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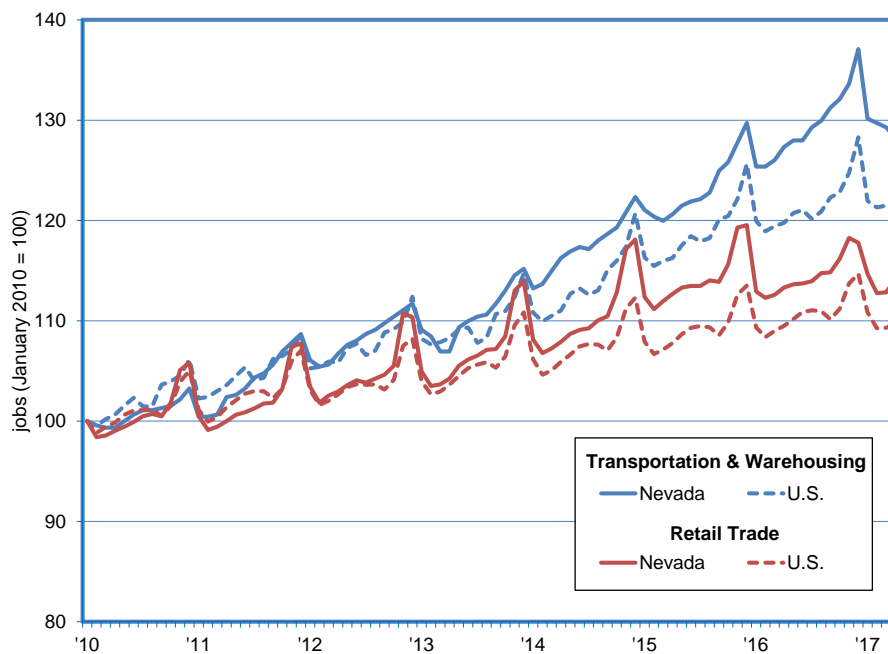
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Transportation/Warehousing and Retail Growth
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Is There a Tradeoff Between Retail Trade and Transportation/Warehousing Jobs? The Latter is Growing Faster in Both Nevada and the Nation



- Previously, we began an exploration of how structural changes in the economy (such as online shopping) will impact retail trade jobs in the Silver State. Coupled with the rise of online shopping (and subsequent decline of traditional retail jobs), we would expect increased transportation and warehousing employment in such areas as distribution/fulfillment centers. This *Research Note* examines the relative growth of employment in transportation/ warehousing and in retail since 2010.
- Retail trade has grown faster in Nevada than in the U.S. as a whole over the recovery period, though both areas are showing signs of easing. Retail employment in the Silver State has hovered in a narrow range, from 140-150K, since mid-2015. This is an increase of 15% from January, 2010.
- Transportation and warehousing, on the other hand, has maintained an upward trend (despite slight declines year-to-date). Currently, employment in the industry stands at 59,000, 28% higher than in the beginning of 2010.
- Overall, Nevada's employment trends in these industries are mirroring the nation, albeit at even stronger growth rates.