Nevada's Mining Sector

Industry Summary for Mining

15,796	+9.7%	$133,442
Jobs (2025)	**% Change (2015-2025)**	**Avg. Earnings Per Job (2024)**
155% above National average	Nation: -20.9%	Nation: $146,859

Industry Detail

Payrolled Business Locations (2024)	239
Jobs Multiplier	3

Regional Trends
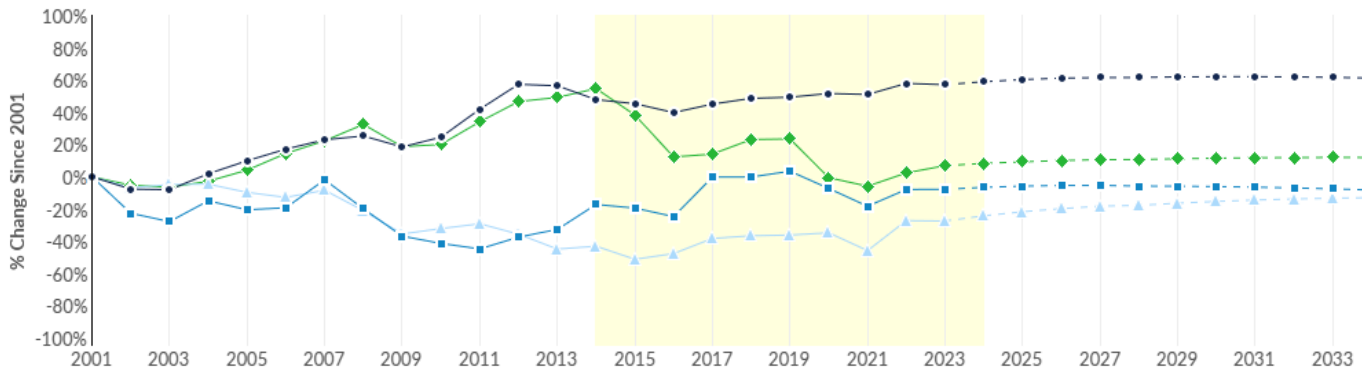
	Region	2015 Jobs	2025 Jobs	Change	% Change
●	Nevada	14,395	15,796	1,401	9.7%
●	Las Vegas, NV Metro	402	498	96	23.8%
●	Reno, NV Metro	627	983	356	56.8%
●	United States	783,402	619,943	(163,459)	(20.9%)

Regional Breakdown of Nevada's Mining Sector

| County	Jobs (2015)	Jobs (2025)	Job Change (2015-2025)	Job Change %	Earnings (2024)	Jobs LQ (2024)
Carson City	5	40	35	Insf. Data	$121,350	0.29
Churchill	20	49	29	149%	$102,378	1.19
Clark	402	498	96	24%	$113,299	0.11
Douglas	33	5	(28)	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.11
Elko	1,899	1,773	(126)	(7%)	$131,625	20.78
Esmeralda	215	157	(59)	(27%)	$109,373	112.17
Eureka	4,051	4,156	104	3%	$131,455	247.32
Humboldt	1,944	2,060	116	6%	$140,850	67.99
Lander	2,065	2,465	400	19%	$140,228	169.62
Lincoln	13	25	11	85%	$56,099	4.26
Lyon	383	594	211	55%	$137,134	10.08
Mineral	100	59	(41)	(41%)	$110,942	14.81
Nye	1,130	1,083	(47)	(4%)	$134,922	19.93
Pershing	569	880	310	54%	$126,047	112.45
Storey	51	74	23	45%	$118,236	1.03
Washoe	193	315	122	63%	$143,201	0.32
White Pine	1,189	1,541	351	30%	$131,450	86.90

Top Occupations Employed in these Industries

| Description	Employed in Industry Group (2024)	% of Total Jobs in Industry Group (2024)
Continuous Mining Machine Operators	2,122	13.6%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,154	7.4%
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	954	6.1%
Extraction Workers, All Other	865	5.6%
Loading and Moving Machine Operators, Underground Mining	707	4.5%

Industry Requirements (Top Supply Chain)

| Purchases from	In-region Purchases	Imported Purchases	Total Purchases
Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices	$105,260,720	$314,780,634	$420,041,353
Gold Ore and Silver Ore Mining	$403,785,624	$1,777	$403,787,402
Portfolio Management and Investment Advice	$24,367,807	$187,162,195	$211,530,001
Petroleum Refineries	$17,150,601	$191,025,555	$208,176,156
Electric Power Distribution	$92,035,421	$110,949,101	$202,984,522

Industry Gender Breakdown
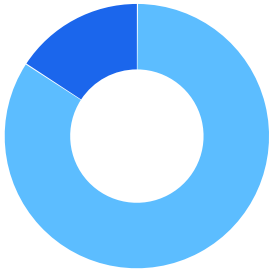
Gender	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
● Males	13,043	82.6%
● Females	2,752	17.4%

