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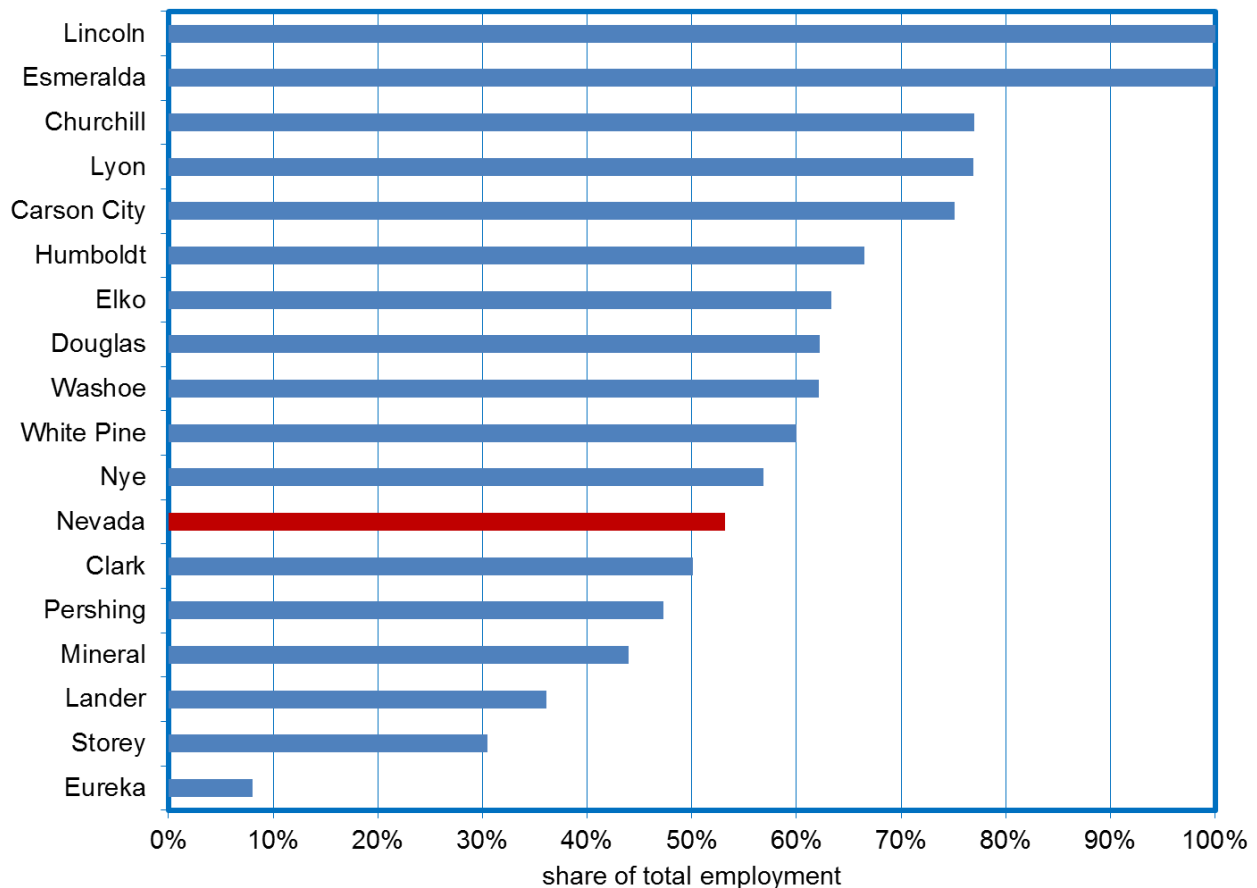
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Small Business Employment Share by County
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Small Businesses Account for 53% of Employment Statewide; 100% in Lincoln and Esmeralda; Relatively Small Shares in Eureka, Storey, and Lander; Clark County at 50%



- As of 2017:IQ, employment in firms with less than 100 employees (our definition of “small business”) accounted for 53.2% of total private sector employment in Nevada.
- Small business establishments account for more than half of total employment in 12 of 17 counties
- The lowest rate is in Eureka at 8%. This is attributable to large mining operations in the County.
- In Esmeralda and Lincoln Counties, 100% of employment is in establishments with less than 100 employees in the absence of any large employers in these counties.
- As for Nevada’s major population centers, Clark County, exactly half of employment is accounted for by small business, slightly below the Statewide average. Small business shares in Carson City (75%) and Washoe County (62.1%) are both higher than in the State as a whole.