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DEFENSE SPENDING BY STATE – NEVADA FISCAL YEAR 2017

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PURPOSE

This Fact Sheet reprints two pages from the March 2019 DEFENSE SPENDING BY STATE (FISCAL YEAR 2017) publication issued by the United States Department of Defense: Office of Economic Adjustment for the purposes of relaying information related to defense spending in the State of Nevada.¹ The original report presents data from fiscal year 2017, the most recent annual data available at the time of publication.

HOW STATES ARE EVALUATED

The U.S. Department of Defense uses eleven criteria to evaluate and measure states in respect to their defense spending: **defense spending as a share of GDP** (contracts and payroll as a share of the state’s “gross domestic product,” meaning the “value of the goods and services produced” in each state²); **state share of total U.S. defense spending**; **defense spending per resident**; **total contract and payroll spending**; **total contract spending**; **total payroll** (“active duty, civilian, National Guard, and Reserve personnel with an assigned or duty location in the state”); **civilian payroll**; **military active duty pay**; **National Guard and Reserve pay**; **ranking by defense spending as a share of state GDP**; and **ranking by total defense spending**.

The rankings described throughout the report reflect Nevada’s position relative the 49 other U.S. States and the District of Columbia.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE REPORT

1. According to the report, at roughly \$2.3 billion, Nevada ranks 37th in the nation for total defense spending
2. Defense spending per resident is \$778 in Nevada, 32nd in the nation (\$688 below the national average)
3. Nevada’s defense spending as a share of the state GDP, 1.5%, ranks 29th in the nation
4. At 60% of total spending, the U.S Air Force accounts for a majority of defense spending in the state
5. Some 51% of defense personnel are on active duty
6. Total defense contract spending in the State of Nevada is over \$1.5 billion; Washoe County accounts for a majority of total defense contract spending in the state, \$821.9 M (53.5%); Clark County ranks second, \$430.7 M (28.0%)
7. Sierra Nevada Corporation receives the most defense contract dollars, \$773.7 M; all other contractors receive less than \$100 M
8. Total defense personnel spending in the state is just over \$1 B; Clark County ranks first with 834.5 M (82%), followed by Churchill County, \$79.9 M (7.85%), and Washoe County ranks third, \$70.8 M (6.96%)
9. There is a discrepancy in the original report for total defense personnel in the **Top Defense Personnel Locations** table; the report cites the figure of 21,175 people; however, the sum of the personnel per county listed in the table is 21,128
 - One potential explanation for this discrepancy is that National Guard and Reserve units are not fully accounted for in the table (which adds up to 21,128), but perhaps are accounted for in the total figure (21,175)

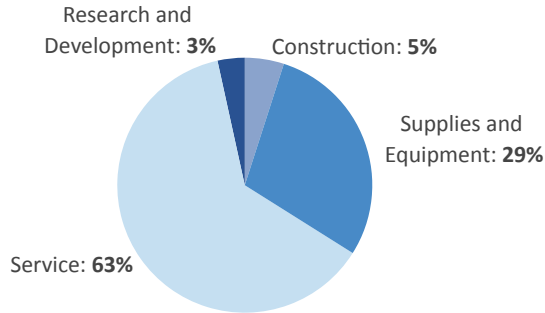
¹ U.S. Department of Defense, “Defense Spending by State, Fiscal Year 2017,” www.oea.gov/sites/default/files/fy2017-r2/FY2017_Defense_Spending_by_State_Report_Web_Version_20190315.pdf (Information for Nevada can be found on pages 72 and 73)

² Bureau of Economic Analysis, “Gross Domestic Product,” February 2019, www.bea.gov/resources/learning-center/what-to-know-gdp

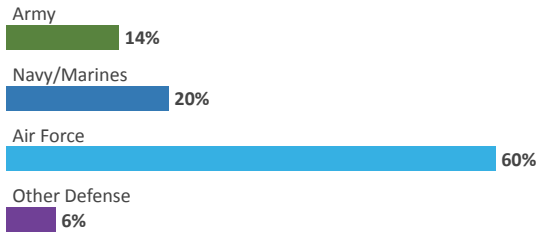
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DEFENSE CONTRACTS

By Type



By Service



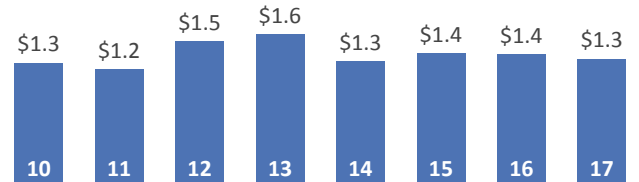
Top Defense Contractors

(M=millions)

Sierra Nevada Corp.	\$773.7 M
M1 Support Services	\$92.8 M
AECOM	\$88.1 M
Day & Zimmermann Group	\$58.4 M
CDW Government	\$39.1 M
Cerberus Capital Management	\$35.3 M
BATTLESPACE Flight Services	\$23.6 M
Nova Group	\$20.8 M
Chugach Alaska Corp.	\$20.5 M
Pave Tech	\$18.6 M

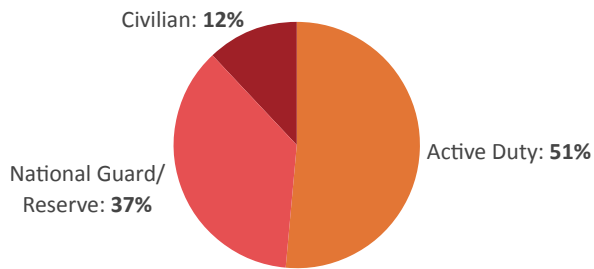
Contract Awards Performed

(By Fiscal Year, Billions)



