

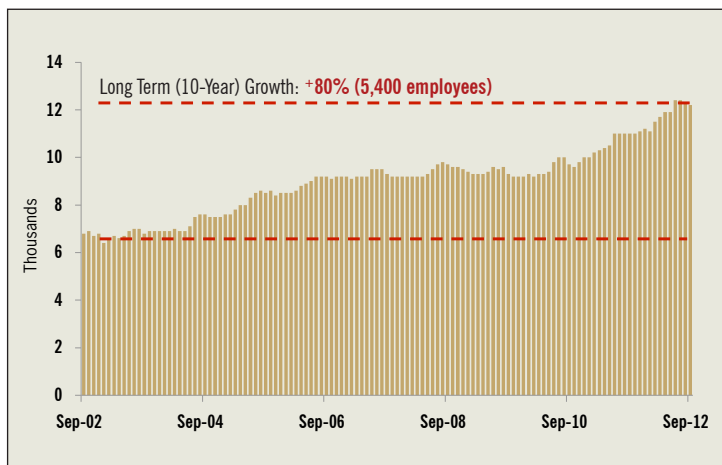
# NEVADA MINING INDUSTRY: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES UPDATE

While accounting for just 1 percent of Nevada employment, and 5 percent of Nevada GDP, the mining industry accounted for 14 percent of jobs added over the last 12 months, and 33 percent of jobs added since the Recession ended in June 2009.

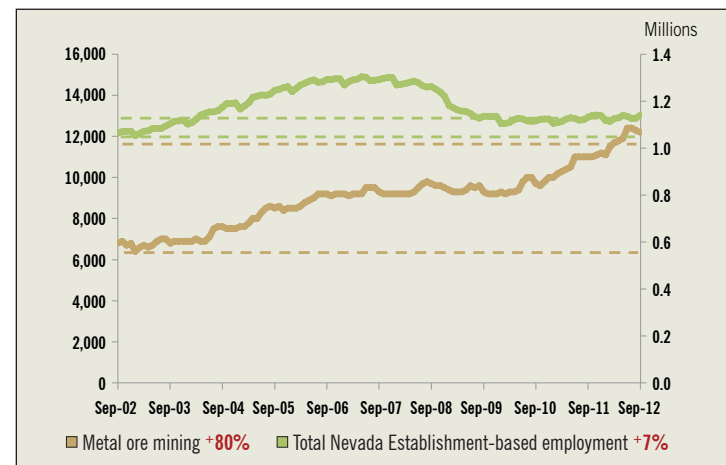
Applied Analysis was retained by the Nevada Mining Association (the "NVMA") to review and analyze the economic impacts associated with mining operations in Nevada as well as the mining industry more generally. This brief is the second in the series of reports; it is specific to mining employment and wages in Nevada.

- During the last 12 months, the mining industry has added 1,200 jobs and increased its workforce by 11 percent.
- The broader Nevada economy has only added 8,400 jobs, which represents growth of 1 percent.

## Long-Term Growth in Mining Employment in Nevada



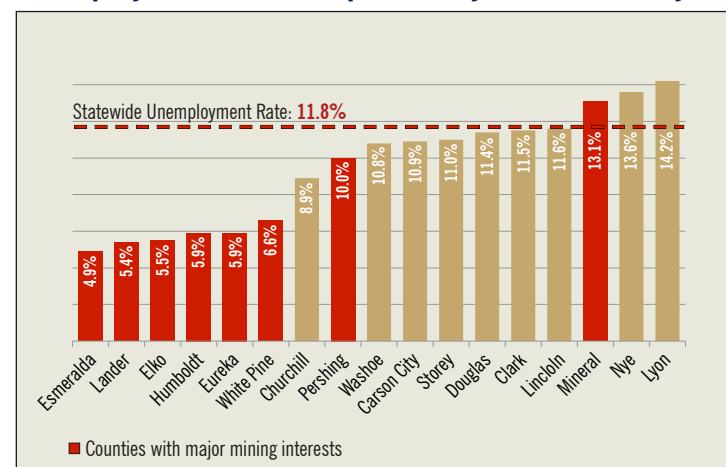
## Growth in Mining Employment vs. Total Employment



