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## Las Vegas: Convention Attendance and Visitor Traffic up Slightly in Q1 2019

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During the recession, I wrote about the troubles in Las Vegas and included a chart of visitor and convention attendance: [Lost Vegas](#).

Since then Las Vegas visitor traffic recovered to new record highs.

However, in 2018, visitor traffic declined 0.2% compared to 2017, but was still 7.5% above the pre-recession peak.

Convention attendance declined 2.2% in 2018 from the record high in 2017. Here is the data from the [Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority](#).

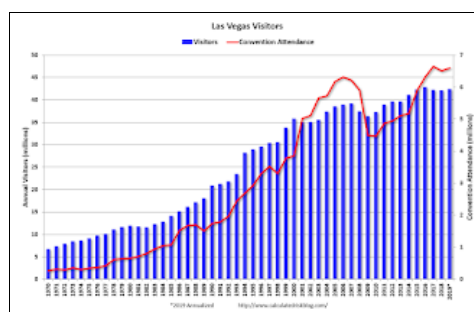
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The blue bars are annual visitor traffic (left scale), and the red line is convention attendance (right scale). 2019 is estimate based on Q1 data.

Convention attendance was up 1.5% in Q1 2019 compared to Q1 2018.

Visitor traffic was up 0.8% in Q1 2019 compared to Q1 2018.

Historically, declines in Las Vegas visitor traffic have been associated with economic weakness, so the slight declines over the last two years was concerning.



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