



## INFORMATION ABOUT

# Douglas County Quality of Life

## Douglas County Public Safety

	Population	Douglas County Crime Rate	Western States Crime Rate*	National Crime Rate
2008	52,386	2.58**	N/A	N/A
2007	52,386	19.07	N/A	N/A
2006	51,770	21.31	39.98	38.35
2005	50,108	23.91	42.94	39.28
2004	47,803	27.17	44.04	40.11

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 January 2008.

## Climate

### Monthly Temperature (F)

	2005	2006*	2007*	Average
January	26.8	33.9	28.1	<b>29.6</b>
February	35.8	35.9	37.9	<b>36.5</b>
March	43.5	37.6	45.8	<b>42.3</b>
April	45.1	48.4	50.1	<b>47.9</b>
May	56.8	58.1	58.0	<b>57.6</b>
June	60.7	67.5	65.2	<b>64.5</b>
July	74.3	74.4	74.4	<b>74.4</b>
August	71.1	69.0	71.2	<b>70.4</b>
September	58.9	61.9	60.5	<b>60.4</b>
October	52.4	49.6	49.6	<b>50.5</b>
November	43.1	43.2	43.1	<b>43.1</b>
December	37.2	33.3	34.0	<b>34.8</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>

Source: Nevada Climate Summaries, \*National Weather Service Forecast Office

## Housing

### Housing Availability

According to the 2000 Census, there are 19,006 housing units in Douglas County. 16,401 are occupied, 2,605 are vacant, and 1,765 are available for seasonal/recreational use.

### Existing Home Sales Statistics

Area	Total Active Listings	Total # of MLS Sales	Median # of Days on the Market	Average # of Days on the Market	Median Sales Price	Average Sales Prices
Minden/Gardnerville	696	39	139	156	\$365,000	\$437,912

Source: Northern Nevada Regional MLS, October 2007 information, all housing types combined

## Traffic

	Average Commute Time	# of Vehicles per Household*	% of Work Done at Home
<b>Douglas County</b>	23.5 minutes	2.33*	36.1

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

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## **Medical/Health Resources**

### **Carson Tahoe Hospital**

Carson-Tahoe Hospital has an active medical staff consisting of 120-140 physicians, with areas of specialty ranging from Cardiology and Neurology to Plastic and Microsurgery. The hospital offers an innovative Women & Children's Center, a state-of-the-art Cardiac Cath Lab, Observation Unit, Admission and Recovery Center, an expanded Carson Rehabilitation Center, a renovated and improved Surgical Unit and Emergency Room, and the latest diagnostic technologies paralleling the quality of other major hospital systems. CTH serves Carson City, the growing Carson Valley, Minden/Gardnerville, Tahoe and outlying areas through the hospital, Minden Medical Center, Behavioral Health Services, Carson Rehabilitation Center and our new Community Wellness Center.

### **Douglas Medical Center**

Designed to house a wide range of medial specialties, the Center brought together many of the area's most respected physicians to provide a host of new services to Douglas County in one convenient location. Equipped with the latest technology, the Center is hardly a typical rural operation. In addition to urgent care services, it also provides physicians who are trained in diverse fields - all located at the Center - for the convenience of the residents of the Carson Valley.

### **Mountain Meadows Medical**

### **Barton HealthCare System**

With 40 years of growth and development, Barton Memorial Hospital has seen many changes. We have opened and closed urgent care clinics, expanded into the Carson Valley and ski resorts, opened a Community Clinic and Skilled Nursing Facility and created family and primary care physician groups. Barton Memorial Hospital is now one component of the larger Barton HealthCare System. The Barton HealthCare System is continuously expanding services, purchasing new equipment and providing the community with the best in medical care. The name is reflective of the growth and the expansion of services to include much more than the hospital.

### **Carson Valley Medical Center**

Carson Valley Medical Center's active medical staff includes specialists in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Radiology and Pediatrics. In addition, our medical staff physicians are also supported by a full complement of consultants, including cardiology, ear nose and throat specialists, neurology, pulmonology, podiatry and oncology. Many surgical specialists are on the staff of our Ambulatory Surgery Center. Finally, as most of you already know, CVMC provides 24-hour emergency care service with helicopter transfer as needed by CareFlight.

