

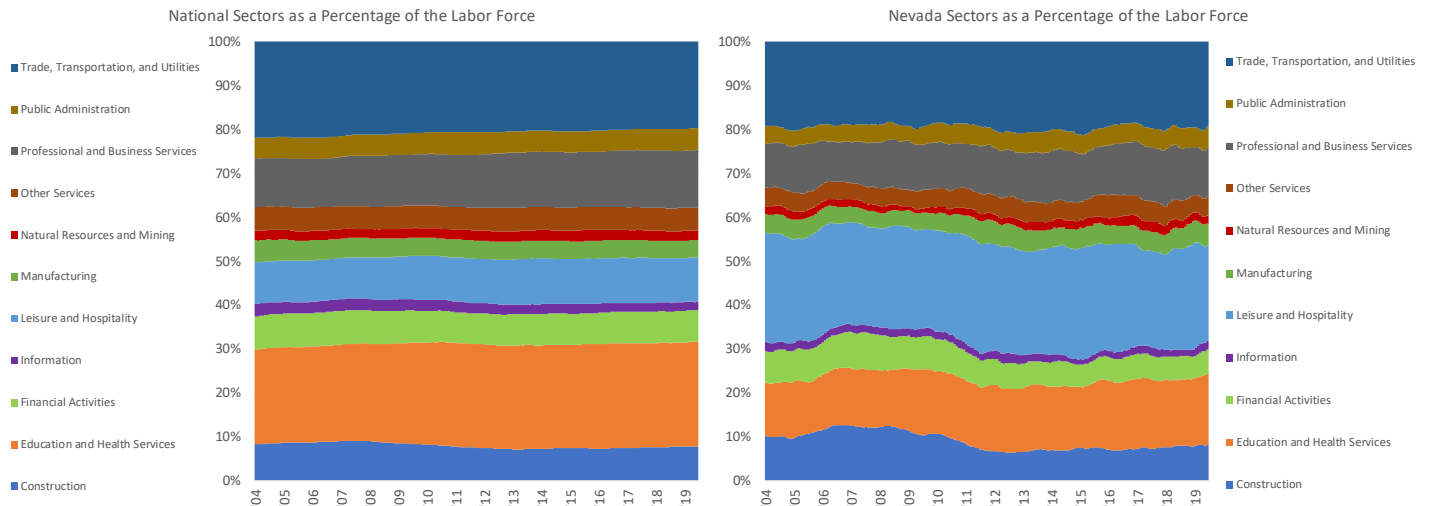
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Sector Employment  
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## Nevada's Leisure and Hospitality Sector is the Largest Portion in its Economy Where in the Nation Education and Health Services is the Largest



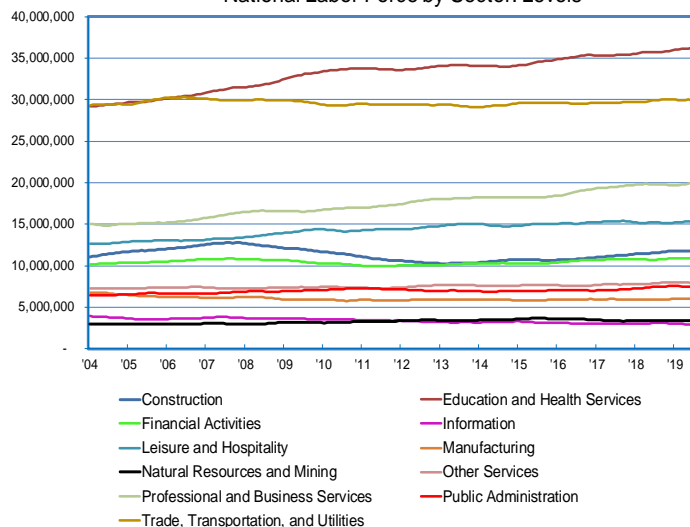
- Data from the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) permits for the analysis of labor force concentration by sector in Nevada compared to the nation. CPS estimates are available since 2004. All estimates are calculated using a 12-month moving average. The first set of charts shows sector employment as a percentage of the total labor force from January 2004 through June 2019.
- National and Nevada sector employment follows similar trends with two exceptions. Nationally the largest sector by employment is education and health services at nearly 24 percent compared to 16 percent in Nevada. Nevada's largest sector is leisure and hospitality services at approximately 22 percent compared to 10 percent for the nation.
- The construction sector has had several changes over the period examined. Nationally, the sector is at 7.7 percent in June 2019, and ranged between 9.0 percent for much of 2007 and 7.1 percent in early 2013. Compared to Nevada's construction sector that is at approximately 9 percent in June 2019, and ranged between 12.7 percent in the middle of 2006, and 6.4 percent in the middle of 2012.
- Leisure and hospitality is the largest sector by employment in Nevada. It averages 23.7 percent of the labor force over the period examined, and ranges between 25.5 percent on the high end in early 2015 to 21.6 percent in early 2017 on the low. The national average is 9.9 percent for the sector over the period examined.
- Education and health services has averaged 23.1 percent of the national employment, and is the largest sector. While in Nevada it has made up 14.2 percent on average, and was the third largest sector in June 2019.

