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Nevada

Employment Update

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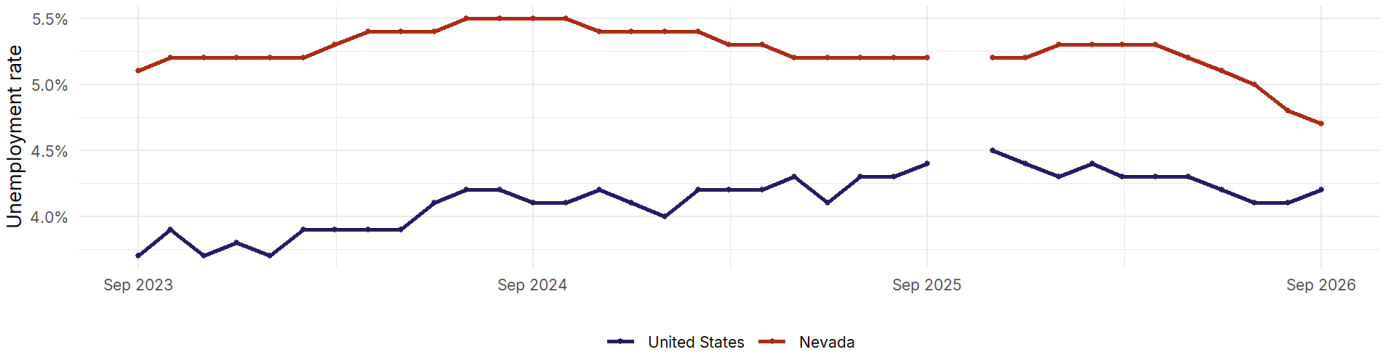
United States Employment Snapshot

- In September, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 18, rose in 9, and remained unchanged in 24.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 2 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent.
- In September, **payroll jobs rose in 24 states and fell in 25.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **South Carolina**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.4 percent in **Missouri and Wisconsin**.

Nevada Employment Snapshot

- In September, **Nevada added 1,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent**. In the prior month, Nevada added 3,900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Nevada added 25,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points from 5.2 percent**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 29,000 in September, or 0 percent.** Nevada **ranks 3rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In September, **Nevada's private sector added 1,600 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 25,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Nevada added 2,800 net private payroll jobs.
- In September, employment in Nevada **fell by 3,052**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 904.
- **Nevada's labor force participation rate fell to 62.3 percent** in September from 62.6 percent and **ranks 23rd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.9 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Nevada
September 2023 to September 2026



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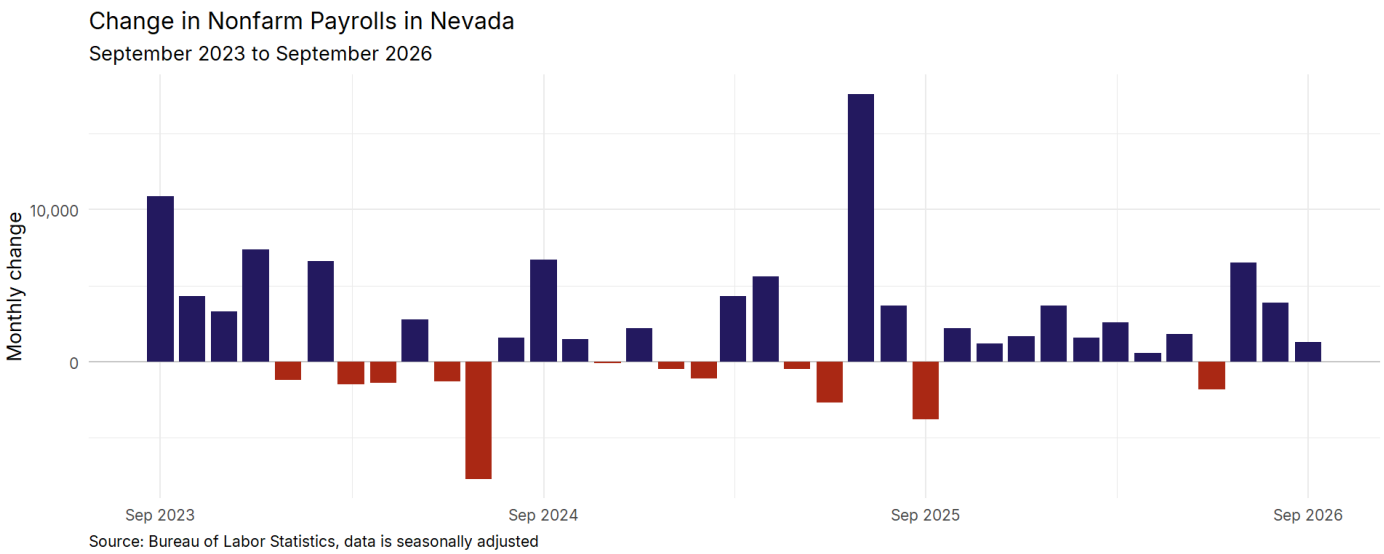
Payroll employment



