



E - Brochure -- Few areas of Nevada can boast the diversity of natural, historic, and economic resources that characterize Eureka County. From alpine mountain peaks to irrigated valley floors, County residents enjoy a varied geography that provides important natural resources and economic activities. The unique values of Eureka

County include clean air, open space and recreation. Residents enjoy the quiet surroundings and the security of a small town. Most residents live in the town of Eureka, located in the southeastern corner of the county. The balance of county's population lives in Crescent Valley and Beowawe in northern Eureka County. The 2000 census reported 1,100 persons living in Eureka and 550 persons in the Beowawe/Crescent Valley.

Years	Population - Persons
1980	1,198
1990	1,547
2000	1,651
Forecasts	-
2002	1,982
2005	2,036
2010	2,129

Eureka Population -- by Age and Sex (2000)		
Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	97	5.9%
5 – 19	398	24.1%
20 – 44	523	31.6%
45 – 64	428	25.9%
65 and older	205	12.4%
Total Persons	1,651	
Median age 38.3 years -- Source U.S. Census Bureau		

Comparative review of 2000 census data indicates the overall demographic composition of Eureka County's population is similar to that of the State and the Nation.

Employment and Economic Activity -- Mining built Eureka in the late 1800s and mining today is still the major economic activity in the county. In 1998, 84 percent of all jobs were in the mining industry. Although agriculture represents a small share of the total labor force (only about 4 percent), the industry is nevertheless vital to the county's economy. Unlike mining, agriculture has been a steady economic force for decades.

The agricultural economy consists of four sectors: range beef cattle, alfalfa hay, timothy hay, and native hay. The other major nonagricultural industry in Eureka County is government, which provided just over five percent of wage and salary jobs in 1998.

In addition, travel, including tourism and recreational, has been more important to the economy in recent years. Since the completion of the downtown facade and streetscape beautification program in 1999 and complete renovation of the Eureka Opera House, County Courthouse, and many other historic buildings, the number of persons visiting Eureka is on the rise.

According to the Eureka Sentinel Museum, which tracks visitors through its sign-in book, visitation to the museum increased to 4,140 persons in 2000 from 3,405 persons in 1999.

Sector Employment (1998)	
Sector	Percent Share
Agriculture	4.06%
Mining	83.67%
Construction	0.93%
Manufacturing	0.02%
Transportation, Communications, Utilities	0.02%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	3.12%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	0.02%
Services	2.4%
Government	5.21%

Schools --The Eureka County School District is one of the smallest districts in the state. In the town of Eureka, the district operates a junior-senior high school (capacity of 200) and an elementary school (capacity of 240). In Crescent Valley the elementary school serves the northern end of the county -- (capacity 180 students). High school students from Crescent Valley attend high school in Battle Mountain; Pine Valley high school students go to Carlin High School.

Utilities, Communications & Transportation -- Eureka County is served by three electric utilities; Mount Wheeler Power, Inc., Sierra Pacific Power Company, and the Wells Rural Electric Company. The Eureka town water system is supplied from two wells, which draw from the Diamond Valley water basin aquifer. The town of Crescent Valley has water and sewer supplied by Eureka County. Residents not served by the county water rely on individual wells and surface springs.

Entertainment & News Services

Central Nevada Newspapers, Inc publishes the Eureka Sentinel, the County's only weekly newspaper; it has a circulation of 500. The Elko Daily Free Press, Battle



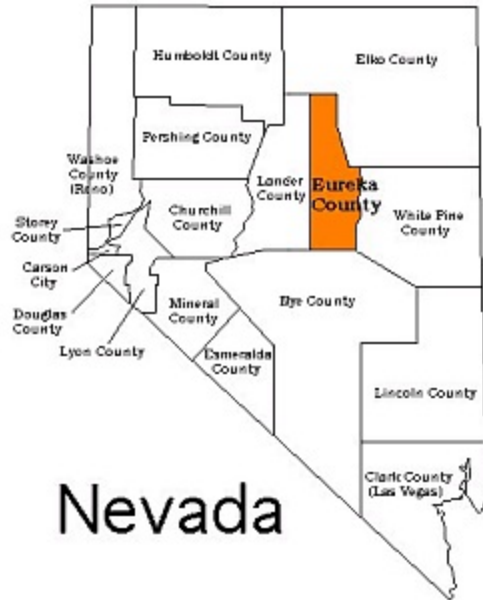
Mountain Bugle, High Desert Advocate, Ely Daily Times, Reno Gazette-Journal, and Carlin Express also serve residents in the county. **(Photo - Eureka Main Street)**

