

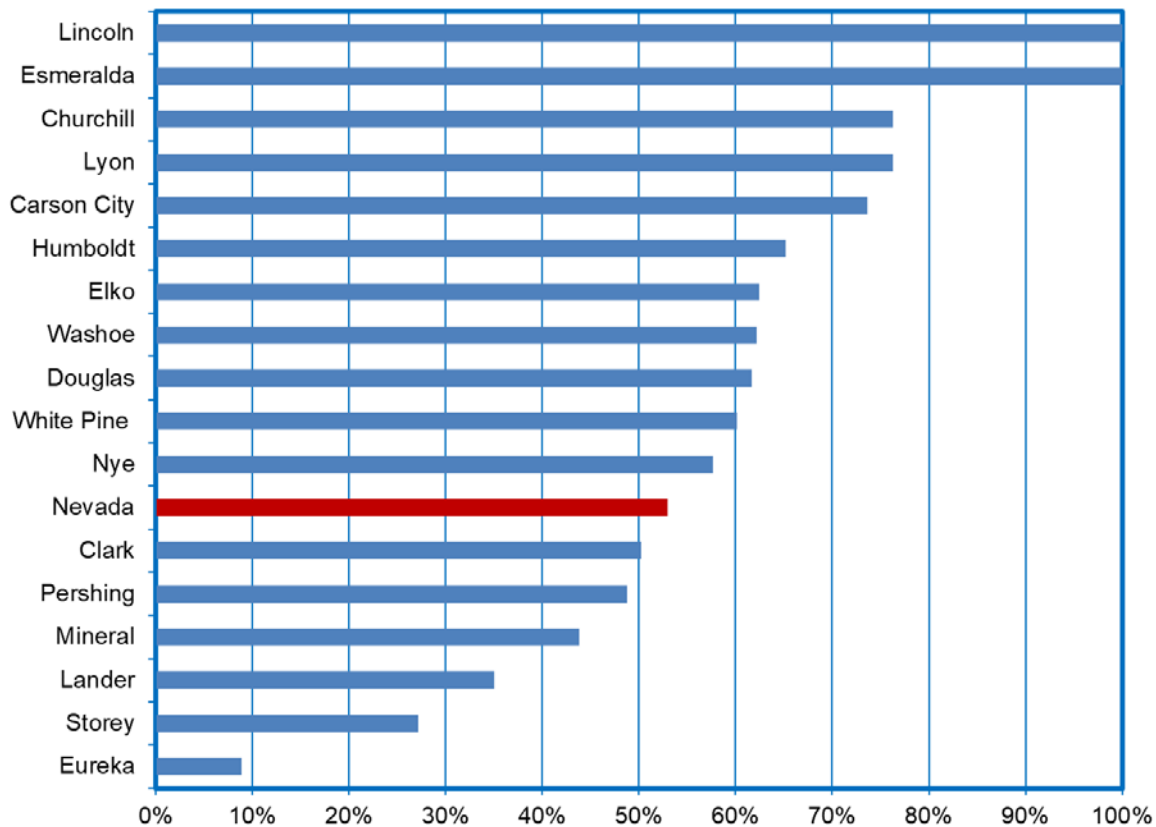
Research Notes



Small Business Employment Share by County
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Esmeralda/Lincoln Have Highest Share of Small Business Employment



- In the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program, the Research and Analysis Bureau collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by Nevada unemployment insurance laws, and federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees.
- As of 2017, employment in firms with less than 100 employees (our definition of “small business”) accounted for 53.0% of total private sector employment in Nevada.
- Small business establishments account for more than half of total employment in 12 of 17 counties
- The lowest rates are Eureka at 9% and Storey County at 27.1. This is attributable to large mining and transportation/logistics operations in these counties respectively.
- In Esmeralda and Lincoln Counties, 100% of employment is in establishments with less than 100 employees in the absence of any large employers in these counties.
- As for Nevada’s major population centers, Clark County comes in at 50%, slightly below the Statewide average. Carson City is 74% and Washoe County is 62.2%, both higher than in the State as a whole.