

ELKO COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
County	50,756	33,530	17,269	13,958

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
County	55,195	56,222	57,138	57,585

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

AGE (2000)

0-17	31.1%
18-34	22.8%
35-44	16.7%
45-54	13.7%
55-64	8.2%
65-74	4.6%
75 and over	2.9%
Elko County's Median Age:	32.5 (2000)

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

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN (2000)

White	72.4%
Black	0.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	4.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%
Hispanic	19.7%
Other	1.8%

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

LABOR (DEC. 2001) — NON-AGRICULTURAL

Industry	Employment	Avg. Wkly.	Avg. Wkly.
		Wage	Wage
		Elko County	Statewide
Total	18,130	\$590	\$661
Mining	1,210	1,449	1,224
Const.	770	728	782
Mfg.	180	663	824
TCPU	860	739	695
Trade	3,570	461	504
FIRE	460	566	871
Service	7,440	444	627
Gov't	3,640	661	771

Unemployment Figures: 5.2% (2Q02)

Per Capita Income: \$24,189 (1999)

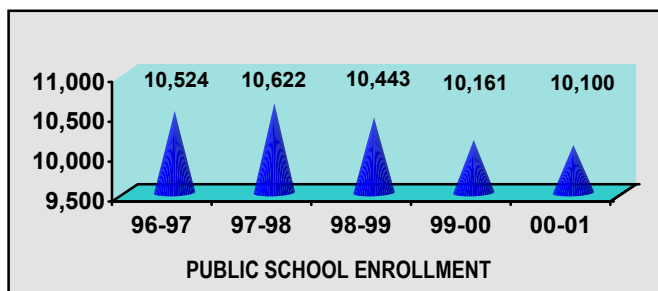
Source: Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (www.detr.state.nv)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Anglogold Corporation	400 employees
Dynatec Mining Corporation	400 employees
Elko County School District	1,500 employees
Great Basin College	300 employees
Intermountain Consulting Company	300 employees
Tic Industrial Company	100 employees
Walmart Stores	300 employees

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

EDUCATION



ACT & SAT SCORES (2000-2001)

Comparison	Elko County	United States
SAT (Verbal)	554	505
SAT (Math)	556	514
ACT (Composite)	20.7	21.0

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

Secondary Schools:	Elko High	9-12
	Wells High	7-12

Middle Schools:	Elko Jr. High	7 - 8
	Spring Creek	6 - 11

Elementary Schools:	Elko Grammar #2	K - 6
	Mountain View	K - 6
	Northside	K - 6
	Sage	K - 6
	Southside	K - 6
	Spring Creek	K - 6

Rural Schools:	Carlin Combined
K-6, K-8, K-12	Currie
	Independence Valley
	Jackpot Combined
	Jarbridge
	Montello
	Mound Valley
	O'Neil
	Owyhee
	Petan Ranch
	Ruby Valley
	Wells
	West Wendover Combined

Number of Students per Teacher:	16:1
Average Salaries of Teaching Personnel:	\$40,448
Dropout Rate in Elko County (9-12):	4.1%

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



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GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

Location(s):	Elko (Main Campus)
Cost per credit:	\$48.00 (Fall 2001)
Total GBC Enrollment:	2,680 (Fall 2001)
Job Training Programs:	Yes
Contact:	Admissions & Records 1500 College Parkway Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 738-8493

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

Highway System

Interstate 80 (East-West)

Westbound

Reno	289 miles
Sacramento	424 miles
San Francisco	512 miles

Eastbound

Salt Lake City	237 miles
Denver	742 miles

Highway 93 (North-South)

Northbound

Boise	133 miles
Seattle	850 miles

Southbound

Las Vegas	436 miles
Phoenix	839 miles
Los Angeles	824 miles

Motor Freight Companies

11 truck lines with daily services.

Rail System (East/West)

Union Pacific Railroad	(800) 272 8777
Burlington/Northern Santa Fe	(800) 726-8233
Amtrak (Passenger)	(800) 872-7245

Airports

Elko Regional Airport

Commercial, General, and Charter Aviation

Runways	05-23: 7,211 by 150, lighted 12-30: 3,331 by 150, lighted
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Commercial Skywest (Delta Connection)

Freight Airborne Express, Federal Express, UPS and Ameriflight

Harriet Field General Aviation (Wells, NV)

Runway 01-19: 5,500 by 120, lighted

West Wendover Airport General and Charter Aviation

Runways 12-30: 8,100 by N/A, lighted
03-31: 9,100 by N/A, lighted

TAX STRUCTURE

Sales and Use Tax	6.5% (None on grocery items)
Property Tax	Assessment is 35% of full cash value
Elko County	\$2.42-\$3.64 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/>)

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electricity: Sierra Pacific Power Company
542 Commercial Street
Elko, NV 89801
Phone: (775) 738-3188

Wells Rural Electric Company
1451 Humbolt Avenue
Wells, NV 89835
Phone: (775) 752-3328

Natural Gas: Southwest Gas Company
744 Commercial Street
Elko, NV 89801
Phone: (775) 738-7138

Telecommunications: Citizens Communications
Telephone
111 West Front
Elko, NV 89801
Phone: (775) 738-0283

Water & Sewer: Provided by the local municipalities.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Residents of Elko County enjoy an ideal four-season climate, a moderate cost of living, high quality education and outstanding cultural and recreational opportunities.

Elko is the largest urban area and center of government and commerce in northeastern and northcentral Nevada. The civic pride and spirit that run through this community are unmistakable. In 1993, author Norman Crampton named Elko the best small town in America in his book, *The 100 Best Small Towns in America*. Elko has received high marks for education, available health care, recreation and population growth. It is home to an 80,000 volume public library, 120 acres of public parks, thriving industries, and the annual "Cowboy Poetry Gathering."