



## Economic Development

# Nye County Quality of Life

### Public Safety

|      | Population | Nye County Crime Rate | Western States Crime Rate* | National Crime Rate |
|------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2009 | 44,795     | 11.27**               | N/A                        | N/A                 |
| 2008 | 44,795     | 22.99                 | N/A                        | N/A                 |
| 2007 | 44,795     | 25.11                 | 38.34                      | 37.57               |
| 2006 | 44,795     | 24.33                 | 39.98                      | 38.35               |
| 2005 | 41,302     | 30.63                 | 42.94                      | 39.28               |

Source: State of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety. Crime rate is based on the occurrence of an indexed offense per 1,000 residents of the area. \*Western States consist of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. \*\*Yearly total as of April 2009.

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### Climate

#### Tonopah Weather Forecast:

High 46°

Low 29°

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Showers



### Monthly Temperature (F)

|                | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | Average     |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| January        | 29.6        | 28.7        | 36.6        | <b>31.6</b> |
| February       | 36.6        | 35.9        | 36.1        | <b>36.2</b> |
| March          | 47.0        | 42.2        | 40.6        | <b>43.3</b> |
| April          | 51.3        | 47.6        | 48.2        | <b>49.0</b> |
| May            | 60.7        | 56.4        | 64.2        | <b>60.4</b> |
| June           | 70.5        | 68.5        | 64.5        | <b>67.8</b> |
| July           | 77.8        | 76.4        | 76.8        | <b>77.0</b> |
| August         | 74.4        | 75.5        | 71.8        | <b>73.9</b> |
| September      | 63.7        | 65.8        | 68.7        | <b>66.1</b> |
| October        | 51.3        | 53.3        | 49.6        | <b>51.4</b> |
| November       | 43.3        | 45.3        | 41.2        | <b>43.3</b> |
| December       | 29.3        | 28.5        | 26.6        | <b>28.1</b> |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>53.0</b> | <b>52.0</b> | <b>52.1</b> | <b>52.3</b> |

### Monthly Precipitation (inches)

|          | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Average     |
|----------|------|------|------|-------------|
| January  | 0.06 | 0.28 | 0.31 | <b>0.22</b> |
| February | 0.27 | 0.55 | 0.63 | <b>0.48</b> |
| March    | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.02 | <b>0.04</b> |

|                |             |             |             |             |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| April          | 0.50        | 0.00        | 0.25        | <b>0.25</b> |
| May            | 0.00        | 1.00        | 0.43        | <b>0.48</b> |
| June           | 0.00        | 0.00        | 1.03        | <b>0.34</b> |
| July           | 0.04        | 0.20        | 0.23        | <b>0.16</b> |
| August         | 0.15        | 0.83        | 0.38        | <b>0.45</b> |
| September      | 0.46        | 0.24        | 0.01        | <b>0.24</b> |
| October        | 0.00        | 0.16        | 0.00        | <b>0.05</b> |
| November       | 0.01        | 0.70        | 0.00        | <b>0.24</b> |
| December       | 0.45        | 0.19        | 0.46        | <b>0.37</b> |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>0.17</b> | <b>0.35</b> | <b>0.31</b> | <b>0.28</b> |

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Tonopah AP, Nevada

## Housing

### Housing Availability

According to the 2000 Census, there are 15,934 housing units in Nye County. 13,309 are occupied and 2,625 are vacant, and 561 are available for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.

### Housing Costs

|            | <b>Median Value</b> | <b>Average Value</b> | <b>Median Rent</b> |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Nye County | \$122,100           | \$866                | \$541              |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

## Traffic

### Average Commute Time # of Vehicles per Household\* % of Work Done at Home

|            |              |      |     |
|------------|--------------|------|-----|
| Nye County | 28.6 minutes | 1.99 | 3.5 |
|------------|--------------|------|-----|

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, \*ehome.com

## Communications

### Television

- NBC
- CBS
- ABC
- FOX
- PBS
- KINC
- WB
- KTUDCA
- KELVLP
- KVPXLP
- KFBT
- KBLR
- K41CQ

### Newspapers

- [Desert Valley Times](#)

- [Gaming Today](#)
- [Henderson Home News](#)
- [Las Vegas Business Press](#)
- [Las Vegas City Life](#)
- [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#)
- [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- [Las Vegas Weekly](#)
- [Pahrump Valley Times](#)

