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Annual Population Estimates, 1993 to 2002, Eureka County

Year	Total Population	Period	% Change
1993	1,502		
1994	1,367	93-94	-9.0
1995	1,369	94-95	0.1
1996	1,436	95-96	4.9
1997	1,763	96-97	22.8
1998	1,895	97-98	7.5
1999	1,726	98-99	-11.5
2000	1,651	99-00	-7.7
2001	1,506	00-01	-8.8
2002	1,384	01-02	-8.1
		Average annual Growth Rate, 1993-2002	-1.1

SOURCE: NV Dept. of Taxation and NV State Demographer, NSBDC-UNR, "Certified Population of Nevada Counties, Cities and Towns"

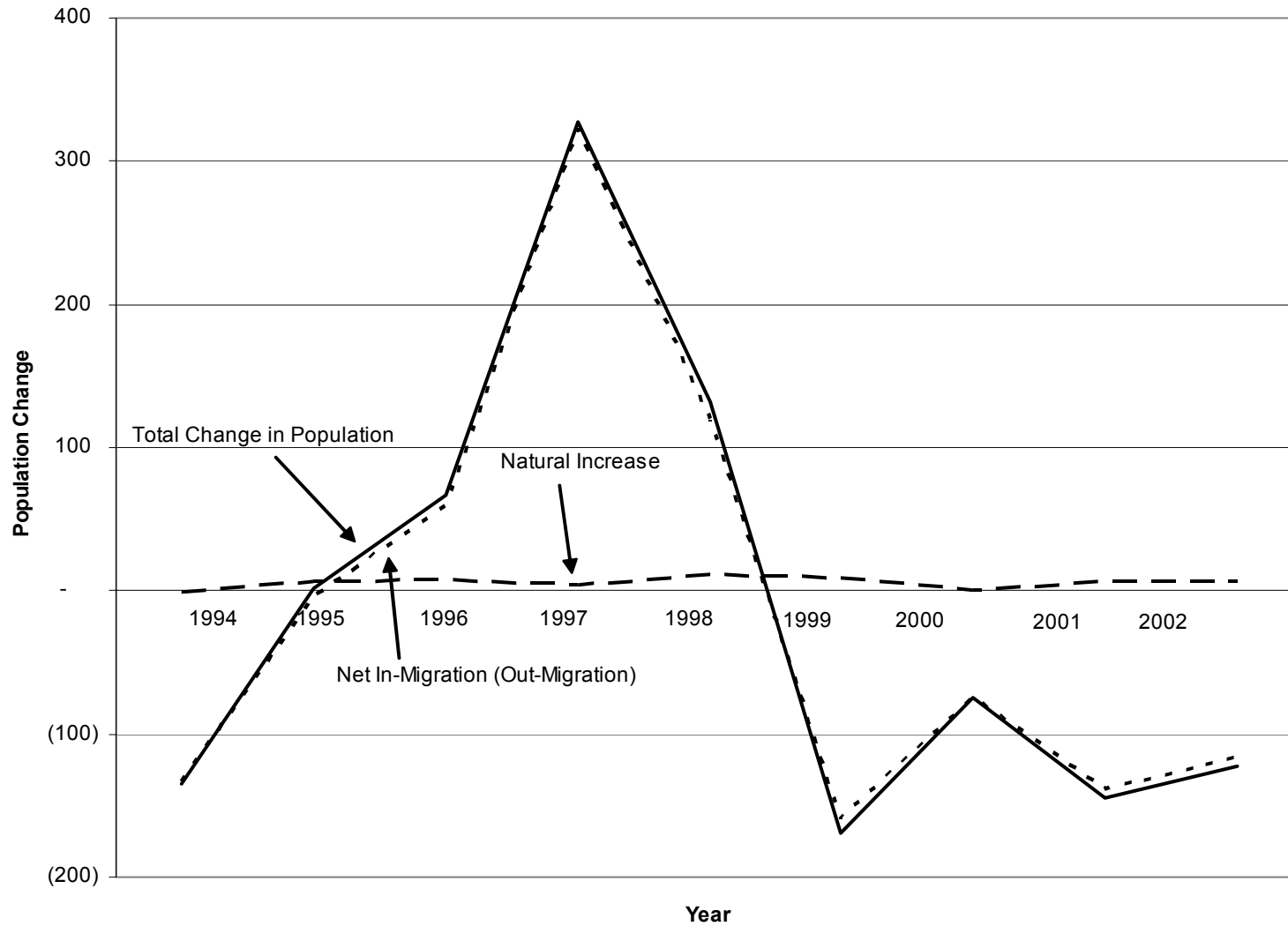
Eureka County Population Growth and Decline

