

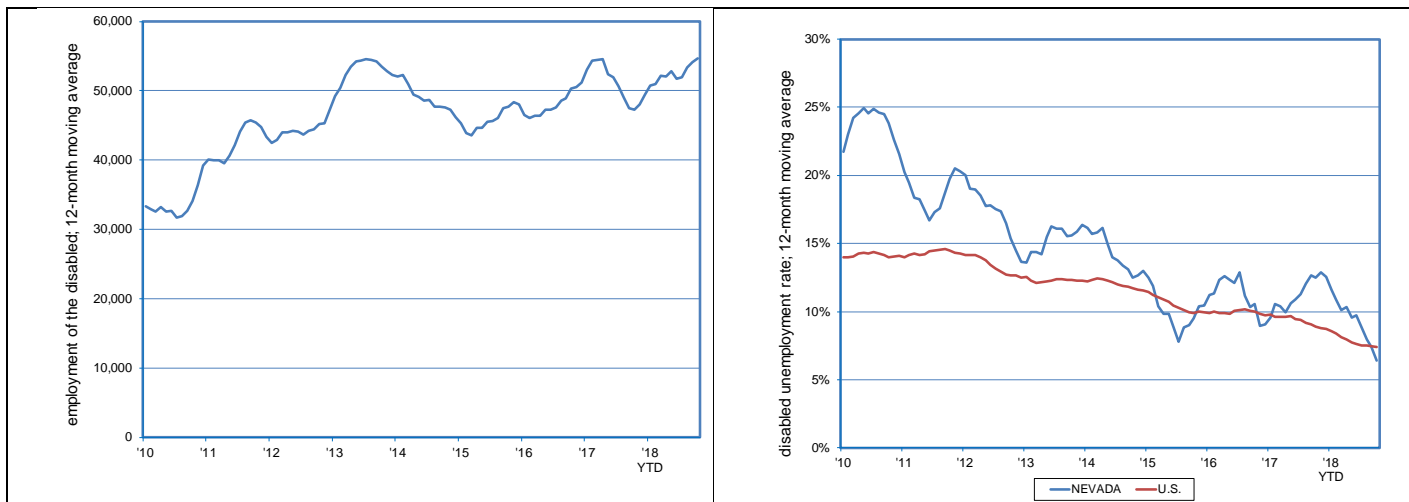
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Employment and Unemployment of Disabled Nevadans
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Employment of Disabled Nevadans At Record High; While Disabled Unemployment Rate Reaches New Low



- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) allows us to analyze the employment level and the unemployment rate of disabled Nevadans. The disabled unemployment rate is a simple measure: the ratio of the people with a disability who are unemployed relative to people with a disability in the labor force (either as workers or job seekers). CPS classifies persons as having a disability if they have a physical, mental, or emotional conditions that cause serious difficulty with their daily activities¹. Employment and unemployment estimates for people with a disability are available since 2009.
- In January 2010 the employment of disabled Nevadans stood at 33,300 (expressed as a 12-month moving average). This represented 18.7% of disabled Nevadans aged 16-year-old and over, compared to 19.1% nationwide.
- Since 2010, the employment of Nevadans with disabilities has been trending up. As of October 2018, the employment of the disabled averaged 54,680 in the Silver State. This stands for 20.3% of Nevadans who have a disability. Nationwide 19.1 percent of people with a disability are employed.
- Over time, the disabled unemployment rates in the Silver State and in the Nation, have been trending down. In mid-2010 the disabled unemployment rate in Nevada peaked at 24.9% (expressed as a 12-month moving average). Nationwide the rate peaked at 14.6% in late 2011.

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¹ Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics – 2017. Technical Note. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

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- For the 12-month period ending in October 2018, the Silver State's disabled unemployment rate is 6.4%, down 18.5 percentage points from mid-2010. This is a new low unemployment rate for Nevadans with a disability. In the U.S. the rate stands at 7.5%, down 7.1 percentage points from late 2011.
- As of October 2018, the number of disabled unemployed in Nevada totaled 3,750. This is down from 10,820 in mid-2010. Over time, 19.6% of total disabled Nevadans were employed, this compares to 17.9% nationwide. The disabled unemployment rate in the Silver State averaged 14.7% over time, while nationwide the rate averaged 11.6%
- The Department of Training and Rehabilitation's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state and federally funded program designed to help Nevadans with disabilities become employed. This agency has developed various work training programs and job fairs for people with disabilities, to help them overcome barriers to employment.