

ECONOMIC UPDATE

The Elko County economy has returned to a period of stabilization amid the COVID-19 pandemic, with many metrics recovering or exceeding pre-pandemic levels. Employment in June 2021 dipped 1.1 percent over the month, but the county's 27,332 jobs total was 6.4 percent higher than in June 2020 and higher than all but one month in 2019. The county's monthly unemployment rate increased slightly from 3.2 percent to 3.5 percent in June, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points compared to a year ago.

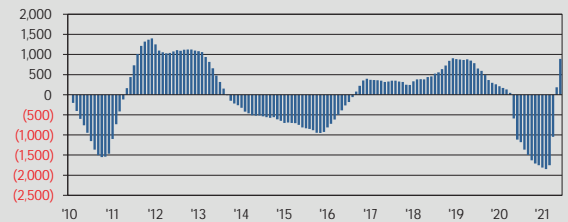
After reaching near-record levels in April and May, taxable retail sales in Elko County declined to \$146.1 million in June, a 9.1 percent decrease from the prior month but 3.4 percent higher from a year ago. On a trailing 12-month basis, taxable retail sales reached \$1.7 billion, 7.3 percent higher than last year and an all-time high.

Gross gaming revenues in Elko County dropped to \$29.0 million in June 2021, 13.3 percent lower over the month but 16.3 percent higher on the year. Gaming revenues on a trailing 12-month basis reached a record high of \$334.1 million, an increase of 33.0 percent over the past year and a reflection of pent-up demand and higher incomes supported by federal stimulus payments.

In development news, the City of Elko won approval to install a water tank on Elko Mountain that will boost development and provide an alternate water source for Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital. In addition, the Elko City Council approved selling 15 acres of land to the federal government for the National Veterans Cemetery.

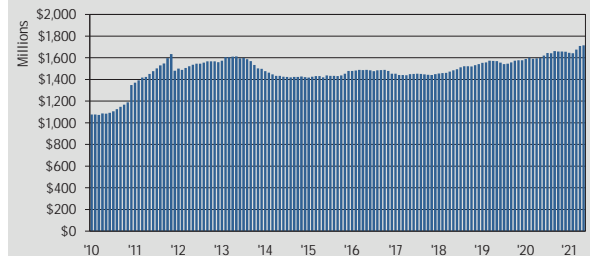
Elko County Employment Growth

Trailing 12 Months



Elko County Taxable Retail Sales

Trailing 12 Months



Elko County Unemployment Rate



	Most Recent Data Available	Indicator Values			Growth Rate	
		Current Period	Prior Period	Prior Year	vs. Prior Period	vs. Prior Year
Elko County Employment	Jun-21	27,332	27,649	25,694	-1.1% ▼	6.4% ▲
Elko County Labor Force	Jun-21	28,322	28,560	27,073	-0.8% ▼	4.6% ▲
Elko County Unemployment Rate	Jun-21	3.5%	3.2%	5.1%	0.3% ▲	-1.6% ▼
Nevada Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims	Jun-21	10,248	15,401	47,859	-33.5% ▼	-78.6% ▼
Nevada Private Average Weekly Hours Worked	Jun-21	35.6	35.7	34.6	-0.3% ▼	2.9% ▲
Elko County Number of Private Business Establishments	Q1 '21	1,241	1,239	1,276	0.2% ▲	-2.7% ▼
Elko County Private Sector Total Wages	Q1 '21	\$244,209,425	\$274,779,541	\$255,643,001	-11.1% ▼	-4.5% ▼
Elko County Taxable Retail Sales	May-21	\$146,108,884	\$160,684,671	\$141,300,127	-9.1% ▼	3.4% ▲
Elko County Gross Gaming Revenues	Jun-21	\$28,967,947	\$33,404,737	\$24,907,531	-13.3% ▼	16.3% ▲
Nevada Housing Price Index (Q1 1991 = 100)	Q1 '21	314.8	302.8	280.3	3.9% ▲	12.3% ▲



