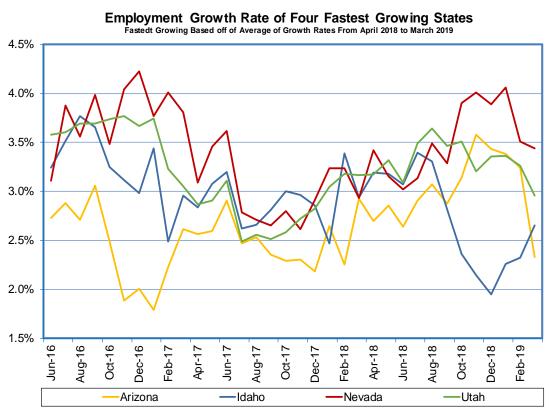
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Employment Growth Rate by State Michael La Rue, Economist

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Nevada's Employment Growth is Fastest in the Nation Since October 2018



State	March 2019 Growth Rate
Nevada	3.4%
Utah	3.0%
West Virginia	2.7%
Idaho	2.7%
Florida	2.4%
Washington	2.4%
Arizona	2.3%
Texas	2.2%
South Dakota	2.0%
Georgia	1.9%
State	
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State	Average April 2018 - March 2019
State Nevada	
	March 2019
Nevada	March 2019 3.5%
Nevada Utah	March 2019 3.5% 3.3%
Nevada Utah Arizona Idaho Florida	March 2019 3.5% 3.3% 3.0%
Nevada Utah Arizona Idaho	March 2019 3.5% 3.3% 3.0% 2.7%
Nevada Utah Arizona Idaho Florida	March 2019 3.5% 3.3% 3.0% 2.7% 2.6%
Nevada Utah Arizona Idaho Florida South Carolina	March 2019 3.5% 3.3% 3.0% 2.7% 2.6% 2.5%
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- Using seasonally adjusted data from the Current Employment Statistics (CES), sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on establishments and the number of employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and major industry we compare the employment growth rate of the states.
- Shown above are the states with the four fastest average employment growth rates from April 2018 to March 2019. Nevada has the fastest averaged growth rate in the nation for the period of 3.5 percent. During this same time Utah was next fastest at 3.3 percent followed by Arizona at 3.0 percent then Idaho at 2.7 percent.
- The table on the right shows the ten fastest over the year growth rates in March 2019. Since October 2018
 Nevada has had the highest growth rate in the nation through March 2019. Georgia had the tenth fastest growth
 rate in March at 1.9 percent. Also shown are the top ten annual averages from April 2018 to March 2019.
- The lowest over the year growth rate in the Nation in March 2019 was in Rhode Island with a decrease of 0.2 percent. West Virginia had the lowest annual average growth rate with a decrease of 1.8 percent over the period of April 2018 to March 2019.

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- In March 2012 Nevada ranked 36th in the nation for employment growth with a rate of 0.6 percent. The lowest rate was Wisconsin at -0.6 percent, and the fastest rate was North Dakota with a rate of 6.7 percent.
- The national over the year growth rate in March 2012 was 1.9 percent.
- By October 2018 Nevada had the fastest growth rate in the nation at 3.4 percent, and has been growing at the fastest rate through March 2019.
- The next fastest growth rate, also in March 2019, was Utah with a rate of 3.0 percent followed by West Virginia with a rate of 2.7 percent. The average growth rate for West Virginia from April 2018 to March 2019 was a decrease of 1.8 percent.
- The national growth rate in March 2019 was 1.8 percent seasonally adjusted.





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