Eureka County population was estimated to be 1,384 in 2002. This is a decrease of 118 persons, or 7.8 percent, since 1993. The County's average annual population growth over period 1993-2002 has been -1.1%, a negative growth rate overall. Population fell sharply in 1994, increased to a high of an estimated 1,895 persons in 1998, then declined again in subsequent years.

As a comparison, the overall population growth rate of the state of Nevada over the ten-year period was 5.12%. Eureka County is not alone in population decline, however. In the 1993 – 2002 period three other rural counties -- Lander, Mineral, and White Pine -- also lost population, while Esmeralda and Lincoln Counties gained only slightly.

In Eureka County total population decline is a result of out-migration. The rate of natural population change (births minus deaths in the county) was positive over all years in the ten-year period except 1994. This "natural" increase is small, however: the year with the highest rate of natural increase is 1998, with an excess of births over deaths of 12 persons.

Natural Increase and Migration Contributions to Population Change



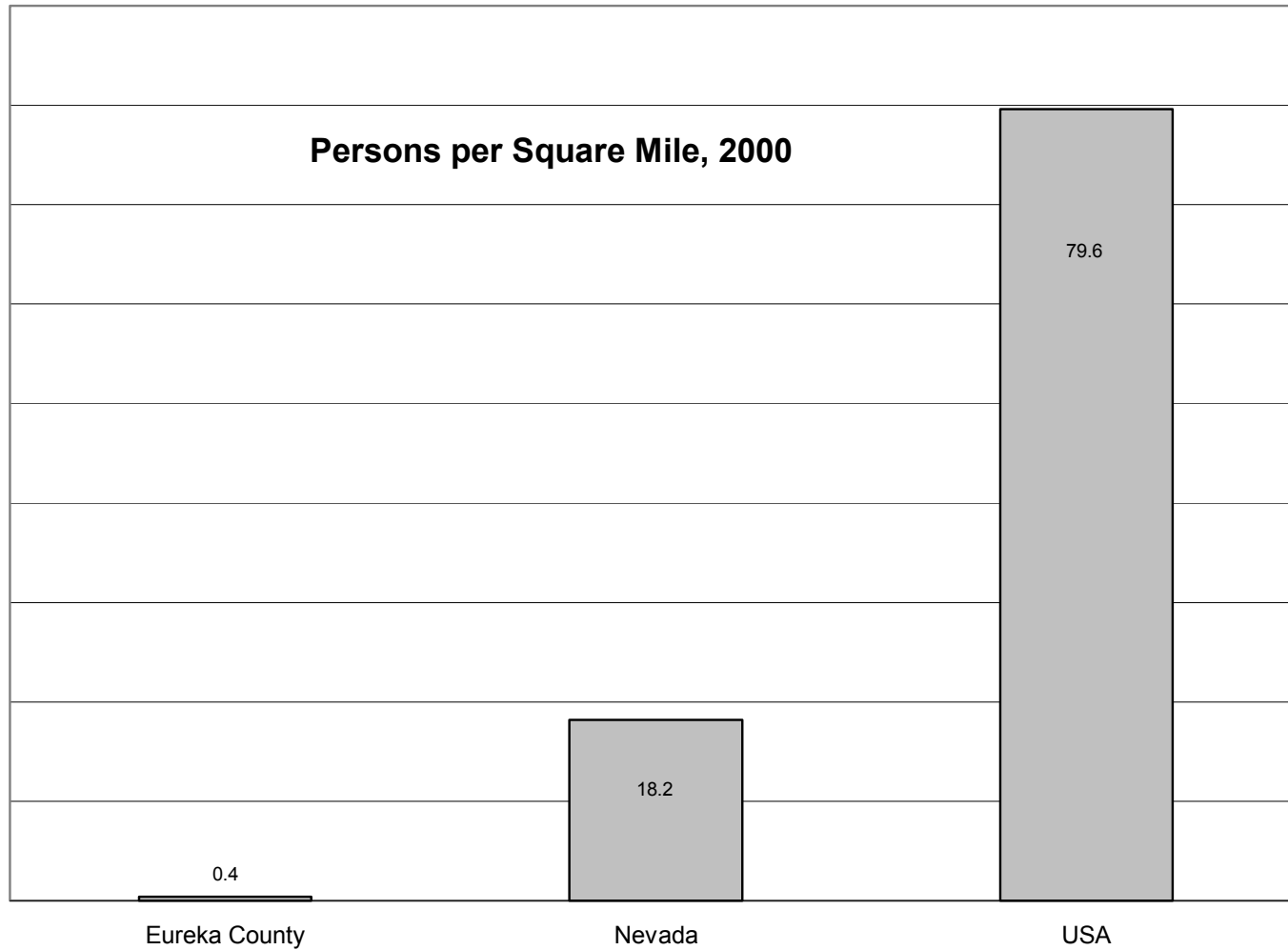
Population and Population Component Growth/Decline in Eureka County and Nevada, 1994-2002

