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Nevada business taxes, explained for 2026

Small businesses in Nevada register with the state revenue agency for sales tax, and with the Nevada Employment Security Division for unemployment tax. Nevada has no state income tax on wages, a 6.85% state sales tax and a $43,700 unemployment wage base for 2026.

QUICK FACTS

- **Income tax.** No state income tax on wages for 2026
- **Sales tax.** 6.85% state rate, about 8.24% combined with local
- **Unemployment.** Employers pay Nevada unemployment tax on the first $43,700 of each worker's 2026 wages

What taxes does a small business pay in Nevada?

Most Nevada businesses deal with four: federal and state payroll taxes once they hire, sales tax if they sell taxable items, income tax on profit, and the state's annual report or franchise filing for an LLC or corporation, filed with the Secretary of State.

How do I register for payroll taxes in Nevada?

Before your first payroll in Nevada:

1. Get a federal EIN and enroll in EFTPS for federal deposits.
2. Register for unemployment insurance with the Nevada Employment Security Division. For 2026, the tax applies to the first $43,700 of each employee's wages, at a rate the state sets for new employers and then adjusts to your history.
3. Report each new hire to Nevada's new hire registry, usually within 20 days.

Our state payroll registration guide explains each step, and our payroll service handles it for you.

Do I need a Nevada sales tax permit?

If you sell taxable goods or services in Nevada, yes. Register with the Nevada revenue agency before your first taxable sale. Out-of-state sellers need one once they pass Nevada's economic nexus

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SALES TAX IN NEVADA, MIDYEAR 2026	RATE
State rate	6.85%
Average local rate	1.39%
Average combined rate	8.24%
Highest local rate	1.53%

The state sets how often you file. Our sales tax permit guide covers what to have ready, and the sales tax calculator adds tax to a price.

How does Nevada tax business owners?

Nevada doesn't tax wages or pass-through business income. Owners still pay federal income and self-employment tax.

Where are Nevada's tax forms and refund status?

- Nevada tax forms
- Nevada revenue agency
- Nevada Employment Security Division

Every state's links are on our state tax forms page.

Which calculators work for Nevada?

- Nevada paycheck calculator: take-home pay after every deduction
- Nevada income tax calculator: your 2026 state income tax
- Payroll cost calculator: what a hire costs you, with Nevada unemployment

Common questions

Do I need a sales tax permit in Nevada?
Yes, if you sell taxable goods or services there. Register with the Nevada revenue agency before your first taxable sale.

What is the Nevada unemployment wage base for 2026?
$43,700. Employers pay Nevada unemployment tax on that much of each employee's wages, at a rate the state assigns.

Does Nevada have a state income tax?
No, not on wages.

Who runs payroll taxes in Nevada?
The Nevada Employment Security Division handles unemployment tax.

Want payroll handled?

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