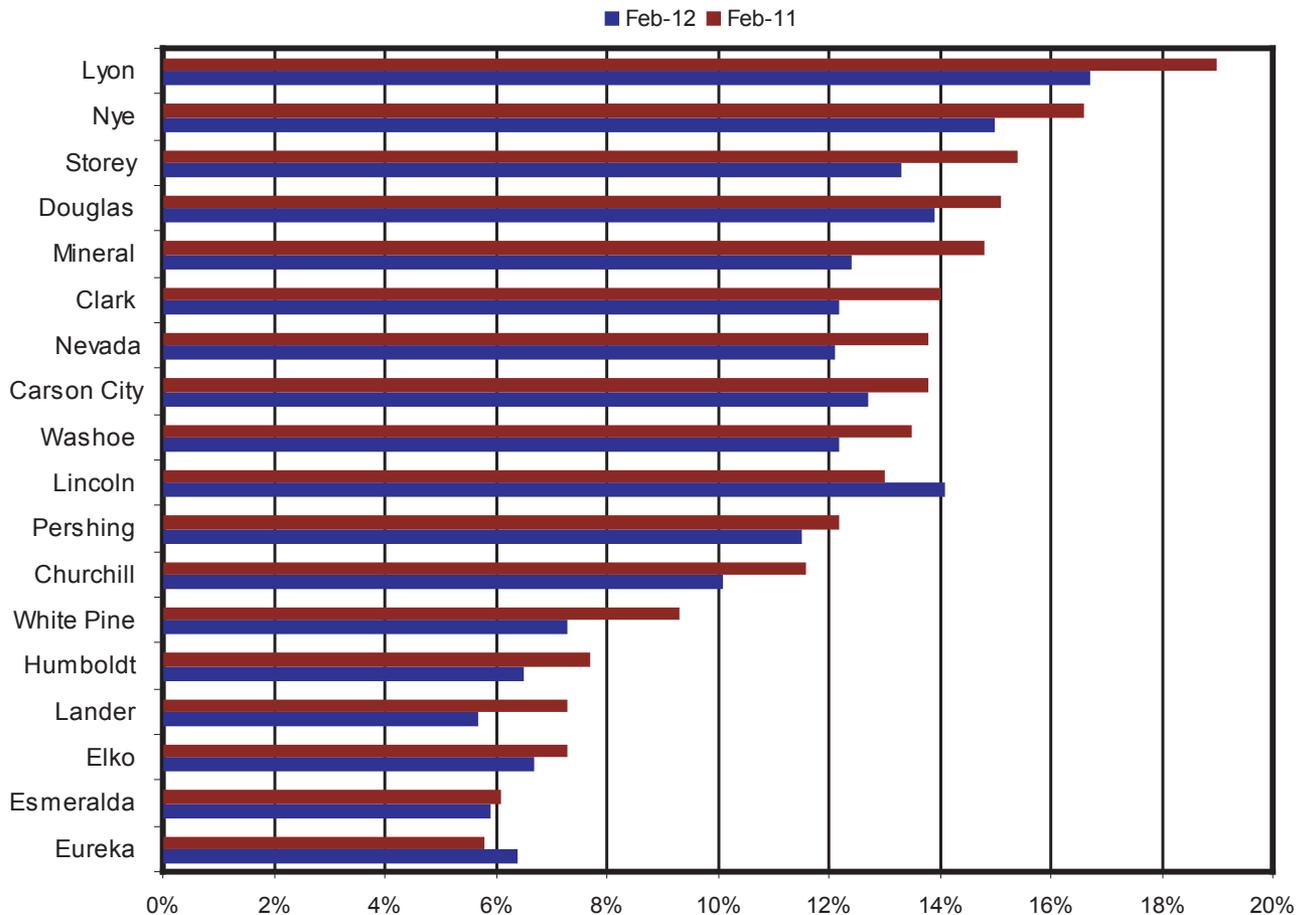




Unemployment Rates By County

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- Unemployment rates vary widely across Nevada's counties. Counties with significant mining operations fared better in the recession than the more urban areas. The unemployment rates in White Pine, Elko, Humboldt, Esmeralda, Lander and Eureka have remained consistently below 10 percent.
- The rate of joblessness in urban counties such as Washoe, Clark, Carson City and Storey are significantly higher, ranging from 13 to 14 percent. In these counties, the recession hit nearly every industry. The hardest hit counties are those surrounding the urban areas. Lyon, Nye, Douglas and Lincoln counties have unemployment rates ranging from 14.5 percent to over 17 percent. Many workers in these "bedroom communities" rely on jobs in the urban counties.
- Now that the economy appears to be on the mend, unemployment rates have begun to subside. In February, rates were down from 2011 in all but two counties, Eureka and Lincoln. Those counties experiencing the largest fall in the unemployment rate include, Lyon, Storey, Mineral and White Pine. In each instance, the unemployment rate fell by over two percentage points.