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
EUREKA COUNTY									
Population	1,367	1,369	1,436	1,763	1,895	1,726	1,651	1,506	1,384
% Growth rate	(9.0)	0.1	4.9	22.8	7.5	(11.5)	(7.7)	(8.8)	(8.1)
Pop Change	(135)	2	67	327	132	(169)	(75)	(145)	(122)
Natural increase (decrease)	(1)	6	8	4	12	9	0	7	6
Net In - migration (out-migration)	(134)	(4)	59	323	120	(160)	(75)	(138)	(116)
NEVADA									
Population	1,491,420	1,579,150	1,684,570	1,779,850	1,855,790	1,967,650	2,034,050	2,127,115	2,210,648
% Growth rate	6.60	5.8	6.6	5.3	4.0	6.0	3.3	4.6	3.9
Pop Change	92,580	87,730	105,420	95,280	75,940	111,860	66,400	93,065	83,533
Natural increase	12,173	12,516	12,764	13,540	14,095	14,068	15,266	15,063	*
Net In-migration	80,407	75,214	92,656	81,740	61,845	97,792	51,134	78,002	

* Nevada births and deaths statistics for 2002 not yet available

Source: Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, Center for Health Data and Research

Census Figures Show Very Low Population Density in Eureka County



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, *Profile of General Demographic Characteristics, Eureka County, Nevada, and Nevada Quik Facts*

Other Population Statistics for Eureka County

The graphs on the previous and following pages show other characteristics of the population of Eureka County as reported in U.S. Census 2000 and subsequent population estimates.

Persons per Square Mile

Eureka County has an extremely low population density – only 0.4 persons per square mile, as compared to 18.2 persons per square mile for Nevada as a whole, and 79.6 persons per square mile nationwide. 52% of the estimated 2002 county population of 1,384 resided in the town of Eureka or Crescent Valley, so the actual population density of areas outside of these towns is considerably lower than 0.4 persons per square mile. This is typical of and consistent with the rest of rural northern Nevada, where population tends to be clustered around small towns and cities which grew up as mining towns, local commerce centers serving the surrounding rural areas, or railroad camps. In addition, approximately 81% of Eureka County land is federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Defense, making these areas presently unavailable for settlement.