## Growth in Mining as Share of Total Employment



## Unemployment Rate Comparison by Nevada County





## TOP MINING INDUSTRY JOBS

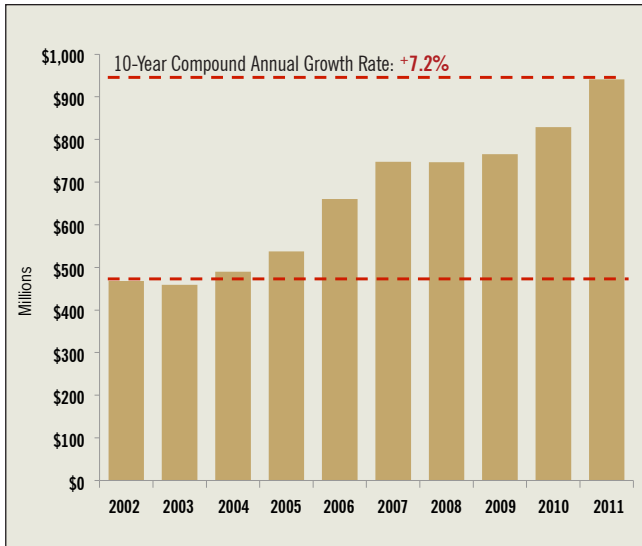
OCCUPATION	AVERAGE WAGE
Heavy machine operation	\$60,000
Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety	\$88,000
Construction, maintenance, and repair trades, above and below ground	\$50,000 - \$80,000
General mine operations managers	\$120,000
Finance, technology and administration	\$70,000

THE AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY REPORTED BY THE METAL ORE MINING INDUSTRY IN NEVADA IS **\$88,000**.

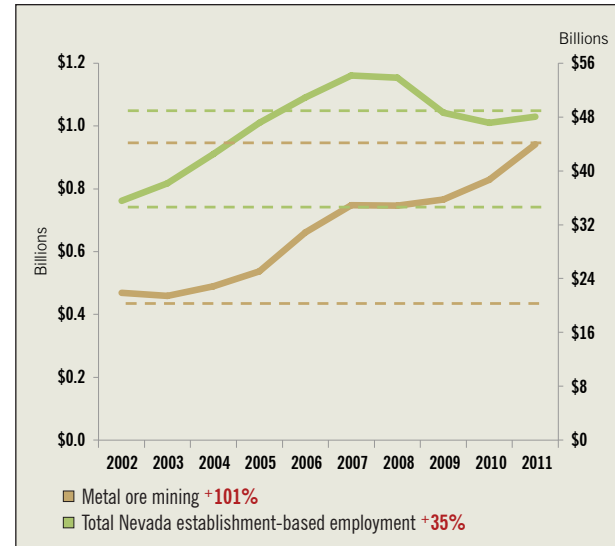
MINING PAYS MORE THAN DOUBLE, OR **204 PERCENT**, OF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY REPORTED ACROSS ALL SECTORS STATEWIDE.

THE MINING INDUSTRY PAID NEARLY **\$1 BILLION** IN WAGES AND SALARIES TO NEVADA WORKERS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

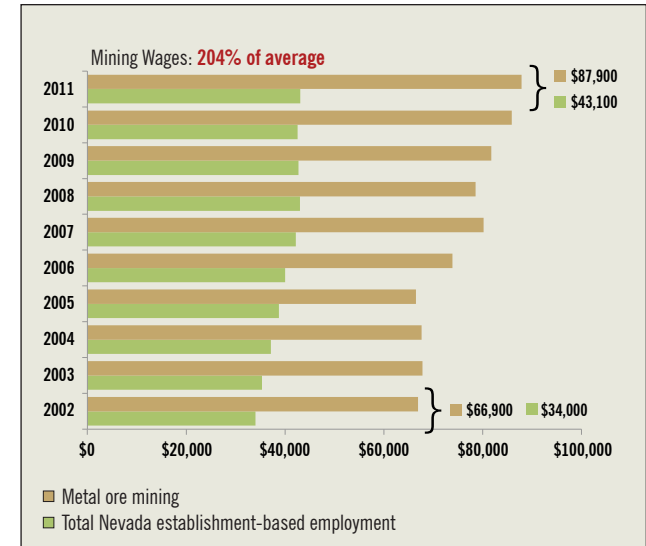
### Historical Mining Salaries and Wages in Nevada



### Mining Salaries and Wages vs. Nevada Total



### Nevada Average Annual Wage Comparison



**METHODOLOGY** This research brief utilized the best available data to summarize mining industry employment and wages in Nevada. It relies heavily on data reported by third-party data providers; and, although we have no reason to doubt the accuracy of these data, they have not been subjected to any auditing or review procedures by AA. Direct mining industry and overall employment and wage data was obtained from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment data is as of September 2012 (latest available monthly dataset), while wage data is as of 2011 (latest available annual dataset).