

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 8, 2025

- The Nevada Economic Forum met on May 1st. The forecast for the state of Nevada indicated a significant decrease in the budget for the next biennium. As things unfold over the summer and fall of 2025, we will see how the state is likely to fare over the next two years. If we can maintain relatively consistent economic fortitude in the face of uncertain federal policies and national economic trends, Nevada will likely weather two years of moderate to flat growth, without experiencing a large amount of layoffs.
- As of March, employment figures have been relatively flat, pretty much across the board. We've experienced a slight dip in the logistics sector, which is likely due to a normalizing after several years of rapid growth. While the unemployment rate in Nevada remains higher than other states, more of the unemployed are without work for reasons other than job losses. However, some yellow flags include lower quit rates and longer duration of unemployment insurance claims. Some positive notes are that the Nevada Unemployment Trust Fund recently hit all-time highs, and the Nevada Rainy Day fund remains fully funded, which equips us to weather potential economic downturns.
- Tourism Sentiment surveys show high levels of "travel planning," but general tourism and consumer sentiment is getting worse nationally. Travel to Las Vegas was down 8% from a year prior, and declines appear to be primarily in domestic travel; whereas international travel do not show signs of decline... yet.
- The Federal Reserve met last week and held rates steady. They also released their Beige Book, which indicates they may see a recipe for stagflation in the near future.

CONSENSUS FORECASTS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The current Statewide unemployment rate stands at 5.7% as of Mar 2025. The consensus is that the unemployment rate will decline to 5.8% by June 2025, then up to 6.1% by December 2025 and a slight increase to 6.3% in June 2026.

JOB GROWTH

As of Mar 2025, Statewide employment stands 0.4% above Mar 2024. Year-over-year job growth is expected to be flat at around 0.2% in June 2025, and down -1.1% year-over-year growth by December 2025 before going up slightly to -0.9% growth in June 2026.

VISITOR VOLUME GROWTH

Statewide visitor volume is measured as a 12-month moving average (12MMA) to account for seasonality. Visitation was up 0.4% over the year. Year-over-year growth is expected to be -0.4% in June 2025, then to -1.2% by December 2025 and -1.9% in June 2026.

TAXABLE SALES GROWTH

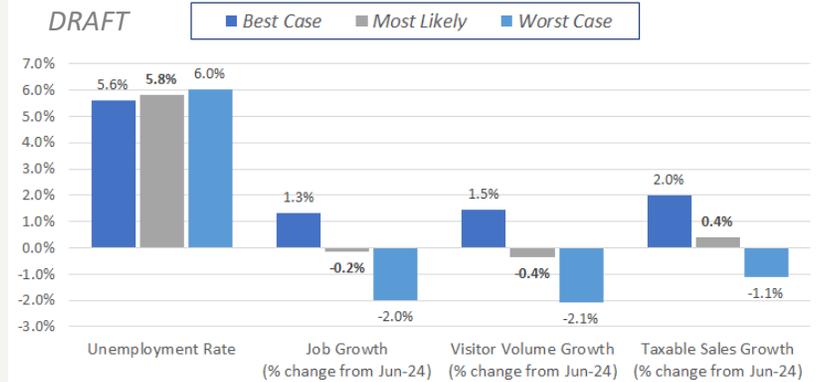
The consensus projection for taxable sales shows modest growth of 0.4% year over year by June 2025 and then to 0.7% in December 2025, and then down to 0.2% in June 2026.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

To account for uncertainty, best case and worst-case scenarios are also estimated. The "most likely" scenarios are the primary projections for June 2025, December 2025, and June 2026.

June 2025 Consensus Projections

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December 2025 Consensus Projections



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June 2026 Consensus Projections



All charts are labeled "DRAFT" due to changing conditions.

The unemployment rate and job growth are seasonally adjusted, while visitor volume and taxable sales are measured as 12-month moving averages to account for expected seasonal variation.