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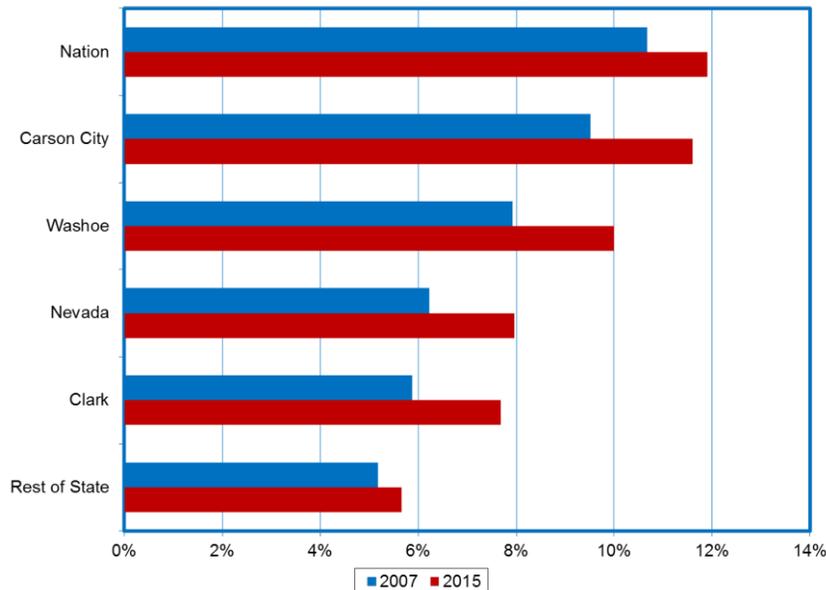
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Healthcare as a Share of Total Employment
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Nevada Healthcare Employment Continues to Grow and Expand (healthcare as a percent of total jobs)



- As would be expected, healthcare employment in the Silver State is up compared to pre-recessionary levels. Nevada's share of jobs in healthcare stood at 6.2% in 2007 (80,100 jobs out of 1,284,000). As of 2015, healthcare has expanded its role in the Silver State's economy, accounting for eight percent of total employment (99,100 out of 1,245,000 jobs).
- While Nevada healthcare employment has increased significantly over the last eight years, employment shares in this industry have been lagging behind the national average. Nevada's share of healthcare jobs was 4.4 percentage points lower than the national average in 2007 (6.2% vs 10.7%). In 2015, the share in the Silver State is closer to the U.S. (8% vs 11.9%) – indicating healthcare industry employment remains underserved in the State, although improvement is evident.
- Carson City had higher pre-recessionary levels of healthcare employment than any of the other metro areas, at 9.5%. This trend continued into in 2015. In fact, the current percentage of healthcare industry jobs in the State capital is relatively close to the national share, up 2.1 percentage points from 2007, to 11.6%.
- Since the economic downturn, the share of healthcare industry employment in Washoe increased similarly to Carson City, up from 7.9% in 2007, to 10% in 2015, or 2.1 percentage points.
- Healthcare employment in Clark realized the least improvement over the course of the recession. During pre-recessionary highs, healthcare accounted for 6.6% of total employment in Clark. Over 2015, healthcare employment in the county increased 1.8 percentage points, to 7.7%