



**For Release: Friday, April 17, 2020**

**20-666-SAN**

WESTERN INFORMATION OFFICE: San Francisco, Calif.

Technical information: (415) 625-2270 BLSinfoSF@bls.gov www.bls.gov/regions/west

Media contact: (415) 625-2270

## **County Employment and Wages in Nevada – Third Quarter 2019**

Employment increased in Nevada's two large counties from September 2018 to September 2019, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (Large counties are defined as those with 2018 annual average employment of 75,000 or more.) Clark County's employment rose 2.3 percent and Washoe County's employment rose 1.4 percent. Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Richard Holden noted that the over-the-year employment increases in both counties exceeded the national increase of 1.1 percent. (See [table 1](#).)

Nationally, employment increased in 283 of the 355 largest U.S. counties reporting increases. New Hanover, NC, had the largest percentage increase in the country, up 5.8 percent over the year. Bay, FL, had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment with a loss of 5.9 percent.

Employment in Clark County (1,025,900) and Washoe County (227,300) accounted for 88.7 percent of total employment within the state. Nationwide, the 355 largest counties made up 73.4 percent of total U.S. employment which stood at 148.6 million in September 2019.

From the third quarter of 2018 to the third quarter of 2019, average weekly wages increased in both Washoe County (up 4.1 percent to \$1,007) and Clark County (up 3.9 percent to \$950). Nationally, the average weekly wage increased 3.6 percent over the year to \$1,093 in the third quarter of 2019.

Employment and wage levels (but not over-the-year changes) are also available for the 15 counties in Nevada with employment below 75,000. Average weekly wages in these counties ranged from \$1,838 to \$811 during the third quarter of 2019. (See [table 2](#).)

### **Large county wage changes**

Washoe County's 4.1-percent gain in average weekly wages ranked 103<sup>rd</sup> among the 355 large U.S. counties during the year ending in the third quarter of 2019. (See [table 1](#).) Clark County's 3.9-percent gain ranked 122<sup>nd</sup> among the largest U.S. counties.

Nationally, 350 of the 355 largest counties had over-the-year increases. Boulder, CO, had the largest percentage wage increase (+18.4 percent). The remaining five large counties registered wage declines during the period. Linn, IA, had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease (-2.6 percent).

### **Large county average weekly wages**

Average weekly wages in both of Nevada's large counties were below the national average of \$1,093. Washoe County's \$1,007 average weekly wage ranked 166<sup>th</sup> among the 355 large U.S. counties. At \$950 per week, Clark County's average weekly wage placed 208<sup>th</sup>.

Nationally, 98 large counties reported average weekly wages above the U.S. average in the third quarter of 2019. Santa Clara, CA, had the highest weekly wage at \$2,447. Average weekly wages were below the national average in 257 counties. At \$659 a week Cameron, TX, had the lowest average weekly wage.

### **Average weekly wages in Nevada's smaller counties**

Of the 15 counties in Nevada with employment below 75,000, Eureka had the highest average weekly wage at \$1,838. Lincoln had the lowest average weekly wage in the state at \$811 in the third quarter of 2019.

When all 17 counties in Nevada were considered, 2 had wages below \$899. Five counties had average weekly wages ranging from \$900 to \$999, five had wages ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,099, and five had wages at or above \$1,100. (See [chart 1](#).)

### **Additional statistics and other information**

QCEW data for states have been included in this release in [table 3](#). For additional information about quarterly employment and wages data, please read the [Technical Note](#) or visit [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew).

*Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online* features comprehensive information by detailed industry on establishments, employment, and wages for the nation and all states. The 2018 edition of this publication, which was published in September 2019, contains selected data produced by Business Employment Dynamics (BED) on job gains and losses, as well as selected data from the first quarter 2019 version of this news release. Tables and additional content from the 2018 edition of *Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online* are now available online at [www.bls.gov/cew/publications/employment-and-wages-annual-averages/2018/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/publications/employment-and-wages-annual-averages/2018/home.htm). The 2019 edition of *Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online* will be available in September 2020.

