

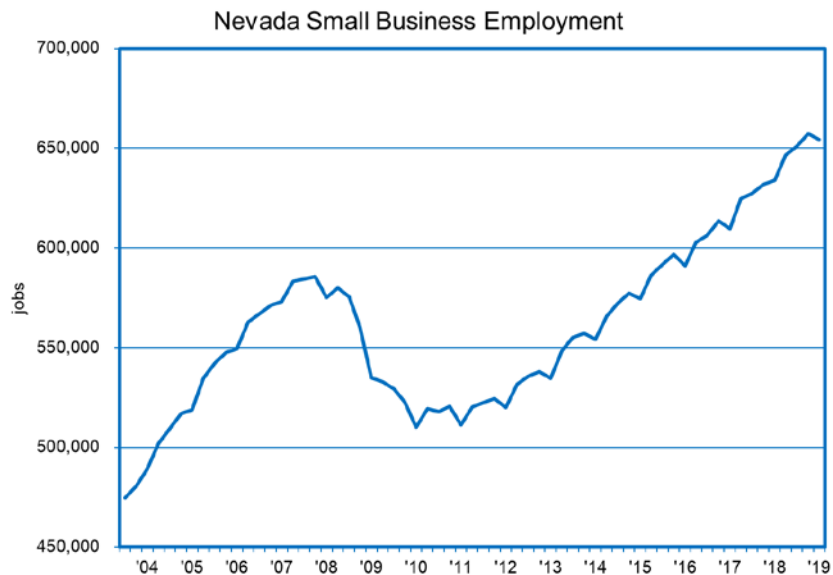
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Small Business Employment, 2019:IQ
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Small Business Employment Grows by 3.2% Maintaining Overall Growth Pattern



- 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.
- As of first quarter of 2019, employment in Nevada's small business, firms with less than 100 employees, totaled roughly 654,000. The over-the-year gain recorded was 20,500 or 3.23 percent. This translates to 33 consecutive quarters of annualized growth. It also marks the eleventh time in the past sixteen quarters that the growth rate for small business employment has exceeded three percent. Since third quarter of 2003, small business employment has grown by 180,000 jobs or 38 percent. Although, we see a decrease of 3,000 on a quarter over quarter basis, this is a normal seasonal decline from fourth quarter to first quarter.
- The number of small businesses has grown by 23,000 to the current level of 79,700 since third quarter of 2003. The amount of employment per worksite has decreased from 8.38 to 8.21 over the same period.
- From third quarter of 2003 to fourth quarter of 2007, the small business employment grew by a yearly average of 5.7 percent. For the current growth period (third quarter of 2010 to first quarter of 2019), the average yearly gain has been 3.3 percent. Although this is a slower rate of growth than the previous period, 5.7 percent, it is still a strong rate of growth.

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- The following table shows the industries (2-digit NAICS level) with the highest levels of small business employment for first quarter of 2019 and first quarter of 2010 along with the share of total small business employment. Accommodation and Food Services leads the way with just over 113,000 jobs or 17.4 percent of total small business employment in first quarter of 2019

Industry	2019:IQ Employment (Share of Total)	2010:IQ Employment (Share of Total)
Accommodation and Food Services	113359 (17.4%)	82,631 (16.2%)
Retail Trade	93367 (14.3%)	82,450 (16.2%)
Health Care and Social Assistance	71472 (11.0%)	52,414 (10.3%)
Construction	59841 (9.2%)	42,795 (8.4%)
Administrative and Waste Management Services	48953 (7.5%)	37,612 (7.4%)
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	47291 (7.3%)	39,281 (7.7%)
Other Services	30085 (4.6%)	22,690 (4.4%)
Wholesale Trade	27285 (4.2%)	27,761 (4.2%)
Manufacturing	26291 (4.0%)	27,085 (4.1%)
Finance and Insurance	25480 (3.9%)	25,433 (3.9%)
Transportation and Warehousing	23361 (3.6%)	22,976 (3.5%)
Real Estate and Rental And Leasing	21904 (3.4%)	22,157 (3.4%)
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	19463 (3.0%)	19,288 (2.9%)
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10782 (1.7%)	10,893 (1.7%)
Educational Services	10289 (1.6%)	10,841 (1.6%)
Information	9503 (1.5%)	9,883 (1.5%)
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	4296 (0.7%)	4,230 (0.6%)
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil/Gas Extraction	3349 (0.5%)	3,123 (0.5%)
Unclassified	3047 (0.5%)	2,582 (0.4%)
Utilities	1456 (0.3%)	1,447 (0.2%)

- Since first quarter of 2010 when small business was at its lowest point in the last recession, Accommodation and Food Services has grown the most as a share of total small business at 1.2% while Retail Trade has decreased by the most at -1.82 percent. Of the 20 industries given, half of them experienced an increase in share of total small business employment while the other half saw a decrease.

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