

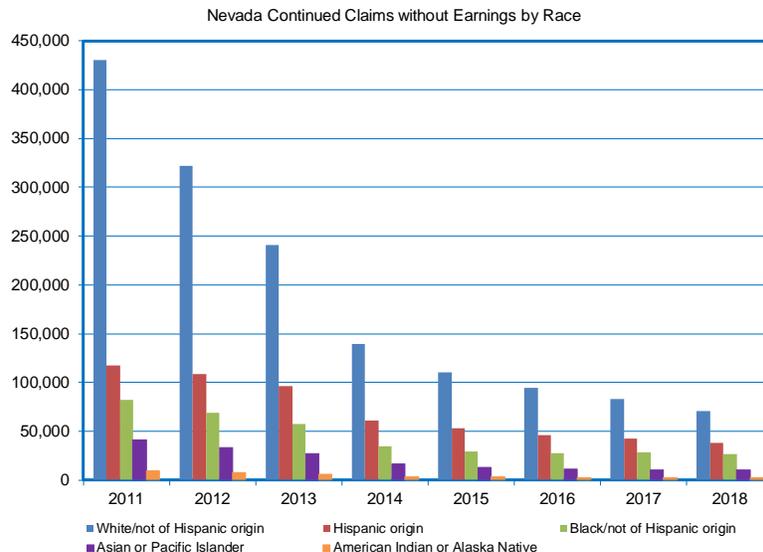
# Research Notes



Sub-State Continued Claims without Earnings by Race  
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## Continued Claims Without Earnings Trending Down Across Race Groups Concentrated in Clark County, Washoe, and Carson City



- The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program is a federal-state cooperative effort to calculate the monthly estimates of total employment and unemployment in Nevada. This program uses statistical models to calculate LAUS estimates. LAUS uses the definition of unemployment from the Current Population Survey (CPS). In the CPS, unemployment is defined as all persons not employed during the CPS reference week (includes the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month<sup>1</sup>) but who were available for work and had made specific efforts to find a job during the last four weeks.
- The model that calculates unemployment estimates includes, among other inputs, the number of unemployment insurance (UI) continued<sup>2</sup> claimants. Following the CPS unemployment definition, these claimants reside in Nevada, they are not working during the reference week or receiving earnings, they are available for work and have search for work during the last four weeks. These UI claims are called continued claims without earnings. The Nevada unemployment insurance (UI) claims system provides extract files of all claims each month, then those claims that meet the CPS unemployment definition are extracted and used in the calculation of unemployment estimates. This research note analyzes the distribution of UI continued claims without earnings by county of residence and by race from 2011 to 2018. Race or ethnicity information was not available in some UI claims.

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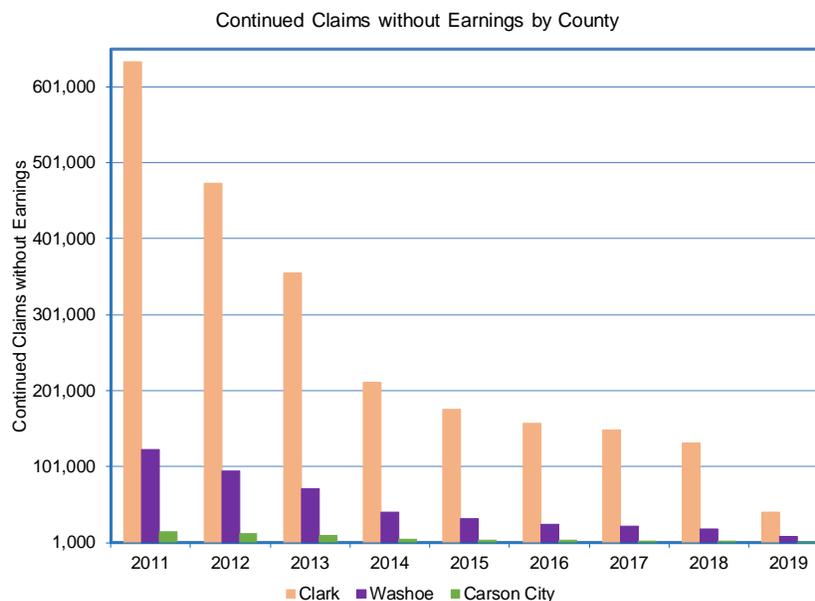
<sup>1</sup> In November and December, the reference week might not include the 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Holidays.

<sup>2</sup> Claimant is a person who makes a claim for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits under any State of Federal unemployment compensation program. After an initial UI benefits claim has been approved, individuals file a weekly continued claim.

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- There were over 838,520 UI claims without earnings filled statewide in 2011 and around 166,790 filled in 2018. The high UI claims figures in 2011 reflect the negative impact of the 2007 economic downturn on Nevada's labor market.
- The first graph above show that the overall UI Claims are trending down in all race groups. In 2018 White's claims reached 71,159, this is down from 430,490 in 2011. Hispanics claims were over 38,000 in 2018, this is down from 117,570 in 2011. Black's claims declined to 27,100 in 2018 from 82,320 in 2011. Asian or Pacific Islander's claims were 10,255 in 2018, this down from 41,690 in 2011. The American Indian or Alaska Natives' claims declined to 2,200 in 2018 from 9,700 in 2011.
- UI claims without earnings are concentrated in Clark County with 79.5% share of total claims in 2018, follow by Washoe with 11.7% and Carson City with 1.9%. In 2018 White's claims are concentrated in Clark, Washoe and Lyon. Hispanics and Asian or Pacific Islanders claims are concentrated in Clark, Washoe and Carson City. Black's claims are concentrated in Clark, Washoe, and Nye County. American Indian claims are concentrated in Clark, Washoe, and Elko County.



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