---

**The County Employment and Wages release for fourth quarter 2019 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. The County Employment and Wages full data update for fourth quarter 2019 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.**

### **Technical Note**

Average weekly wage data by county are compiled under the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, also known as the ES-202 program. The data are derived from summaries of employment and total pay of workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI) legislation and provided by State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). The average weekly wage values are calculated by dividing quarterly total wages by the average of the three monthly employment levels of those covered by UI programs. The result is then divided by 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. It is to be noted, therefore, that over-the-year wage changes for geographic areas may reflect shifts in the composition of employment by industry, occupation, and such other factors as hours of work. Thus, wages may vary among counties, metropolitan areas, or states for reasons other than changes in the average wage level. Data for all states, Metropolitan

Statistical Areas (MSAs), counties, and the nation are available on the BLS Web site at [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew); however, data in QCEW press releases have been revised and may not match the data contained on the Bureau's Web site.

QCEW data are not designed as a time series. QCEW data are simply the sums of individual establishment records reflecting the number of establishments that exist in a county or industry at a point in time. Establishments can move in or out of a county or industry for a number of reasons—some reflecting economic events, others reflecting administrative changes.

The preliminary QCEW data presented in this release may differ from data released by the individual states as well as from the data presented on the BLS Web site. These potential differences result from the states' continuing receipt, review and editing of UI data over time. On the other hand, differences between data in this release and the data found on the BLS Web site are the result of adjustments made to improve over-the-year comparisons. Specifically, these adjustments account for administrative (noneconomic) changes such as a correction to a previously reported location or industry classification. Adjusting for these administrative changes allows users to more accurately assess changes of an economic nature (such as a firm moving from one county to another or changing its primary economic activity) over a 12-month period. Currently, adjusted data are available only from BLS press releases.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

**Table 1. Covered employment and wages in the United States and the 2 largest counties in Nevada, third quarter 2019**

Area	Employment			Average weekly wage <sup>(1)</sup>			
	September 2019 (thousands)	Percent change, September 2018-19 <sup>(2)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(3)</sup>	Average weekly wage	National ranking by level <sup>(3)</sup>	Percent change, third quarter 2018-19 <sup>(2)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(3)</sup>
United States <sup>(4)</sup> .....	148,556.5	1.1	--	\$1,093	--	3.6	--
Nevada.....	1,412.2	2.1	--	973	26	4.1	10
Clark.....	1,025.9	2.3	54	950	208	3.9	122
Washoe.....	227.3	1.4	122	1,007	166	4.1	103

Footnotes:

(1) Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Percent changes were computed from quarterly employment and pay data adjusted for noneconomic county reclassifications.

(3) Ranking does not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

(4) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Note: Data are preliminary. Covered employment and wages includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

**Table 2. Covered employment and wages in the United States and all counties in Nevada, third quarter 2019**

Area	Employment September 2019	Average weekly wage(1)
United States(2) .....	148,556,525	\$1,093
Nevada .....	1,412,241	973
Carson City .....	30,743	985
Churchill .....	8,400	921
Clark .....	1,025,875	950
Douglas .....	19,956	925
Elko .....	22,354	1,012
Esmeralda .....	316	992
Eureka .....	4,400	1,838
Humboldt .....	7,771	1,088
Lander .....	3,532	1,462
Lincoln .....	1,329	811
Lyon .....	12,794	880
Mineral .....	1,677	1,034
Nye .....	12,724	1,011
Pershing .....	1,920	1,107
Storey .....	17,855	1,167
Washoe .....	227,320	1,007
White Pine .....	4,377	1,101

Footnotes

(1) Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

NOTE: Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs. Data are preliminary.