Population Age Distribution

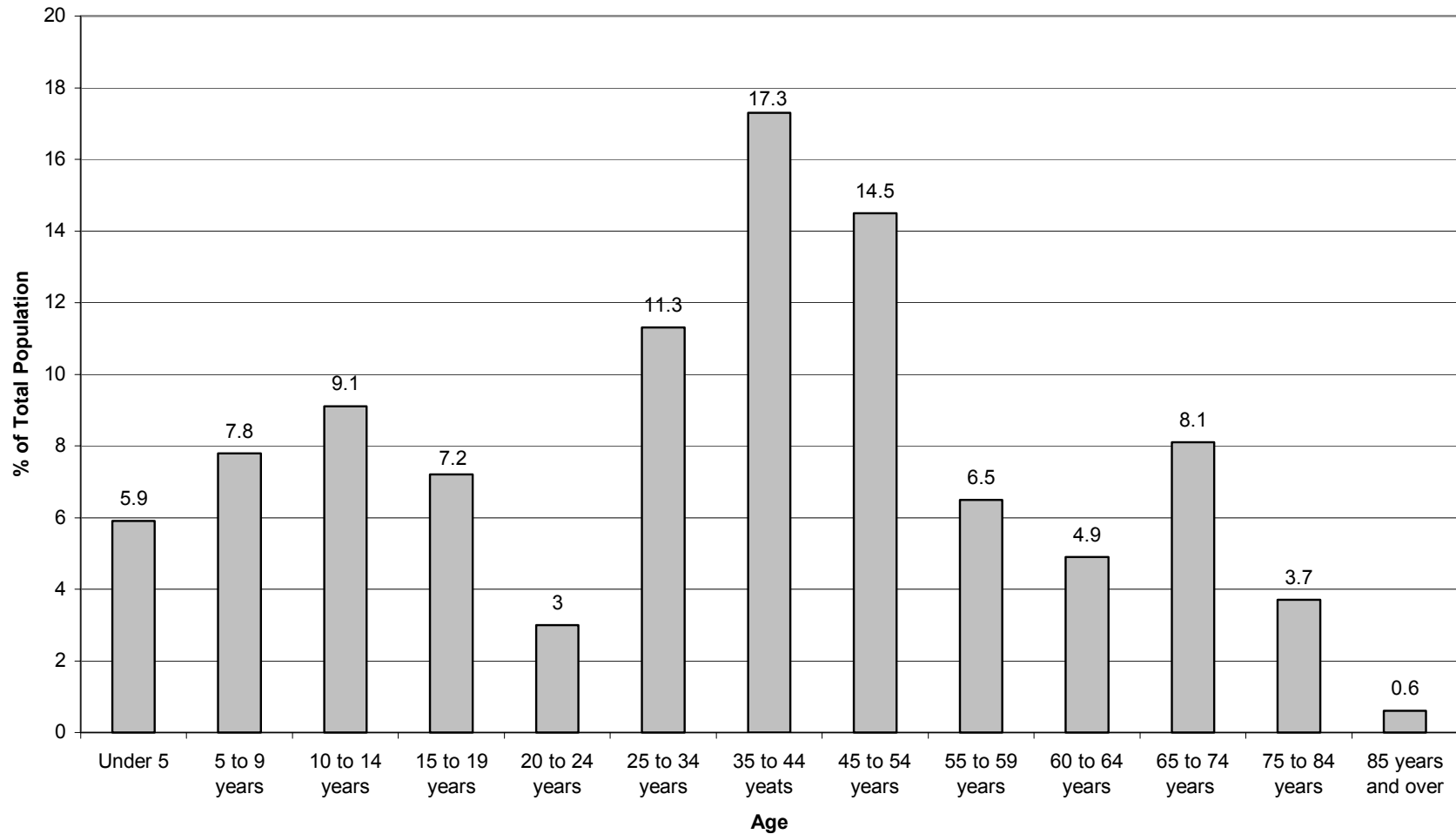
Eureka County has a relatively young population. 30% of the county population, or 495 people, are under the age of 20. 52% of the population, or 951 people, are between age 20 and 64, while only 12.4% - 205 people – are 65 or older. This is consistent with Nevada as a whole: in both the county and the state over 50% of residents are in the working age group of 25-64.

Population by Race

85.9% of the 2002 population of Eureka County, as estimated by the U.S. Census, is white. This is higher than in the Nevada as a whole, where the percentage of white persons in the population is 64.2%. People of Hispanic or Latino origin make up 9.8% of the County's population, in comparison to 20% statewide. American Indians make up 1% of the County's population. All other races account for 3.2% of the estimated 2002 population.

