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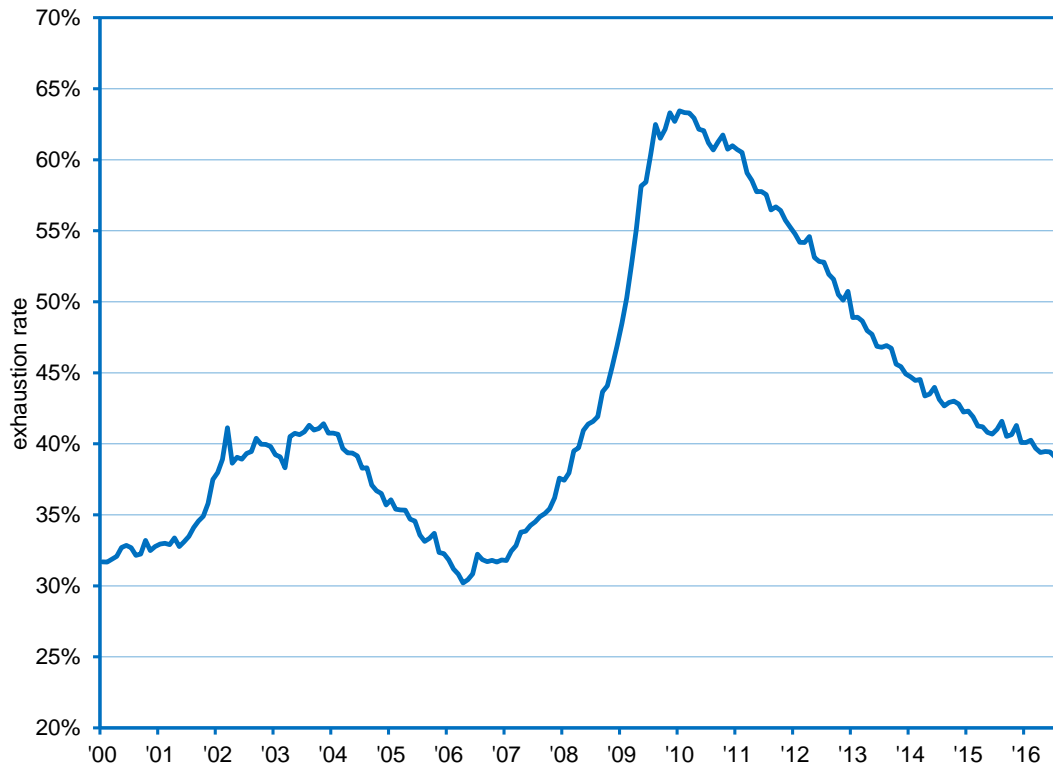
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Exhaustion Rate  
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## % of UI Claimants Exhausting Benefits Prior to Finding a Job on the Decline; Peaked at Nearly 65%; Currently Less than 40%



- The unemployment insurance exhaustion rate shows the share of UI claimants who ran out of benefits prior to finding employment.
- The exhaustion rate tends to rise during economic downturns as it becomes more difficult for claimants to quickly find employment.
- During the recent recession, the share of claimants running out of benefits ballooned to 63 percent in late 2009, higher than any point in Nevada's history.
- As the State has recovered, so has the exhaustion rate. The rate has now fallen for 74 consecutive months on a year-over-year basis, finally falling below 40 percent in March of 2016.
- While improved, September's rate of 38.3 percent is still elevated relative to historical levels. During the 1990s, the exhaustion rate in Nevada ranged from 30 to 35 percent.