

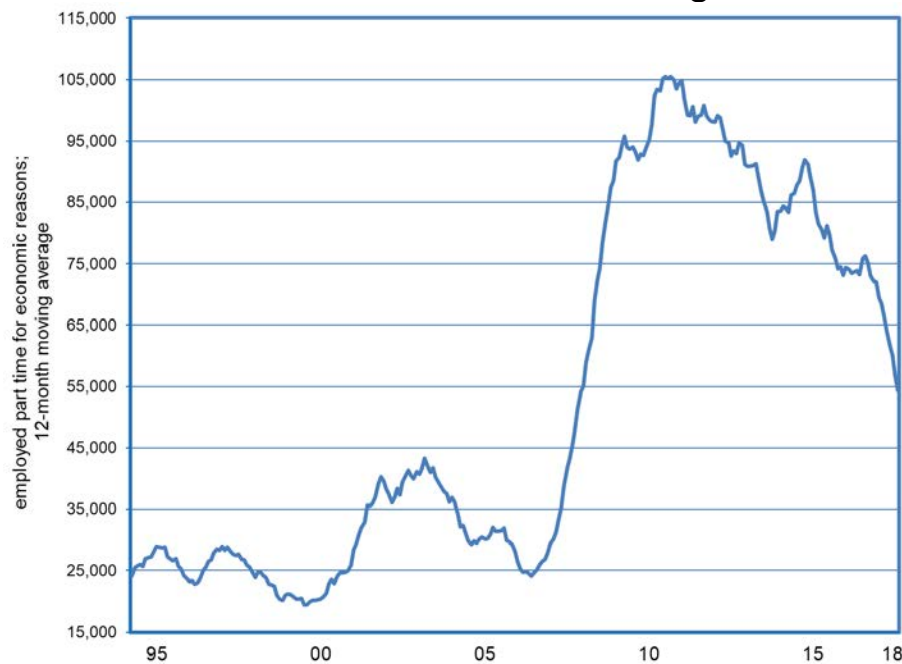
Research Notes



Employed part time for economic reasons
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Nevadans Employed Part Time for Economic Reasons Trending Down; Still Above Historical Average



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows for the analysis of workers employed part time for economic reasons, sometimes called "involuntary part time". The BLS defines these workers as those working less than full time (1-34 hours in a week) for reasons such as: unfavorable business conditions, inability to find full time work, and seasonal declines in demand. These workers are interested and available to work full time but have been unable to find it.
- Based upon results from the CPS available since 1994, the number of Nevadans employed part time for economic reasons experienced its lowest level in May 2000 reaching 19,370; measured on a 12-month moving average.
- By June 2011, the number of part-time workers for economic reasons had risen to 105,450 Nevadans, as the recession took hold on the Silver State. Since that time, the number of these workers has been trending down.
- Over the past 12 months ending in May 2018, part-time workers for economic reasons have averaged 54,350 in Nevada. This is a decline of 28.8 percent or 22,000 from the same period last year. It also represents a decline of 51,100 from the peak.
- The BLS captures part time workers for economic reasons in its Alternative Measure of Labor Underutilization U6 series. During year ending first quarter 2018, U6 stood at 10.4 percent, 5.3 percentage points above the U3 series (the most similar to the official unemployment rate).