**Table 3. Covered employment and wages by state, third quarter 2019**

State	Employment		Average weekly wage <sup>(1)</sup>			
	September 2019 (thousands)	Percent change, September 2018-19	Average weekly wage	National ranking by level	Percent change, third quarter 2018-19	National ranking by percent change
United States <sup>(2)</sup> .....	148,556.5	1.1	\$1,093	--	3.6	--
Alabama .....	1,989.5	1.1	919	36	3.8	18
Alaska .....	338.0	1.2	1,105	14	3.7	21
Arizona .....	2,913.4	2.6	1,018	22	4.5	4
Arkansas .....	1,222.8	0.0	841	49	3.8	18
California .....	17,713.1	1.4	1,309	5	3.8	18
Colorado .....	2,749.0	2.4	1,170	8	6.1	1
Connecticut .....	1,676.6	-0.3	1,236	6	2.3	50
Delaware .....	453.2	1.1	1,078	15	3.3	32
District of Columbia .....	776.4	0.6	1,851	1	2.5	49
Florida .....	8,838.2	1.7	955	29	3.4	27
Georgia.....	4,509.7	1.4	1,026	20	3.4	27
Hawaii.....	654.1	-0.3	1,012	23	3.9	15
Idaho .....	765.2	2.9	838	50	4.1	10
Illinois .....	6,023.1	0.0	1,125	10	3.6	23
Indiana.....	3,083.5	0.3	914	37	3.5	26
Iowa .....	1,556.9	0.1	914	37	3.0	39
Kansas .....	1,395.9	0.4	893	43	2.9	43
Kentucky.....	1,910.8	0.7	884	45	3.4	27
Louisiana .....	1,913.5	-0.3	923	35	2.6	47
Maine.....	632.6	0.9	887	44	4.2	7
Maryland.....	2,696.9	0.2	1,169	9	3.6	23
Massachusetts .....	3,642.5	0.9	1,359	2	4.2	7
Michigan .....	4,375.8	0.2	1,021	21	3.0	39
Minnesota.....	2,917.8	0.4	1,107	13	3.0	39
Mississippi.....	1,135.8	0.1	768	51	2.7	46
Missouri.....	2,826.5	0.6	942	31	3.9	15
Montana .....	478.9	1.2	848	48	3.9	15
Nebraska .....	984.7	0.3	908	39	4.0	13
Nevada .....	1,412.2	2.1	973	26	4.1	10
New Hampshire.....	667.9	0.8	1,075	16	3.4	27
New Jersey.....	4,104.0	0.9	1,217	7	3.0	39
New Mexico.....	842.1	1.7	899	40	5.1	2
New York .....	9,575.4	1.1	1,314	4	3.3	32
North Carolina .....	4,501.3	2.2	972	27	3.6	23
North Dakota .....	428.4	0.9	1,028	19	3.3	32
Ohio .....	5,443.3	0.3	976	25	3.1	37
Oklahoma .....	1,628.8	0.5	897	41	2.6	47
Oregon .....	1,970.7	1.4	1,037	18	3.2	35
Pennsylvania.....	5,947.9	0.8	1,064	17	3.2	35
Rhode Island .....	491.3	0.6	991	24	2.8	44
South Carolina.....	2,132.4	2.2	866	46	3.7	21
South Dakota.....	433.4	0.4	855	47	3.4	27
Tennessee.....	3,060.8	1.9	966	28	2.8	44
Texas .....	12,603.2	2.1	1,109	12	4.1	10
Utah .....	1,535.2	2.8	954	30	4.8	3
Vermont.....	311.0	0.0	927	34	4.3	5
Virginia.....	3,931.4	1.0	1,125	10	4.0	13
Washington.....	3,489.8	2.1	1,335	3	4.3	5
West Virginia .....	694.4	-1.8	897	41	0.3	51
Wisconsin.....	2,893.8	0.1	929	33	3.1	37
Wyoming .....	283.1	1.5	942	31	4.2	7
Puerto Rico.....	878.9	1.9	528	(3)	-0.8	(3)
Virgin Islands.....	37.8	9.6	1,012	(3)	12.8	(3)

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Footnotes:

