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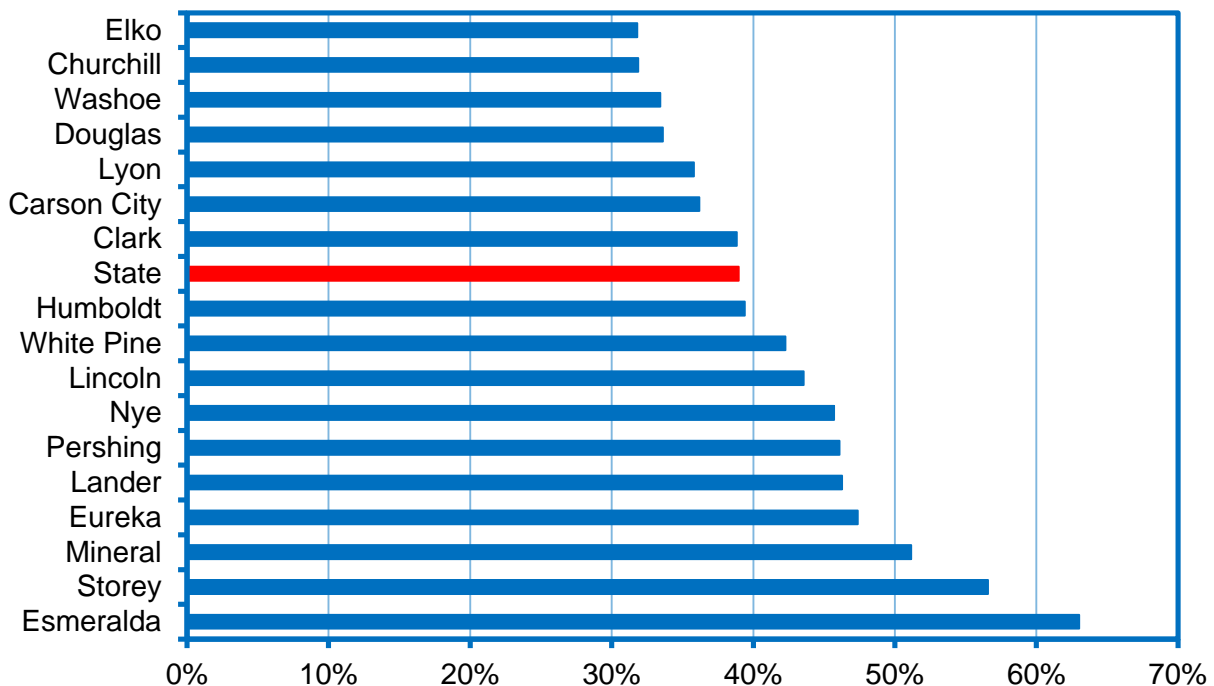
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2016 UI Exhaustion Rate By County
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Less Populated Counties Exhaust Unemployment Insurance at Higher Rates Compared to the More Populated



- The unemployment insurance (UI) benefits exhaustion rate, which measures the average share of UI recipients that run out of benefits before finding employment, has largely recovered from its recessionary peak at the Statewide level. Looking at the measure by county, it becomes clear that the exhaustion rate is more representative of a UI claimant's experience in Nevada's more populated counties.
- Less populated counties, such as Esmeralda, Eureka, Storey, and Mineral, had the highest average exhaustion rates in Nevada in 2016. Esmeralda County had the highest of all, with an average of 63 percent of UI recipients running out of benefits. The higher levels of exhaustion are at least partially driven by the smaller number of employment opportunities in these counties.
- The lowest exhaustion rates were in Elko, Churchill, and Washoe, which had average rates of 31.8, 31.9, and 33.4 percent, respectively.
- Clark County, the source of most of Nevada's UI claims, had an exhaustion rate of 38.8 percent, nearly identical to the Statewide average.