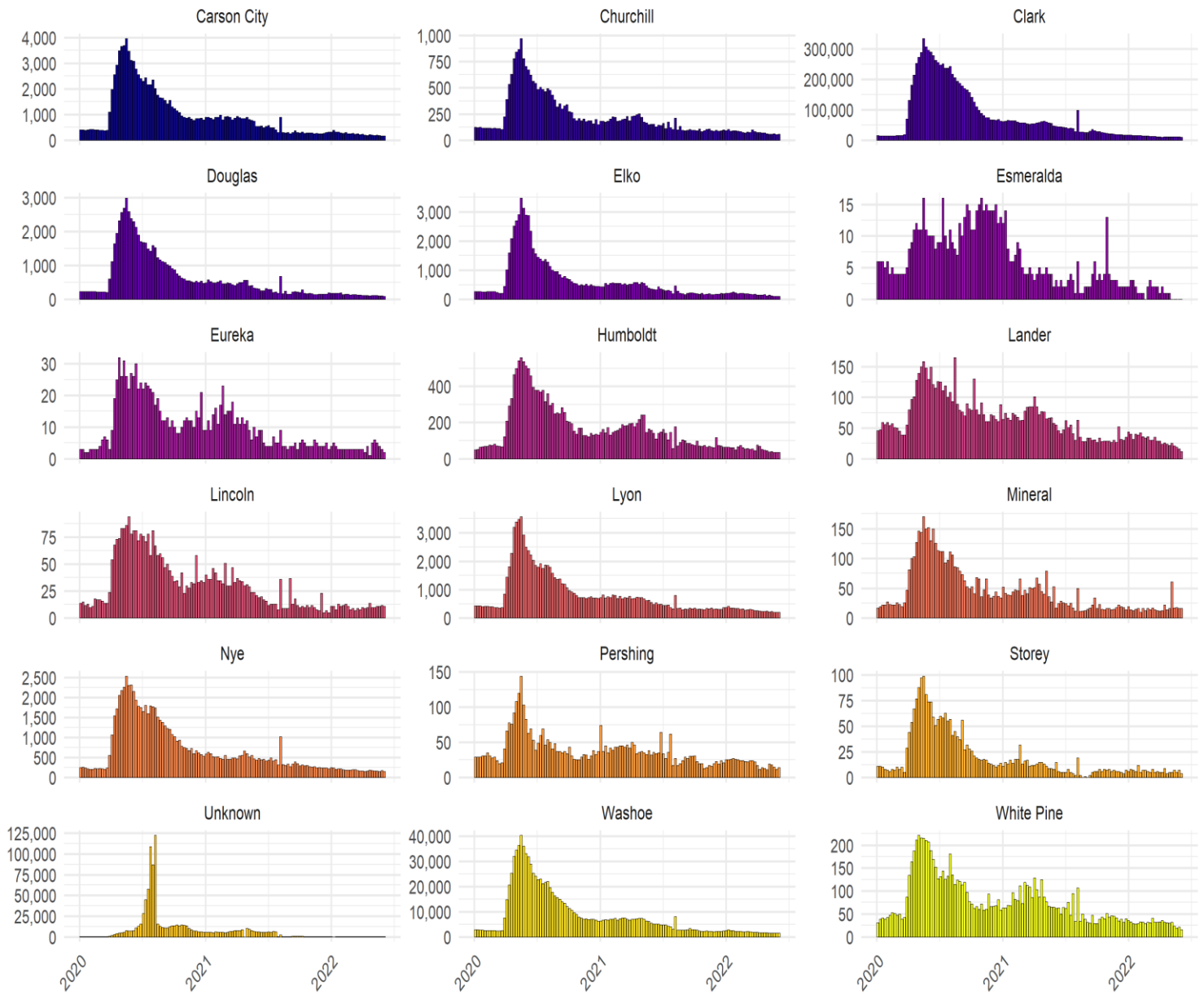
weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Continued Claims by County

weekly claim totals since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting
Figure 11