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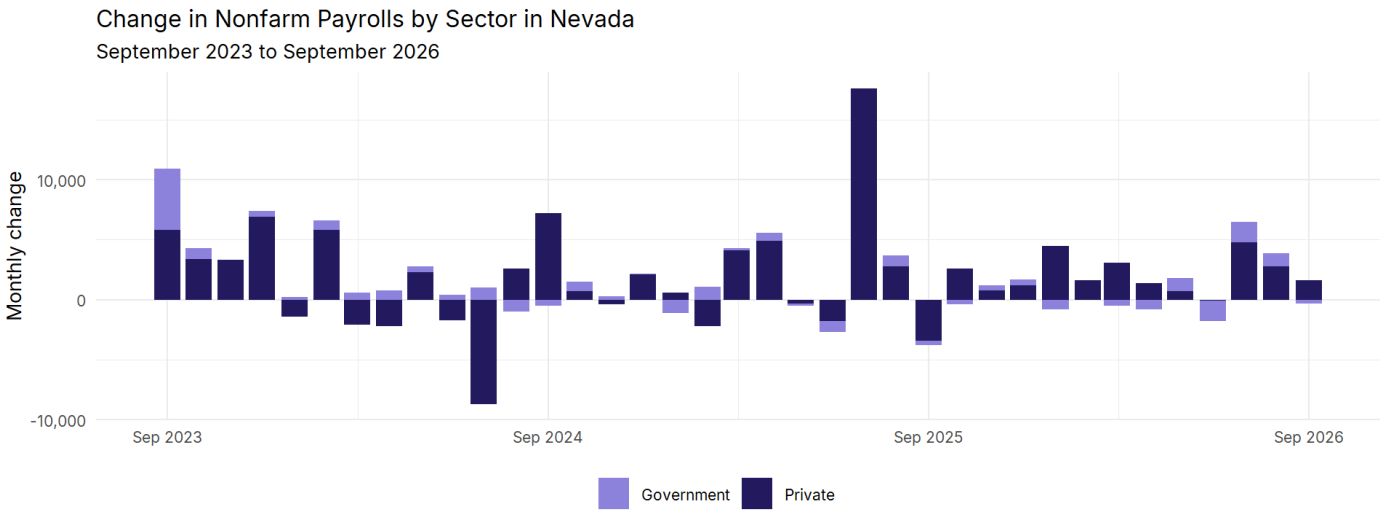