### **Carson Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center**

Carson Valley Surgery Center cares for a wide variety of medical and surgical needs. Some of the surgical procedures performed are: Ear, nose and throat surgery, Eye surgery, Cataract laser surgery, Laser and microscopic surgery, Dental and oral surgery, General surgery, Orthopedic surgery, Gastrointestinal processes, Gynecologic surgery, Podiatric surgery, Plastic surgery, and Urologic surgery.

### **Emergency Services**

Carson Valley Medical Center 24 Hour Emergency Care  
Gardnerville Fire Station  
Ruhstroth Volunteer Fire Station

## **Education**

Douglas County is home to 7 elementary schools, 3 junior high schools, and 3 high schools. The average salary of teaching personnel is \$42,584.\* In Douglas County, the average teacher/student ratio is 23:01, the average class size is 21, the dropout rate is 3.1 and the 2006-07 graduation rate for Douglas County was 82.8%.\*\*

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

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

### 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> (%)
County*	486	0.2	2.3	32.0	37.9	27.8
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

#### 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> (%)
Douglas County*	506	0.2	3.2	31.5	55.2	10.1
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> (%)
Douglas County*	564	0.0	8.5	27.1	53.7	10.6
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> (%)
Douglas County*	486	0.2	2.1	22.5	51.1	24.3
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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Douglas County*	506	0.2	3.6	27.3	57.0	12.1
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

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Douglas County*	564	0.2	2.3	22.0	57.0	18.7
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

# Douglas 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> (%)
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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.

### Western Nevada College

Western Nevada College is a comprehensive community college which serves more than 6,000 students each semester within an 18,000-square-mile service area. One of four community colleges within the University and Community College System of Nevada, it is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities.

The college offers some 50 academic degrees and certificates in areas as diverse as engineering and construction technology, nursing, musical theatre, golf facilities management, geographic information systems, criminal justice and graphic design. Students may also complete up to two years of many baccalaureate degree programs, such as teacher preparation, for transfer to a university.

In response to industry needs, the college designs specialized training programs in machine tool, drafting, electronics, computing and other occupational areas. Customization often includes providing specialized instruction at the times and locations most convenient to employers, including on-site programs. Recent training programs conducted for area businesses have included welding certification, math, English, supervisory training, and computer applications.

### University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)

*U.S. News & World Report* ranked UNR as one of America's best colleges and the Carnegie Foundation ranks UNR in the highest research category with institutions like Stanford, Harvard, Cal-Berkley, and UCLA. UNR provides a variety of programs including 70 bachelor's degrees, 70 master's programs, and 30 doctoral specialties. The colleges include: Engineering, Business Administration, Logistics and School of Medicine. UNR's Business Logistics Program is considered by the countries largest firms to be one of the top 10 in the United States. They also have a fully accredited MBA program. Supported research funding has more than tripled in the past 10 years to \$87 million, which translates to a yearly economic impact in Nevada of nearly \$200 million. Researchers at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, with a \$9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, are finding innovative ways to fight cardiac arrhythmias, or irregular heartbeats.

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

### Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)

TMCC serves over 11,000 students with programs leading to associate degrees and certificates in more than 40 academic and occupational areas. Offering academic and university transfer, occupational training, career enhancement workshops and classes just for fun, TMCC is the fastest growing college in northern Nevada.

### Career College of Northern Nevada

Career College of Northern Nevada provides high quality education to students with varying levels of academic abilities. The college is committed to providing its students with the skills and technical knowledge needed for initial employment in entry level positions of business and industry. Recognizing that many graduates will want to advance to management and executive positions, the college offers its students not only the specific skills needed for immediate employment but also the opportunity to develop self-confidence, leadership abilities and a sense of responsibility. The students maximize their potential to obtain a good job, stable life, and respect.