Looking to our measures of unemployment insurance activity, final payments were mostly down across the state. However, first payments saw a sizeable increase over the month. In Clark County, for example, first payments increased by 4,164 up to 4,695 or a percentage increase of nearly 784%. On the other hand, final payments decreased by 224 down to 1,372 or a percentage decrease of nearly 14%. Washoe County also saw an increase in first payments, with first payments going up by 82 from 572 to 654. Final payments in Washoe County were down by 10 from 186 to 176. Carson City experienced an increase in first payments moving from 71 to 72 or an increase of 1. Final payments in Carson City decreased by 6 moving from 22 to 16. Statewide, the Weeks Compensated decreased by 8,114 or 9.5% over the month. Benefit Payments made increased by approximately 3.2 million or 8.6%.

UI Claims Activity by County

August 2023

County	First Payments	Final Payments	Weeks Compensated	Benefit Payments	Average Weekly Benefit	
Carson City	72	16	710	\$325,822	\$458.90	
Churchill	19	6	237	\$104,457	\$440.75	
Clark	4,695	1,372	62,405	\$26,511,694	\$424.83	
Douglas	31	9	437	\$198,923	\$455.20	
Elko	35	7	558	\$258,680	\$463.58	
Esmeralda	0	0	16	\$6,576	\$411.00	
Eureka	1	0	12	\$4,452	\$371.00	
Humboldt	10	2	223	\$96,679	\$433.54	
Lander	1	0	57	\$25,791	\$452.47	
Lincoln	4	0	52	\$19,398	\$373.04	
Lyon	70	15	957	\$426,983	\$446.17	
Mineral	5	2	84	\$39,308	\$467.95	
Nye	63	16	947	\$387,266	\$408.94	
Pershing	5	3	65	\$24,047	\$369.95	
Storey	3	0	12	\$6,168	\$514.00	
Unknown	212	69	2,641	\$1,308,613	\$495.50	
Washoe	654	176	7,661	\$3,590,109	\$468.62	
White Pine	8	1	63	\$22,130	\$351.27	
Statewide	—	5,888	1,694	77,137	\$33,357,095.50	—

Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Unemployment Rate Summary LAUS

Area	August 2023	July 2023	Monthly Change	August 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S. SA	3.8	3.5	0.3	3.7	0.1
U.S.	3.9	3.8	0.1	3.8	0.1
State					
Nevada SA	5.4	5.3	0.1	5.4	0.0
Nevada	5.8	5.8	0.0	5.7	0.1
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Reno - Sparks MSA	4.5	4.4	0.1	3.8	0.7
Carson City MSA	4.8	4.8	0.0	4.2	0.6
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	6.1	6.1	0.0	6.2	-0.1
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	4.7	4.6	0.1	4.0	0.7
County					
White Pine County	4.0	3.8	0.2	3.4	0.6
Lander County	4.3	4.4	-0.1	3.5	0.8
Elko County	4.5	4.6	-0.1	3.7	0.8
Washoe County	4.5	4.4	0.1	3.8	0.7
Storey County	4.7	4.4	0.3	4.5	0.2
Carson City	4.8	4.8	0.0	4.2	0.6
Eureka County	4.9	4.5	0.4	4.2	0.7
Humboldt County	5.0	5.0	0.0	4.0	1.0
Douglas County	5.1	4.8	0.3	4.3	0.8
Churchill County	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.2	1.0
Pershing County	5.8	5.6	0.2	4.4	1.4
Lincoln County	5.9	5.6	0.3	4.5	1.4
Mineral County	6.0	5.8	0.2	4.8	1.2
Clark County	6.1	6.1	0.0	6.2	-0.1
Esmeralda County	6.2	5.2	1.0	5.3	0.9
Lyon County	6.4	6.3	0.1	5.4	1.0
Nye County	7.4	7.2	0.2	6.4	1.0
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	4.5	4.6	-0.1	3.7	0.8
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	5.0	5.0	0.0	4.0	1.0
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	5.1	4.8	0.3	4.3	0.8
Fallon Micropolitan Area	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.2	1.0
Fernley Micropolitan Area	6.4	6.3	0.1	5.4	1.0
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	7.4	7.2	0.2	6.4	1.0
City					
Sparks	4.5	4.3	0.2	3.7	0.8
Reno	4.6	4.6	0.0	3.8	0.8
Elko City*	4.7	4.9	-0.2	4.0	0.7
Mesquite*	4.8	4.6	0.2	4.8	0.0
Boulder City*	5.5	5.6	-0.1	5.8	-0.3
Henderson	5.5	5.5	0.0	5.7	-0.2
Las Vegas	6.3	6.3	0.0	6.3	0.0
Fernley City*	6.5	6.5	0.0	5.6	0.9
North Las Vegas	7.1	7.3	-0.2	7.3	-0.2

