

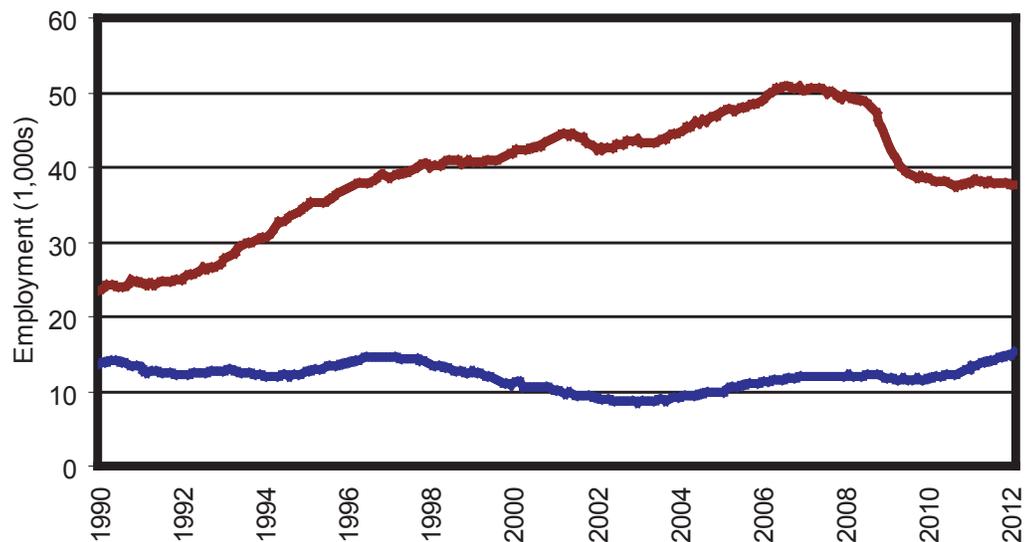


Mining and Manufacturing Employment

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(seasonally adjusted)

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- Mining and manufacturing represent a large proportion of employment in the goods producing sector of Nevada's economy.
- Employment in manufacturing peaked in September of 2006 at 50,900. Currently, there are 37,600 employees in the sector, a decline of 26.1% from the peak. Manufacturing employment is currently at levels last seen in 1996. Within the manufacturing sector, the biggest losses have been in the non-metallic mineral product manufacturing subsector. Employment in the food manufacturing and computer and electronics products manufacturing sectors has experienced substantial growth since 2010, however no sub-sectors have recovered to pre-recession levels.
- The mining sector is a significant employer in rural and northeastern Nevada and is largely responsible for the recent economic growth in these areas. Mining experienced a boom in the mid 1990's, reaching 14,700 employees followed by a tough in the early 2000's. The current mining boom has driven employment in the sector up to 15,400 in February of 2012. Within the mining industry, the sub-sector consisting of support activities for mining has experienced the most growth during the current boom.