

Research Notes



Unemployment Rate by Gender
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Unemployment Rates Trending Down; Reasons for Unemployment Varied by Gender



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows for the analysis of the unemployment rate by gender and reasons for unemployment. People are unemployed because of various reasons, such as: job loss and completion of a temporary job, job leavers (individuals who voluntarily left their jobs), new labor force entrants (individuals who enter the labor force for the first time and do not find jobs) and labor force reentrants (individuals who enter the labor market after a period of retirement from the labor force and are unable to find jobs).
- In mid-2006, both male and female unemployment rates hovered around four percent in Nevada. However, beginning in late-2007, both rates started to increase. In mid-2010, the male unemployment rate in Nevada peaked at 15.9 percent (expressed as a 12-month moving average). The female unemployment rate reached its peak at 12.7 percent in late 2010. About 78 percent of men reported being unemployed because of job loss and because they completed temporary jobs, while 60 percent of women reported being unemployed for the same reasons. Twelve percent of men were labor force reentrants, compared to 23 percent of women.
- As of April 2018, the male unemployment rate stands at 5.4 percent, down from 5.6 percent last year. The female rate comes in at 4.8 percent down from 5.2 percent a year ago. The overall unemployment rate is 5.1¹ percent, down from 5.4% previous year. Based upon trends over the past few years, the gap between men and women has improved, despite some volatility in the series.
- As of **March 2018**, **59** percent of men reported being unemployed because of job loss or completion of a temporary job, compared to **41** percent of women. About **34** percent of women were labor force reentrants compared to **18** percent of men.

¹ It should be noted that utilizing information solely from the CPS results in a slightly different total unemployment rate than what is officially reported. The State's official rate incorporates information regarding job trends and unemployment insurance claims activity into the calculation, in addition to CPS results.