

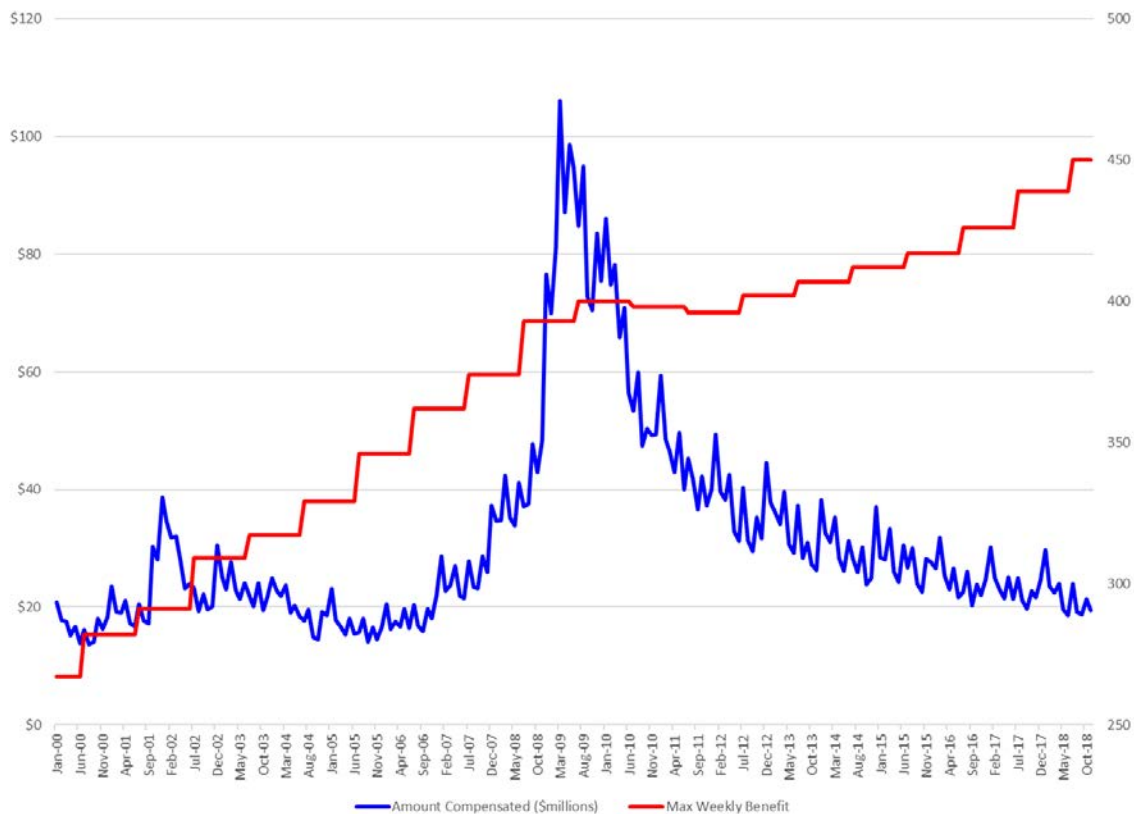
Research Notes



UI Amount Compensated vs Max Weekly Benefit
Jeremy Hays, Economist

Note: 2018:151
December 19, 2018

Amount Compensated Continues to Decline Despite Rising Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount



- Nevada's unemployment insurance (UI) program sets the maximum weekly benefit that a claimant can receive based on employment and wage data in the state. As the ratio of total wages to total covered employment increases, the maximum weekly benefit amount increases as well.
- Since 2000, the maximum weekly benefit amount has increased in each year except 2010 and 2011, the height of the recessionary effects on the employment and wage base.
- The current maximum weekly benefit amount stands at \$450.
- Despite the continued increases in the maximum weekly benefit amount, the total amount compensated by Nevada's UI program has been falling since 2009.
- When we consider a 12-month moving average of the amount compensated, we see that there have been year-over-year declines in the series since August of 2010.