## Radio

- FM
  - K211EL (KAWZ) 90.1 - Religious
  - K214CJ (KNIS) 90.7 - Christian Contemporary
  - KTPH 91.7 - Public Radio
  - KHWK 92.7 - Adult Contemporary
  - K269AV (KIBS) 101.7 - Country

Source: <http://www.radio-locator.com>

## Medical/Health Resources

### [Boulder City Hospital](#)

Boulder City Hospital has been operating as a non-profit facility for over sixty years. The hospital seeks to earn the trust of the residents of Boulder City, neighboring communities and visitors by meeting their health care and related educational needs with compassion, integrity, sincerity, and without regard to one's ability to pay. In order to continue to excel, the hospital is constantly striving to remain on the forefront of medical technology by maintaining a state-of-the-art facility. The hospital's medical staff and support personnel are not only highly educated professionals, but are also trained to be and understand the need to be compassionate care givers.

### [MountainView Hospital](#)

MountainView's open-heart surgery program began in July 2001. Two open-heart operating rooms were added last year in their \$33.5 million expansion in addition to the two cardiac catheterization labs that allow doctors to do less-invasive stenting and balloon angioplasties. They have also developed a cardiac rehabilitation program which provides patients with a comprehensive medical management regimen, including exercise, nutrition, stress and weight management, smoking cessation as well as medical and medicine monitoring. MountainView Hospital is committed to the care and improvement of human life.

### [Desert Springs Hospital](#)

A 351-bed acute care facility located in southeast Las Vegas, this facility has been providing for the healthcare needs of residents since 1971. The hospital provides 24-hour emergency services, including a fast-track area in the ER to treat less acute patients, and comprehensive cardiology services. New facilities include a Maternity Center, featuring labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum suites, a third catheterization laboratory, and a 107,000 square foot Medical Office Building and Outpatient Surgery facility.

### [Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center](#)

Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center has served the North Las Vegas Community since 1960. The facility now has 198 licensed beds. With the addition of a three story patient tower in 1992, and a fourth floor in 1994, Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center has provided the community with spacious and beautiful new patient rooms. The growth of the hospital, however, has not taken away from the warmth and compassion that is demonstrated on a daily basis to everyone that walks through

our doors. The medical staff consists of over 800 specialists and primary care physicians. Physician staff is continually being recruited to meet the demands of the growing community. Lake Mead Hospital has developed unique services to meet these demands with ongoing quality improvement and needs assessments.

#### Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital

The Mike O' Callaghan Federal Hospital (MOFH) is a joint venture between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (99th Medical Group Hospital, Nellis Air Force Base). It is one of only three joint ventures in the country. It is situated on a 49-acre site adjacent to Nellis Air Force Base, approximately 11 miles northeast of downtown Las Vegas. The facility encompasses 114 beds, with 52 designated for VA use. The VA beds include 36 medical/surgical, 14 psychiatric and 2 ICU/CCU.

#### St. Rose Dominican Hospital

St. Rose Dominican Hospital is a member of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), a leading not-for-profit healthcare system guided by Catholic values. CHW is sponsored by many communities of religious women, including the Adrian Dominican Sisters. As St. Rose Dominican Hospital continues to expand the breadth and scope of its services, its commitment to its mission grows as well with expanding outreach and education programs ranging from programs for under-served children and seniors to a full range of community classes on health and wellness topics.

#### Summerlin Hospital Medical Center

Located in Summerlin, one of Southern Nevada's fastest growing communities, Summerlin Hospital Medical Center features 169 licensed beds, all private patient rooms. The acute care facility has adjoining outpatient services for surgery, laboratory and radiology as well as two medical office buildings.

#### Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center

Rated Consumer Choice #1 by the National Research Corporation. Sunrise stands as the first medical facility that Southern Nevada's doctors, patients, and even other hospitals turn to in an extreme medical crisis. Many of our facilities, including our Renal Transplant Center and Sleep Disorder Center are the only ones of their kind in Southern Nevada. Their sister facility, Sunrise Children's Hospital, is Nevada's only hospital dedicated exclusively to the treatment, health and well being of children. In addition to a staff of pediatric specialists, childlife therapists and the latest in pediatric technology, the Children's Hospital provides acute intensive care in separate Level II and Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Units.

#### Valley Hospital Medical Center

Valley Hospital Medical Center, founded in 1972, is a licensed 409-bed, full-service acute care hospital located in the heart of Las Vegas which serves the greater Las Vegas area and the surrounding rural communities of Southern Nevada.

