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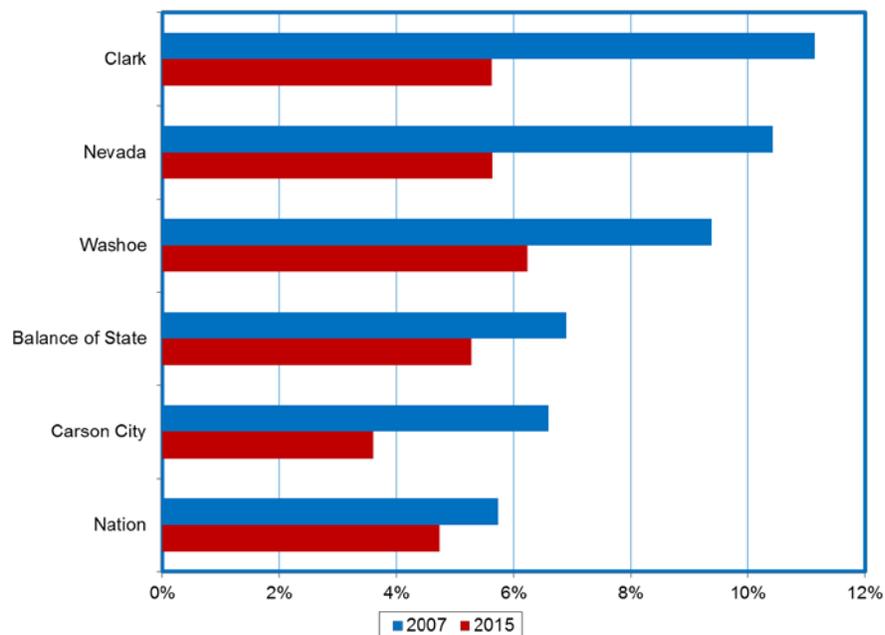
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Construction as a Share of Total Employment  
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## Construction's Share of Total Jobs Cut in Half from Pre-Recession; Much More in Line with National Norms (construction as a percent of total jobs)



- Prior to the recession, Nevada had an unusually high percentage of construction employment, at 10.4% (133,800 jobs out of 1,284,000 as of 2007). As of 2015, construction has yet to recover the jobs lost over the downturn, down nearly five percentage points from the peak, at 5.6% of total employment (70,200 out of 1,245,000 jobs).
- Perhaps most importantly, Nevada's share of construction jobs was nearly twice the national average in 2007 (10.4% vs 5.7%). In 2015, the share in the Silver State is much closer to the U.S. (5.6% vs 4.7%). This trend correlates with a more stable construction industry, and overall economy, for Nevada.
- Clark County had a higher pre-recessionary ratio of construction employment than any of the other metro areas, at 11.1%. The construction industry in Clark was affected more than the State as a whole, with construction job share down 5.5 percentage points from 2007, to 5.6% in 2015.
- Over the economic downturn, the share of construction industry employment in Washoe decreased slightly less than in Clark, down from 9.4% in 2007, to 6.2% in 2015, or 3.2 percentage points.
- Construction employment in Carson City accounted for 6.6% of total employment during pre-recessionary highs. During 2015, construction employment in the Silver State's capital dropped three percentage points, to 3.6%