

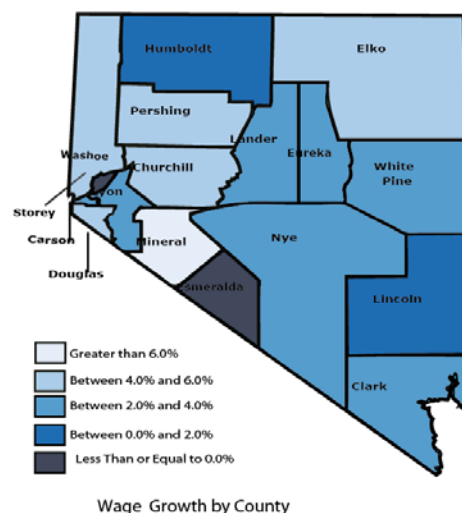
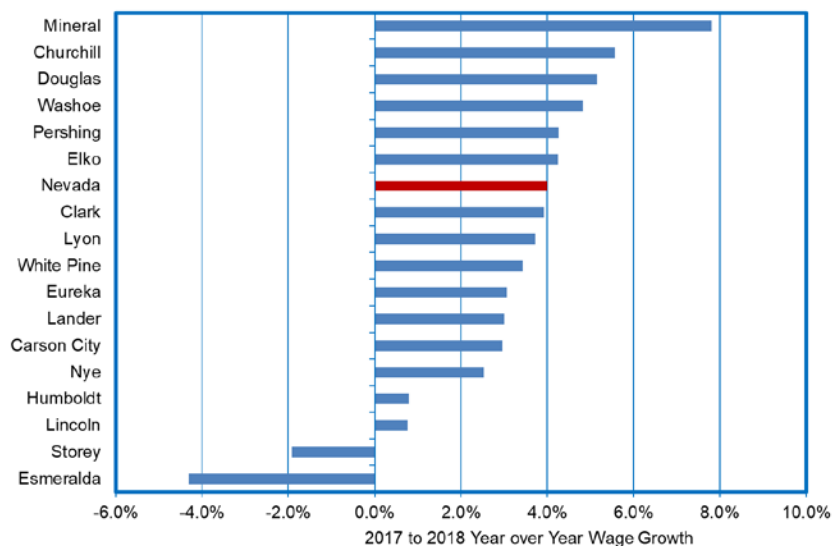
Research Notes



County Weekly Wages 2018:IVQ
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Eureka/Lander/White Pine Pay the Highest Average Weekly Wages; Mineral Realizes Highest Rate of Growth



- In the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program, the Research and Analysis Bureau collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by Nevada unemployment insurance laws, and federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees.
- Based upon this information, Nevada wages averaged \$962 per week for the year 2018. This is a four percent increase relative to the same period in 2017. Weekly wages range from \$730 (Lincoln) to \$1933 (Eureka). Six counties have payrolls above \$1,000 per week. In five of the six counties this is likely attributable to a relatively high concentration of mining employment. In Storey County, logistics and manufacturing contribute to the relatively high wages.
- As for Nevada's major population centers, Carson City wages averaged \$973 per week through the year. Washoe County, at \$974, came in just above the statewide average. Clark County was slightly below State average at \$947 per week.
- Change in weekly wages range from -4.3% (Esmeralda) to 7.8 % (Mineral). 15 of 17 counties experienced an increase in average weekly wages in this year's third quarter. The increase in wages in Mineral County is due to wage increases in Mining. The decrease in wages in Storey is most likely attributable to increased employment at the entry level therefore bringing down the average wage. Storey has ranked number one in annualized average weekly wage growth 3 of the past 4 years. In Esmeralda County, the wage decrease is primarily attributable to loss of mining employment.
- As for Nevada's major population centers, Carson City grew at a rate slower than the Silver State at 3.0%. Washoe County experienced a wage increase higher than the statewide average at 4.8%. Wages in Clark County grew at a rate lower than that of the Silver State at 3.9%.

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- On a year over year basis, average weekly wages in the Silver State grew by \$60 in the fourth quarter of 2018. This is a 6.3 percent increase relative to the same period in 2017. Weekly wages range from \$735 (Elko) to \$1800 (Clark). Eight counties have payrolls above \$1,000 per week (Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, and Pershing).
- While the average weekly wage in the Silver State is at an all-time high, a misalignment of bonus activity attributes to the relatively large percentage increase year-over-year. Traditionally bonuses occur in the fourth quarter; however, this year bonuses were paid to employees in the first quarter of 2018, rather than the fourth quarter of 2017. In 2018, bonus activity shifted back to the fourth quarter, resulting in two periods of increased wages during the year. One plausible explanation for this change is employers responding to changes in the tax laws occurring in 2018.
- The following table shows the growth in average weekly wages for the last five years (2013 to 2018). Statewide, the average weekly wage has grown by 13.3%. Three Counties (Douglas, Mineral, and Pershing) rank in the top five in terms of wage growth in both time period (2017 to 2018 and 2013 to 2018).

Average Weekly Wage Growth from 2013 to 2018				
Area	2013	2018	5 Year Trend	Percentage Change
Storey	800	1073		34.1%
Mineral	811	973		19.9%
Lander	1296	1536		18.5%
Pershing	935	1101		17.8%
Douglas	769	897		16.6%
White Pine	957	1109		15.9%
Washoe	847	974		15.0%
Churchill	801	920		14.8%
Nevada	849	962		13.3%
Clark	837	947		13.1%
Eureka	1710	1933		13.0%
Carson City	861	973		13.0%
Lyon	728	822		12.8%
Lincoln	652	730		11.9%
Elko	904	987		9.2%
Humboldt	1008	1090		8.1%
Nye	910	983		8.0%
Esmeralda	991	883		-10.9%

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