

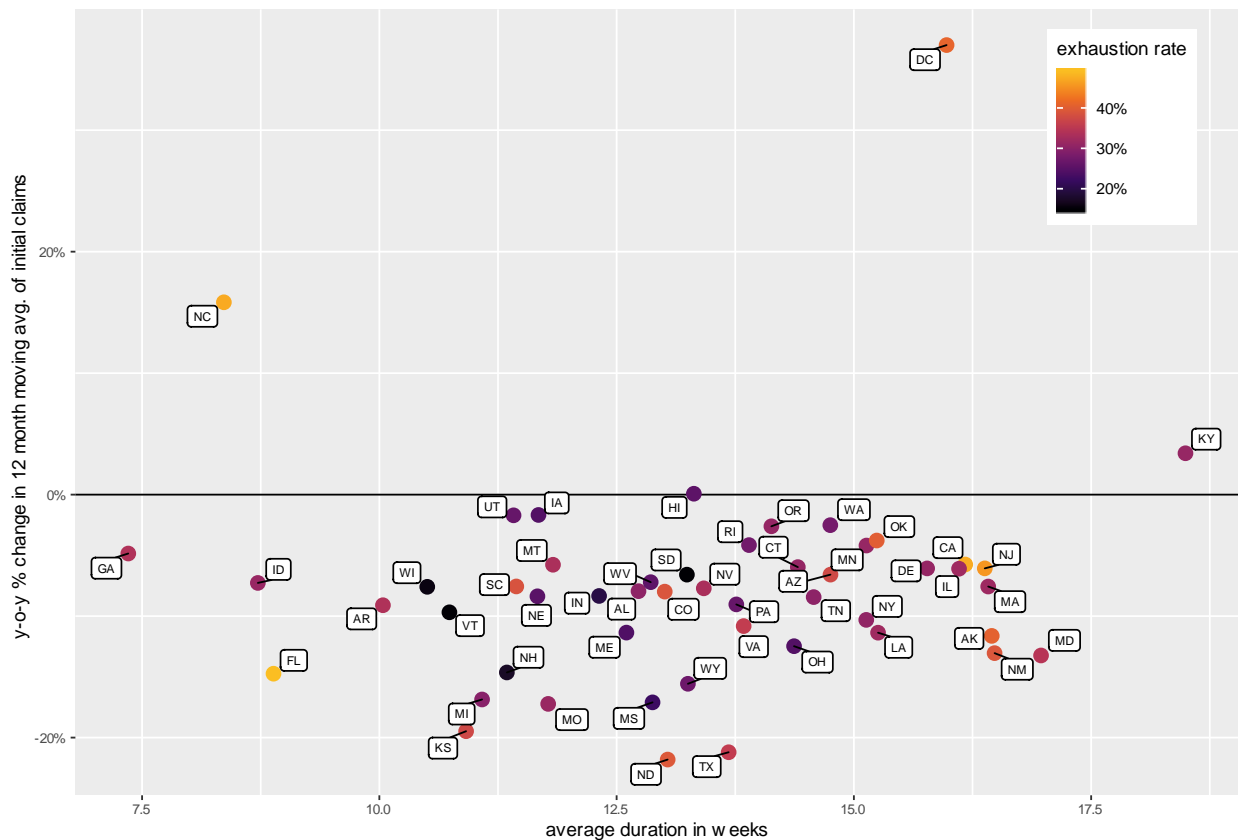
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UI Trends by State
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Selected Unemployment Insurance Trends Across the Nation



