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## Nevada's Private Sector Job Growth Outpaces Much of the Nation, Ranking Third

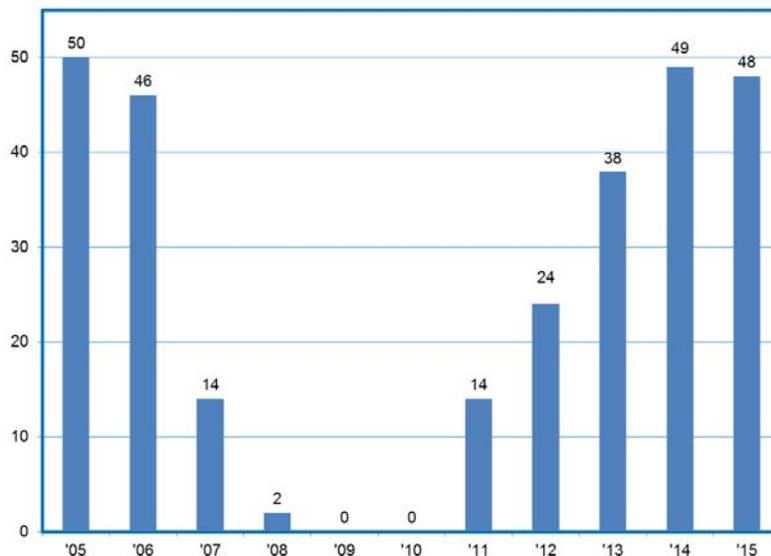
CARSON CITY, NV —Through 2015, data shows Nevada has the third fastest growing private sector employment in the nation, with a 3.8 percent growth rate. Utah and Florida had slightly higher growth rates, at 4.3 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively.

“In the years preceding the economic downturn, Nevada led the country in private sector employment growth and is now returning to those days,” said Bill Anderson, chief economist for Nevada’s Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. “All industries are contributing to the improvement in employment, with trades, transportation and utilities and construction leading the way.”

Nevada had the highest employment growth rate in the country in 2005 at 6.4 percent. Conversely, during the recession, Nevada was the most affected state in terms of private sector employment growth. In fact, Nevada’s employment growth was the lowest in the nation in 2009 at -10.1 percent and 2010 at -2.8 percent. However, Nevada has gradually regained lost ground over the past four years, Anderson said.

In 2011, the private sector grew at a rate of 1.2 percent, ranking 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In 2012, the Silver State grew at a rate of 1.9 percent, 27<sup>th</sup> among other states; and in 2013, private sector growth continued this trend, growing at 2.7 percent, Anderson said. This placed Nevada 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In 2014, the state had the second-fastest growing private sector in the nation, with a 4 percent growth rate.

Nevada has Third-Highest Private Sector Job Growth in the U.S.  
*Number of states with private sector job growth less than Nevada*



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