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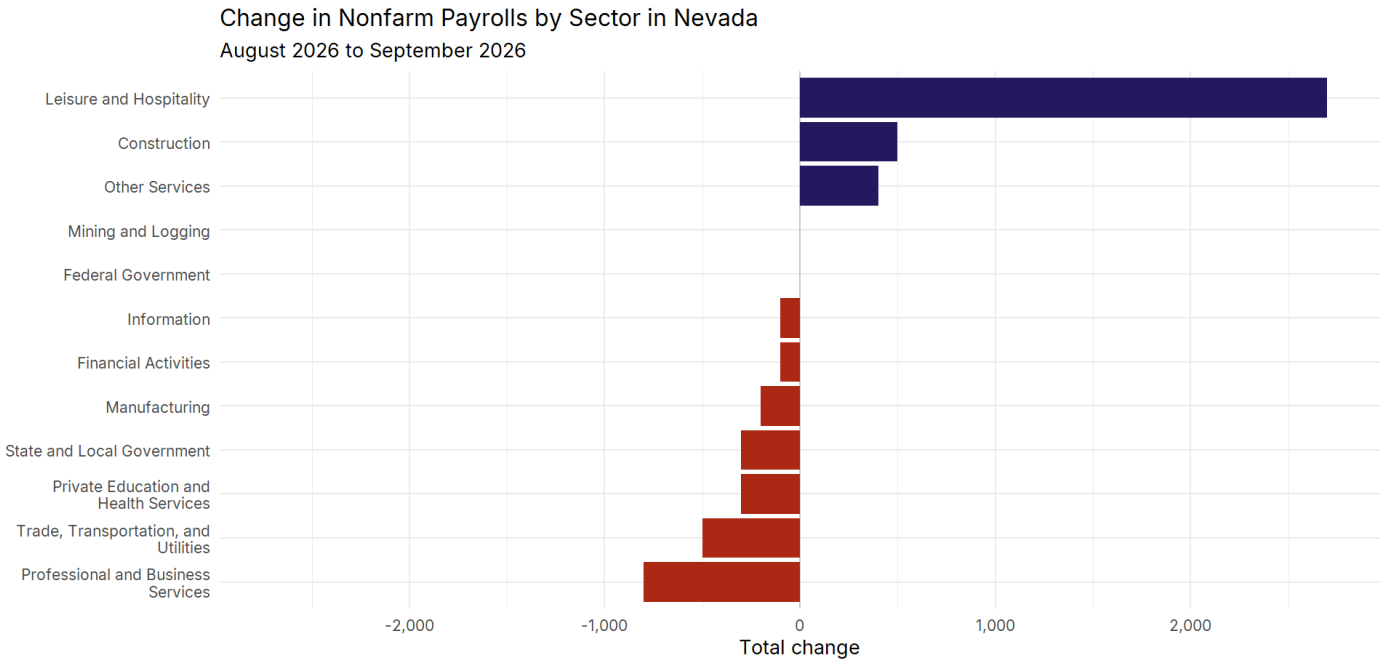
- **Nevada added 1,300 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during September. In the prior month, Nevada added 3,900 jobs. Nevada nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **11 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 29,000 in September, or 0 percent.** Nevada ranks 3rd in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Nevada added 1,600 private sector jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during September. In the prior month, Nevada added 2,800 jobs. Nevada private sector payroll employment has increased in **11 of the past 12 months.**
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 46,000 jobs in September, or 0 percent.** Nevada ranks 5th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

From August 2026 to September 2026:

- The best performing sectors were **Leisure and Hospitality** (+2,700) and **Construction** (+500).
- The worst performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (-800) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-500).