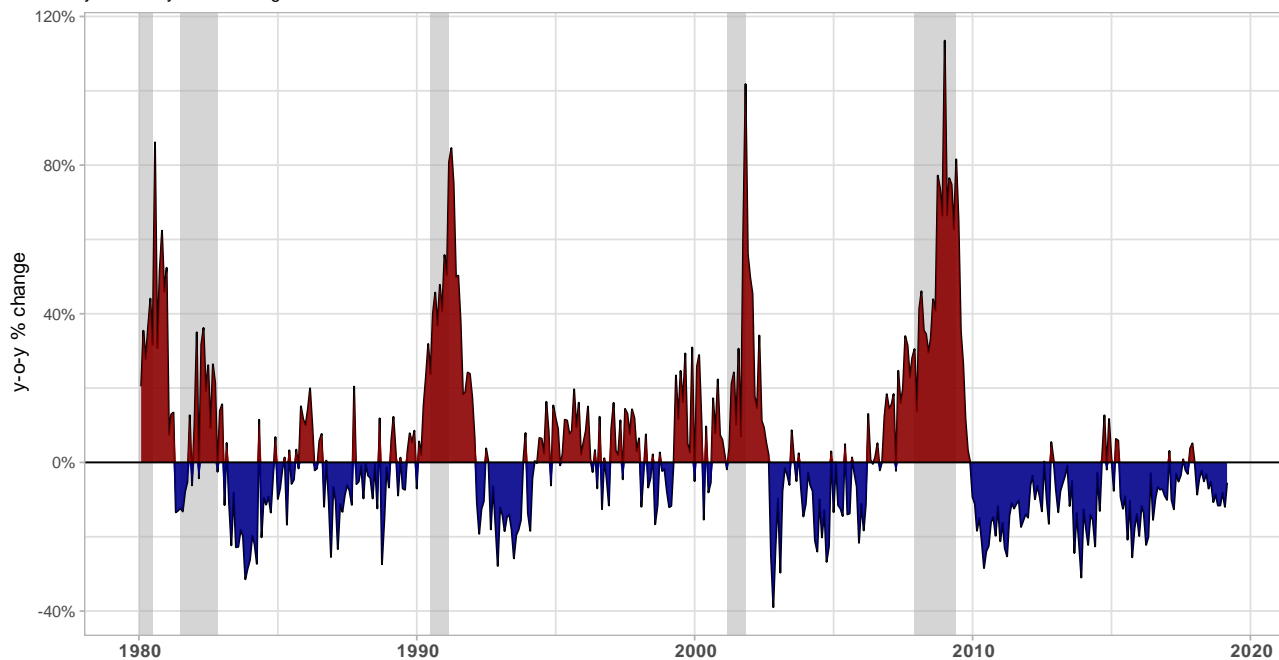
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- Examining a cross section of Unemployment Insurance (UI) program metrics across the fifty states plus the District of Columbia can help to shed light on not only the health of Nevada's labor market, but also on our relative health in the country as a whole.
- The metrics which we are exploring in the graphic above include the year-over-year percent change in the 12-month moving average of initial claims for UI benefits; the exhaustion rate, which measures the share of UI claimants who ran out of UI benefits prior to finding employment; and the average duration that claimants receive UI benefits.
- Two states, Kentucky and North Carolina, as well as the District of Columbia, saw increases in the year-over-year percent change in the 12-month moving average of initial claims for UI benefits. Nevada's claims activity declined by 7.7 percent. It is of note that the relatively high increase in DC's claims is attributable to the government shutdown.

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Nevada Monthly Initial Claims
year-over-year % change



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- Kentucky also saw the highest average duration that claimants received UI benefits, at nearly 18.5 weeks. Nevadans' average duration for UI benefits was just over 13.4 weeks. The states with the lowest average duration of UI claims are also those states with the least number of weeks paid based on their individual UI programs.
- The highest benefit exhaustion rates, in excess of 45 percent, are held by Florida (49.4%), California (47.7%), North Carolina (47.5%), and New Jersey (45.7%). Claimants in Nevada exhaust their UI benefits at a rate of 33 percent.
- As illustrated above, Nevada is relatively close to the middle of the pack in all three of these measures. Considering the monthly initial claims series for Nevada, it is evident that this status is due to continued improvement in the State's labor market. For example, since 2010, Nevada has only experience thirteen months (of 110 total months) in which a year-over-year increase in initial claims has been recorded.

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