

Research Notes



2016 Sub-State Population Estimates
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11 of 17 Counties Had Population Growth Since Pre-Recession; Clark, Washoe and Elko Lead the Way

Population Estimates

Area	2007	2016	change
Nevada	2,601,072	2,939,254	338,182
Clark	1,867,817	2,155,664	287,847
Washoe	408,724	453,616	44,892
Elko	47,423	52,168	4,745
Lyon	51,725	53,179	1,454
Humboldt	15,658	16,842	1,184
Douglas	47,166	48,020	854
Lander	5,439	5,702	263
Eureka	1,683	1,917	234
Lincoln	4,859	5,055	196
White Pine	9,626	9,682	56
Storey	4,000	4,051	51
Esmeralda	829	790	-39
Pershing	6,715	6,560	-155
Mineral	4,880	4,449	-431
Carson City	55,288	54,742	-546
Churchill	24,961	24,198	-763
Nye	44,279	43,423	-856

- This *Research Note* examines population growth/decline in the Silver State from 2007 to 2016. The most recent U.S. Census Bureau estimates show Nevada's population at 2.9 million in 2016, up from 2.6 million in 2007, an increase of about 340,000. At the county level, 11 of 17 counties have realized increases in population from 2007 to 2016.
- Clark County had the highest population growth with about 288,000 new residents, followed by Washoe County and Elko, with gains of 45,000 and 4,800, respectively.
- Nye County had the highest population decline at about 900 residents, followed by Churchill County, with close to 800, and Carson City with over 500.
- In 2016 alone, ten counties experienced year-over-year population growth relative to the prior year. Clark County's population growth in 2016 of 46,400 reflects a natural increase (births minus deaths) of about 11,000. It also reflects a net migration of 34,300 people moving into the county, about 80% of whom were domestic in-migrants from elsewhere in the U.S.
- During the same period, Washoe County shows a natural increase of 1,700 and a net migration of 6,300 (90% were domestic in-migrants from other states). All told, the County's population grew 8,200 over the 2015-2016 period.