### Morrison University

Morrison University is an independent educational institution, dedicated to providing higher education opportunities leading to diplomas and associate degrees as well as Bachelor of Science degrees. Diploma and Associate degree programs are designed to meet the needs of students in developing marketable skills which enable them to establish careers in business, professional, and technical fields. The Bachelor of Science degree allows students to continue their education in business and management in order to fulfill their academic and professional aspirations and potential. The University recognizes that education is a lifelong endeavor, which enriches the quality of life as well as individual professional achievement.

### 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.

## Cultural Organizations and Recreation

### Carson Valley Golf Course

Located on the Carson River at the south end of Gardnerville, this 18 hole course winds through the tall cottonwood trees planted by settlers more than a century ago.

### Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center

The museum is open year round and includes exhibits of an old printing press, an early telephone display, various valley history exhibits, and displays of approximately 24 member artists.

### Lahontan National Fish Hatchery

This hatchery raises the threatened Lahontan Cutthroat Trout using a unique water recirculation system.

### Sharkey's Memorabilia Collection

Sharkey Begovich's collection of Western art, boxing memorabilia, circus items, and an extensive saddle collection.

### Bristlecone Pine Forest

This forest consists of 150 acres of trees considered to be among the oldest living things on earth. One stand includes pines approaching 4,000 years old. An interpretive trail through the forest branches off the scenic area's main loop trail. Another spur off the main loop climbs to the summit of Wheeler Peak, the second highest peak in Nevada.

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## Cultural Organizations and Recreation (con't)

### Genoa Courthouse Museum

The Genoa Courthouse Museum was built as the courthouse for the county seat of Douglas County in 1865. Douglas is one of ten original counties in the Territory of Nevada, and Genoa was the only town among a few small villages or settlements. A grand opening was held in 1978, and the museum is operated from May to October. Exhibits include the old courtroom, a county office, the blacksmith shop and jail, Washoe Indian life and artifacts, schoolroom, school kitchen and a room dedicated to John "Snowshoe" Thompson, "Mailman of the Sierra".

### Golf Club at Genoa Lakes

Located at the foot of the Sierra, just east of Lake Tahoe, this recently renovated, semi-private course blends spectacular scenery and a championship layout with private-club amenities and services. No wonder it's consistently rated among the best in Nevada. Also, rated "Best in Reno Area" by 2002 Golf Digest, "Places to Play."

### Great Basin National Park

Established in 1986, Great Basin National Park in eastern Nevada is a tribute to the unique Great Basin region in the western United States. From the sagebrush at its alluvial base to the 13,063-foot summit of Wheeler Peak, Great Basin National Park includes streams, lakes, alpine plants, abundant wildlife, a variety of forest types including groves of ancient bristlecone pines, and numerous limestone caverns, including beautiful Lehman Caves.

### Lehman Caves

Lehman Caves is one of the best places to see rare shield formations. Over 300 shields are known in Lehman Caves, more than any other cave. All of the cave is profusely decorated; stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, flowstone, popcorn, and other formations cover almost every surface of the cave. Information about past surface climates are preserved in the layers of cave formations, while much can be learned about natural history from the "treasures" in old pack rat middens. Thus the cave has great potential for researchers to study both past climate change and the effects of climate change on plant and animal communities. Water, geologic forces, and climatic changes combined to form Lehman Caves over a period of thousands to millions of years. Some cave formations are still actively forming today, others may restart in the future.

### Mormon Station State Historic Park

Mormon Station is the site of Nevada's first permanent nonnative settlement. A replica of the original trading post built in 1851 houses a small museum with relics of pioneer days. Picnic and group facilities are available. The park is open May through October.

### Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch

Built in the Sierra foothills with a panoramic view of the Carson Valley and forested mountains. Scenic site is a former cattle ranch north of Genoa. In first six months of operation, golfers made six holes-in-one on No. 7. Architects: John Harbottle with Johnny Miller.

