

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### February 9, 2023

- Nevada tourism continues its recovery. Harry Reid International Airport saw 4.4 million passengers in December, bringing 2022's total passenger counts to 52.7 million; this is 2% higher than pre-pandemic levels in 2019, and 28.7% higher than 2021. However, convention attendance continues lagging behind 2019 levels. Last year also saw record gaming win, at \$14.8B, more than ten percent higher than the previous record set in 2021.

» National economic uncertainty has put a damper on expectations for continued tourism growth in 2023; while a strong recession isn't expected, recent growth trends may soften.

- Taxable sales continue their strong trend as well, with November 2022's \$7.06B in reported sales outpacing the same month in 2021 by 7.4%. Durable goods wholesalers were up 20.3% fiscal year-to-date in November, while nonstore retailers were up 10.5%.

- According to the State Demographer, Nevada's population reached 3.2 million in July 2022, up 1.4% from the prior year's estimates. Clark County's population is up by 0.8% and Washoe increased by 3.4% to surpass 500,000 for the first time. The State's rural counties saw mixed gains/declines, with some changes due to updated housing occupancy, group quarters counts, and other adjusted inputs from the 2020 Census.

- Nevada continues growing its presence in the lithium/EV supply chain, with an announced conditional loan of \$2 billion dollars from the U.S. Department of Energy to Redwood Materials, and an announced five-acre recycling campus from Aqua Metals planned for the TRI Center east of Sparks.

## CONSENSUS FORECASTS

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The current Statewide unemployment rate stands at 5.2% as of December 2022. The consensus expectation is that the unemployment rate will drop slightly to 5.1% by Jun-2023 and 4.8% in Dec-2023, and further decline to 4.6% by Jun-2024.

### JOB GROWTH

As of December 2022, Statewide employment stands 3.8% above the same month in 2021. Year-over-year job growth is expected to slow to 3.1% by Jun-2023 and 2.6% in Dec-2023, holding steady with a slight drop to 2.4% year-over-year growth by Jun-2024.

### VISITOR VOLUME GROWTH

Visitor volume is measured as a 12-month moving average (12MMA) to account for seasonality. Visitor volume was up 22.1% over the year through Nov-22 (preliminary figures only for Oct and Nov). Year-over-year growth is expected to slow to 10.9% by Jun-2023, 8.6% in Dec-2023, and 5.5% by Jun-2024.

### TAXABLE SALES GROWTH

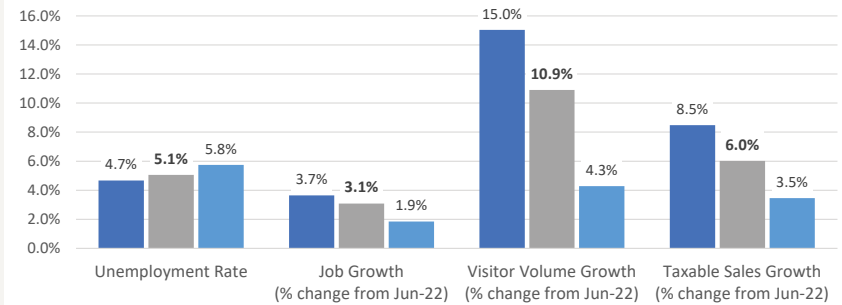
Taxable sales are also projected as a 12MMA, and were up 13.0% over the year in November 2022. The consensus projection anticipates growth slowing to 6.0% year over year by Jun-2023, 5.0% by Dec-2023, and 4.9% in Jun-2024.

### 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 2023, December 2023, and June 2024.

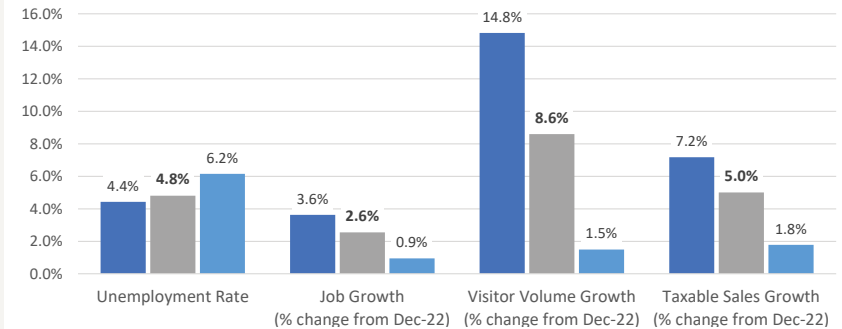
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### June 2023 Consensus Projections



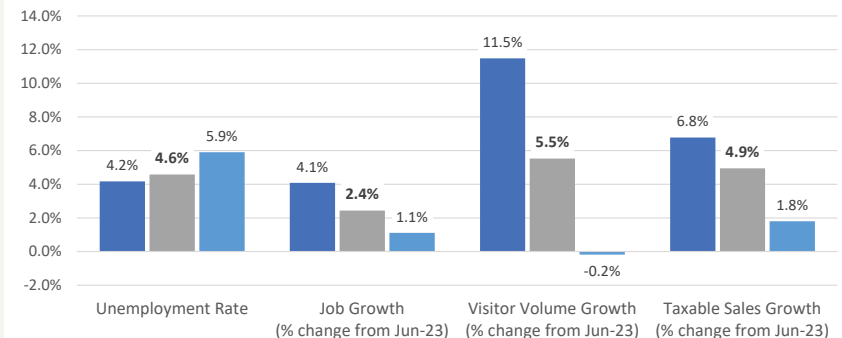
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### December 2023 Consensus Projections



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### June 2024 Consensus Projections



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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.