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Employment and Unemployment Rate of Nevadans with Disabilities
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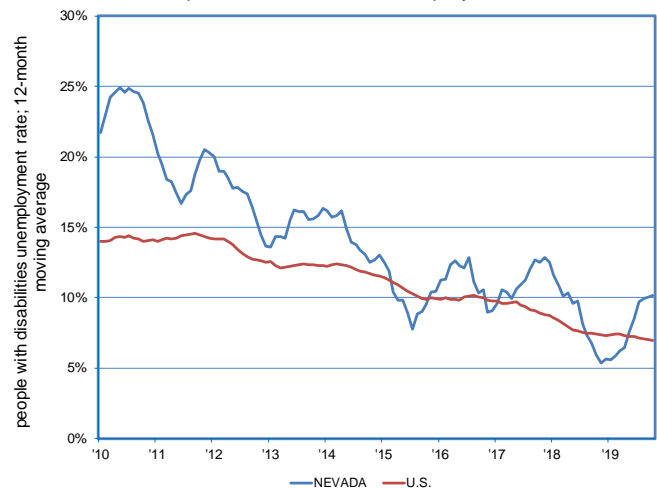
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Employment of Nevadans with Disabilities Increasing; While Unemployment Rate for These Nevadans Trends Down

Nevada: People with Disabilities Employment



People with Disabilities Unemployment Rate



- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Information from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) allows us to analyze the employment level and the unemployment rate of Nevadans with disabilities. The unemployment rate of people with disabilities is a simple measure: the ratio of the people with disabilities who are unemployed relative to people with disabilities in the labor force (either as workers or job seekers). CPS classifies persons as having a disability if they have a physical, mental, or emotional conditions that cause serious difficulty with their daily activities¹. Employment and unemployment estimates for people with disabilities are available since 2009.
- In January 2010 the employment of Nevadans with disabilities stood at 33,300 (expressed as a 12-month moving average). This represented 18.7% of Nevadans with disabilities aged 16-year-old and over, compared to 19.1% nationwide.
- Since 2010, the employment of Nevadans with disabilities has been trending up. As of October 2019, the employment for these individuals averaged 58,980 in the Silver State. This represents 20.7% of Nevadans who have a disability. Nationwide 19.3 percent of people with a disability are employed.

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¹ Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics – 2017. Technical Note. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

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- Over time, the unemployment rates for these individuals in the Silver State and in the Nation, have been trending down. In mid-2010 the unemployment rate for Nevadans with disabilities peaked at 24.9% (expressed as a 12-month moving average). Nationwide the rate peaked at 14.6% in late 2011. For the year ending in October 2019, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities in the Silver State is 10.2%, down 14.7 percentage points from mid-2010. In the U.S. the rate stands at seven percent, down 7.6 percentage points from late 2011.
- As of October 2019, the number of unemployed Nevadans with disabilities totaled 6,700. This is down from 10,820 in mid-2010. From 2010 to October 2019, 19.7% of total Nevadans with disabilities were employed, this compares to 18.1% nationwide. Over the same time period, the unemployment rate for these individuals in the Silver State averaged 13.9%, while nationwide the rate averaged 11.2%
- The Department of Training and Rehabilitation's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state and federally funded agency that provides vocational services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist them in preparing for obtaining competitive, integrated employment. The services available under this program are tailored to meet the individuals needs for the consumer and may include a broad variety of vocational assessments, career counseling, training, education, job development, job placement, work readiness training, medical treatment/restoration, transportation, and assistive technology.
- Contact for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and more information about the services provided in Nevada can be found at: <https://detr.nv.gov/Page/Rehabilitation-Office-Locations>

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