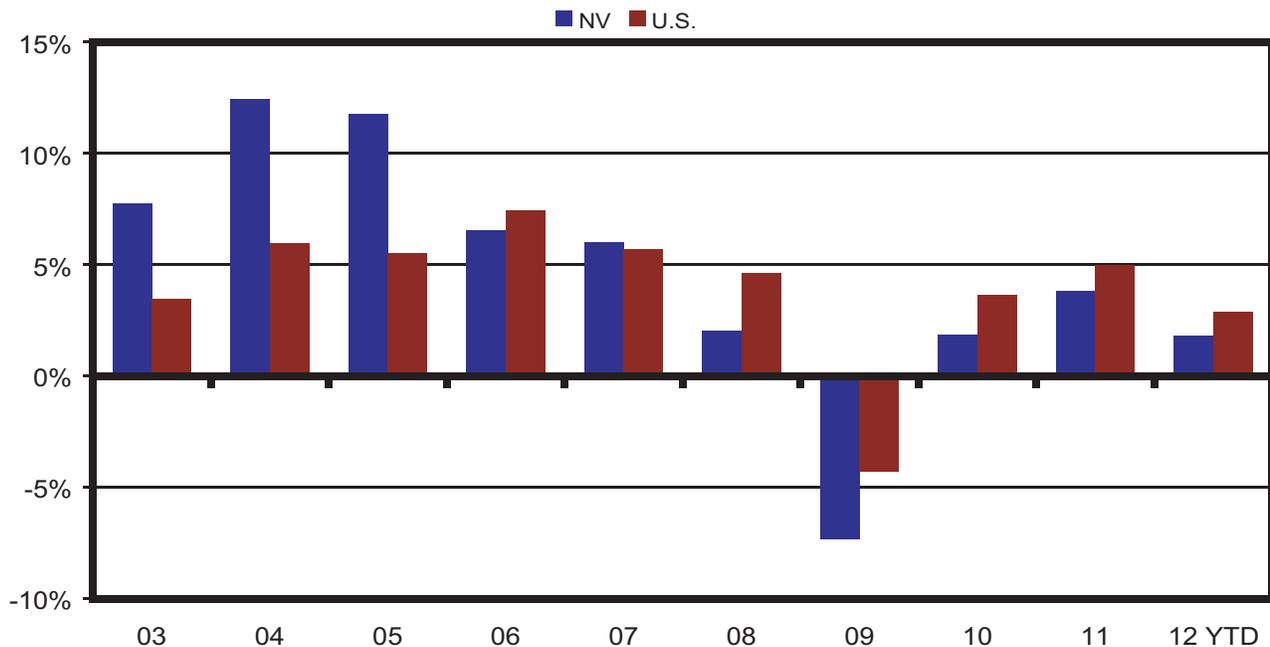




Nevada Personal Income vs. U.S.

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Nevada Personal Income Growth vs. the U.S.



- Personal income trends in the first three months of 2012 point to a Nevada economy that continues to claw its way out of the recession. However, the pace of recent gains falls well short of our “boom” times in advance of the downturn.
- Specifically, total personal income is up 1.8% from 2011:IQ levels. Year-over-year gains have been recorded in each of the past eight quarters. Prior to that, income fell in six straight quarters, at the height of the recession. During the past two years, income growth has averaged 3.2%. Growth reached double-digits during the 2004-2005 period.
- Total personal income consists of net earnings (2012:IQ’s 1.8% year-over-year gain is the lowest since the recovery began), dividends/interest/rent (up 3.6% from a year ago in the first quarter, which is very consistent with recent trends), and government transfer payments (down for the second straight quarter; at the height of the recession, transfer payment growth peaked in excess 20% as the number of individuals receiving some form of government assistance spiked).
- Prior to the recession, Nevada income growth was roughly double the gains recorded nationwide. Since 2008, however, Nevada personal income gains have fallen below national norms. In 2012:IQ, U.S. personal income is up 2.9%, more than a point higher than in Nevada.