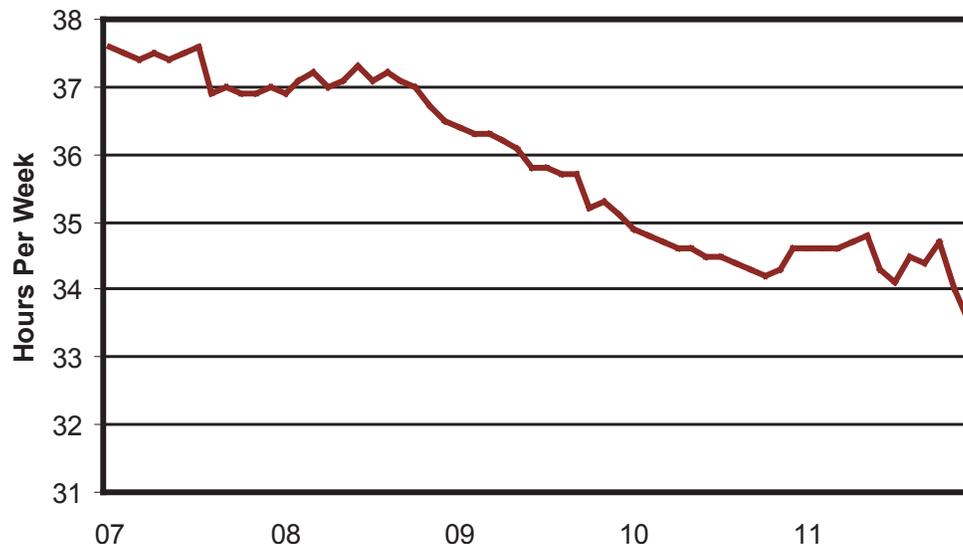




Average Weekly Hours Worked

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Total Private Workers, Nevada



- Average weekly hours for Nevada workers in private employment have decreased dramatically since 2007, down to 33.5 hours per week in December of 2011 from a peak of 37.6 hours per week in July 2007 (an 11 % decrease).
- As with most economic indicators, Nevada is lagging behind the national trends of recovery. National weekly hours appeared to hit bottom in 2009 and have been increasing since.
- From January 2007 to August of 2010, Nevada average weekly hours were above the national average. Since August of 2010, Nevada has been comparable to the national average weekly hours for private employment. The 12 month average weekly hours in Nevada were 37.3 in 2007 and 34.4 in 2011. The 12 month average weekly hours nationally were 34.6 in 2007 and 34.4 in 2011.
- Often businesses will increase hours of existing employees prior to hiring additional workers, therefore weekly hours can serve as an indicator of future hiring patterns. The downward trend and recent volatility in average weekly hours indicate that in the near future, businesses will likely increase hours of existing employees rather than hire new employees.