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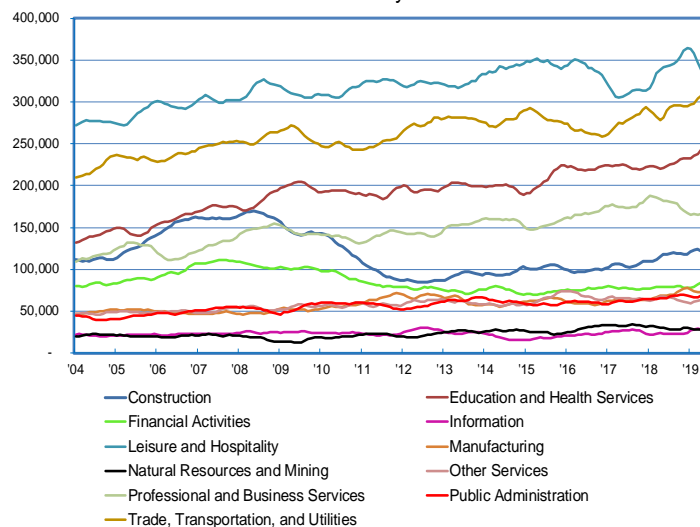
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National Labor Force by Sector: Levels



Nevada Labor Force by Sector: Levels



- Above the two charts show the trends in employment levels for Nevada and the nation from 2004 to 2019. They show that trends in Nevada are broadly similar to the US, albeit with different emphasis in certain sectors such as healthcare and leisure and hospitality. They also show that many sectors are growing or remaining constant, and few are in decline.
- The table below shows sector employment for the nation and Nevada in June 2019 from largest to smallest as a percentage of employment and levels of employment.

## Sector Employment Concentration in June 2019

National	Percentage	Level	Nevada	Percentage	Level
Education and Health Services	23.9%	36,259,507	Leisure and Hospitality	21.8%	333,250
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	19.7%	29,909,473	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	19.3%	295,239
Professional and Business Services	13.2%	20,019,530	Education and Health Services	16.2%	248,822
Leisure and Hospitality	10.1%	15,289,463	Professional and Business Services	11.2%	171,569
Construction	7.7%	11,735,414	Construction	8.1%	123,924
Financial Activities	7.2%	10,930,163	Financial Activities	5.5%	84,640
Other Services	5.2%	7,886,581	Manufacturing	5.1%	78,375
Public Administration	4.9%	7,450,805	Public Administration	4.9%	75,259
Manufacturing	4.0%	5,995,777	Other Services	4.2%	64,032
Natural Resources and Mining	2.2%	3,379,524	Information	1.9%	28,982
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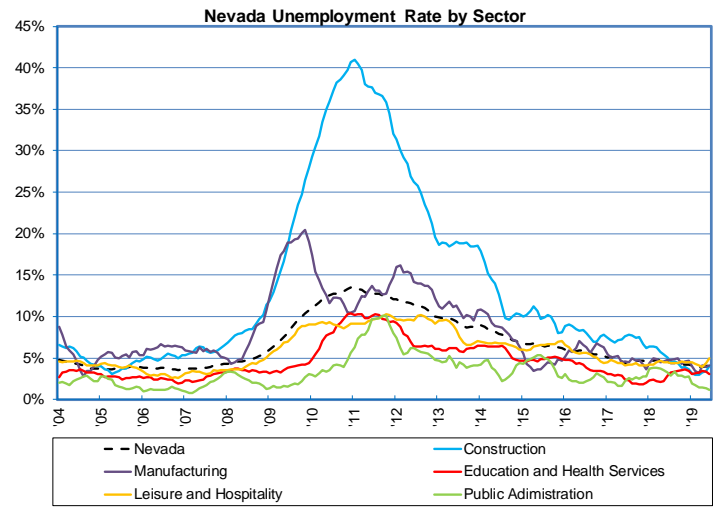
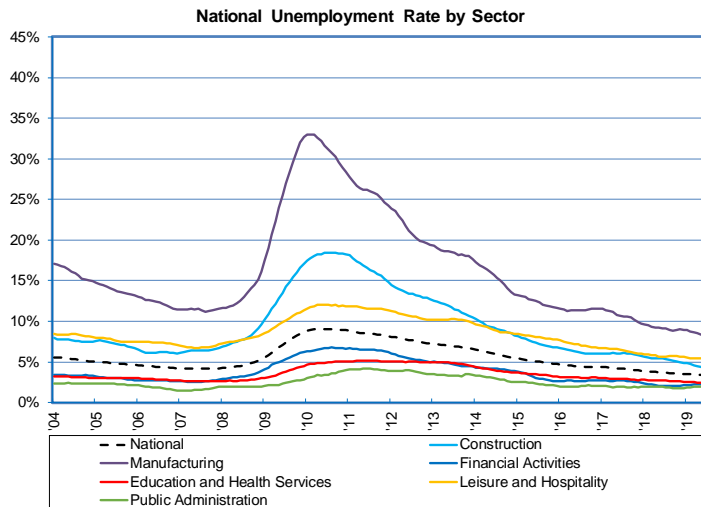
- Finally, we look at the unemployment rate by sector for the Nation and Nevada. Of the eleven sectors outlined in the tables and charts above several were excluded from the unemployment rate charts on the next page to

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allow for the charts to be more legible. The sectors excluded nationally were trade, transportation, and utilities; professional and business services, natural resources and mining, information, and other services.

- In Nevada, several sectors were excluded for the same reason, or due to the data being volatile from small sample sizes. These sectors are the same as the national sectors with the addition of financial activities.



- Nationally, unemployment follows similar trends across sectors. An exception to this is the manufacturing sector that trends at a much higher rate, and had an unemployment rate of over 33.0 percent in March 2010 compared to 9.0 percent nationally during the same time period. In Nevada, manufacturing trends closer with the state unemployment rate peaking at 20.4 percent in November 2009. Since then rates have returned to 8.3 percent nationally, and 4.1 percent in Nevada.
- Construction in Nevada had the highest unemployment rate of 41.0 percent in January 2011, and has since returned to a level of 4.0 percent in June 2019. Nationally, construction reached a peak of 18.5 percent in September 2009, and has returned to a level of 4.3 percent in June 2019.

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