



## INFORMATION ABOUT

# Elko County Quality of Life

### Elko County Public Safety

	Population	Elko County Crime Rate	Western States Crime Rate*	National Crime Rate
2007	48,339	26.37**	N/A	N/A
2006	48,339	24.02	N/A	38.27
2005	47,586	23.61	42.94	39.28
2004	46,499	24.37	44.04	40.11
2003	45,805	23.12	44.69	40.94

Source: State of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety. Crime rate based on the occurrence of an index 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 December 2007.

### Climate

#### Monthly Temperature (F)

	2005	2006*	2007*	Average
January	20.5	31.5	16.2	<b>22.7</b>
February	23.7	31.0	33.0	<b>29.2</b>
March	37.3	34.5	42.8	<b>38.2</b>
April	44.6	47.3	46.5	<b>46.1</b>
May	54.1	57.0	56.0	<b>55.7</b>
June	59.0	66.6	65.1	<b>63.6</b>
July	73.1	75.3	75.8	<b>74.7</b>
August	69.1	67.8	70.5	<b>69.1</b>
September	56.1	58.3	58.8	<b>57.7</b>
October	47.7	45.7	46.1	<b>46.5</b>
November	37.3	34.9	35.8	<b>36.0</b>
December	29.1	25.1	25.5	<b>26.6</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>47.2</b>

Source: Nevada Climate Summaries, National Weather Service Forecast Office, Elko WB Airport, NV

### Housing

#### Housing Availability

According to the 2000 Census, there are 18,456 housing units in Elko County. 15,638 are occupied, 2,818 are vacant, and 724 are available for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.

#### Housing Costs

	Median Value	Median Mortgage	Median Rent
<b>Elko County</b>	\$123,100	\$1,086	\$583

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census

### Traffic

	Average Commute Time	# of Vehicles per Household*	% of Work Done at Home
<b>Elko County</b>	25.2 minutes	1.84	2.5

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

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## Medical/Health Resources Great Basin Surgical Center

### Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital

Replacing Elko General Hospital and located in Elko, the heart of rural northeastern Nevada, this hospital is brand new and had its grand opening on September 1, 2001. The hospital is a modern 75-bed acute care facility with an adjacent 50,000 sq. ft. medical office building. The facility will have 24-hour emergency services, a full service laboratory, Obstetrics and Gynecology, 24-hour radiology services, and more.

### Elko Clinic

Located in a 32,000 square foot facility, Elko Clinic provides primary care in pediatrics, family practice, and internal medicine. Multi-specialties are offered in OBGYN, surgery, and pathology. The facility also has a full laboratory and x-ray department.

### Home Health Services of Nevada

Provides skilled nursing care, home health aides, homemaker services, hospice care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical social workers, and speech therapy. Also serves Carlin and Wells.

### Ruby Mountain Medicine

Orthopedic clinic

### Carlin Medical Care

Seven part-time doctors and one PA available

### Public Health Nurse

Services provided in Carlin on Thursday's from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Volunteer Ambulance Service

### Wells Medical Clinic

Family practice, emergency, and x-ray. Open four days a week. One practicing physician and three nurses. Elko community health nurse visits twice monthly.

### University of Utah Medical Clinic

### Wendover Ambulance Service

## Education

Elko County is home to two private schools, seventeen elementary schools, two junior high schools, and seven high schools.\* The drop out rate in Elko County is 1.3%, the average teacher/student ratio is 18:01, the average class size is 17, and the 2006-07 graduation rate for Elko County was 76.7%.\*\*

\*U.S. Census 2000, \*\*Nevada Annual Reports of Accountability

## Mathematics Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2006-07

### GRADE 3

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	783	0.0	7.0	38.1	36.5	18.4
Nevada*	33,430	0.3	8.8	35.5	33.7	22.1
National** 4th Grade			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

# Elko County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

### Mathematics Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2006-07 (con't)

#### GRADE 5

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	763	0.3	4.7	35.6	51.5	8.1
Nevada*	33,086	0.3	6.7	34.8	46.9	11.6
National** 4th Grade			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

