

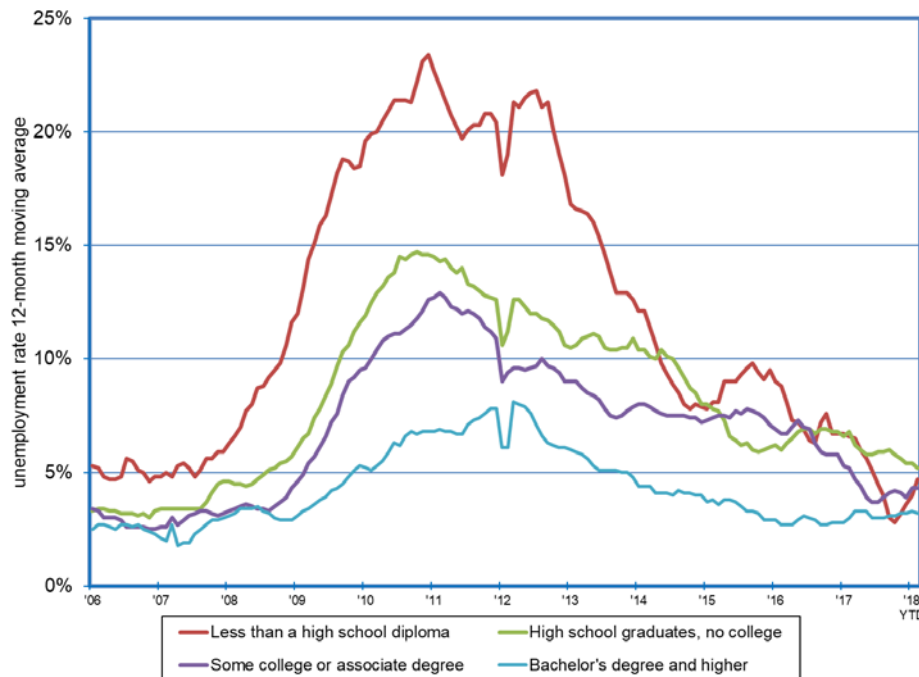
Research Notes



Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment
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Nevadans in the Workforce with Higher Educational Attainment Are Less Affected by Economic Downturns



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows to identify unemployment rate trends for Nevadans with varying levels of educational attainment.
- The impact of economic downturns on unemployed Nevadans varies by level of education. Those with lower levels of education were more affected by recessionary pressures.
- In nearly every month over the past decade, the unemployment rate for those in the workforce with less than a high school education was the highest amongst all Nevadans. In fact, at the height of the recession, the jobless rate for this group stood at 23.4 percent in late 2010, over eight percentage points higher than that for those with a high school education. As of February 2018 the rate stands at 4.7 percent.
- Nevadans with a high school education, showed an unemployment rate peak of 14.7 percent in late 2010. In February 2018 the rate stands at 5.2 percent.
- Nevadans with some college or associate degree, had an unemployment rate of 12.9 percent in early 2011. As of February the rate is 4.3 percent.
- The unemployment rate for those Nevadans with at least a Bachelor's Degree has consistently been the lowest amongst all groups. It peaked at 8.1 percent in March 2012. Currently the rate for this group stands at 3.2 percent.