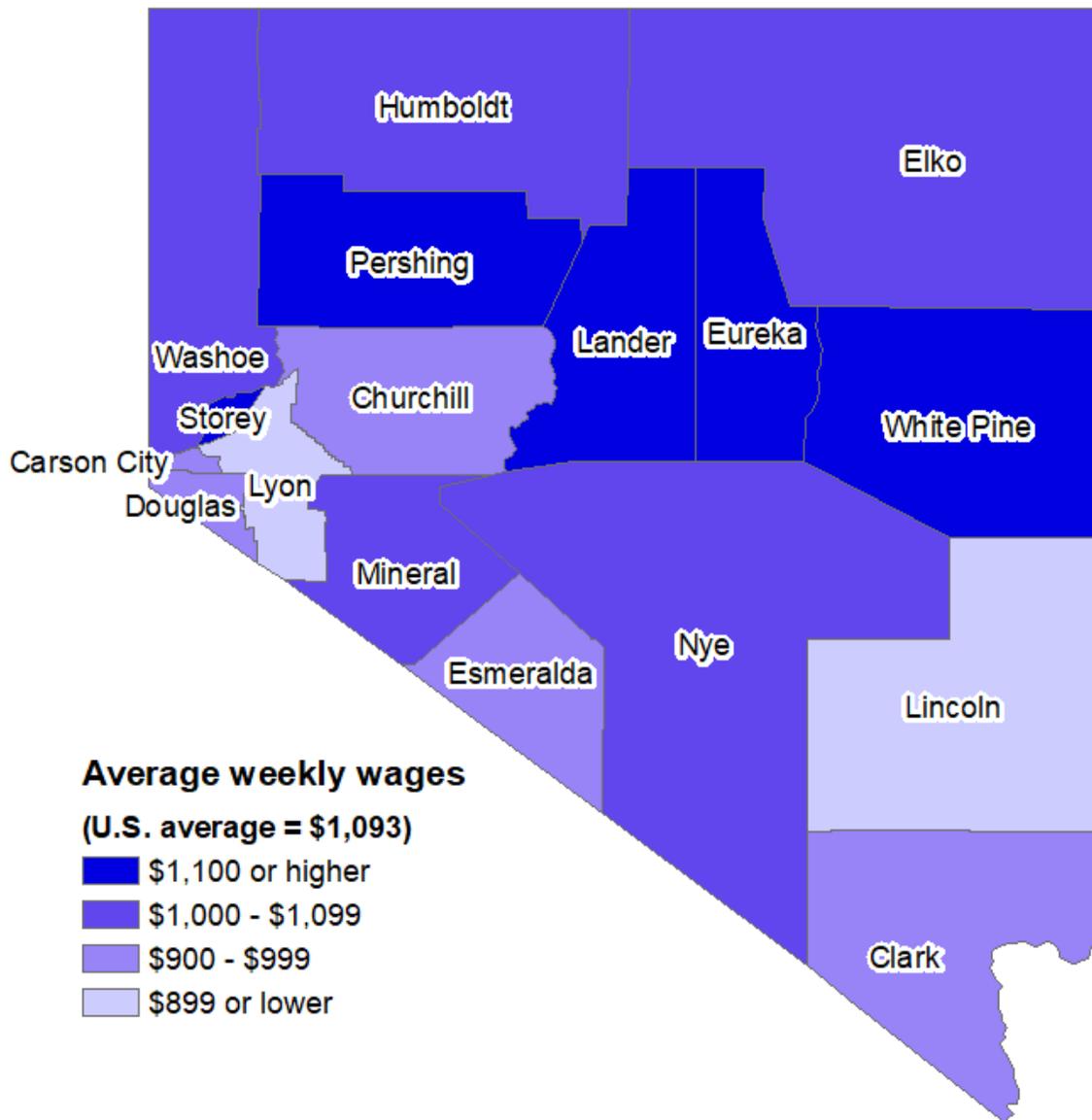
(1) Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

(3) Data not included in the national ranking.

Note: Data are preliminary. Covered employment and wages includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

Chart 1. Average weekly wages by county in Nevada, third quarter 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.