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Labor Force Levels Summary LAUS

Area	August 2023	July 2023	Monthly Change	August 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	168,049,000	168,354,000	-305,000	164,971,000	3,078,000
U.S. SA	167,839,000	167,103,000	736,000	164,714,000	3,125,000
State					
Nevada	1,612,709	1,595,040	17,669	1,572,396	40,313
Nevada SA	1,591,984	1,585,979	6,005	1,569,078	22,906
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	26,343	26,297	46	25,512	831
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,195,494	1,181,483	14,011	1,164,524	30,970
Reno - Sparks MSA	267,644	264,964	2,680	260,146	7,498
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	339,977	337,108	2,869	331,661	8,316
County					
Churchill County	10,605	10,553	52	10,594	11
Clark County	1,195,494	1,181,483	14,011	1,164,524	30,970
Douglas County	22,762	22,706	56	22,606	156
Elko County	25,954	25,735	219	25,765	189
Esmeralda County	437	407	30	378	59
Eureka County	878	837	41	859	19
Humboldt County	7,487	7,442	45	7,361	126
Lander County	3,045	3,027	18	2,983	62
Lincoln County	1,957	1,918	39	1,935	22
Lyon County	23,228	23,141	87	23,397	-169
Mineral County	2,028	2,023	5	2,003	25
Nye County	17,996	17,711	285	17,562	434
Pershing County	2,249	2,209	40	2,263	-14
Storey County	2,160	2,136	24	2,112	48
Washoe County	265,484	262,828	2,656	258,034	7,450
White Pine County	4,602	4,583	19	4,506	96
Carson City	26,343	26,297	46	25,512	831
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	26,832	26,572	260	26,624	208
Fallon Micropolitan Area	10,605	10,553	52	10,594	11
Fernley Micropolitan Area	23,228	23,141	87	23,397	-169
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	22,762	22,706	56	22,606	156
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	17,996	17,711	285	17,562	434
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,487	7,442	45	7,361	126
City					
Fernley City*	8,758	8,734	24	8,823	-65
Boulder City*	7,875	7,780	95	7,683	192
Elko City*	10,139	10,067	72	10,077	62
Henderson	175,826	173,705	2,121	171,255	4,571
Las Vegas	329,821	325,965	3,856	320,874	8,947
Mesquite*	8,602	8,473	129	8,361	241
North Las Vegas	124,766	123,509	1,257	121,707	3,059
Reno	144,544	143,150	1,394	140,437	4,107
Sparks	59,622	58,984	638	57,906	1,716

