

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 09, 2025

- August data showed notable over-the-month job declines in construction and accommodation & food services. Construction's drop (-4,400 jobs) ranked among the steepest since 1990 outside the Great Recession and April 2020. Despite those losses, unemployment claims remained steady—indicating limited layoffs and suggesting labor-supply constraints rather than demand weakness. Average hourly wages continue to rise about 6% year-over-year, reinforcing strong employer demand for workers even as employment growth plateaus overall. Statewide employment is effectively flat from a year earlier (-0.01%), with strength in health care partly offsetting softness in leisure and construction.

- FY 2025 closed with \$6.1 billion in total collections—up 0.2% from FY 2024. Major revenues declined 0.8%, while minor revenues rose 7.7% driven by unusually high unclaimed-property receipts. July (FY 26) receipts were about 3% below the prior July, reflecting timing issues from the state's modernization project and weaker tourism-related taxes.

- Visitor volumes continued downward trends in Southern Nevada; but not as much as prior 4 months. Early FY 26 data show July taxable sales +4.3% YOY, though live-entertainment tax revenues fell ≈22%, consistent with lighter tourist volumes. Visitor industry sentiment remains cautious amid higher travel costs and negative publicity over resort fees.

- Overall economic conditions are stable but subdued. Employment and spending show signs of leveling, yet wage gains and new-business growth provide offsetting resilience. Economists are monitoring labor-supply limits, tourism softness, and the fiscal effects of delayed tax receipts.

CONSENSUS FORECASTS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The current Statewide unemployment rate stands at 5.3% as of Aug 2025. The consensus is that the unemployment rate will be 5.6% by December 2025, remaining at 5.6% by June 2026 and an increase to 5.9% in December 2026.

JOB GROWTH

As of July 2025, Statewide employment stands -0.2% above Aug 2024. Year-over-year job growth is expected to be up 0.6% in December 2025, and up 0.8% year-over-year (YOY) growth by June 2026 before landing flat at 0.1% by December 2026.

VISITOR VOLUME GROWTH

Statewide visitor volume is measured as a 12-month moving average (12MMA) to account for seasonality. Visitation was down -1.7% over the year as of March '25. Year-over-year growth is expected to be -1.7% in December 2025 as well, then -1.4% by June 2026 and flat at -0.2% in December 2026.

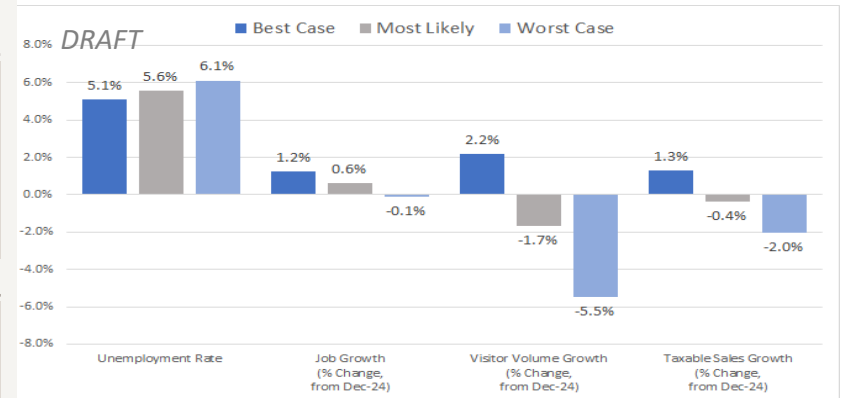
TAXABLE SALES GROWTH

As of July '25 Taxable Sales were down -2.1% YOY using a 12MMA. The consensus projection for taxable sales shows decline at -0.4% year over year by December 2025 and flat 0.1% in June 2026, and then up 0.5% in December 2026.

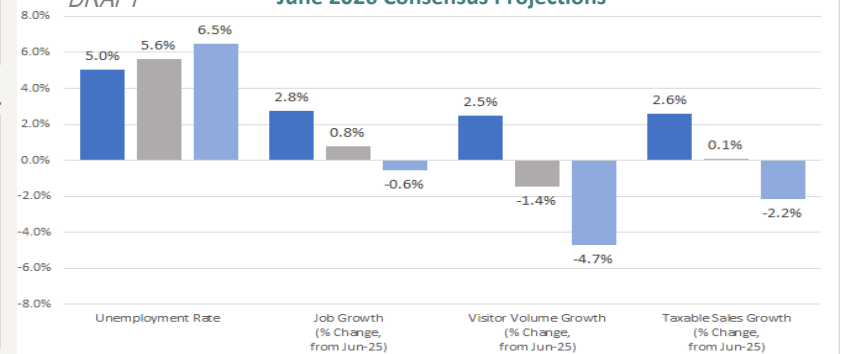
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

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

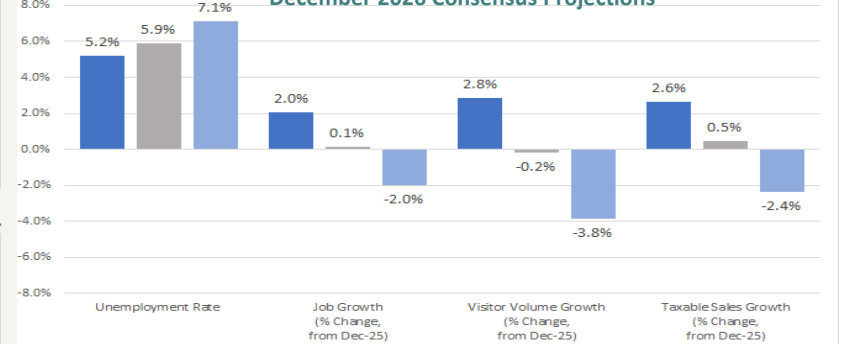
December 2025 Consensus Projections



June 2026 Consensus Projections



December 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.