



## INFORMATION ABOUT

# Lyon County Quality of Life

## Lyon County Public Safety

	Population	Lyon County Crime Rate	Western States Crime Rate*	National Crime Rate
2008	54,031	1.98**	N/A	N/A
2007	54,031	17.12	N/A	N/A
2006	54,031	16.27	39.98	38.35
2005	48,860	20.79	42.94	39.28
2004	44,646	22.22	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

	2005	2006*	2007*	Average
January	31.3	37.3	27.9	<b>32.2</b>
February	37.8	37.7	39.8	<b>38.4</b>
March	46.4	40.0	49.5	<b>45.3</b>
April		51.1	36.0	<b>43.6</b>
May	60.4	63.2		<b>61.8</b>
June	65.3	72.7		<b>69.0</b>
July	79.7	79.6	79.3	<b>79.5</b>
August	75.5	73.0	74.5	<b>74.3</b>
September		66.3	63.8	<b>65.1</b>
October	55.1	53.0	51.9	<b>53.3</b>
November	44.6	43.0	42.9	<b>43.5</b>
December	35.9	31.8	31.4	<b>33.0</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>53.3</b>

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

## Housing

### Housing Availability

According to the 2000 Census, there are 14,279 housing units in Lyon County. 13,007 are occupied, 1,272 are vacant, and 184 are available for seasonal, recreational, or occasional 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
Dayton	273	11	160	170	\$228,000	\$234,369
Lyon	406	26	97	159	\$200,000	\$198,957

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

## Traffic

	Average Commute Time	Number of Vehicles per Household*	Percentage of Work Done at Home
<b>Lyon County</b>	28.0 minutes	2.05	3.7

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

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## **Medical/Health Resources**

### **South Lyon Medical Center**

Located in Yerington, the South Lyon Medical Center offers 24 hour emergency care with a skilled nursing facility, specialty consultant physicians and hospital services. A newly opened 59 bed long-term care facility is available. The non-profit corporation has been serving its community for over 40 years and is at the point where its walk-in services rival the largest hospitals.

### **Carson-Tahoe Hospital\***

Carson-Tahoe Hospital is a public not-for-profit community hospital that began serving the Carson City health care needs in 1949. The hospital includes Behavioral Health Services, an inpatient Psychiatric and Addictive Disorder Center, Carson Rehabilitation Center and a satellite facility in Douglas County; the Minden Medical Center. The hospital is located at 775 Fleischmann Way in Carson City and has 128 beds with an active medical staff of more than 120 physicians. Carson-Tahoe Hospital has recently completed major renovations to its obstetrics and pediatric wing along with the surgery unit. Other services offered by Carson-Tahoe Hospital include nutrition counseling, CPR and Wellness Programs, home health and hospice services, rehabilitation and physical therapy, a cardiac catheterization center, an ambulatory infusion center, oncology, and a 24-hour emergency service. The hospital's main phone number is (775)882-1361.

### **Carson-Tahoe Hospital's Behavioral Health Services\***

Carson-Tahoe Hospital's Behavioral Health Services has 28 beds dedicated to psychological and emotional distress and addictive disorders. The main center for Behavioral Health Services is located at the intersection of William and Minnesota streets. Other outpatient locations are at 1177 N. Division St. and 1276 Pit Road in Gardnerville. The Behavioral Health Service Center's phone number is 885-4460, with a 24-hour hot line number of 800-263-7671. The Carson Rehabilitation Center, located at 900 E. Long St., is adjacent to the Senior Citizens Center in Carson City. It has 30 beds available for physical, occupational and speech therapy for inpatient and outpatient care. The Carson Rehabilitation Center's phone number is (775)881-7000.

### **Minden 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.

### **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.

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## Medical/Health Resources (con't)

### 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.

### Nevada Physician Directory

With the help of the Physician Directory, you can make an informed choice of your doctor in the comfort of your own home, without searching through endless information. This site will help you locate, get acquainted with, and choose a new medical service provider in your area. The Physician Directory listings include all types of physicians for all of your medical needs. some listed areas follows, Naturopaths, Osteopath, Oncology, Dermatology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Endocrinology, Psychiatry, Radiology, Oncology, Cancer Specialists, Gynecology, Urology, and more.

### Renown Health

Renown Health is one of the most comprehensive healthcare networks with leading specialists in every major field of medicine. With our dedicated staff, modern facilities, state-of-the-art technology, commitment to quality care, and role in educating future physicians and nurses, Renown Health has earned a reputation as a healthcare leader. Whether providing specialty care to the tiniest newborns, performing complex cardiothoracic surgery, or offering comprehensive primary care, Renown Health delivers excellence in healthcare with compassion and caring.

### Saint Mary's Healthfirst

Saint Mary's is an integrated health network based in Reno, Nevada and comprised of regional medical center, wholly-owned HMO, PPO, TPA and MCO philanthropic foundation, joint venture outpatient surgery center. Saint Mary's Health Network has been named for the second year in a row to the list of the top 100 healthcare systems in the nation, published in *Modern Healthcare Magazine*.

