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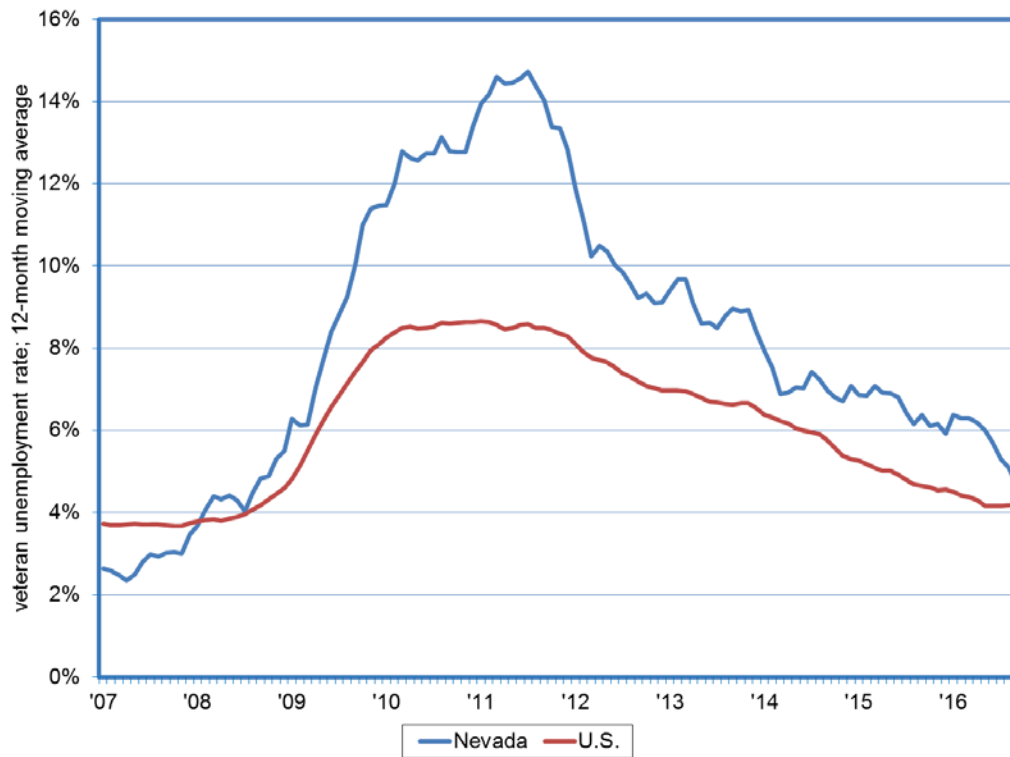
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Veteran Unemployment Rate: Nevada vs. Nation  
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## During Recession, NV's Veteran Unemployment Rate was Six Points Higher than in the Nation; Currently, Just 0.5 Point Higher



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows for the analysis of the labor market status of the veteran population.
- In January 2007, the veteran unemployment rate in Nevada was 2.6 percent compared to 3.7 percent nationwide. However, beginning in 2008, the jobless rate for veterans in Nevada surpassed that in the nation, and has remained so ever since, although the gap has narrowed considerably as the recovery has unfolded.
- At its peak in mid-2011, the veteran unemployment rate stood at 14.7 percent. Nationwide, the veteran rate peaked in the mid-eight percent range. During the economic downturn, Nevada's rate exceeded the national average by more than six percentage points.
- However, since 2012, considerable improvement is evident, as the veteran jobless rate has tumbled all the way to an average of 4.7 percent over the past 12 months in the Silver State. In the process, the gap relative to the national average has been nearly eliminated. Specifically, the national rate stands at 4.2 percent over the past year, just 0.5 point lower than in Nevada.