

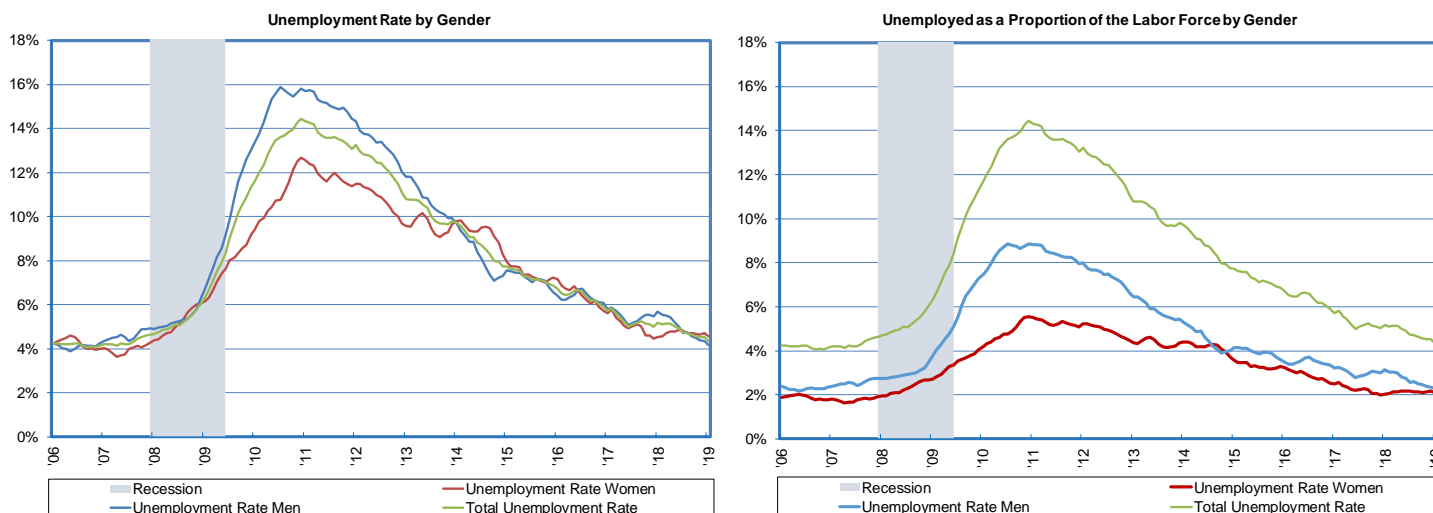
# Research Notes



Unemployment Rate by Gender  
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## Unemployment Rates in Nevada are Returning to Historical Levels for Both Women and Men



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) enables the analysis of the unemployment rate by gender in Nevada.
- The chart unemployment rate by gender shows the trends for the unemployment rates for women, men, and the combined total for the state from January 2006 to January 2019. The three unemployment rates trend very closely except for 2009 to the middle of 2013 when the rate for men went higher.
- During this time the unemployment rate for men peaked at 15.9 percent in July of 2010, and the unemployment rate for women reached its peak at 12.7 percent in December of 2010. The state also peaked in December 2010 at 14.4 percent.
- In January 2019, the unemployment rate for women was 4.6 percent, 4.2 percent for men, and 4.4 percent for the state. From January 1995 through December 2007 the three unemployment rates averaged 4.4 percent meaning we are returning to historical rates again.
- Much of the difference in unemployment rates by gender during the early 2009 to middle 2013 period is due to the distribution of male/female employment across different industries. For example, construction was one of the hardest hit sectors during the recession, and contributed to the higher unemployment rate for men.
- The chart unemployed as a proportion of the labor force by gender shows what proportion of the labor force was unemployed men and women from January 2006 to January 2019. The state unemployment rate is included for comparison, and it is the total of the two proportions.
- Unemployed women have generally made up a smaller portion of the labor force than unemployed men, but women also make up a smaller portion of the total labor force. In January 2019 men made up approximately 53.9 percent of the labor force and women made up 46.1 percent. At the same time unemployed women made up 1.9 percent of the labor force and unemployed men made up 2.3 percent.
- From January 1995 through December 2007 the proportion of unemployed women in the labor force averaged 1.9 percent, and the proportion of unemployed men averaged 2.5 percent showing that we are

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returning to historical averages.

- Nevada Job Connect offers employment services including help with job searches, resume preparation, interview skills, resource centers, skills assessment, proficiency testing, and training for a new job. Their website has more information at <http://www.nevadajobconnect.com/>.

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