### **Ambulance Service**

American Medical Response provides advanced life-support ambulance service to Southern Nevada. Formed in 1954, the company operates through a performance-based contract with the Clark County and the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. The City of Henderson's Fire Department provides life support ambulance service to city residents.

### **Angel Plane/Miracle Flights**

Angel Plane, formed in 1985, is a national non-profit charitable organization which provides flights for children and families with serious health conditions. Patients are flown, at no cost, to various treatment centers across the nation. Since its inception, Angel Plane has flown over 6.5 million miles transporting children and their families.

### **Airlife**

Sponsored by Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, University Medical Center, and St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Airlife is an emergency transport helicopter that serves Southern Nevada and parts of Arizona, California, and Utah. The program became operational in June of 1998.

## Flight for Life

Flight for Life, Southern Nevada's first air ambulance program, is owned and operated by Valley Hospital Medical Center. Formed in 1980, the program dispatches helicopters to a four-state region including Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and California.

## Education

In Nye County, the average teacher/student ratio is 21:1, the class of 2007 dropout rate was 1.9%, the average class size is 22, and the class of 2007 graduation rate was 60.4%.

Source: [Nevada Annual Reports of Accountability](#)

### Mathematics Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2007-08

#### Grade 3

| Area                    | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County*             | 484             | 0.0            | 13.2                       | 37.0                             | 33.5                                  | 16.3                      |
| Nevada*                 | 33,913          | 0.2            | 8.3                        | 31.7                             | 35.6                                  | 24.4                      |
| National**<br>4th Grade |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>19.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>43.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>33.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>5.0 |

#### Grade 5

| Area                    | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County*             | 486             | 0.2            | 5.8                        | 34.8                             | 51.3                                  | 8.0                       |
| Nevada*                 | 32,820          | 0.1            | 5.9                        | 32.5                             | 48.4                                  | 13.2                      |
| National**<br>4th Grade |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>19.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>43.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>33.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>5.0 |

#### Grade 8

| Area        | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County* | 534             | 1.7            | 16.8                       | 30.5                             | 45.0                                  | 7.8                       |
| Nevada*     | 33,395          | 0.5            | 17.0                       | 30.7                             | 41.9                                  | 10.4                      |
| National**  |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>30.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>39.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>24.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>7.0 |

### Reading Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2007-08

#### Grade 3

| Area        | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%) | Approaches Standard (%) | Meets Standard (%) | Exceeds Standard (%) |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Nye County* | 484             | 0.0            | 8.5                     | 38.0                    | 33.3               | 20.2                 |
| Nevada*     | 33,913          | 0.1            | 6.1                     | 35.3                    | 33.5               | 25.1                 |

|                         |  |                            |                                  |                                       |                           |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| National**<br>4th Grade |  | <i>Below Basic</i><br>34.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>34.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>24.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>7.0 |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|

**Grade 5**

| Area                    | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County*             | 486             | 0.0            | 10.7                       | 42.0                             | 40.9                                  | 6.4                       |
| Nevada*                 | 32,820          | 0.1            | 11.5                       | 41.8                             | 39.0                                  | 7.6                       |
| National**<br>4th Grade |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>34.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>34.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>24.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>7.0 |

**Grade 8**

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| Nevada*     | 33,395          | 0.5            | 8.7                        | 37.1                             | 42.3                                  | 11.8                      |
| National**  |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>27.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>43.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>27.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>2.0 |

**Science Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2007-08**

**Grade 5**

| Area                     | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County*              | 486             | 0.2            | 7.2                        | 30.3                             | 40.4                                  | 22.1                      |
| Nevada*                  | 32,820          | 0.2            | 11.4                       | 35.8                             | 36.4                                  | 16.4                      |
| National***<br>4th Grade |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>34.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>39.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>25.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>2.0 |

**Grade 8**

| Area        | Number Enrolled | Not Tested (%) | Emergent/Developing (%)    | Approaches Standard (%)          | Meets Standard (%)                    | Exceeds Standard (%)      |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nye County* | 534             | 0.7            | 5.8                        | 28.7                             | 60.9                                  | 4.5                       |
| Nevada*     | 33,395          | 0.9            | 11.5                       | 30.0                             | 53.9                                  | 4.5                       |
| National*** |                 |                | <i>Below Basic</i><br>43.0 | <i>At or Above Basic</i><br>30.0 | <i>At or Above Proficient</i><br>24.0 | <i>At Advanced</i><br>3.0 |

Source: \*Nevada Annual Reports of Accountability, \*\*National Center for Education Statistics 2007, \*\*\*National Center for Education Statistics 2005

Achievement (Standard)

Emergent/Developing - Student occasionally/does not apply skills/strategies and requires extensive remediation.