Industry Age Breakdown
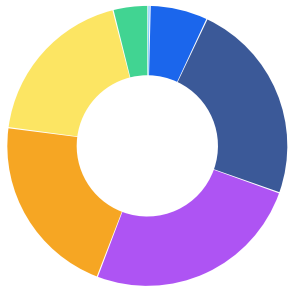
Age	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
● 14-18	46	0.3%
● 19-24	1,213	7.7%
● 25-34	3,684	23.3%
● 35-44	3,996	25.3%
● 45-54	3,382	21.4%
● 55-64	2,774	17.6%
● 65+	701	4.4%

Industry Race/Ethnicity Breakdown
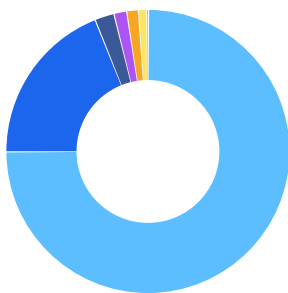
Race/Ethnicity	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
● White	11,298	71.5%
● Hispanic or Latino	3,404	21.6%
● American Indian or Alaska Native	344	2.2%
● Black or African American	272	1.7%
● Two or More Races	263	1.7%
● Asian	177	1.1%
● Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	36	0.2%

Industry Breakdown of Nevada's Mining Sector

NAICS	Description	2015 Jobs	2025 Jobs	2015 - 2025 Change	Avg. Earnings Per Job	2024 Location Quotient
211120	Crude Petroleum Extraction	17	12	(5)	$90,544	0.01
211130	Natural Gas Extraction	<10	0	Insf. Data	$0	0.00
212114	Surface Coal Mining	0	0	0	$0	0.00
212115	Underground Coal Mining	0	0	0	$0	0.00
212210	Iron Ore Mining	<10	0	Insf. Data	$0	0.00
212220	Gold Ore and Silver Ore Mining	10,486	10,594	107	$139,586	63.61
212230	Copper, Nickel, Lead, and Zinc Mining	554	930	376	$125,600	4.60
212290	Other Metal Ore Mining	83	18	(65)	$112,663	0.38
212311	Dimension Stone Mining and Quarrying	22	39	17	$107,293	0.49
212312	Crushed and Broken Limestone Mining and Quarrying	89	69	(20)	$118,532	0.28
212313	Crushed and Broken Granite Mining and Quarrying	<10	<10	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.09
212319	Other Crushed and Broken Stone Mining and Quarrying	39	53	14	$87,906	0.63
212321	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining	402	477	75	$103,580	1.39
212322	Industrial Sand Mining	<10	152	Insf. Data	$106,077	1.63
212323	Kaolin, Clay, and Ceramic and Refractory Minerals Mining	201	77	(124)	$79,136	1.20
212390	Other Nonmetallic Mineral Mining and Quarrying	742	773	31	$117,355	6.09
213111	Drilling Oil and Gas Wells	40	22	(18)	$147,968	0.05
213112	Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations	105	121	15	$155,074	0.05
213113	Support Activities for Coal Mining	<10	<10	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.04
213114	Support Activities for Metal Mining	1,532	2,402	871	$124,154	44.62
213115	Support Activities for Nonmetallic Minerals (except Fuels) Mining	30	48	19	$143,934	1.37
333131	Mining Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing	22	0	(22)	$0	0.00

Data Sources and Calculations

Industry Data

Lightcast industry data have various sources depending on the class of worker. (1) For QCEW Employees, Lightcast primarily uses the QCEW (Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages), with supplemental estimates from County Business Patterns. (2) Non-QCEW employees data are based on a number of sources including QCEW, Current Employment Statistics, County Business Patterns, BEA State and Local Personal Income reports, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix (NIOEM), the American Community Survey, and Railroad Retirement Board statistics. (3) Self-Employed and Extended Proprietor classes of worker data are primarily based on the American Community Survey, Nonemployer Statistics, and BEA State and Local Personal Income Reports. Projections for QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees are informed by NIOEM and long-term industry projections published by individual states.

Input-Output Data

The input-output model in this report is Lightcast's gravitational flows multi-regional social account matrix model (MR-SAM). It is based on data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey and American Community Survey; as well as the Bureau of Economic Analysis' National Income and Product Accounts, Input-Output Make and Use Tables, and Gross State Product data. In addition, several Lightcast in-house data sets are used, as well as data from Oak Ridge National Labs on the cost of transportation between counties.

Staffing Patterns Data

The staffing pattern data in this report are compiled from several sources using a specialized process. For QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker, sources include Occupational Employment Statistics, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix, and the American Community Survey. For the Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors classes of worker, the primary source is the American Community Survey, with a small amount of information from Occupational Employment Statistics.

State Data Sources

This report uses state data from the following agencies: Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation