

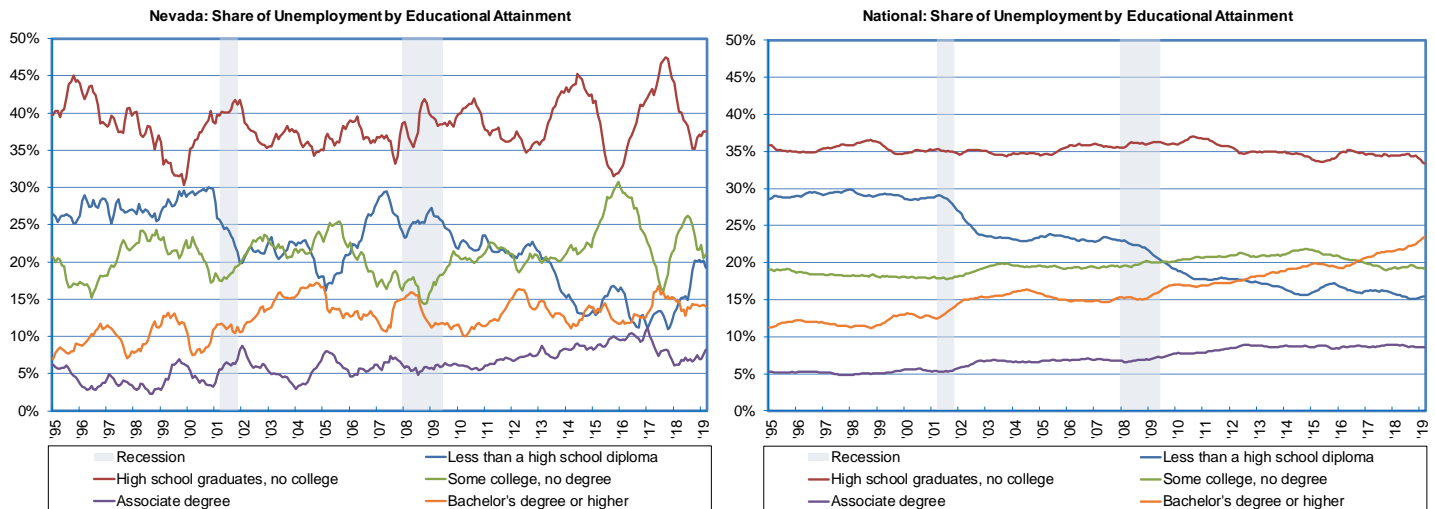
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Unemployment by Education in the Nevada Labor Force
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Nevada's Concentration of Higher Education as a Share of the Unemployed is Less Than the Nation's



- Using data from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) we conduct an analysis of the level of educational attainment for the unemployed population of Nevada and the nation. CPS estimates are available since 1994, and are examined through January 2019 using a twelve-month moving average.
- Individuals with less than a high school diploma have been decreasing as a share of the unemployed in the nation going from 28.5 percent in January 1995 to 15.4 percent in February 2019. This trend has also occurred in Nevada, decreasing from 26.1 percent in January 1995 to 19.3 percent in February 2019.
- The share of unemployed who are high school graduates with no college has remained a relatively constant percentage of the unemployed at approximately 35 percent for the nation, and an average of approximately 38 percent for the state over the January 1995 to February 2019 timeframe. In February 2019 they comprised 37.5 percent of the unemployed in Nevada.
- The cohort of some college- no degree has remained flat on both a national level and state level at approximately 20 percent from January 1995 to February 2019. Nationally they comprised 19.2 percent of the unemployed, and 21.0 percent in Nevada in February 2019.
- Both nationally and in Nevada individuals with associates degrees have increased as a share of the unemployed. The nation increased from 5.2 percent in January 1995 to 8.6 percent in February 2019, and from 5.9 percent to 8.2 percent in Nevada over the same time. This increase coincided with associates degrees becoming more prevalent in the labor force going from a share of approximately 7 percent of the

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labor force in January 1995 to approximately 10 percent in January 2019 for both Nevada and the Nation.

- Nevada has a smaller share of unemployed individuals with Bachelor's degrees or higher at 14.0 percent compared to the national rate of 23.4 percent of the unemployed both in February 2019. Nationally this cohort has been trending upward going from 7.8 percent of the unemployed in January 1995 to 23.4 percent in February 2019. In Nevada the share of unemployed has been trending flat since early 2009. Bachelor's degrees or higher have been increasing as a share of the labor force overtime going from approximately 24 percent to 37 percent nationally from January 1995 to February 2019, and from an estimated 16 percent to approximately 25 percent of the labor force in Nevada explaining some of the increase in this cohorts share of the unemployed.
- Nevada Job Connect offers employment services including help with job searches, resume preparation, interview skills, resource centers, skills assessment, proficiency testing, and training for a new job. Their website has more information at <http://www.nevadajobconnect.com/>.

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