### Emergency Services

Lyon County has a variety of emergency services including Police, Fire, and Sheriff Departments

### Education

Lyon County is home to 7 elementary schools, 4 junior high schools, 4 high schools, and 3 adult education. The average salary of teaching personnel is \$40,115.\* In Lyon County, the average teacher/student ratio is 18:01, the 2006-07 dropout rate is 1.2%, the average class size is 23, and the 2006-07 graduation rate was 79.2%.\*\*

\*Lyon County School District, \*\*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> (%)
Lyon County*	671	0.0	3.9	32.2	36.1	27.9
Nevada*	33,430	0.3	8.8	35.5	33.7	22.1
National** 4th Grade			Below Basic N/A	At or Above Basic N/A	At or Above Proficient N/A	At Advanced 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> (%)
Lyon County*	727	0.3	4.8	41.0	43.9	10.3
Nevada*	33,086	0.3	6.7	34.8	46.9	11.6
National** 4th Grade			Below Basic N/A	At or Above Basic N/A	At or Above Proficient N/A	At Advanced N/A

# Lyon County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

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

#### 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> (%)
Lyon County*	755	1.2	13.0	29.0	52.7	5.4
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> (%)
Lyon County*	671	0.0	3.6	29.1	48.1	19.2
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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#### 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> (%)
Lyon County*	755	2.0	3.5	29.3	51.2	15.9
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

### 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> (%)
Lyon County*	727	0.3	5.9	42.9	37.0	14.2
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

# Lyon County Quality of Life (con't)

## Education (con't)

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

#### 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> (%)
Lyon County*	755	1.7	6.3	24.8	62.4	6.5
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.

### 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.

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## Education (con't)

### 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.

### Lake Tahoe Community College

Located in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., offers the first two years of a four-year degree, 38 different associate's degrees and 20 certificates. LTCC is one of 109 community colleges in the state of California. Students at LTCC enjoy small class sizes averaging 15 students per class and quality one-on-one instruction. The college offers a good neighbor policy for Nevada residents and tuition is only \$28 a unit.

## Cultural Organizations and Recreation

### Lyon County Museum

Originally constructed in the town of Mason, the old church building now exhibits room settings with a turn of the century kitchen, child's bedroom, sheriff's office, and the Anaconda Copper room. Several out buildings include the General Store, natural history display, blacksmith shop, and a one room school house.

### Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center

This newly renovated 1912 historic Yerington Grammar School No. 9 is home of the 210 seat Jeanne Dini Performing Arts Center which is equipped with state of the art lighting and sound systems.

### Dayton Valley Country Club

An 18 hole Arnold Palmer designed course in the Sierra foothills. Opened in 1991 and already ranks sixth on Golf Today's list of Top 20 daily fee courses for Northern California and Nevada. Dayton Valley presents a challenging and enjoyable experience for golfers of all abilities.

### Mason Valley Country Club

The original 9-hole layout has recently been expanded to 18, with a challenging, yet rewarding series of new fairways.

### Desert Lakes Golf Course

18 holes of first-class golf, with names like "The Hangin' Tree", and "The Smokin' Gun."

### Lake Lahontan State Park

Boating, jet skiing, water skiing, fishing for white bass, walleye and catfish, camping and picnicking abound at this versatile recreation area.

### Dayton State Park & Carson River

Picnicking, hiking, and wildlife viewing in and around Nevada's first settlement.

### Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area

Home to trout & bass fishing, as well as duck, goose and deer hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities in the heart of beautiful Mason Valley. The Nevada Dept. of Wildlife operates a fish hatchery here where fish are raised to stock waters all over the state. Tours are available.

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## Cultural Organizations and Recreation (con't)

### The Reno-Fernley Raceway

A 500 acre facility in Fernley Nevada, designed specifically for family recreation and participation in motor sport activities of many venues.

### Walker River, East & West Forks

Trout fishing and wildlife viewing in some of the most scenic areas of the state, including Wilson Canyon with its majestic rock walls & quiet fishing holes.

### Wilson Canyon

Located between Yerington and Smith Valley, visitors are able to hike through a canyon cut by the West Walker River over millions of years. You can walk along the banks of the river for an afternoon of exercise wildlife viewing and relaxation. Discover an area rich in archeological finds and a rock hounders delight.

## Annual Events

Name	Date
Spring Fling Classic Car Show	May-June
Coyote Chase	June
Back Alley Fights	July
Lyon County Fair & Rodeo	August
Spirit of Wovoka Powwow	August
Dayton Valley Days	April & September
Santa Maria Days	August
Fernley Frontier Days	August
Smith Fun Days	October
Silver Springs Stew-Do	October

## Churches/Religious Organizations

Denomination	Total Number of Churches
Advent Christian	1
Adventist	1
Assemblies of God	3
Baptist	5
Bible	1
Catholic	5
Church of Christ/God/Jesus Christ	8
Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints	9
Church of the Nazarene	2
Community	2
Episcopal	2
Evangelical	1
Faith Christian Fellowship	1
Foursquare Gospel	1
Gnostic Catholic	5
Independent	1
Iranian Christian	1
Jehovah's Witness	1
Lutheran	3
Methodist	2
Non-denominational	2
Roman Catholic	5
Seventh Day Adventist	1
United Baptist	4

Source: AreaGuide.net

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## **Libraries**

There are three (3) public libraries in Lyon County. One (1) each in Dayton, Yerington, and Fernley.

## **Financial Institutions**

- Bank of America
- Citibank
- Nevada State Bank
- Wells Fargo