

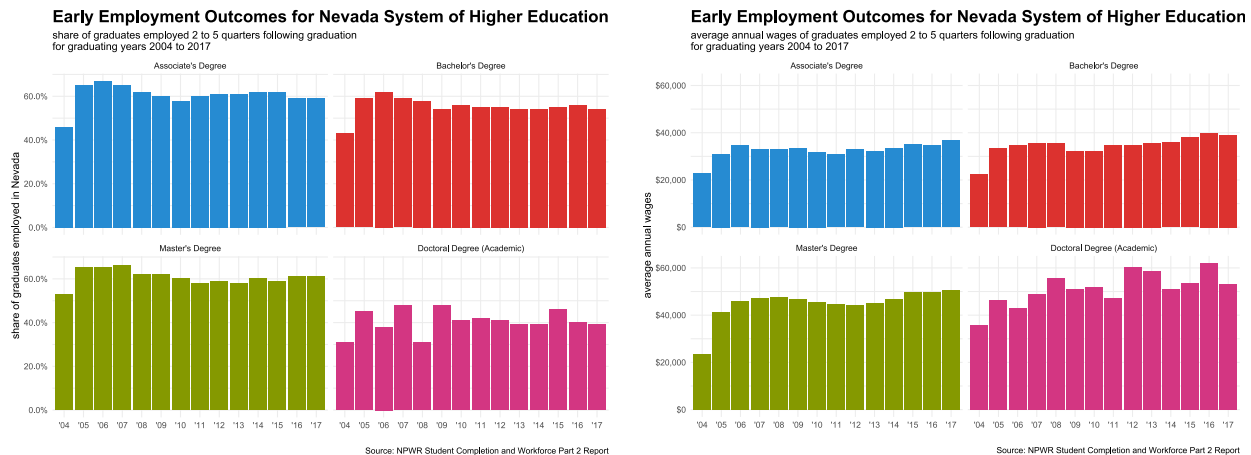
# Research Notes



NSHE Employment Outcomes  
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## NSHE Graduate Early Employment Outcomes in Nevada:



- Using NPWR's<sup>1</sup> Student Completion and Workforce Report, we looked at the percentage of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) graduates employed two to five quarters following graduation, within the State of Nevada, and the wages those graduates are earning.
- Master's Degree recipients experienced the highest proportion of employment following graduation, with a reading of just over 61 percent, followed by Associate's Degree graduates at 59 percent, and Bachelor's Degree graduates at 54 percent. Interestingly, Doctoral Degree graduates experience an early employment outcome of only 39 percent. This is likely due to a variety of factors, one of which is the short time horizon of the early outcomes report (it may take more than 2-5 months to find a job after graduation).
- Average wages by degree were highest for Doctoral Degree recipients, averaging \$53,200, with Master's Degree graduates following closely behind at \$50,700. Bachelor's and Associate's Degree recipients were observed to be earning \$39,000 and \$36,700, respectively.
- For all degree types except Doctoral Degrees, the effects of the great recession are apparent in the historical data, with both a depressed rate of early employment and lower wages between 2008 and 2010. However, employment and wages are trending up for graduates in the most recent years.

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<sup>1</sup> NPWR (Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System) is a research tool resulting from a collaborative effort by the Nevada Department of Education, the Nevada System of Higher Education, and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. NPWR is a system that securely integrates each agency's de-identified data to provide first-hand information on trends and outcomes across education and workforce programs in the State of Nevada.