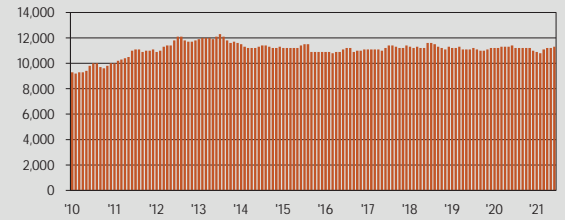
MINING AND AGRICULTURE UPDATE

The average price of gold in July 2021 reached \$1,826 in the U.S., up 3.6 percent from the previous month. While the monthly price was down 7.1 percent from an all-time high set in July 2020, the overall recent pricing trends remained more than 20 percent higher than pre-pandemic levels. In Nevada, mining metal ore employment stabilized in June 2021 with 11,300 jobs, an increase of 0.9 percent over the prior month. Total wages for the state's metal ore mining employees rebounded to \$330.1 million in the first quarter of 2021, just 0.6 percent lower than a year ago.

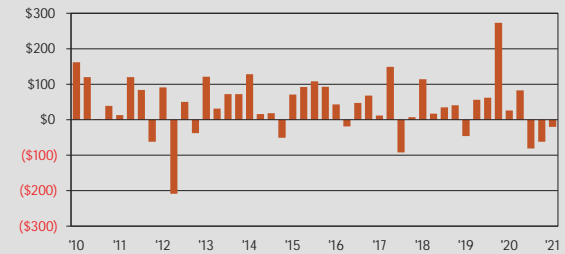
In the Nevada agricultural industry, the yearly cattle inventory declined by 2.1 percent in 2021 to 470,000 cattle and calves. This aligned with the national drop in inventory. Nevada's price of hay reached its highest level since 2015 at \$190 a ton in June 2021, an increase of 2.7 percent from both the prior month and a year ago. In Elko County, total wages for cattle ranching and farming for the first quarter of 2021 totaled \$1.2 million, a decrease of 2.7 percent from the year prior.

Meanwhile, Nevada ranchers are doing what they can to mitigate the impact of current drought conditions on their operations. Drought throughout the western U.S. has led to a decline in feed for cattle, prompting ranchers to search for alternatives. Ongoing drought conditions will likely continue the decline in cattle inventory nationwide and contribute to rising beef prices.

Nevada Metal Ore Mining Employment



Growth in Nevada Metal Ore Mining Average Weekly Wages



US Price of Gold



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United States Price of Gold	Jul-21	\$1,826	\$1,763	\$1,965	3.6% ▲	-7.1% ▲
Nevada Metal Ore Mining Employment	Jul-21	11,300	11,200	11,400	0.9% ▲	-0.9% ▼
Nevada Gold Production (Metric Tons)	2019	151.41	173.59	173.59	-12.8% ▼	-12.8% ▼
Elko County Metal Ore Mining Employment	Q1 '21	1,000	983	1,004	1.7% ▲	-0.4% ▼
Nevada Metal Ore Mining Average Weekly Wages	Q1 '21	\$2,265	\$2,089	\$2,285	8.4% ▲	-0.9% ▼
Nevada Metal Ore Mining Total Wages	Q1 '21	\$330,141,849	\$307,996,332	\$332,023,386	7.2% ▲	-0.6% ▼
Nevada Mining and Support Taxable Retail Sales (TTM)	May-21	\$238,139,735	\$232,762,881	\$261,737,189	2.3% ▲	-9.0% ▼
Elko County Cattle Ranching and Farming Total Wages	Q1 '21	\$1,151,958	\$1,571,670	\$1,184,166	-26.7% ▼	-2.7% ▼
Nevada Cattle Inventory (Including Calves)	2021	470,000	480,000	480,000	-2.1% ▼	-2.1% ▼
Nevada Price of Hay (Per Ton)	Jun-21	\$190.00	\$185.00	\$185.00	2.7% ▲	2.7% ▲



Applied Analysis ("AA") was retained by Nevada State Bank to summarize and analyze a series of key economic indicators on a recurring basis. Relevant data were obtained from AA's internal databases as well as national, regional and local data providers, including, without limitation, state and local governments. While we have no reason to doubt the accuracy of any of the data reported, we have not performed an audit or assurance procedures on these data, and as such, we cannot attest to their completeness.

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