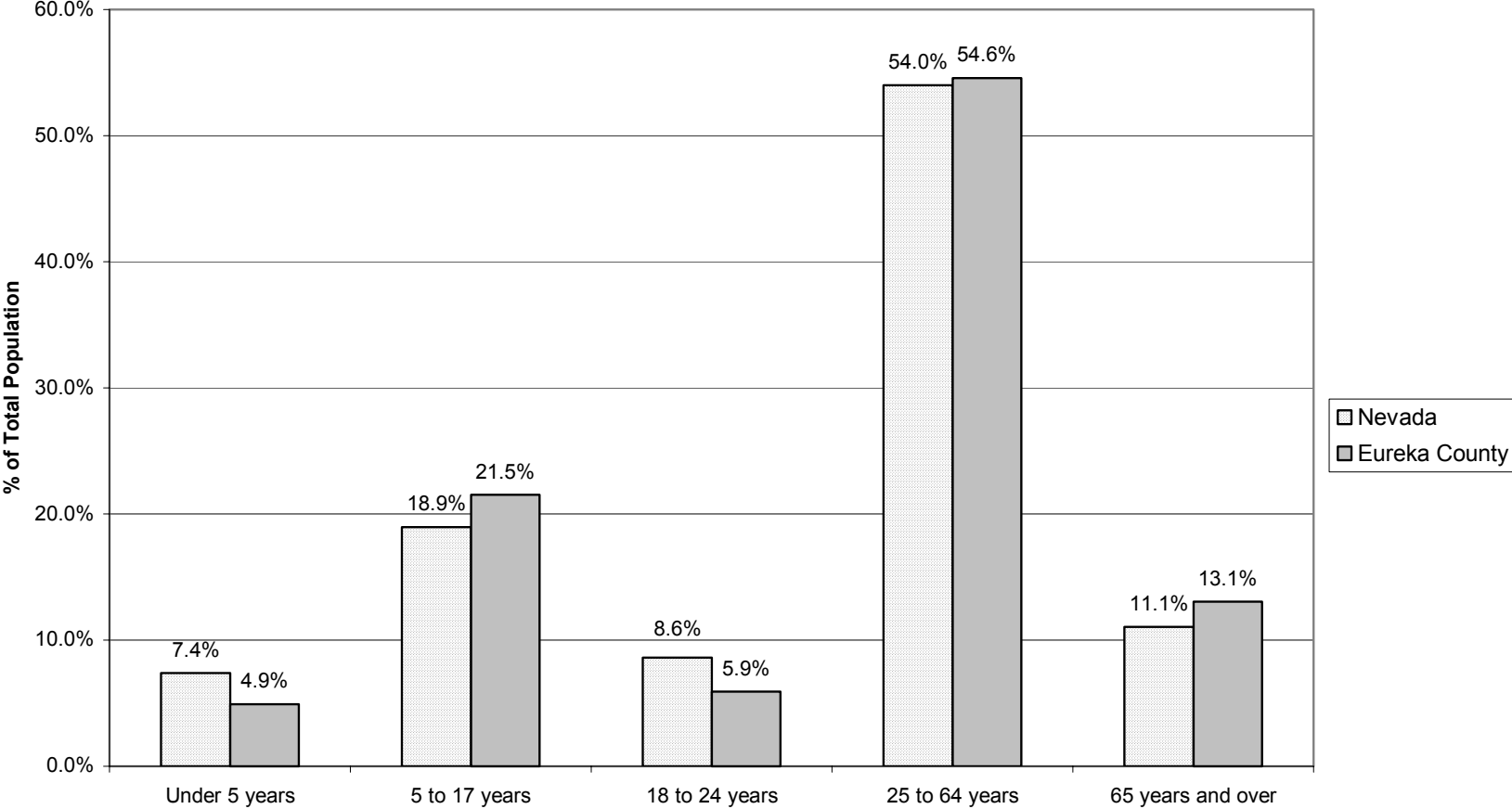
Eureka County Has Relatively Young Population