The Eureka Sentinel and Elko Free Press are the County's newspapers of record. Radio stations (AM and FM) are broadcasted from Elko, Ely, and Reno; National Public Radio from Reno is heard in Eureka and Crescent Valley on transmitters. Eureka County residents have access to regional and national television stations. Cable television is also available within the town of Eureka. A fiber optic line extends through the county providing high-speed Internet access; the County offers Internet services to county residents at a rate of \$20 per month. Telephone service is provided by Nevada Bell. Cellular phone coverage is also available across much of the county. **(Photo Town of Eureka)**



Transportation -- Two major east-west highways traverse Eureka County. Interstate 80 crosses through the northern part of the County and U.S. 50 connects the Town of Eureka with Ely and continues west to Carson City and Sacramento. There is a general aviation airport located eight miles north of Eureka off State Highway 278; the runway is paved and lighted and is 7,400 feet long -- elevation is 5,946 feet.

Government -- The costs of operating government and schools in Eureka County are paid for through a variety of taxes and fees, collected either at the State level (for distribution to the County) or at the County level. For fiscal year 2001, Eureka County collected \$11.7 million in taxes and fees and expended \$8.5 million. The two largest revenue sources were property taxes including net proceeds of mines and intergovernmental receipts. The Eureka County School District is a separate unit of government, with a separate budget.



Board of Commissioners

Eureka County was established in 1873. The Board of Eureka County Commissioners oversees County government and administers



the budgets of the Town of Eureka and the Town of Crescent Valley. Various special districts are governed by the Board of County Commissioners or by separate boards. A town advisory board participates in governance for the Town of Crescent Valley. The political/administrative organizations of the County includes: The County Commission, the Clerk/Treasurer, the Recorder/Auditor, the

District Attorney and District Judges, including a Justices of the Peace, the Sheriff, Public Works and Natural Resources section. (Top Photo Eureka County Court House, right photo Crescent Valley Town Center)



Physical Characteristics -- Eureka County encompasses 4,176 square miles. The topography of the County generally consists of alternating, linear mountains with long, low alluvial filled basins characteristic of the Basin and Range.



Elevation ranges from a high of around 10,461 feet at the Summit Mountains in the Monitor Range to about 4,000 feet elevation found on the floors of

several of the lower basins. The Humboldt River, the largest in the County, winds through the north. The Town of Eureka, located at 6,500 feet elevation in the southeast corner of the County, is the county seat.



Mineral Resources -- Mineral production on public lands in Nevada involves mineral location, resource leasing, and material sale. Miners and prospectors who locate minerals such as gold and silver on public lands must apply for mineral rights. Oil and gas, geothermal, sodium, and other similar minerals are available through competitive and non-competitive mineral leasing. Mineral products mined in Eureka County include gold, iron ore, stone (crushed), silver, mercury, lead, copper, and zinc.

Land Management/Ownership – Eureka County		
Land Management (1996)	Acreage	Percent
Bureau of Land Management	2,021,141	75.0%
U.S. Forest Service	144,139	5.4%
Private ownership	504,738	19.0%
State	5,512	0.12%
County	950	0.01%
TOTAL	2,676,480	

Public Services and Recreational Opportunities -- Most residents in Eureka have ready access to adequate police and fire protection, medical facilities, and judicial services. Recreational opportunities, including hunting, hiking, exploring abound. Eureka County funds volunteer fire departments in Eureka, Crescent Valley, Beowawe, and Pine Valley. Eureka County also contracts with the Nevada Division of Forestry for wild fires in the County.

Eureka County operates the Diagnostic and Treatment Centers in Eureka and Crescent Valley by contracting with Nevada Rural Health Services. The County also contracts with the State of

Nevada for community health nursing services. There is no hospital in Eureka County.

Residents and visitors obtain most medical, dental, and pharmacy services in Ely, Elko, Reno, Battle Mountain, and Salt Lake City. The nearest hospitals are Elko General Hospital and Battle Mountain General Hospital.



