

MINERAL COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
County	6,270	6,475	6,810	6,470

Source: Nevada State Demographer (www.nsbdc.org/demographer)

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
County	6,295	6,210	6,131	6,065

Source: Nevada State Demographer (www.nsbdc.org/demographer)

AGE (2000)

0-17	29.0%
18-34	19.5%
35-44	13.9%
45-54	13.1%
55-64	10.6%
65-74	7.9%
75 and over	6.0%

Mineral County's Median Age: 35.8 (2000)

Source: Nevada State Demographer (www.nsbdc.org/demographer)

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN (2000)

White	70.1%
Black	4.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	14.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%
Hispanic	8.5%
Other	1.9%

Source: Nevada State Demographer (www.nsbdc.org/demographer)

LABOR (DEC. 2001) — NON-AGRICULTURAL

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Employment</u>	Avg. Wkly. Wage <u>Mineral County</u>	Avg. Wkly. Wage <u>Statewide</u>
Total	1,710	\$580	\$661
Mining	160	1,248	1,224
Const.	30	336	782
Mfg.	10	381	824
TCPU	10	1,121	695
Trade	210	342	504
FIRE	40	484	871
Service	670	493	627
Gov't	580	597	771

Unemployment Figures: 6.3% (2Q02)

Per Capita Income: \$25,327 (1999)

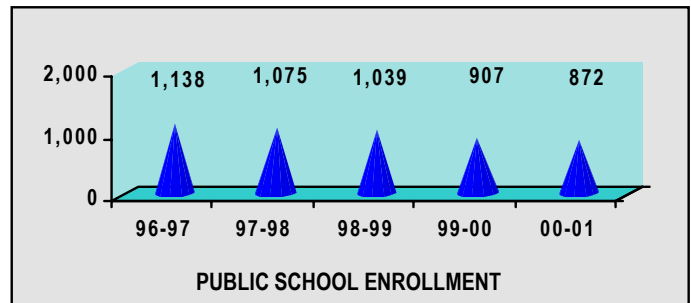
Source: Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (www.detr.state.nv)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Day & Zimmerman Hawthorne Corp.	500 employees
El Capitan	200 employees
Mineral County School District	200 employees
Mount Grant General Hospital	100 employees
Tribal Health Clinic	100 employees
Young Citizens Activities Center	100 employees
Dave Womack Construction	100 employees
Kinross Candelaria Mining Co.	100 employees
Kennecott Rawhide Mining	200 employees
Miner's Contracting	100 employees

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EDUCATION



ACT & SAT SCORES (2000-2001)

<u>Comparison</u>	<u>Mineral County</u>	<u>United States</u>
SAT (Verbal)	548	505
SAT (Math)	544	514
ACT (Composite)	20.3	21.0

Source: U.S. Dept. of Education (<http://nces.ed.gov>)
Nevada Dept. of Education (www.nde.state.nv.us)

Secondary Schools: Mineral County High 9-12

Middle Schools: Hawthorne Elementary/Jr. High 4 - 8

Elementary Schools: Mina K - 4
Schurz K - 8
Hawthorne K - 3

Number of Students per Teacher: 15:1

Average Salaries of Teaching Personnel: \$40,743

Dropout Rate in Mineral County (9-12): 6.9%

Source: Nevada Dept. of Education (www.nde.state.nv.us)

WESTERN NEVADA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location(s):	Hawthorne Center Carson City (Main Campus)
Cost per credit:	\$48.00 (Fall 2001)
Total WNCC Enrollment:	5,267 (Fall 2001)
Job Training Programs:	Yes
Contact:	Hawthorne Center 21st Street Babbitt, NV 89415

Source: Nevada Dept. of Education (www.nevada.edu)



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TRANSPORTATION

Mineral County's strategic location, central to all major western markets, offers unique transportation advantages.

Highway System

Highway 395 (North-South)

Northbound	
Boise	467 miles
Portland	728 miles
Southbound	
Las Vegas	311 miles
Phoenix	596 miles
Los Angeles	387 miles

Highway 50 (East-West)

Westbound	
Sacramento	227 miles
San Francisco	318 miles
Eastbound	
Salt Lake City	506 miles
Denver	1,044 miles

Motor Freight Companies

Trucking companies are located throughout Central Nevada offering daily services.

Rail System (East/West)

Union Pacific Railroad (800) 272-8777

Airport

Mineral County Airport—General and Charter Aviation

Runway 4,800 by 100 feet

Elevation 4,220

The nearest commercial airport is Reno/Tahoe International Airport, located in Reno.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electricity: Sierra Pacific Power Company
1090 Constitution Way
Hawthorne, NV 89415
Phone: (775) 945-3366

Natural Gas: Amerigas
Phone: (775) 945-3335

Allstar Gas
Phone: (775) 945-2449

Telecommunications: SBC Nevada Bell
P.O. Box 10900
Reno, NV 89520-0002
Phone: (775) 333-4811

Water & Sewer: Hawthorne Utilities
Water, Garbage & Sewer Dept.
395 E Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415
Phone: (775) 945-2486

TAX STRUCTURE

Sales and Use Tax	6.5% (None on grocery items)
Property Tax	Assessment is 35% of full cash value
Mineral County	\$ per \$100 assessed value
Personal Income Tax	NONE
Corporate Income Tax	NONE
Unitary Tax	NONE
Inventory Tax	NONE
Franchise on Income Tax	NONE

Source: Nevada Department of Taxation (<http://tax.state.nv.us/>)

QUALITY OF LIFE

Hawthorne is the county seat and serves the cities of Mona, Babbitt and Luning. Hawthorne is also the headquarters for fishermen headed for cutthroat trout on Walker Lake.

Even though this region is popular for its minerals, Mineral County's primary industry is the U.S. Army Ammunition Depot, the world's largest facility of its kind. Operated on contract, it brings more than \$22 million into the local community annually.

Overall, the region is well positioned to support new industry and growth—affordably priced industrial park and commercial development land is available for lease, purchase and build-to-suit.

Mineral County offers a unique combination of modern industry, deserted mining towns, abundant recreation, magnificent scenery and old-fashioned western hospitality, in a rural setting.