

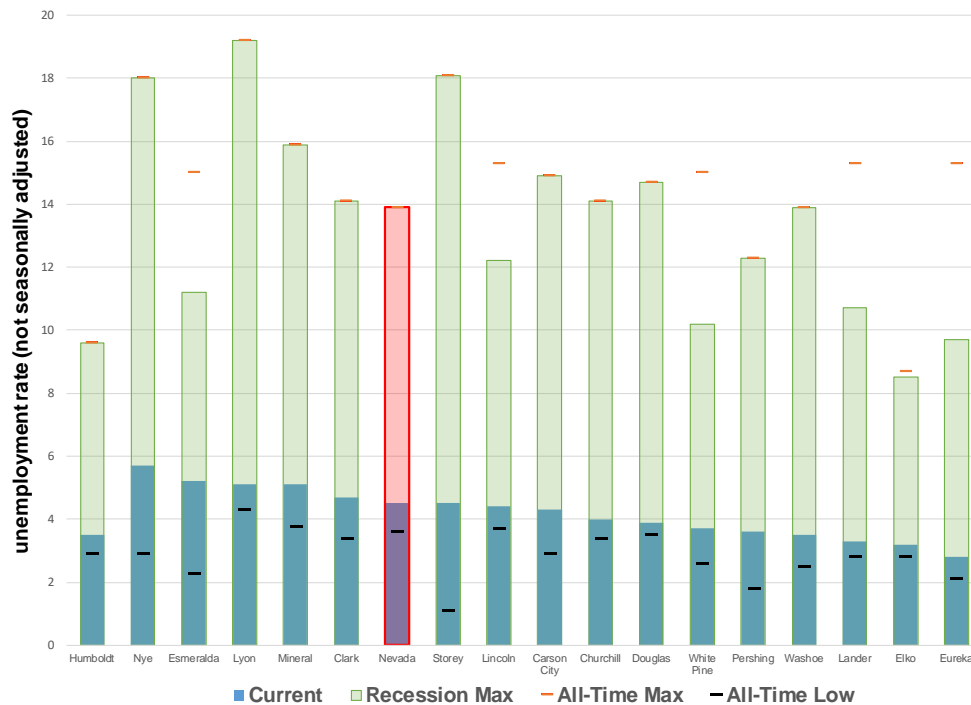
# Research Notes



County Unemployment Rates  
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## As of July 2018, Eleven Counties Have a Lower Unemployment Rate than the State's



- Information from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program, produced by state agencies in cooperation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows us to evaluate Nevada's relative county unemployment rates. The unemployment rate is the ratio of unemployed to total labor force. Labor force includes those who are employed and those who are unemployed but searching for work. Unemployment rate estimates by county are available since 1990. The figures in this research note are not seasonally adjusted.
- Nevada's all-time low unemployment rate, stands at 3.6%. The county with the lowest all-time low rate is Storey at 1.1%. Most of jobs in Storey county were in accommodation/food services, other services (except public administration), and retail trade. The county with the highest all-time low rate is Lyon at 4.3%. Jobs in Lyon county were mainly in manufacturing, construction and retail trade. Thirteen counties have an all-time low rate below the State's rate.
- As the recession of 2007 unfolded, Nevada's unemployment rate rose significantly, reaching an all-time high of 13.9%. Among all counties, Lyon has the highest all-time high unemployment rate of 19.2%, while Elko has the lowest all-time high of 8.7%. Most jobs in Elko county were in accommodation/food services, retail trade, and mining. Thirteen counties have an all-time high rate above the State's peak.
- As the labor market strengthened after the recession, the unemployment rate levels in the Silver State started to improve. In July 2018, the Silver State has an unemployment rate of 4.5%. The county with the lowest unemployment rate is Eureka at 2.8%, while the county with the highest rate is Humboldt at 8.1%. Most jobs in Eureka county are in mining and retail trade, while most jobs in Humboldt county are in mining, accommodation/food services, and public administration. Eleven counties have a lower unemployment rate than the State's.