Eureka County funds volunteer ambulance/EMT services in Eureka, Crescent Valley, Beowawe, and Pine Valley. The County provides facilities, ambulances, training, and supplies for these operations. Eureka County is served by emergency medical flight service to transport patients to Elko or major hospitals in case of medical emergency. **(Photo – Eureka County Administration Facility)**

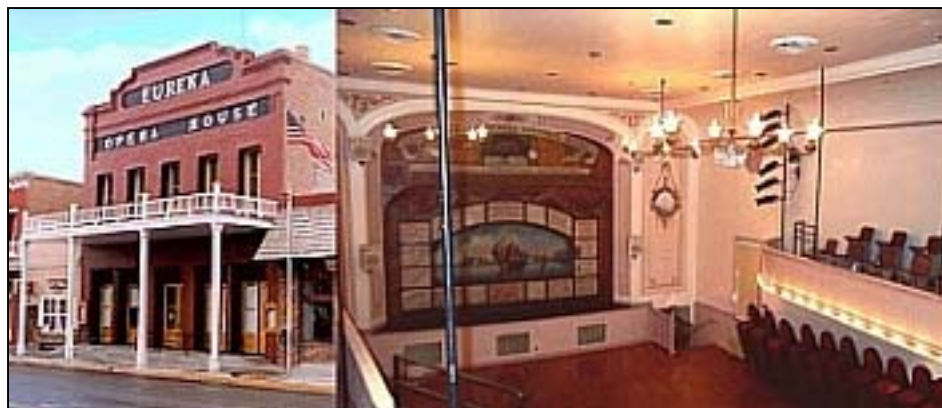
Judicial and Law Enforcement – Judicial and law enforcement services are provided by the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's office. The local District Court is part of the Seventh Judicial District, which includes Eureka, White Pine, and Lincoln Counties. Two District Court Judges are elected to 6-year terms and must be attorneys licensed to practice law in Nevada. The Sheriff's office consists of an elected Sheriff, an Under-sheriff, and a Civil Deputy along with the Patrol Division

Senior Services, Libraries and Community Organizations -- Eureka County operates senior centers in Eureka and Crescent Valley. The Eureka Center offers a daily lunch meal with occasional breakfasts and dinners, transportation services, homebound meals, a housekeeping program, Medicare/Medicaid Insurance Assistance, food assistance, and recreational and social opportunities. Eureka County operates libraries in Eureka, Crescent Valley, and Beowawe through an interlocal agreement with Elko County. Residents have the option of participating in the various service and several churches in the County

Recreation -- Outdoor recreation is the predominant type of recreation enjoyed in Eureka County; examples include: camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, nature study, history study, photography, rock hounding, mountain biking, horse packing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. The County maintains two ball fields, the Town Park, Children's Park, and a park at the Eureka County Fairgrounds. Eureka also has a large modern indoor swimming pool and a Shooting Range. **(Photo Indoors Pool, Eureka)**



Arts and Culture -- Eureka County Opera House was built in 1880 and recently restored. The Opera House offers full convention and meeting services and it hosts a wide array of cultural events year round, including concerts, ballets, and a range of theatrical productions. The Opera



House features the Grand Hall Auditorium which seats 300 people theater style or 150 people at banquet tables. The Diamond and Prospect Meeting Rooms accommodate 50 people seated theater style or 48 people seated at banquet tables. The meeting rooms also serve as the fine arts gallery for the Opera House's permanent fine arts collection or traveling exhibits.

Sentinel Museum -- The Eureka Sentinel Museum interprets the history of Eureka County. The museum is housed in the 1879 Eureka Sentinel Newspaper Building in the Town of Eureka. The ground floor of the building was made into a county historical museum in 1982; in June of 2000, the museum expanded to include both floors of the building.



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Visit Eureka County Community Development Website -<http://www.eurekacounty.com/>

This is the Eureka County Economic Development Homepage. This site contains a business directory with information about various services such as retail trade and agriculture, as well as information about motels, RV park accommodations, and recreation for tourists. The profile has detailed information about our community, and we are in the process of developing a downloadable brochure about the County.

Business activities in Eureka County are mainly agriculture and mining-based, although all entrepreneurial activities are welcome. With flexible zoning ordinances, very low property tax, and no business licensing, Eureka County is an attractive place to do business.

If you like high desert air, stunning mountain views, and no traffic congestion, you'll love Eureka County!



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