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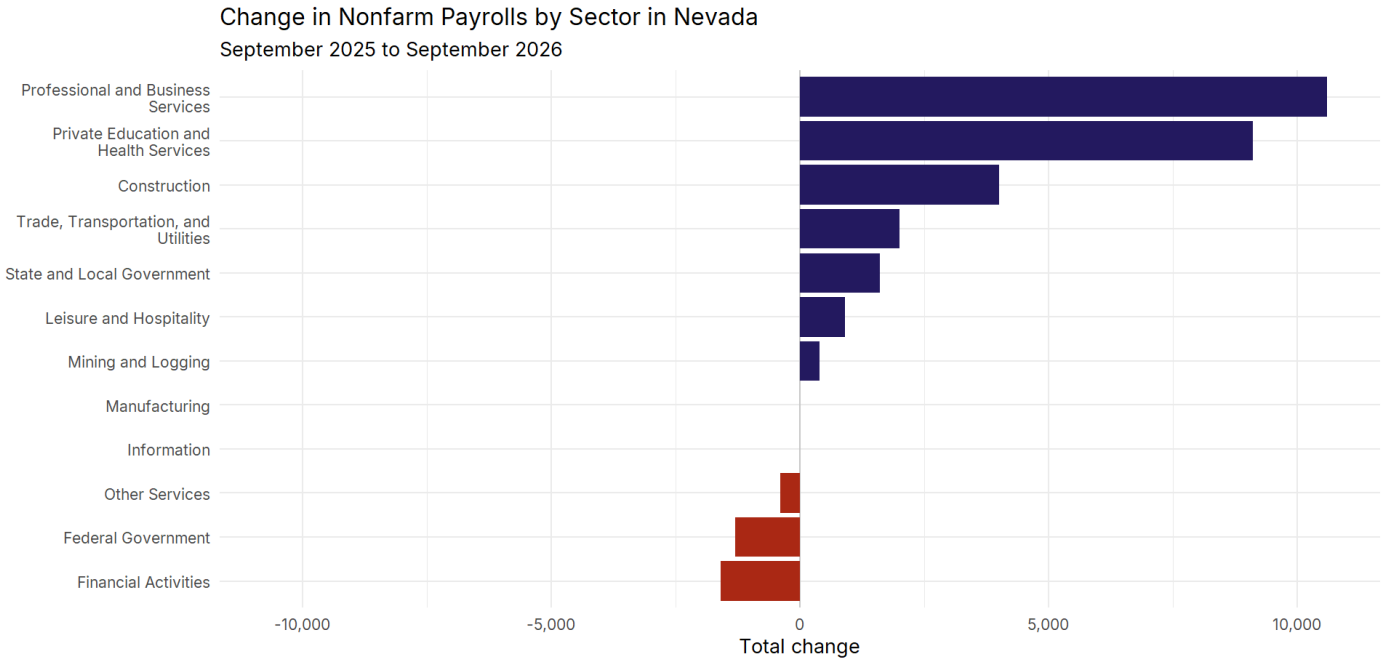
From September 2025 to September 2026:

- The best performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (+10,600) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+9,100).
- The worst performing sectors were **Financial Activities** (-1,600) and **Federal Government** (-1,300).



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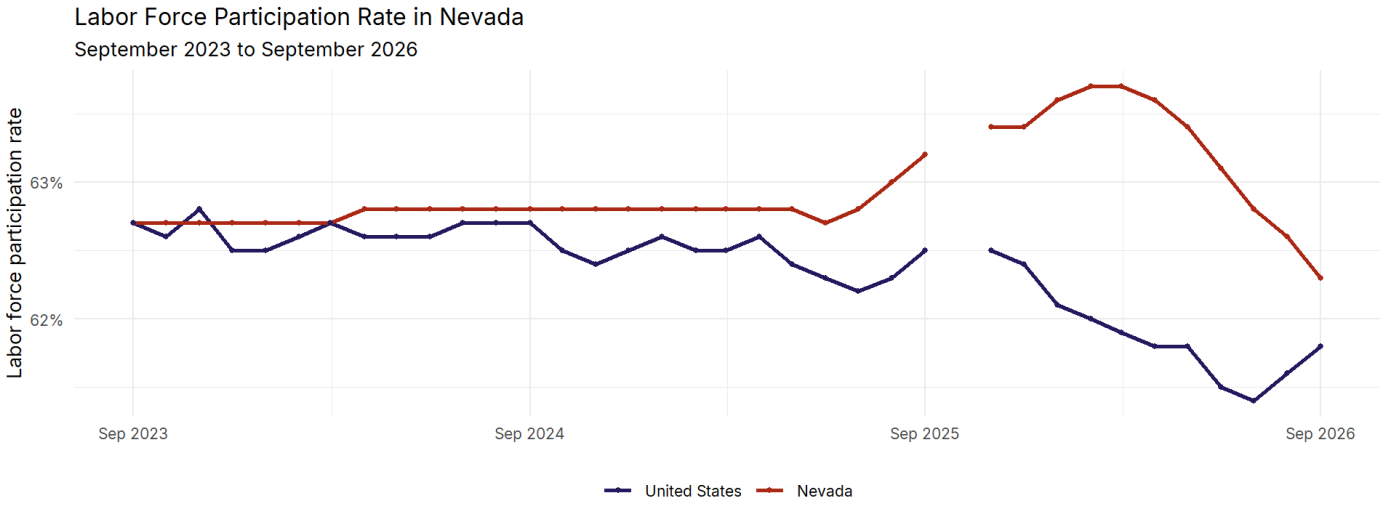
Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