Approaches Standard - Student inconsistently/incompletely applies skills/strategies and requires targeted remediation.

Meets Standard - Student consistently applies skills/strategies without need for remediation.

Exceeds Standard - Student comprehensively/consistently applies and generalizes skills/strategies in a variety of situations. Charter school data are not included in district total

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

UNLV recently moved up into the ranking defined by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as "Doctoral/Research Universities - Intensive". UNLV offers 170 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degree programs. The colleges include: School of Medicine and School of Dentistry, as well as the finest physics, business, engineering, computer science, environmental studies, and performing arts programs in the nation. UNLV's School of Medicine is Nevada's only postgraduate institution dedicated to training new physicians and UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law has been granted provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association.

Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN)

CCSN serves over 35,000 students with programs on occupational training, university transfer preparation, continuing education, developmental education, and counseling and guidance. The Community College of Southern Nevada is a fully accredited member of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. This status assures that the College's organization, structure, staffing, and funding are equal to its objectives, that its governing board is functioning properly, and that all academic and financial plans are well designed to provide its students with a high level of excellence.

University of Phoenix, Nevada Campus

The University of Phoenix is a private, for-profit higher education institution whose mission is to provide high quality education to working adult students. The University of Phoenix, Nevada Campus offers degree and certificate programs in Administration, Business, Counseling, Education, Human Services, Management, Nursing/Healthcare, and Technology. Courses are scheduled to meet the needs of working students.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Founded just 22 years after the Wright brothers' first flight, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, teaches the science, practice, and business of the world of aviation and aerospace. The University and its graduates have built an enviable record of achievement in every aspect of aviation and aerospace. The curriculum at Embry-Riddle covers the operation, engineering, research, manufacturing, marketing, and management of modern aircraft and the systems that support them. The University engages in extensive research, consulting, and related activities that address the unique needs of aviation, aerospace, and related industries.

**Cultural Organizations and Recreation** ▲

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, established June 18, 1984, is located approximately 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas in the Amargosa Valley of southern Nye County, Nevada. To date, over 23,000 acres of spring-fed wetlands and alkaline desert uplands are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge provides habitat for at least 24 plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. Four fish and one plant are currently listed as endangered.

**Rhyolite Historic Site**

One of the most photographed ghost towns in the west, the bottle house, old railroad depot and concrete ruins are all that remain.

**Annual Events** ▲

| Name   | Date     |
|--|----------|
| Fourth of July                                 | July     |
| Pahrump Harvest Festival, Fair, and PRCA Rodeo | October  |
| New Year's Eve Celebrations                    | December |

**Churches/Religious Organizations** ▲

| <b>Denomination</b>                         | <b>Total Number of Churches</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Adventist                                   | 1                               |
| Assemblies of God                           | 3                               |
| Baptist                                     | 6                               |
| Bible                                       | 1                               |
| Calvary Chapel                              | 1                               |
| Catholic                                    | 2                               |
| Church of Christ/Jesus Christ               | 3                               |
| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints | 8                               |
| Community                                   | 4                               |
| Episcopal                                   | 1                               |
| Foursquare Gospel                           | 2                               |
| Gnostic Catholic                            | 2                               |
| Independent                                 | 1                               |
| Interdenominational                         | 1                               |
| Jehovah Witness                             | 2                               |
| Lutheran                                    | 3                               |
| Methodist                                   | 1                               |
| Non-Denominational                          | 2                               |
| Presbyterian                                | 1                               |
| Roman Catholic                              | 2                               |
| Seventh Day Adventist                       | 1                               |

Source: [AreaGuide.net](http://AreaGuide.net)

## **Libraries**

There are 7 libraries within Nye County, 1 each in Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Manhattan, Pahrump, and Round Mountain and 2 in Tonopah.

## **Financial Institutions**

- [Nevada State Bank](#)
- [Wells Fargo](#)

## **Cost of Living**

See [Clark County Cost of Living](#)

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