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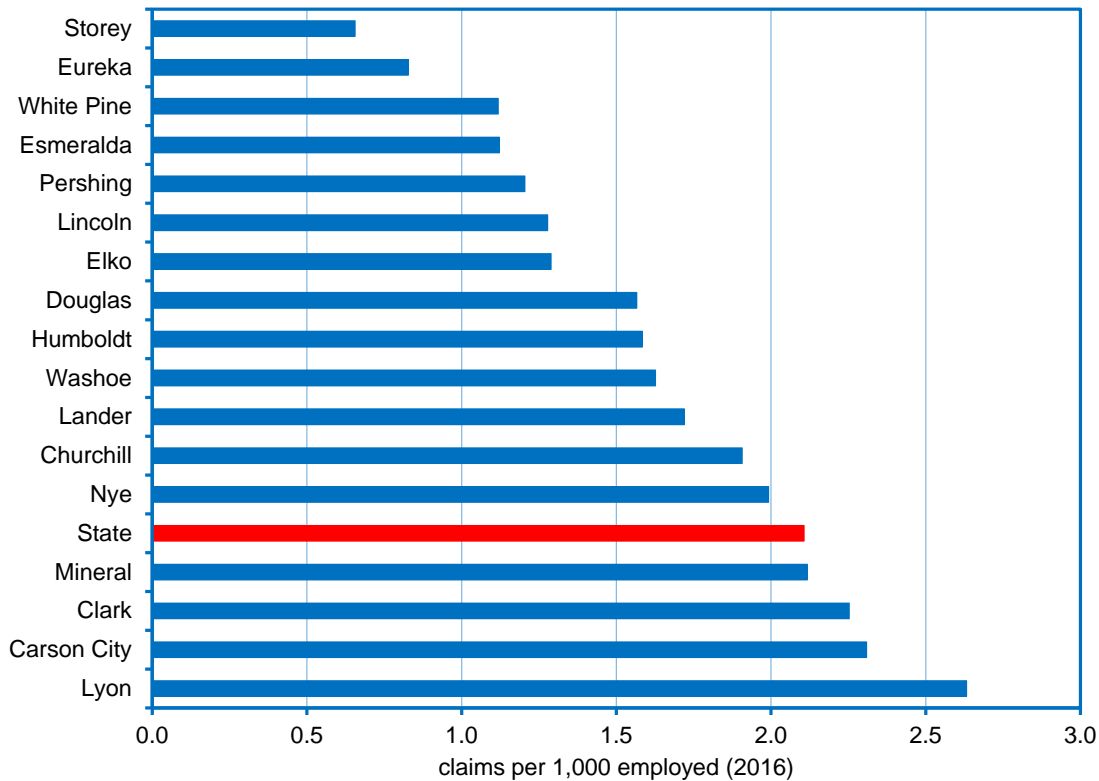
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Initial Claims per Job by County
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Storey and Eureka County Each Have Less Than One UI Claim per 1,000 Jobs; Statewide Average = 2.1



- Unemployment insurance claim activity in Nevada is at the lowest level recorded in years. Looking at claim activity relative to the size of the workforce provides additional insight into the underlying health of the labor market, and provides information on whether additional room remains for improvement.
- Statewide, we registered 2.1 claims per 1,000 jobs in 2016. This is near an all-time low, indicating little room for improvement by historical standards.
- Looking at this measure at the county level shows considerable variation throughout the State. Counties with the lowest ratios, such as Eureka and Storey, average less than one initial claim per week, reflecting, in part, the relatively small number of employed living in each county, but also, both counties have experienced above-average employment growth.
- The counties with the highest claims per 1,000 employed, Lyon County and Carson City, had respective ratios of 2.6 and 2.3.
- Clark County, which represents more than three-fourths of Nevada's initial claims, had an average of 2.25 claims per 1,000 employed, very close to the Statewide ratio.