

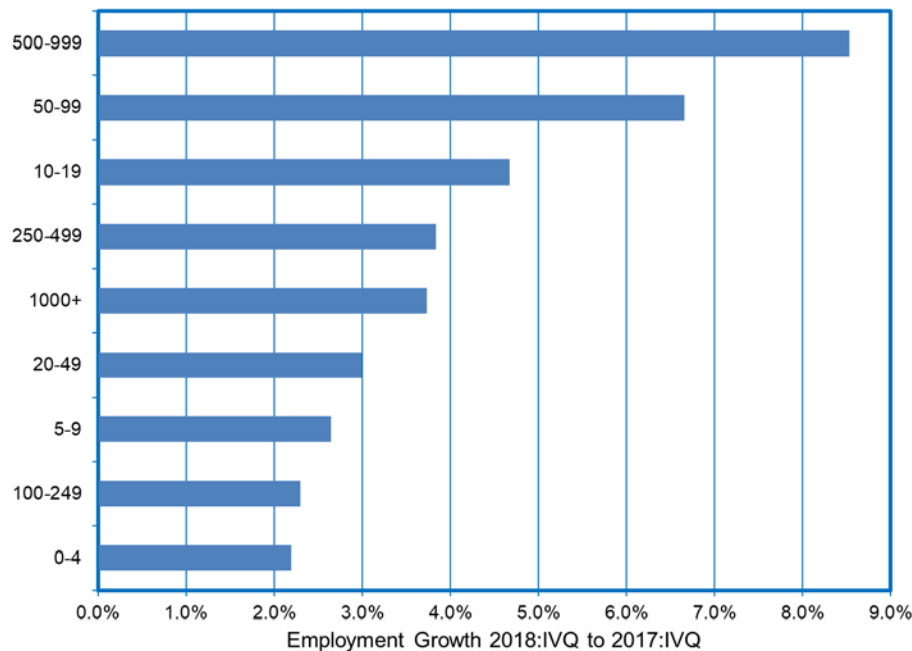
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Job Growth by Establishment Size
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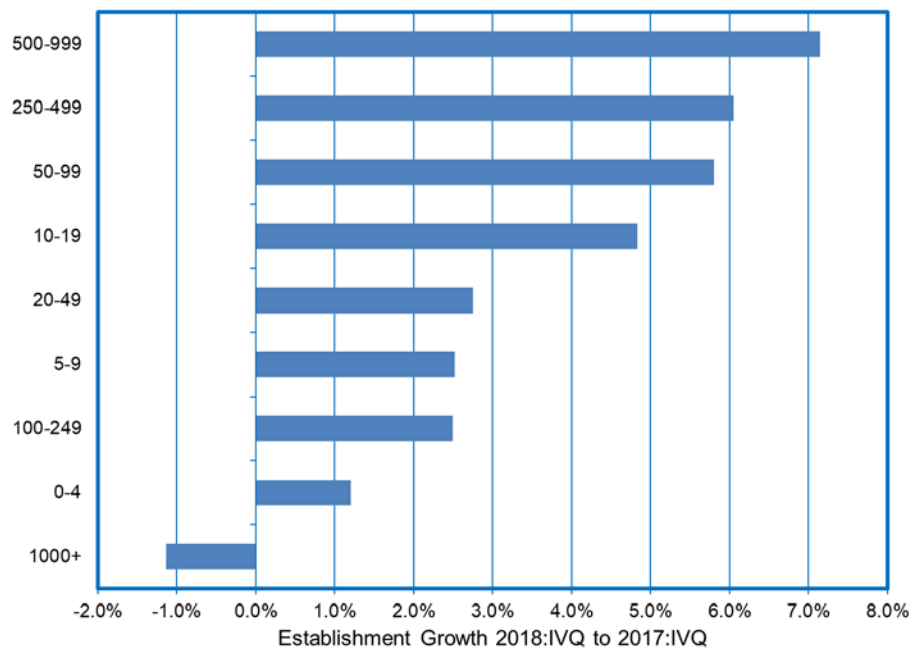
Job Gains Across All Size Groups; Establishments with Between 500 and 999 Workers Grow by 8.1%



- The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program, produced by state agencies in cooperation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, represents a comprehensive count of employment based on information reported by all businesses covered under the Unemployment Insurance System, but is not available until several months following the end of a calendar quarter.
- Private sector job growth in fourth quarter of 2018 was widespread across all establishment size groups when compared to the same period in 2017. All told, jobs were up by almost 48,000 vs. 2017. 16 of 17 experienced private sector job growth. Esmeralda was the only one to see a decline.
- Establishments with 500-999 employees led the way growing by 8.5% or 7,100 new jobs. Next in line are those worksites with 50-99 workers, up 6.7% or 9,500 from the prior year. Businesses with 10-19 workers grew by 4.7% and added just under 6,100 jobs.
- Job counts in those establishments with less than 100 employees, our definition of “small business,” were up 25,400 relative to 2017, accounting for nearly 53% of total growth. By the end of 2018, small business employment totaled 657,000, a record-high.
- Of those establishments with 500-999 employees, 6,300 of the 7,100 jobs were in Clark County. Storey County accounted for a growth of nearly 1200 employees in this size class while Nye County experienced a decrease of 630 jobs.

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- Statewide, the number of establishments grew by just over 1,700 work sites or 2.2%. 1620 or about 96% of the total of those worksites employ less than 100 and would be classified as small business.
- Of the total number of establishments, 1500 or 88% of them occurred in Clark County. Washoe County accounted for 300 worksites or 18% of the total.
- Even though only one size class experienced a decrease in worksites, five counties saw declines in number of worksites. Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Pershing, and Storey counties saw declines of between -1.3% and -0.1% from fourth quarter of 2018 to fourth quarter of 2017.
- In terms of number of establishments, those firms employing between 500-999 grew the most at 7.1% or an increase of 9 establishments. Those employing between 250 to 499 grew by six percent or 17 establishments. Only size class that saw a decline was those employing more than 1000.
- In absolute terms, the size class that saw the greatest increase was 0-4 at 560 establishments or 1.2% followed by 10-19 which grew by 460 establishments or 4.8%

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