DEFENSE PERSONNEL

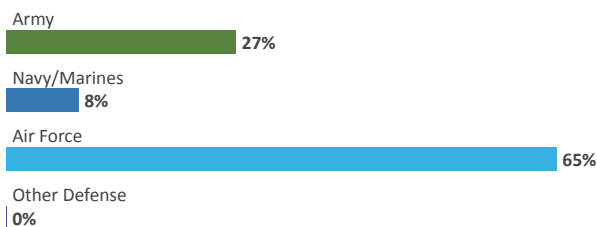
Allocations, By Type



\$1.0 BILLION
TOTAL PAYROLL

21,175
TOTAL PERSONNEL

Allocations, By Service



Top Defense Personnel Locations

County	Total*	Active Duty Military	Civilian
Clark	16,757	9,913	1,637
Washoe	2,346	53	361
Churchill	1,316	883	299
Carson City	594	ND	189
Mineral	50	ND	49
White Pine	42	ND	ND
Elko	23	ND	ND
Lyon	ND	ND	ND
Storey	ND	ND	ND
Pershing	ND	ND	ND

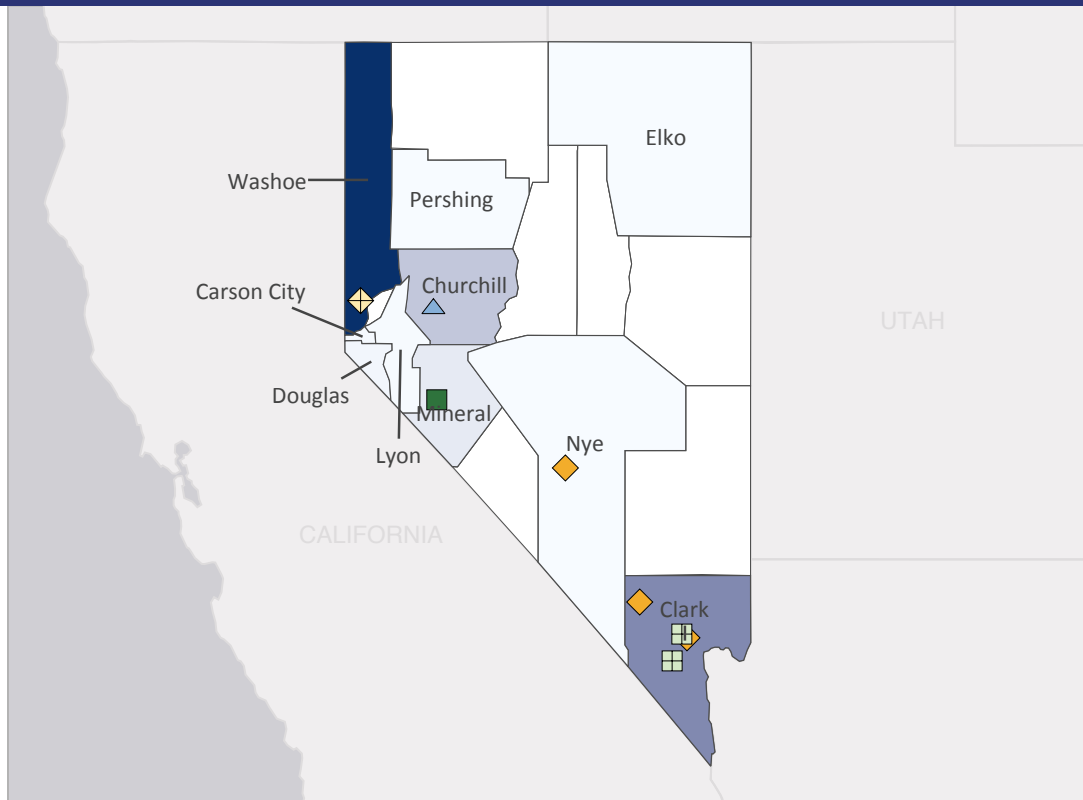
*Total also includes uniformed National Guard and Reserve units.

Data sources: DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center; DoD's Procurement and Acquisition Policy; DoD's Military Installations, Ranges and Training Areas; USASpending.gov; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau; and Unitedstateszipcodes.org.

#37 \$2.3 B SPENT IN STATE	#29 1.5% OF STATE GDP	0.6% OF TOTAL U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING	\$778 PER RESIDENT	#36 \$1.3 B CONTRACT SPENDING	#34 21,175 NUMBER OF PERSONNEL	#32 \$1.0 B PERSONNEL SPENDING
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TOP DEFENSE CONTRACT SPENDING LOCATIONS (K=thousands M=millions)

Washoe County	\$821.9 M
Clark County	\$430.7 M
Churchill County	\$191.3 M
Mineral County	\$62.4 M
Douglas County	\$17.8 M
Carson City	\$5.4 M
Lyon County	\$4.9 M
Elko County	\$1.0 M
Nye County	\$396.0 K
Pershing County	\$34.2 K



◆ AF Active
 ◆ AF Guard
 ■ Army Active
 ■ Army Guard
 ▲ Navy Active

TOP DEFENSE PERSONNEL SPENDING LOCATIONS (K=thousands M=millions)

Clark County	\$834.5 M
Churchill County	\$79.9 M
Washoe County	\$70.8 M
Carson City	\$27.3 M
Mineral County	\$3.6 M
Storey County	\$601.0 K
White Pine County	\$283.1 K
Douglas County	\$280.0 K
Elko County	\$258.0 K
Lyon County	\$249.0 K

