

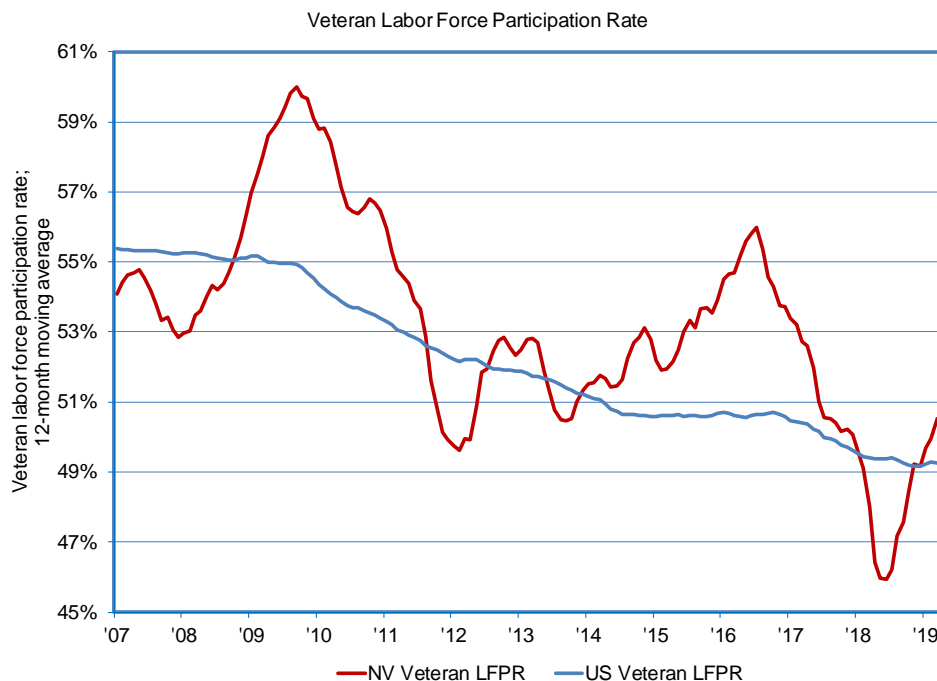
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Veteran Labor Force Participation Rate
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Veteran Labor Force Participation Rate Declining Over Time



- The Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is a simple measure: the ratio of the labor force relative to the non-institutional population¹ (16 years and older). It measures the extent to which Nevadans are participating in the labor force, either as workers or job seekers. The monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, provides LFPR estimates.
- CPS estimates dating back to 2006 provide information about the LFPR of Veterans in the Silver State. This measure indicates the percentage of veteran population participating in the labor force, either as employed or actively seeking work. According to the BLS, Veterans are men and women who previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, and who were civilians at the time they were surveyed.
- Due to the volatility in the series, a 12-month moving average was used in the calculations. The Veteran LFPR in Nevada stood at 54.6% in March 2007, compared to 55.4% in the U.S. During this time, Nevada Veteran LFPR ranked 30th among other States and the District of Columbia. The overall LFPR was 68.3% in Nevada while the nation's was 66.2%.

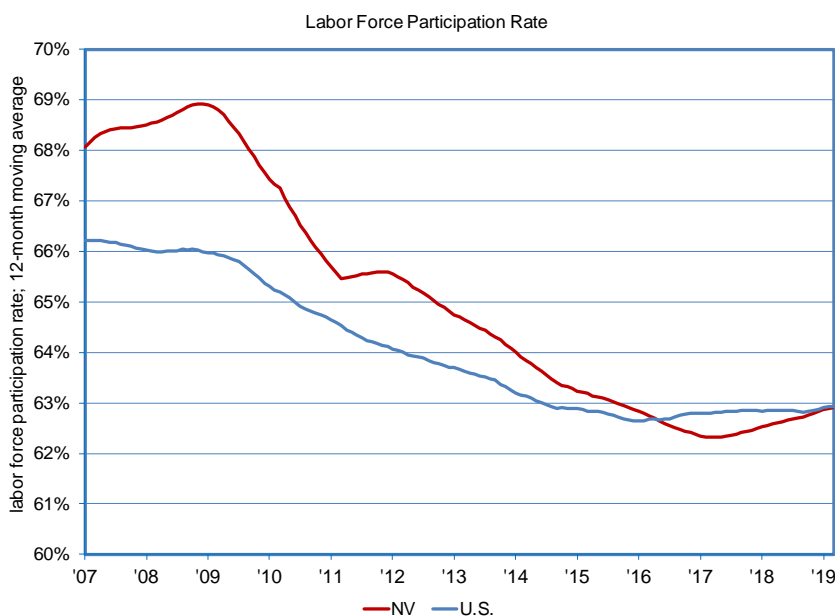
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¹ Civilian noninstitutional population are people 16 years old and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia who are not confined to institutions, such as nursing homes and prisons, and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

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- Although these are relatively short time series, overall the Veteran LFPR is trending down in the Silver State and nationwide. As of March 2019, Nevada's Veteran rate stands at 50.5%, up from 48% a year ago. In March the overall LFPR in the Silver State is 62.9%, up from 62.6% last year and is trending up as of late. The overall LFPR in the nation is also 62.9%, up from 62.8% previous year. The U.S. Veteran rate is 49.3%, down from 49.4% previous year. Nevada Veteran LFPR ranks 21st among other States and the District of Columbia. Maryland has the highest Veteran LFPR at 62.9%.
- Nevada Job Connect offers services for veterans including help with job searches, resume preparation, interview skills, resource centers, skills assessment, proficiency testing, training, and potential purchase of work related items required for a new job. Their website has more information at <http://www.nevadajobconnect.com/>.



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