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Employed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	August 2023	July 2023	Monthly Change	August 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	161,427,000	161,982,000	-555,000	158,714,000	2,713,000
U.S. SA	161,484,000	161,262,000	222,000	158,694,000	2,790,000
State					
Nevada	1,519,596	1,502,904	16,692	1,483,506	36,090
Nevada SA	1,506,353	1,501,266	5,087	1,484,533	21,820
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	25,069	25,044	25	24,440	629
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	1,122,605	1,109,020	13,585	1,092,187	30,418
Reno - Sparks MSA	255,506	253,185	2,321	250,328	5,178
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	323,937	321,531	2,406	318,535	5,402
County					
Churchill County	10,056	10,005	51	10,144	-88
Clark County	1,122,605	1,109,020	13,585	1,092,187	30,418
Douglas County	21,611	21,617	-6	21,643	-32
Elko County	24,783	24,545	238	24,806	-23
Esmeralda County	410	386	24	358	52
Eureka County	835	799	36	823	12
Humboldt County	7,111	7,071	40	7,064	47
Lander County	2,915	2,895	20	2,878	37
Lincoln County	1,841	1,810	31	1,847	-6
Lyon County	21,751	21,685	66	22,124	-373
Mineral County	1,907	1,906	1	1,906	1
Nye County	16,658	16,440	218	16,442	216
Pershing County	2,118	2,086	32	2,164	-46
Storey County	2,059	2,043	16	2,018	41
Washoe County	253,447	251,142	2,305	248,310	5,137
White Pine County	4,420	4,409	11	4,351	69
Carson City	25,069	25,044	25	24,440	629
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	25,618	25,344	274	25,629	-11
Fallon Micropolitan Area	10,056	10,005	51	10,144	-88
Fernley Micropolitan Area	21,751	21,685	66	22,124	-373
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	21,611	21,617	-6	21,643	-32
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	16,658	16,440	218	16,442	216
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	7,111	7,071	40	7,064	47
City					
Fernley City*	8,193	8,168	25	8,333	-140
Boulder City*	7,438	7,348	90	7,237	201
Elko City*	9,666	9,573	93	9,675	-9
Henderson	166,078	164,068	2,010	161,578	4,500
Las Vegas	309,138	305,397	3,741	300,761	8,377
Mesquite*	8,185	8,086	99	7,963	222
North Las Vegas	115,914	114,512	1,402	112,774	3,140
Reno	137,851	136,597	1,254	135,057	2,794
Sparks	56,943	56,426	517	55,789	1,154

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Unemployed Individuals Levels Summary LAUS

Area	August 2023	July 2023	Monthly Change	August 2022	Yearly Change
US					
U.S.	6,623,000	6,372,000	251,000	6,256,000	367,000
U.S. SA	6,355,000	5,841,000	514,000	6,021,000	334,000
State					
Nevada	93,113	92,136	977	88,890	4,223
Nevada SA	85,631	84,713	918	84,545	1,086
Metropolitan Statistical Area					
Carson City MSA	1,274	1,253	21	1,072	202
Las Vegas - Paradise MSA	72,889	72,463	426	72,337	552
Reno - Sparks MSA	12,138	11,779	359	9,818	2,320
Combined Statistical Area					
Reno-Carson City-Fernley, Nv Combined Statistical Area	16,040	15,577	463	13,126	2,914
County					
Churchill County	549	548	1	450	99
Clark County	72,889	72,463	426	72,337	552
Douglas County	1,151	1,089	62	963	188
Elko County	1,171	1,190	-19	959	212
Esmeralda County	27	21	6	20	7
Eureka County	43	38	5	36	7
Humboldt County	376	371	5	297	79
Lander County	130	132	-2	105	25
Lincoln County	116	108	8	88	28
Lyon County	1,477	1,456	21	1,273	204
Mineral County	121	117	4	97	24
Nye County	1,338	1,271	67	1,120	218
Pershing County	131	123	8	99	32
Storey County	101	93	8	94	7
Washoe County	12,037	11,686	351	9,724	2,313
White Pine County	182	174	8	155	27
Carson City	1,274	1,253	21	1,072	202
Labor Market Area					
Elko Micropolitan Area	1,214	1,228	-14	995	219
Fallon Micropolitan Area	549	548	1	450	99
Fernley Micropolitan Area	1,477	1,456	21	1,273	204
Gardnerville Micropolitan Area	1,151	1,089	62	963	188
Pahrump Micropolitan Area	1,338	1,271	67	1,120	218
Winnemucca Micropolitan Area	376	371	5	297	79
City					
Fernley City*	565	566	-1	490	75
Boulder City*	437	432	5	446	-9
Elko City*	473	494	-21	402	71
Henderson	9,748	9,637	111	9,677	71
Las Vegas	20,683	20,568	115	20,113	570
Mesquite*	417	387	30	398	19
North Las Vegas	8,852	8,997	-145	8,933	-81
Reno	6,693	6,553	140	5,380	1,313
Sparks	2,679	2,558	121	2,117	562

* State Specific Areas, not endorsed or published by the BLS

SA denotes seasonally adjusted data

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