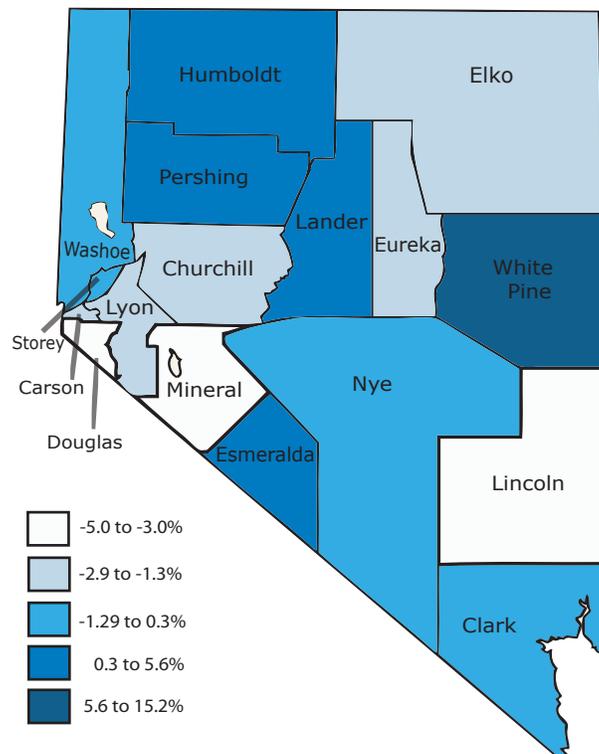




Employment By County

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- Employment estimates from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program are based on place of residence and are modeled based on a number of inputs, namely the monthly Current Population Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. LAUS employment is an estimate of everyone who is employed, including self-employed, contract workers and unpaid family workers. It is a count of job holders, so people with multiple jobs are only counted once.
- Most rural, gold-producing counties (Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, Esmeralda, and White Pine) experienced employment growth over the past year driven by high gold prices, exploration and production. Exceptions to this include Eureka County and Elko County.
- Eureka County lost 22 employed persons equating to a negative 2.2 percent growth rate. In Elko County, there were 616 fewer employed workers, equating to a 2.2 percent decline in employment.
- The number of workers in White Pine County increased by an estimated 756, or 15.2 percent. This was the fastest growth rate out of Nevada's 17 counties.
- Besides the rural, gold-producing counties, Clark County was the only other county to add to the employment base in the first quarter of 2012.