

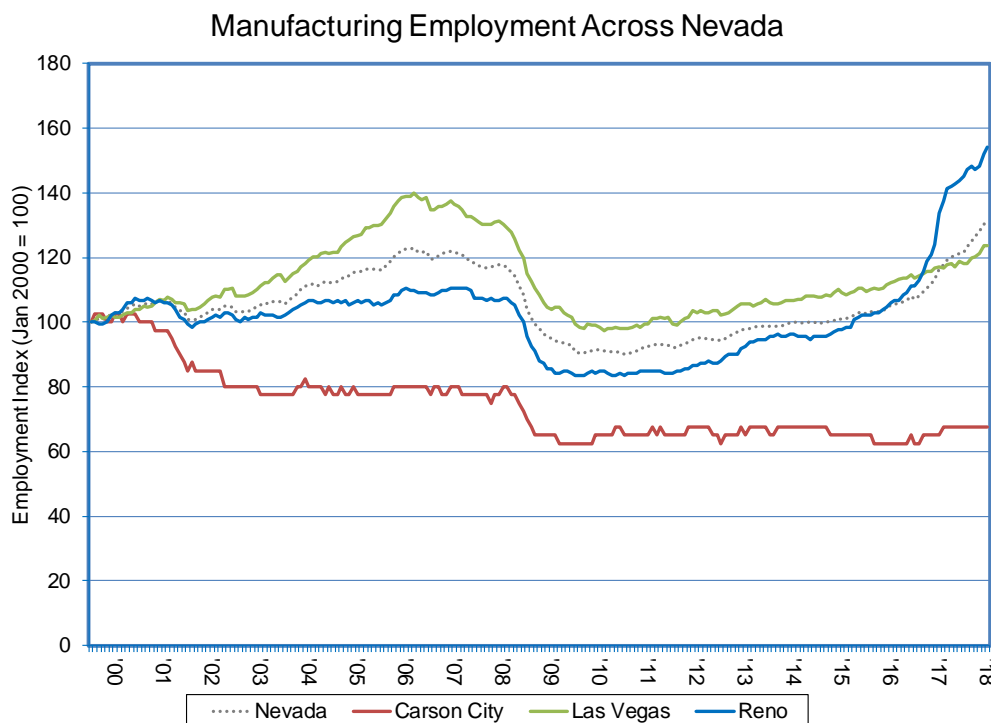
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Manufacturing Employment Across Nevada
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Manufacturing Employment Growing Fastest in Northern Nevada



- The Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, produced in partnership between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and state agencies, allows us to analyze industry-level employment estimates for the nation, state, and metropolitan statistical areas.
- Nevada has seen significant gains in manufacturing employment in recent years, with total statewide growth of 14 percent, or 6,500 jobs, year to date in 2018. While manufacturing is by no means the State's largest industry, making up only about 4.5 percent of total private employment in July, it is currently the fastest-growing sector in the State. In fact, employment in the industry is now over seven percent higher than the pre-recession peak.
- This *Research Note* examines manufacturing trends across the State's three largest population centers—Carson City, Reno/Sparks, and Las Vegas.
- Prior to the recession, Statewide manufacturing employment totaled 51,300. At that time, over half (54 percent) of these jobs were located in Las Vegas, with Reno/Sparks making up another 28.5 percent and Carson City 6.2 percent. All three areas saw manufacturing employment decline as a result of the recession, with an average loss of almost thirty percent of jobs.
- Since the recessionary trough, Carson City has seen barely any growth. Total manufacturing employment in the area, at 2,700 jobs, is only 200 jobs higher than the recessionary low. In

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fact, unlike the other areas, Carson City began losing manufacturing jobs by 2001, years before the Great Recession hit.

- Las Vegas has seen some recovery in manufacturing, but with current employment of 24,500 still remains almost 12 percent below the pre-recession peak from 2006. Currently, Las Vegas accounts for only 45 percent of Nevada's manufacturing employment, with slower growth than in Northern Nevada.
- Reno/Sparks has seen the strongest growth in manufacturing since the recession, both in total jobs (up 9,400) and in percentage growth (up 85 percent from the trough, almost double). These gains have resulted in the area now accounting for 37 percent of Statewide manufacturing employment, with 20,500 jobs in July. Of the three individual metro areas, Reno/Sparks is the only one to have surpassed its pre-recessionary manufacturing employment.