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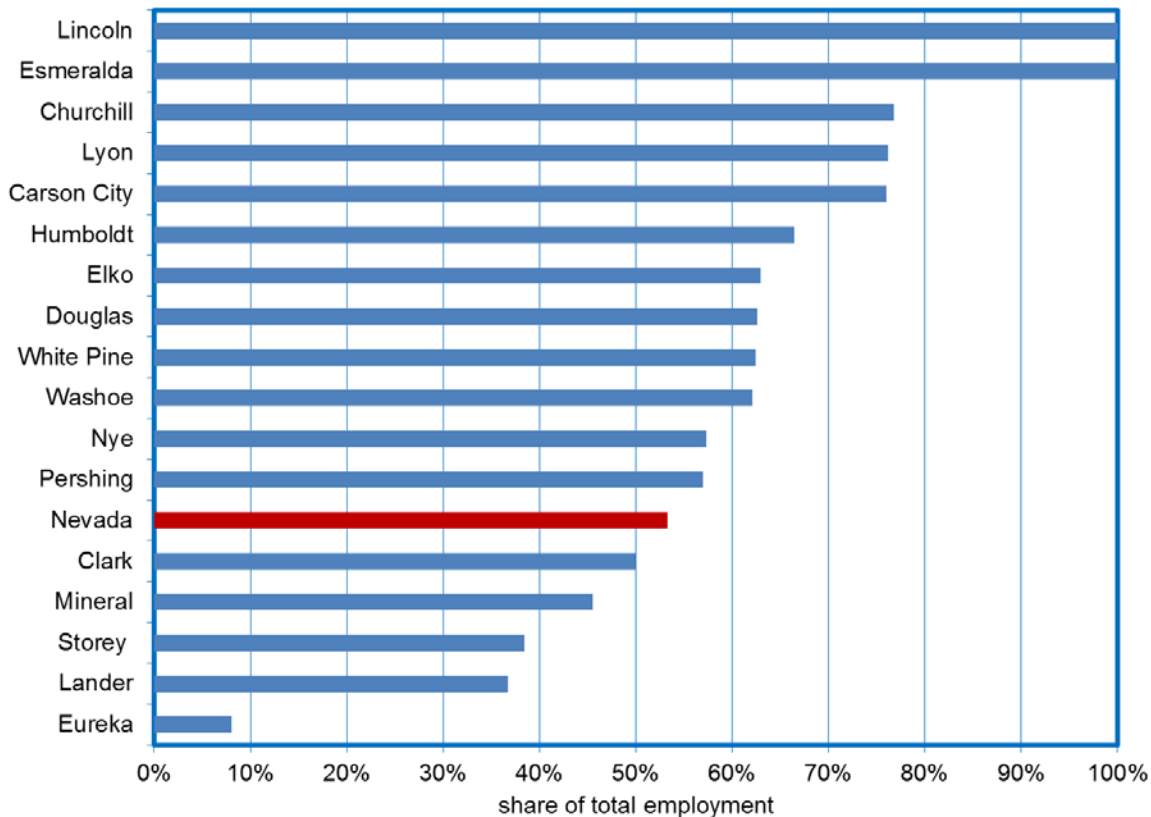
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Small Business Employment Share by County
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Small Business Comprise More than 50% of Total Employment in 13 of 17 Counties; 100% in Lincoln and Esmeralda; Relatively Small Share in Eureka; Clark County Right at 50%



- As of 2016, employment in firms with less than 100 employees (our definition of “small business”) accounted for 53.3% of total private sector employment in Nevada.
- Small business establishments account for more than half of total employment in 13 of 17 counties
- The lowest rates are Eureka and Lander at 8% and 36.8% respectively. This is attributable to large mining operations in these counties.
- 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 comes in at 50%, slightly below the Statewide average. Carson City is 76% and Washoe County is 62.1%, both higher than in the State as a whole.