



## Nevada Average Weekly Hours and Earnings

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### Real Average Weekly Hours and Earnings



- Adjusted to constant 2011 dollars, average weekly earnings have been trending down since 2007. Average weekly earnings are down \$15 year-to-date compared to the same period in 2011.
- On the other hand, real average hourly earnings have been relatively stable since the second quarter of 2011. The average hourly wage in 2012 is the same as the wage recorded in 2011 at \$19.00 an hour, using a year-to-date comparison.
- This leads to the conclusion that the drop in real weekly earnings from 2011 to 2012 is attributed to a shorter average work week. On a year-to-date basis, private sector employees are estimated to be working an average of 33.8 hours per week in 2012 versus 34.6 in 2011 for the same time frame. The average work week reached a low point in December 2011 at 33.5 hours and has since trended up. In May 2012, the estimated average work week was 34 hours.
- The hours and earning data discussed here are derived from the Current Employment Statistics program. Average weekly earnings are calculated by multiplying average weekly hours by the average hourly rate. Hourly wage data includes premium pay for overtime or unconventional work schedules and can reflect real-time changes in output. Payroll data is recorded before any deductions are made.
- The data was adjusted to 2011 dollars using the Consumer Price Index -West Region.