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***Job growth remains strong in Reno and Las Vegas areas
Unemployment declines in May***

CARSON CITY— Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell slightly to 4.0 percent in May and the number of unemployed workers in the state declined by 5,400 over the month. The statewide unemployment rate compares favorably to the national rate of 4.6 percent. The Nevada economy continued to add a significant number of new jobs, as employment increased by 7,400 over the month and by 63,600 over the year.

Governor Kenny Guinn said, "The Las Vegas and Reno areas are producing new jobs at an impressive pace, with job growth rates of more than 5 percent in the state's two major urban centers."

Terry Johnson, director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, noted the decline in unemployment after a surprising increase the previous month. "It appears that the spike in unemployment in April was due to temporary factors. Both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate in each of the state's major labor markets fell in May and are below their March levels."

Johnson said that the Information industry lost 600 jobs over the past 12 months but that employment in all other sectors increased. Employment gains in the other industries are listed below:

SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES:

- **Professional & Business Services** reports 13,200 new jobs
(Professional, Scientific and Technical, Management of Companies, Administrative and Support and Waste Management, and Employment Services)
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** reports 12,100 new jobs
(Wholesale and Retail Trade, Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing –including Trucking, Taxi and Limousine, and Air Transportation)
- **Leisure & Hospitality** reports 7,600 new jobs
(Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, Accommodations, Casino Hotels and Gaming, and Food Services and Drinking Places)

- **Government** reports 4,500 new jobs
(Federal, State, and Local)
- **Education & Health Services** reports 3,500 new jobs
(Educational Services, Health Care and Social Assistance, and Hospitals)
- **Financial Activities** reports 3,400 new jobs
(Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental Leasing, and Credit Intermediation)
- **Other Services** reports 2,700 new jobs
(Repair and Maintenance, and Personal and Laundry Services)

GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES:

- **Construction** reports 14,900 new jobs
- **Manufacturing** reports 1,600 new jobs
(Durable and Non-Durable Goods, Computer and Electronic Products, other miscellaneous Manufacturing—including Slot Machine Manufacturing)
- **Natural Resources & Mining** reports 700 new jobs

Johnson said the department’s May survey of households showed the Las Vegas-Paradise Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) (Clark County) non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, down four-tenths of a percentage point over the month and two-tenths of a percentage point lower than a year ago.

The Reno-Sparks MSA’s (Washoe and Storey counties) non-seasonally adjusted May jobless rate was estimated at 3.6 percent, five-tenths of a percentage point lower over the month and down one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

In the Carson City MSA (Carson City) unemployment was reported at 4.4 percent, down five-tenths of a percentage point over the month and two-tenths of a percentage point higher than last year.

The Elko Micropolitan Area (Elko and Eureka counties) reported unemployment at 3.4 percent, a full percentage point lower than the previous month and unchanged over the year.

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These unemployment figures are based on a survey of households in Nevada to measure the unemployment status of the state’s citizens. The industrial employment figures in the *Nevada Employment and Unemployment* portion of the attached data pages are calculated from a survey of businesses to measure the number of jobs in the state.

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- Quarterly rural data NOT INCLUDED in this report
- Local area data NOT ADJUSTED for seasonality



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