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African American Employment Trending Up Across Nevada



- February was designated as Black History Month. With data from the Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program (LED), we are able to assess Nevada employment by race, including Black/African American workers.
- Employment of Black workers has been trending up across the State since the recession, following
 the general trend of employment gains for all Nevada workers. In fact, as is the case for total
 employment, the number of African American jobholders has surpassed the pre-recessionary peak.
- Of the State's metropolitan areas, Las Vegas contains the largest share of African American workers in 2016, at over 12% of the total workforce. Across the State as a whole, Black workers comprise 10% of all employment. In the Reno/Sparks metro area, that figure is 4%.
- Statewide, there are 123,600 employed Black workers, 112,300 of which are in Las Vegas. Reno/Sparks has 8,600 Black workers.

