

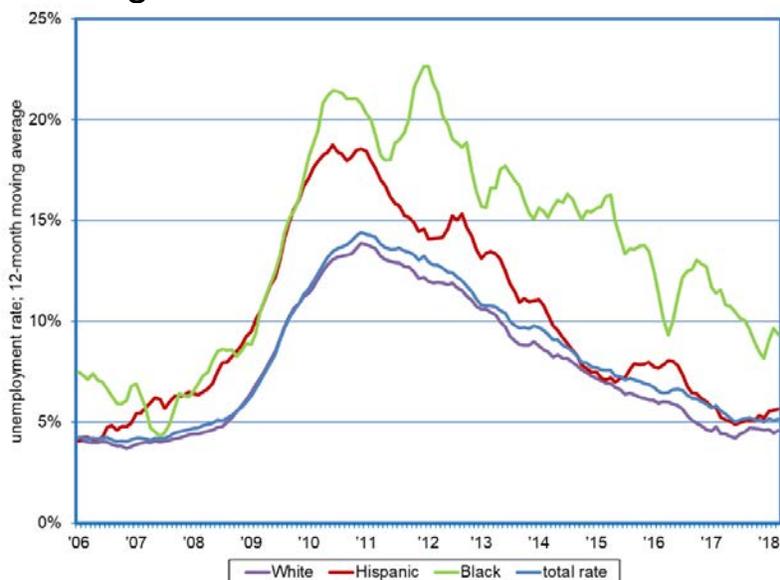
Research Notes



Unemployment Rate by Race
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Unemployment Rates by Race in Nevada Trending Down Since the End of the Recession



- Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, allows for the analysis of the unemployment rate in the Silver State by race.
- The unemployment rate in Nevada varies across race. Prior to the recession, the unemployment rate for Blacks was 7.4 percent (expressed as a 12-month moving average), compared to that for Whites at four percent. The rate for people of Hispanic origin was 4.1 percent.
- During the recession the unemployment rate for Blacks peaked at 22.6 percent, while the rate for Whites topped out at 13.9 percent. The rate for Hispanics peaked at 18.7 percent.
- As the recovery unfolded, the unemployment rates decreased for all racial groups. For year ending in March 2018, Blacks have an unemployment rate of 9.4 percent (below 10 percent since September 2017). The rate for Whites is 4.6 percent and the rate for Hispanics stands at 5.7 percent. The overall unemployment rate is 5.1¹ percent. Although the sample at the State level is very small, the Silver State follows similar trends as the nation as a whole.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, labor market differences across racial groups are associated with many factors, not all of which are measurable. These factors include variations across the groups in educational attainment, the occupations and industries in which they work, and the geographic areas in which the groups are concentrated (including urban or rural settings).

¹ It should be noted that utilizing information solely from the CPS results in a slightly different total unemployment rate than what is officially reported. The State's official rate incorporates information regarding job trends and unemployment insurance claims activity into the calculation, in addition to CPS results.