- The labor force participation rate in **Nevada fell to 62.3 percent in September from 62.6 percent in the prior month**.
- **Nevada ranks 23rd** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Nevada was **64.4 percent** occurring in October 2019, and the 10-year low was **56.7 percent** in May 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.2 percentage points to 61.8 percent** in September.



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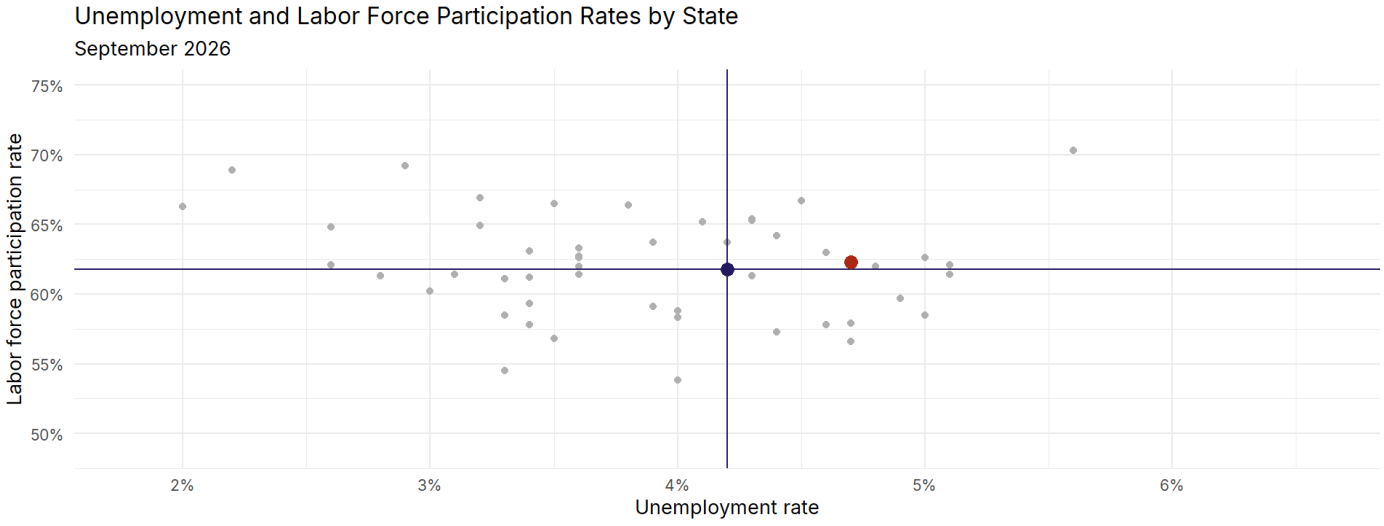

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