Eureka County Population Age Distribution, 1999



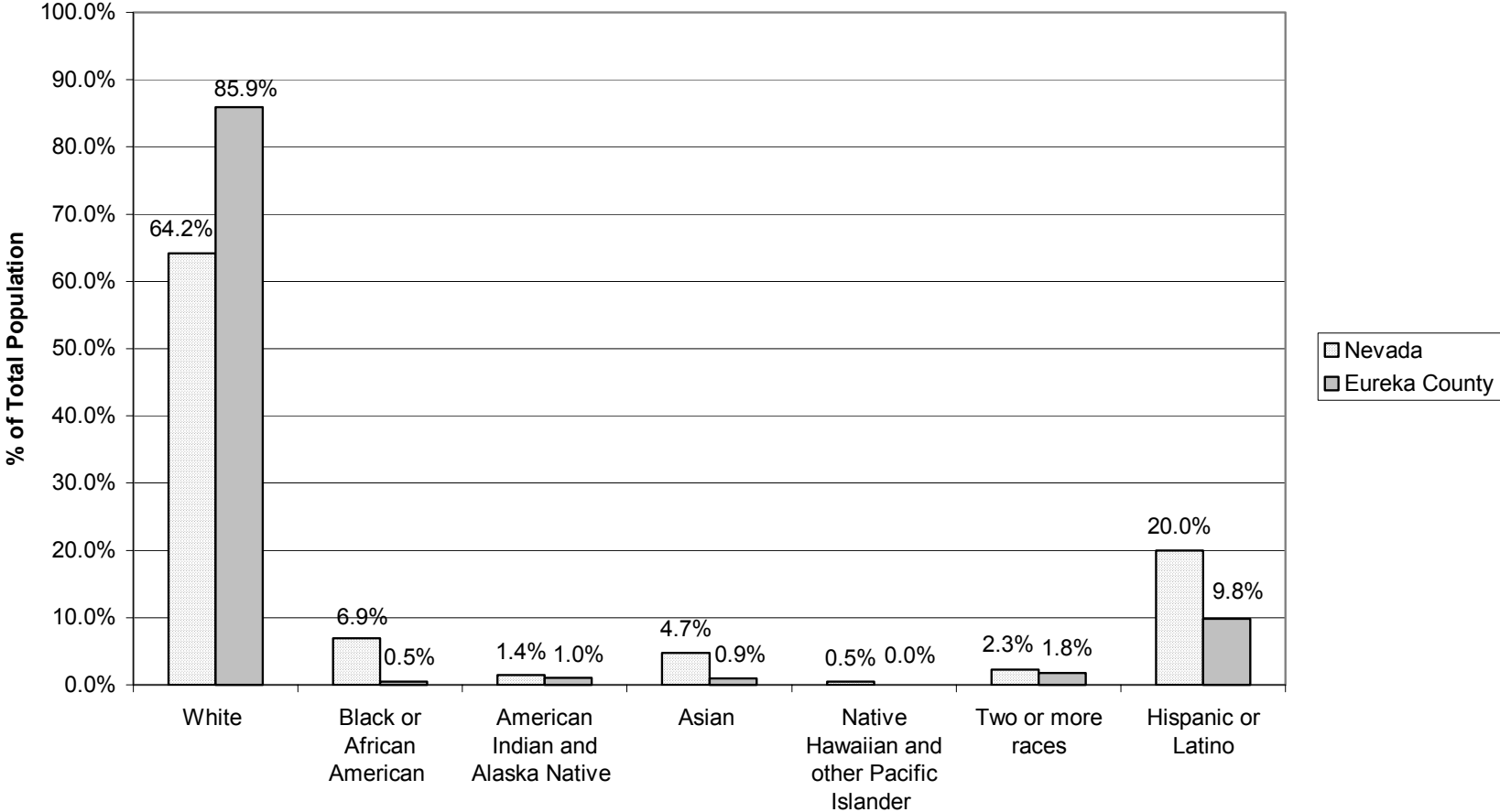
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000, Eureka County, Nevada

Age Distribution of Nevada and Eureka County Population, 2002



SOURCE: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *County Population Estimates by Selected Age Categories and Sex: July 1, 2002*