#### GRADE 8

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	751	0.9	11.0	29.2	51.7	8.1
Nevada*	33,483	1.3	19.0	28.2	43.1	9.7
National**			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

### Reading Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2006-07

#### GRADE 3

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	783	0.0	5.9	34.1	45.5	14.6
Nevada*	33,430	0.3	7.0	33.7	43.1	16.2
National** 4th Grade			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

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Elko County*	763	0.3	6.7	38.6	47.7	7.0
Nevada*	33,086	0.3	9.5	39.0	44.7	6.8
National** 4th Grade			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

#### GRADE 8

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	751	1.2	2.3	31.5	53.8	12.4
Nevada*	33,483	1.4	7.3	35.9	44.3	12.5
National**			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

# Elko County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

### Science Criterion Reference Test (CRT) Results 2006-07

#### GRADE 5

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	763	0.4	7.4	38.4	35.3	18.9
Nevada*	33,086	0.5	10.8	39.2	33.4	16.6
National** 4th Grade			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

#### GRADE 8

Area	Number Enrolled	Not Tested (%)	Emergent/Developing <sub>1</sub> (%)	Approaches Standard <sub>2</sub> (%)	Meets Standard <sub>3</sub> (%)	Exceeds Standard <sub>4</sub> (%)
Elko County*	751	1.1	6.2	26.9	61.2	5.7
Nevada*	33,483	2.0	11.8	31.8	50.7	5.6
National**			<i>Below Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Basic</i> N/A	<i>At or Above Proficient</i> N/A	<i>At Advanced</i> N/A

Source: \*Nevada Annual Reports of Accountability, \*\*National Center for Education Statistics Achievement (Standard)

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

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

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

4. Exceeds Standard - Student comprehensively/consistently applies and generalizes skills/strategies in a variety of situations.

Charter school data are not included in district totals.

## Great Basin College

Great Basin College is a member institution of the University and Community College System of Nevada and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. For 35 years GBC has provided opportunities in higher education for central and northeast Nevadans. The College has also provided specialized training to local businesses and industries such as the mines, hospital, and education. GBC awards certificates of achievement, associate degrees, and select bachelor degrees using a variety of instructional methods. By advancing the academic and professional endeavors of the rural communities and by providing access to quality certificate, associate, and baccalaureate programs, GBC's mission of addressing workforce needs of the regional economy has been enhanced. Currently, the College offers bachelor degrees in elementary education, applied sciences, and integrative and professional studies.

## Cultural Organizations and Recreation

### Western Folklife Center

Located in the historic Pioneer Hotel in downtown Elko, the center is dedicated to preserving the rich culture and spirit of the American West. Headquarters for the world re-known Cowboy Poetry Gathering, the center is the site of year-round entertainment and activities, including concerts, music hours, workshops and educational programs for children. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The center is closed on Sunday and Monday.

### Northeastern Nevada Museum

Constructed in 1967, the award-winning museum offers visitors a look into the rich history of the region. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

### Elko Convention Center and Visitors Authority

Provides comfortable meeting and banquet facilities, as well as professional support staff.

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## Cultural Organizations and Recreation (con't)

### Pony Express Cabin

One of the few remaining Pony Express cabins that was used by riders between 1860 and 1861. The building is listed in the National Historic Register and was used as the model for a duplicate at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri.

### Elko Railroad Park

Railroad Park is the site of demonstrations, summer storytelling, music festivals and other activities commemorating the role Elko played in the rail history of our nation.

### Sherman Station

Sherman Station contains the main ranch house and outbuildings of the Walther homestead, which consisted of 600 acres in 1875 and served as a stage stop on the old Hill Beachey toll road between Elko and Hamilton. The buildings that comprise Sherman Station include the main ranch house, one-room school house, creamery, blacksmith's shop, and the barns that housed the stage teams and coaches.

### Gold Mine Tours

Two of the largest gold mines in the world, Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. & Newmont Gold Company, offer public tours during the spring and summer months.

