

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Oct 10, 2024

- According to a release entitled NRS 278.237 Additional Reporting on Housing Progress and Plans, Housing affordability in both Northern and Southern Nevada remains a concern. Roughly half the state is is considered "overburdend" spending over 30% of household income on rent or a mortgage. This can be attributed to growing demand for housing, with low inventory and high mortgage rates.
- Five of the state's largest industries (by taxable sales volume) saw over-the-year gains in July. Of these sectors, Miscellaneous Store Retailers and Nonstore Retailers saw the largest relative gains from July 2023, while Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers and Professional Services saw the largest declines year over year.
- Nevada's unemployment rate continues to be a story of higher unemployment due to growing labor force participation, not excessive job losses.
- Jobs in Nevada continue to grow faster than the national average, led by significant gains in the Construction sector, while Retail and Wholesale Trade sectors had relatively large declines year over year..
- Nationally, consumer credit card debt as well as credit delinquencies are on the rise, while consumer savings rates are lower than prepandemic levels. As consumer financial behavior begins to change with these economic realities, we maybegin to see some of that behavior change reflected in Nevada's key metrics such as declines in gaming revenue and slower tourism trends outside of Las Vegas for 2025 Fiscal YTD.
- The consensus is that Nevada's economy is healthy; and continued monitoring is needed.

CONSENSUS FORECASTS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The current Statewide unemployment rate stands at 5.5% as of August 2024. The consensus is that the unemployment rate will decline to 5.1% by December 2024, remain flat at 5.1% by June 2025 and increase to 5.6% in June 2025.

JOB GROWTH

As of August 2024, Statewide employment stands 3.0% above August 2023. Year-over-year job growth is expected to decline to 2.9% in December 2024, and moderate to 2.7% year-over-year growth by June 2025 before going down to 2.2% growth in December 2025.

VISITOR VOLUME GROWTH

Statewide visitor volume is measured as a 12-month moving average (12MMA) to account for seasonality. Visitation was up 1.7% over the year since July 2023. Year-over-year growth is expected to be 2.9% in December 2024, then to 2.1% by June 2025 and 1.0% in December 2025.

TAXABLE SALES GROWTH

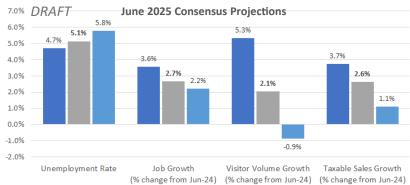
Taxable sales are also projected as a 12MMA, which was down 1.8% over the year in Aug. The consensus projection shows growth of 3.2% year over year by December 2024 and then to 2.6% in June 2025, and then back up to 3.1% in December 2025.

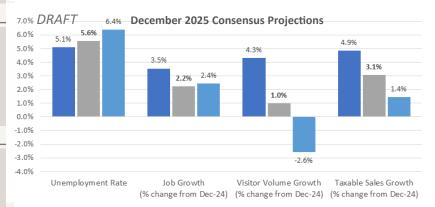
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

To account for uncertainty, best case and worst-case scenarios are also estimated. The "most likely" scenarios are the primary projections for December 2024, June 2025, and December 2025.

FCONOMIST CALL







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.