

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OFFERS NO-FEE INSTANT LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

CARSON CITY — Nevada's Employment Security Department is a valuable source of information and statistics for those interested in doing business or working in the Silver State.

When it comes to labor market information, the department's Employment Security Research (ESR) unit has a lot more to offer than the monthly unemployment rates. Wage and employment statistics, the consumer price index, and state population projections are just some of the data ESR provides.

ESR's computerized information system,

Nevada Economic Database System (NEDS), currently features information accessible by personal computer 24-hours a day, year-round. All anyone needs to tap this wealth of labor market information is access to a personal computer equipped with a modem and appropriate communications software. In addition, individuals must obtain a department-issued identification number and password to gain access to the system.

NEDS is an easy-to-use, menu-driven database that gives users access to many different types of Nevada and national statistical informa-

tion. NEDS offers users the ability to select data by geographical area and specific time periods.

The information can then be down loaded to the user's personal computer for use in marketing business and career decisions. Information offered through NEDS includes state and metropolitan-area economic analysis (by month and quarter), and occupational wage data. NEDS also offers industrial employment data; and selected national economic indicators including the national unemployment rate; gross domestic product; national consumer price index; and western

region unemployment rates.

Current users of NEDS include real estate companies, banks, area planning and economic development agencies, appraisers, educators, government entities, and interested individuals from throughout Nevada. The information system is continually being enhanced to offer additional information of interest to users. Anyone wanting to obtain an identification number and password or begin accessing NEDS should call ESR in Carson City at 687-4550 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and ask for Zina Turney or Jolie Pardew.

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE EASES IN JULY

CARSON CITY — Nevada's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped one-half a percentage point in July to 6.6 percent, according to data released recently by the Nevada Employment Security Department (NESD).

Department Executive Director Stan Jones said, "Statewide gains in employment brought a significant downward trend in the unemployment rate."

He said, Nevada's 2.9 percent over-the-year employment growth places the state among

the nation's leaders in job gains. In addition, initial unemployment insurance claims are down 19.7 percent over-the-year, and continued claims are down 14.7 percent, Jones noted.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the nation's

seasonally adjusted civilian July unemployment rate dropped to 6.8 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point over-the-month.

And, neighboring California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped to 9.8 percent, up seven-tenths of a percentage point over-the-month.

In an over-the-year comparison, Nevada's July statewide unemployment rate is four-tenths of a percentage point lower.

The department's survey indicates that seasonally adjusted Nevada's 17 counties ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Eureka County (down over-the-month) — to a high of 10.5 percent in Lander County (also down over-the-month).

During July, unemployment

in Clark County was estimated at 7.0 percent, down five-tenths of a percentage point over-the-month, and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than a year ago.

Washoe County's June jobless rate estimated at 6.4 percent, down eight-tenths of a percentage point since June, and seven-tenths of a percentage point lower than June of 1992.

Nevada continues to experience over-the-year job gains, with all but one of the state's basic industrial sectors showing job growth: the mining industry dropped 700 jobs over-the-year. Industrial sectors showing over-the-year job growth include:

- * Construction gained 7,600 jobs
- * Federal, state & local government (including teachers)

gained 2,400 jobs (down 7,400 over-the-month due to summer vacation in the education sector and the release of temporary election workers)

* Service industries (gaming, recreation, and hotels; personal; business; medical and health' legal' engineering; accounting; and management) gained 3,900 jobs

* Retail & wholesale (general merchandise & apparel; food stores; auto dealers and service stations; and eating/drinking establishments) gained 2,400 jobs

* Finance, insurance; and real estate gained 2,000 jobs

* Manufacturing gained 900 jobs

* Transportation and public utilities gained 100 jobs.

LYDIA GOYNES NAMED TO OVERSEE PRIMERIT'S REFINANCE LOAN TEAM

Lydia Goynes has been selected to oversee the Refinance Loan Team for PriMerit Bank. The department was created to better service those customers wishing to take advantage of the recent rate decreases.

Goynes has been with PriMerit for eight years as a loan officer. Her experience includes FHA, VA and conventional loan packages.

"I have maintained a very good history of providing superior customer service and that's a goal I wish to continue in my new position," Goynes said.

A native of Nassau in Bahamas, Goynes has lived in Las Vegas for nine years. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Prairie View A&M University in Texas.



LYDIA GOYNES

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earlier due to a service-connected disability. Veterans must also have primary and secondary military occupational specialties (MOS) not readily transferrable to the civilian workforce; or be unemployed at least eight of 15 weeks immediately preceding their application to the SMOCTA program; or have a service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or more.

Stan Jones, executive director of NESD said, "SMOCTA's on-the-job training concept is a win-win situation for employers and veterans. Employers dramatically cut their new employee training costs and gain workers trained to do the job the way their company wants. And, veterans find meaningful work in the civilian labor force."



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