Nevada and Eureka County Population by Race, 2002



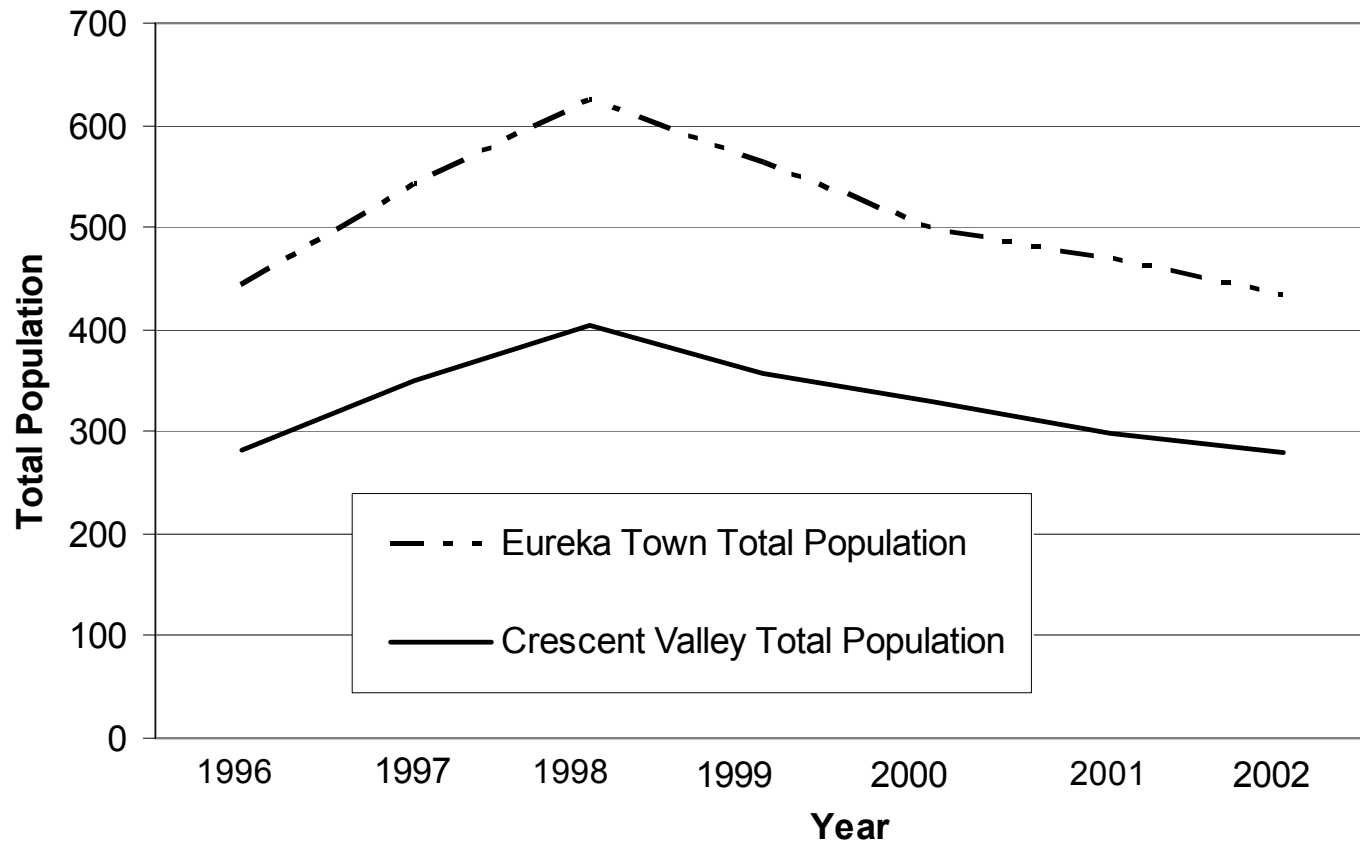
SOURCE: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *County Population Estimates by Race Alone and Hispanic or Latino Origin: July 1, 2002*

Countywide population trends are mirrored in Eureka town and Crescent Valley. Both town populations increased until 1998, then declined in subsequent years. The overall rate of growth between 1996 and 2002 in Eureka town was 0.4%; in Crescent Valley 0.7%.

Annual Population Estimates, 1996-2002, Eureka Town and Crescent Valley						
Year	Eureka Town Total Population	Period	% Change	Crescent Valley Total Population*	Period	% Change
1996	444	96-97	22.1	283		
1997	542	97-98	15.2	350	96-97	23.9
1998	624	98-99	-9.7	404	97-98	15.4
1999	563	99-00	-11.5	358	98-99	-11.5
2000	499	00-01	-5.8	330	99-00	-7.7
2001	470	01-02	-8.1	298	00-01	-9.7
2002	434			279	01-02	-6.3
		Average annual Growth Rate, 1996-2002	0.4		Average annual Growth Rate, 1996-2002	0.7
SOURCE:	NV Dept. of Taxation and NV State Demographer, NSBDC-UNR, "Certified Population of Nevada Counties, Cities and Towns					

* These numbers represent the population of the unincorporated town of Crescent Valley as determined by the boundaries of the town's tax district, not the entire population of the valley of Crescent Valley.

