

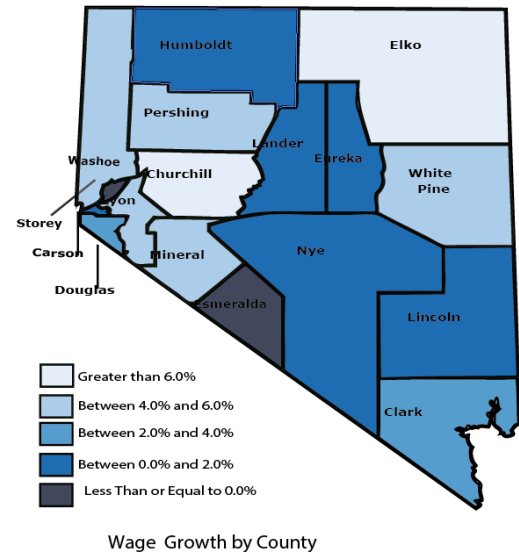
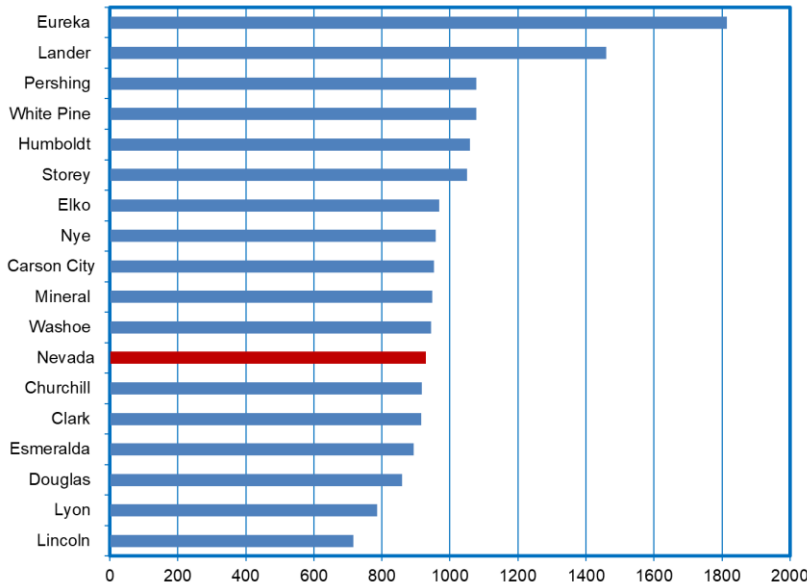
Research Notes



County Weekly Wages 2018:IIQ
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Eureka/Lander/Pershing Pay the Highest Average Weekly Wages; Churchill 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 \$930 per week, as of 2018:IIQ. This is a 3.3 percent increase relative to the same period in 2017. Weekly wages range from \$717 (Lincoln) to \$1815 (Eureka). Six counties have payrolls above \$1,000 per week. This can be attributed to their high concentration of mining, and in Storey County, logistics and manufacturing.
- As for Nevada's major population centers, Carson City wages totaled \$954 per week through the first quarter. Washoe County, at \$944, came in just above the statewide average. Clark County was slightly below State average at \$915 per week.
- Change in weekly wages range from -6.8% (Esmeralda) to 7.6 % (Churchill). Fifteen of 17 counties experienced an increase in average weekly wages in this year's second quarter. The decrease in wages in Esmeralda and Storey are most likely attributable to increased employment at the entry level therefore bringing down the average wage.
- As for Nevada's major population centers, Carson City grew at a rate less than the Silver State at 1.3%. Wages in Clark County grew at a rate similar to that of the Silver State at 3.3%. Washoe County experienced a wage increase higher than the statewide average at 4.2%.