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End of School Means More People Seeking Employment
Unemployment Rate Up In June

Carson City —With summertime well underway, a number of seasonal factors have contributed to Nevada's unemployment rate taking a slight jump to 4.2 percent in June, according to reports released Friday by the Nevada Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). Nevertheless, Nevada's unemployment rate remains below the national average of 4.6 percent.

This time of year typically shows a rise in the unemployment rate due to the relationship of the end of school year and the start of summer employment, said Jim Shabi, DETR economist.

Much of the change is attributable to the closing of schools and colleges, leaving teachers, staff, and other education-related workers temporarily unemployed and young people seeking permanent or temporary employment.

"We know that in the summer jobs go away. There is no surprise that the rate increased modestly," Shabi said. "We never get alarmed about this type of fluctuation."

Regardless of the slight increase in unemployment, businesses continue to pour new jobs into Nevada's economy. The state's private businesses created 8,200 new jobs in June, which more than offset the seasonal loss of 4,800 government jobs. The construction industry added 2,100 jobs in June and continues to provide approximately one-fourth of all new jobs in the state.

Upon the close of the school year, thousands of Nevada's youth choose to enter the job market, either for summer employment or as a temporary or permanent alternative to college. Others will seek part-time employment to help finance college. In any case, Nevada's economy remains attractive, offering many options to the nearly 20,000 young people projected to earn some type of high school diploma or certificate this year and for those simply looking for a summer job.

"Although Nevada's unemployment rate rose slightly due to perennial economic factors related to summer, Nevada still enjoys an impressive job market with substantial growth in the private sector and construction fields," Gov. Kenny Guinn said. "Nevada continues to be one of the healthiest job markets in the country."

Nevada JobConnect System, a partner with DETR in providing employment and vocational training programs, assists young people who've completed high school or dropped out in finding permanent full-time employment. Other programs offer assistance in finding summer jobs for Nevada's youth. JobConnect offices throughout the state experience an increase in young people seeking employment around this time of year.

"Young people who are interested in entering the job market are encouraged to seek the services of Nevada JobConnect," said Terry Johnson, DETR's director. "JobConnect and DETR have a wealth of resources that are available not only to adults, but also to Nevada's youth. These resources are available, free of charge, for all of our citizens. These young adults shouldn't hesitate to use them."

DETR also offers a program for qualified applicants that will help pay for items a jobseeker may need in finding gainful employment. The Career Enhancement Program will often pay for supplies or equipment, like uniforms, sheriff's cards, and tools.

"Our goal is to help Nevada residents improve their vocational skills, allowing them to obtain rewarding careers and feel good about themselves," Johnson said. "Helping citizens improve their employability in turn contributes to the low unemployment rates, which is good for the economy and our communities."

More information about JobConnect is available at www.NevadaJobConnect.com

The following are employment gains over the last 12 months in some significant industries:

SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES:

- Professional & Business Services reports 13,300 new jobs
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities reports 11,900 new jobs
- Leisure & Hospitality reports 6,100 new jobs
- Government reports 4,500 new jobs
- Education & Health Services reports 3,300 new jobs
- Financial Activities reports 3,200 new jobs
- Other Services reports 2,500 new jobs

GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES:

- Construction reports 15,100 new jobs
- Manufacturing reports 1,500 new jobs
- Natural Resources & Mining reports 600 new jobs

The unemployment and labor force 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 attached data pages are calculated from a survey of businesses to measure the number of jobs in the state.

Data provided by: Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
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Quarterly rural data is included in this report



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