### Summit Raceway

Just one mile outside of Elko, it is the site of weekly stock car races during the summer months.

### Spring Creek Horse Palace

Resting in the foothills of the Ruby Mountains just 17 miles southeast of Elko, the Horse Palace boasts an indoor arena where rodeos, horse shows and concerts take place year round.

### Lamoille Canyon

Sometimes referred to as the "Yosemite of Nevada," the canyon was heavily carved by glacial activity. A four-stop self guided auto tour with geology interpretive exhibits leads visitors past meadows full of wildflowers, abundant wildlife, waterfalls, and avalanche chutes. Nature trails and picnic grounds are available.

### Tuscarora

A trip to Tuscarora provides visitors with a nostalgic journey back in time. During its peak mining period in 1878, there were 30,000 people living in Tuscarora. Today there are a handful of residents in this almost ghost town, including renowned potter Dennis Parks, who operates the famous Tuscarora Pottery School. Points of interest include the cemetery, historic buildings, a small museum, and the pottery school and gallery which attracts students from around the world.

### Ruby Mountains

Reached via the Lamoille Canyon National Scenic Byway, 26 miles southeast of Elko on State Route 227, the Ruby Mountains are described by many as one of America's most beautiful mountain ranges, the Ruby Mountains offer endless miles of hiking trails along rushing waterfalls and fields of blazing wildflowers.

### Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge

The Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge provides visitors with outstanding wildlife observation in a tranquil natural setting. Recreational opportunities include bird watching, photography, hunting, fishing, boating and nearby camping.

### Wildhorse State Recreation Area

Wildhorse Recreation Area is comprised of more than 120 acres of outdoor fun and adventure. Boating, fishing, camping, picnicking, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and an annual ice-fishing derby round out the endless recreational options. The area can be reached 67 miles north of Elko on State Route 225.

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## Cultural Organizations and Recreation (con't)

### South Fork State Recreation Area

Located 16 miles southwest of Elko following State Routes 227 and 228. South Fork is a favorite among locals for all water sports, including boating, water-skiing, and fishing. Camping is available in developed sites.

### Ruby View Golf Course

Majestic 18-hole "grand ol' man" of Elko has the look and feel of an exclusive country club - at public course prices.

### Spring Creek Golf Course

A privately-owned 6,258-yard par 72 course set at the base of the Ruby Mountains. Much like a British links course, accuracy is at a premium.

## Fishing

The Elko area contains the most fishable streams and stocked reservoirs in Nevada. Most waters contain trout, but largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie and catfish are also plentiful.

## Hunting

Elko County is a hunter's paradise. The majority of the State's mule deer and sage grouse are harvested within the county. The area is well known for chukar and Hungarian Partridge. Other big game animals include pronghorn antelope, elk, and California and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

## Mountain Biking

There are a variety of mountain trails to choose from for every skill level from novice to the experienced rider looking for a challenge.

## Off Highway Vehicle Traveling

The majority of Elko County is classified as "open" to off-road vehicle use. Opportunities vary from well maintained gravel roads to hundreds of miles of primitive, back country "two-tracks." visitors are encouraged to follow the "Tread Lightly" guidelines.

Source: Elko Convention Center and Visitors Authority

## Annual Events

Visit [gonnahappen.com](http://gonnahappen.com) to view local events.

## Churches/Religious Organizations

Denomination	Total Number of Churches
Assemblies of God	2
Baha'l	1
Baptist	4
Buddist	1
Catholic	4
Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints	1
Church of the Nazarene	1
Episcopal	1
Foursquare	1
Full Gospel	1
Independent	1
Interdenominational	2
Jehovah's Witnesses	1
Lutheran	1
Methodist	1
Non-denominational	3
Presbyterian	2
Seventh Day Adventist	1

Source: AreaGuide.net

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## Libraries

There are two libraries in Elko County, both are located in Elko.

## Financial Institutions

- Elko Federal Credit Union
- First Interstate Bank
- Great Basin Bank of Nevada
- Nevada Bank & Trust
- Nevada State Bank
- US Bank
- Wells Fargo