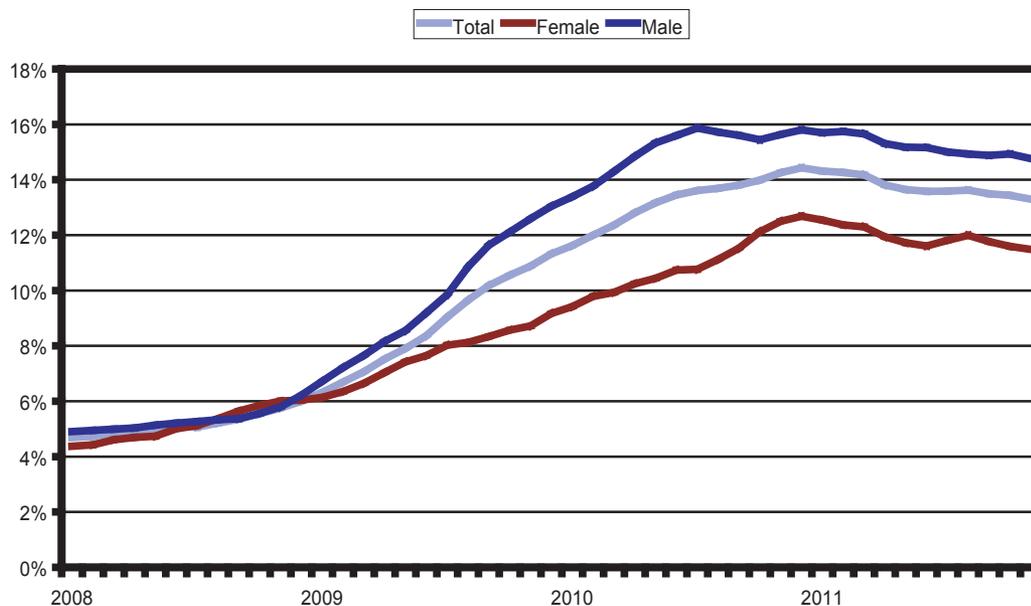




## Unemployment Rate By Gender

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### Nevada Unemployment Rate by Gender (12-month moving average)



- The most recent recession impacted male Nevadans much more so than females.
- Prior to the start of the downturn, male/female unemployment rates were quite similar.
- As the recession unfolded, a significant gap developed. Most recently, in the 12 months ending in November 2011, the jobless rate for male Nevadans averaged 14.8%. For females, the corresponding rate was 11.5%.
- There are certainly a number of causes for this male/female gap. Perhaps most importantly, males make up, roughly, 80% of total construction employment. This industry was hit extremely hard by the downturn. Likewise, females make up 75% of total employment in the health care and social assistance industry, which held up relatively well during the downturn.