Population Trends 1996 - 2002, Eureka Town and Crescent Valley

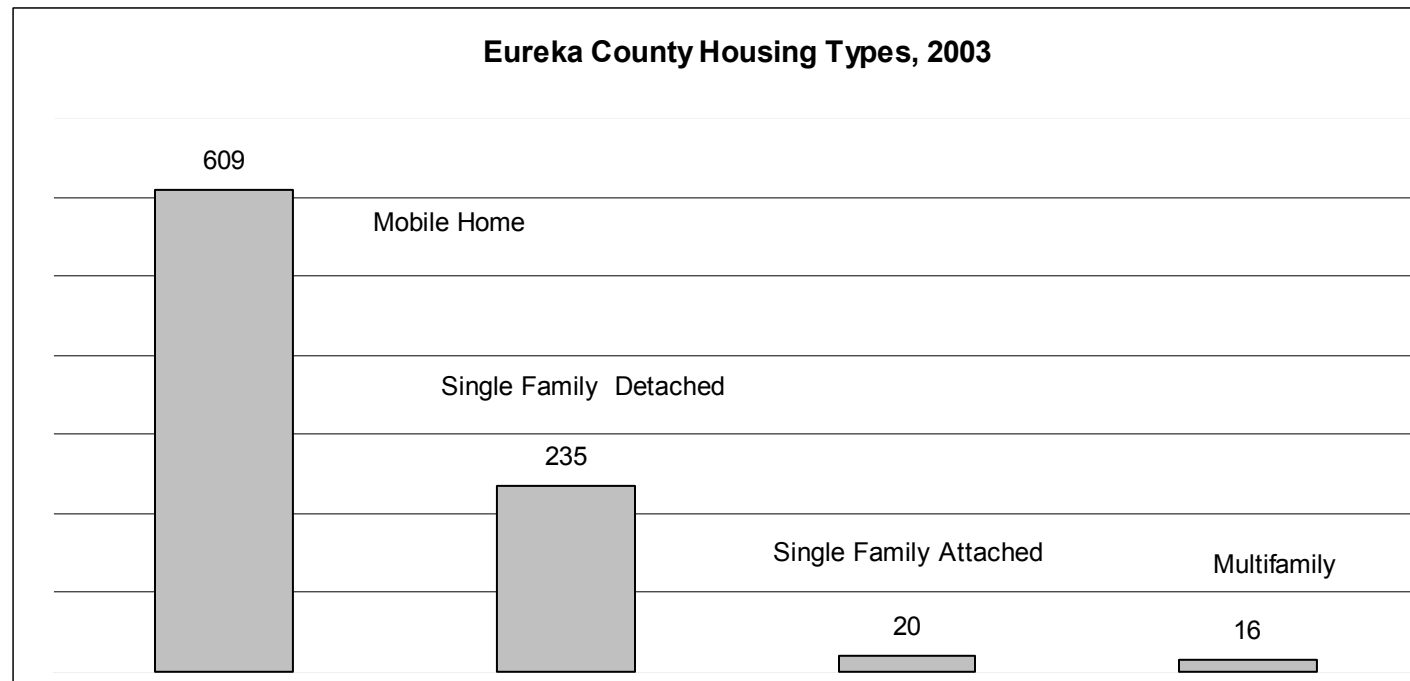


Housing Units by Type of Structure, Eureka County, Nevada

	Mobile Homes	Single family Detached	Single family Attached	Multifamily	Total County Housing Counts
1993	522	273	6	0	801
2002	614	251	20	16	901
2003	609	235	20	16	880
Sources:	1993 data - Planning Information Corp, <i>Eureka County, Nevada Socioeconomic Conditions and Trends</i>				
	2002 and 2003 data - Eureka County Assessor				

Eureka County Housing

Overall housing units in Eureka County increased from 801 units in 1993 to 880 in 2003. Mobile homes remained the dominant housing type, accounting for 69% of county housing in 2003. Mobile homes account for 95% of the housing units in Crescent Valley, and 44% of Eureka town's housing. Total housing units in Eureka County dropped between 2002 and 2003, from 901 to 880 units. Thirty-eight mobile homes left the county during that year, and some abandoned homes in Eureka town were removed from the tax rolls.



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