

Research Notes



Industry Comparison: Las Vegas and Similar Cities
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Transportation and Warehousing Has Higher Concentration in Las Vegas than in Similar Size Metropolitan Areas

Industry	Las Vegas	Austin	Boston	Portland	Sacramento
Accommodation and Food Services	1	1	4	4	3
Retail Trade	2	2	3	3	2
Health Care and Social Assistance	3	3	1	1	1
Administrative and Waste Services	4	5	7	7	4
Construction	5	7	10	6	5
Transportation and Warehousing	6	13	15	13	11
Professional and Technical Services	7	4	2	5	6
Finance and Insurance	8	9	6	11	7
Other Services (except Public Administration)	9	10	12	9	9
Manufacturing	10	6	5	2	8

- 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
- These cities were chosen on the basis of being of similar population (2017) to the Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise Metropolitan Statistical Area (Las Vegas MSA). The table above is a comparison of how Las Vegas' industry concentration compares to similar cities in the United States. The rankings are based on that industry's (2-Digit NAICS) share of total private employment in the respective MSA.
- Transportation and Warehousing is an industry where Las Vegas' concentration far exceeds that of the other cities. It ranks sixth in Las Vegas while being no higher than 11th in the others.
- Accommodation and food services is the number one in the Las Vegas area making it similar to the other metro areas listed. It ranks no lower than fourth in the other four cities. Accommodation/Food Services and Health Care/Social Assistance rank the highest in the others.
- The top 10 industries are fairly similar amongst all five metro areas albeit in different order with transportation and warehousing typically falling lower in the rankings.

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