### Walley's Hot Springs

This 1862 resort is nestled at the base of the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains overlooking the Carson Valley. Walley's features six hot mineral spring spas, a fresh water swimming pool, sauna, fitness center, tennis courts and historic cottage accommodations.

### Heavenly Ski Resort

Head to the top of the Heavenly gondola and explore the mountain from our designated hiking trails. From towering pines to granite boulders to blooming wildflowers, our high-altitude hiking trails offer a unique outdoor experience. After working up an appetite, grab a bite to eat at the Adventure Peak Grill located at the top of the gondola.

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## Cultural Organizations and Recreation (con't)

### Edgewood Tahoe

Set along the south shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe, Edgewood Tahoe is in arguably one of the most scenic golf courses in the world. Designed by George Fazio and opening in 1968, Edgewood is rated by Golf Digest Magazine as one of "America's Top Golf Courses". A challenging but fair test of golf for all ability levels, a choice of four sets of tees gives all golfers a course suitable to their game, playing from 5567 yards to a demanding 7445 yard test of golf.

### Bike the West

Bike the West is an entity which organizes fully supported group bicycle tours such as Night Rides, Fun Rides, Challenging Centuries, Multi-Day Rides. Events have included rides around Lake Tahoe, the Comstock Sierra Historical Tour, the "OATBRAN -One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada", and an urban ride through Las Vegas.

### Lake Tahoe Cruises

Lake Tahoe Cruises offers some of the most spectacular ways to experience one of the West Coast's favorite destinations. Our cruises, charters and shuttles add the perfect touch to any Lake Tahoe occasion.

### Diamond Peak Ski Resort

Diamond Peak Ski Resort features spectacular alpine and cross country skiing with incomparable views of Lake Tahoe, value priced programs and endless fun for the whole family.

### Tahoe Sport Fishing

Treat yourself to an unforgettable experience on America's premier alpine lake. The captains are experienced in trolling, drifting and jigging and they're here year-round to guide you to the lake's hot spots. Depending on the season, you can expect to catch Mackinaw (Lake Trout), Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Kokanee Salmon.

### Model Airplane Complex

Just behind the Douglas County Animal Shelter, this 2-acre site has a 60x400 asphalt runway with taxiways for the sport of model airplane flying.

### Douglas County Shooting Facility

Shooting areas contain shaded bench rests on concrete pads. The earthen berm for the pistol range is at 50 yards, while those for the rifle range are at 100, 200, and 300 yards.

### Carson Valley Skate Facility

This state-of-the-art facility boasts over 30,000 square feet of rails, roll-ins, 6' drop-ins, fun boxes, and an hour glass shaped bowl for the ultimate skating experience.

### Round Hill Bike Path

This bike path is 3.6 miles offering breathtaking views of Lake Tahoe from several vantage points.

## Annual Events

Name	Date
Annual Shooting Weekend	February
Carson Valley Days	June
Spring Arts & Crafts Street Fair	June
Fourth of July	July
Rhymers Rodeer	November
Parade of Lights	December
New Years Eve Celebrations	December

# Douglas County Quality of Life (con't)

## Churches/Religious Organizations

Denomination	Total Number of Churches
Assemblies of God	1
Baptist & Baptist United	12
Bible	1
Calvary Chapel	1
Catholic	4
Charismatic	1
Church of Jesus Christ	3
Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints	3
Church of the Nazarene	1
Community	2
Episcopal	1
Foursquare Gospel	2
Gnostic Catholic	4
Jehovah's Witnesses	1
Lutheran	3
Methodist	3
Non-denominational	2
Presbyterian	1
Roman Catholic	1

Source: AreaGuide.net

## Libraries

Douglas County has two libraries. The Minden Library, located on Library Lane and County Road in Minden, contains over 77,000 books available for adults and children. The Lake Tahoe Branch Library which is located at Zephyr Cove Park contains over 33,000 books available for adults and children. Douglas County adds nearly 4,000 books each year to the Minden and Tahoe libraries.

## Financial Institutions

- Bank of America
- El Dorado Savings Bank
- Nevada State Bank
- US Bank
- Wells Fargo