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Nevada demographer's 2017 population estimates show continued growth

RENO – The state Demographer's Office released its 2017 population estimates for Nevada and its counties, cities, and unincorporated towns, which show the state has added an estimated 33,300 people to its population since 2016, bringing the total to 2,986,700. This translates to a gain of 1.1 percent. Census Bureau estimates show that population growth in the Silver State is well above that for the nation as a whole.

"Taken as a whole, the population estimates are very consistent with other widely followed barometers, each suggesting that Nevada's economy continues to grow and expand," said Bill Anderson, executive director of the Department of Taxation. "Since our recovery started at the beginning of the decade, the state's population has grown by about 262,000, very similar to the increase in jobs and employment."

Northwest Nevada grew to an estimated population of 614,400, and southern Nevada to 2,240,200. Central Nevada and the I-80 mining corridor populations have remained relatively stable since 2010.

The population estimates take into account trends in housing units, employment, school enrollment, and the labor force.

Decade of Change

The last decade has been one of considerable change in Nevada's economy. The state has gone from a period of significant job loss during the Great Recession to a period of solid job growth. Recent job gains in Nevada have been among the strongest in the nation. Still, over time, the Silver State's population has continued to grow, up by nearly 404,000 since 2007.

"With the 2010 Census we have been looking at better historic information to understand what has happened over the past 10 years. Even when there was overall job loss, there were job gains in some sectors such as healthcare," said Jeff Hardcastle, Nevada State demographer. "With population, we saw natural increase and migration, including domestic migration of seniors. Additionally, the Census Bureau estimates that there was net international migration for Nevada."

The state demographer continues to look at data to help Nevadans know where we have been and where we are going—and will be looking toward the 2020 Census as a key upcoming data source. State and local governments and the Census Bureau are already gearing up for that Census.

Nevada Population By Region 2010 to 2017

	July 1 2010	July 1 2011	July 1 2012	July 1 2013	July 1 2014	July 1 2015	July 1 2016	July 1 2017
State of Nevada	2,724,634	2,721,794	2,750,217	2,800,967	2,843,301	2,897,584	2,953,375	2,986,656
Central								
Churchill County	26,360	25,136	25,238	25,322	25,103	25,126	25,266	25,387
Esmeralda County	1,145	825	860	858	926	923	964	970
Lincoln County	4,631	5,284	5,100	5,020	5,004	5,088	5,057	5,170
Mineral County	4,471	4,601	4,679	4,662	4,584	4,539	4,578	4,674
White Pine County	9,503	10,002	9,945	10,095	10,218	10,336	10,413	10,705
Total	46,110	45,848	45,823	45,956	45,835	46,011	46,278	46,906
I-80								
Elko County	52,097	49,861	51,771	53,384	53,358	53,551	53,997	53,287
Eureka County	1,609	1,994	2,011	2,024	1,903	1,862	1,959	1,932
Humboldt County	18,364	17,135	17,384	17,457	17,388	17,057	16,853	16,978
Lander County	5,992	5,988	6,221	6,343	6,560	6,247	6,257	6,200
Pershing County	7,133	6,847	7,013	6,882	6,714	6,750	6,693	6,743
Total	85,195	81,825	84,399	86,091	85,923	85,467	85,758	85,140
Northwest								
Carson City	55,850	56,066	55,441	54,668	53,969	54,273	55,182	55,438
Douglas County	49,242	47,661	48,015	48,478	48,553	48,223	48,235	48,300
Lyon County	52,334	52,443	52,245	52,960	53,344	53,277	53,644	54,657
Storey County	4,234	4,123	4,103	4,017	3,974	3,984	4,043	4,084
Washoe County	417,379	421,593	427,704	432,324	436,797	441,946	448,316	451,923
Total	579,039	581,886	587,508	592,448	596,637	601,703	609,420	614,403
Southern								
Clark County	1,968,831	1,967,722	1,988,195	2,031,723	2,069,450	2,118,353	2,166,181	2,193,818
Nye County	45,459	44,513	44,292	44,749	45,456	46,050	45,737	46,390
Total	2,014,290	2,012,235	2,032,487	2,076,471	2,114,906	2,164,403	2,211,918	2,240,208

The complete *Population of Nevada’s Counties and Incorporated Cities 2017 Governor’s Certified Series* can be found on the Department of Taxation’s website at

https://tax.nv.gov/Publications/Population_Statistics_and_Reports/.

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