

Social Indicators

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Overview

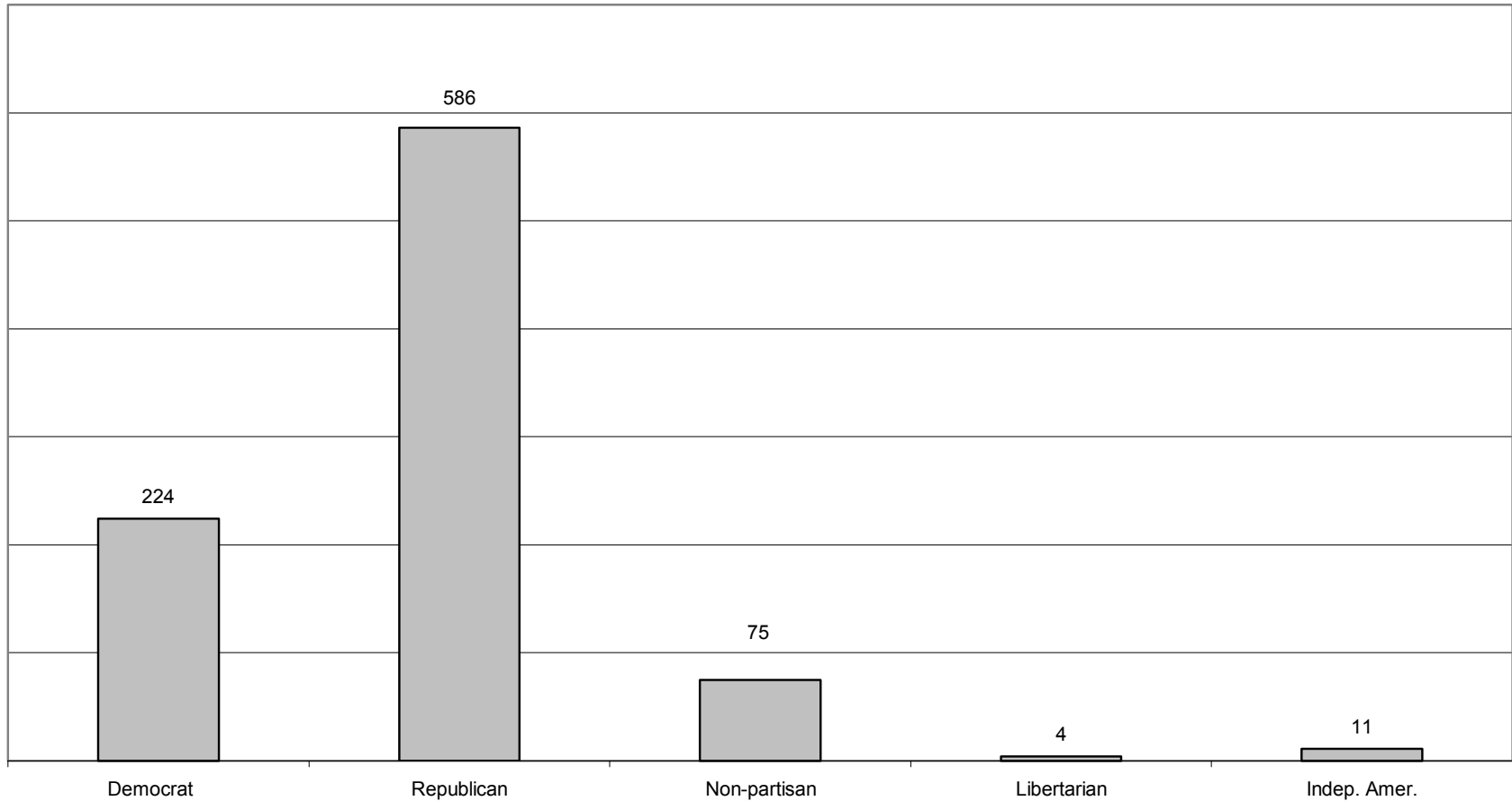
Located in northeastern Nevada, Eureka County was established in 1873. The county covers 4,182 square miles. Geography is typical basin and range topography, with long, mostly north-south trending, alluvium-filled valleys separated by mountain ranges. Elevations range from a high of around 10,461 feet at the Summit Mountains in the Monitor Range to about 4,000 feet elevation on the floors of several of the lower basins.

Principal communities are the town of Eureka, which is the county seat, in the southern end of the county, and the towns of Crescent Valley and Beowawe in the north. The Humboldt River winds through the northern part of the county. This is a major transportation corridor both historically and in the present. Thousands traveled the emigrant trail along the Humboldt River in the nineteenth century; now the corridor holds Interstate Highway 80, as well as Union Pacific railroad tracks. U.S. Highway 50 provides east-west access across the county and to the county seat.

Eureka County towns are relatively isolated, but County and City governments, as well as private businesses, provide a range of services to residents and visitors, as listed in the table to the right.

Some Eureka County Facilities and Services	
Airports	1
Culture and Recreation:	
Libraries	3
Parks	3
Swimming Pools	1
Tennis Courts	1
Trap range/Sporting clay	1
Baseball Fields	2
Rodeo Arenas	2
Senior Citizen Centers	2
Fire Protection:	
Number of stations	6
Number of personnel and officers	68
Police Protection:	
Number of stations	2
Number of personnel and officers	17
Number of patrol units	8
Medical clinics	2
Education	
Number of elementary schools	2
Number of elementary school instructors	17
Number of secondary schools	1
Number of secondary school instructors	14
Commercial visitor services	
Number of eating establishments	8
Number of gaming and entertainment establishments	5
Number of motel rooms	88
Number of RV parks	3
SOURCE: County of Eureka Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2002	

Eureka County Voter Registration, 2002 General Election



SOURCE: Nevada Secretary of State, Elections Division, *Monthly Voter Registration Information*

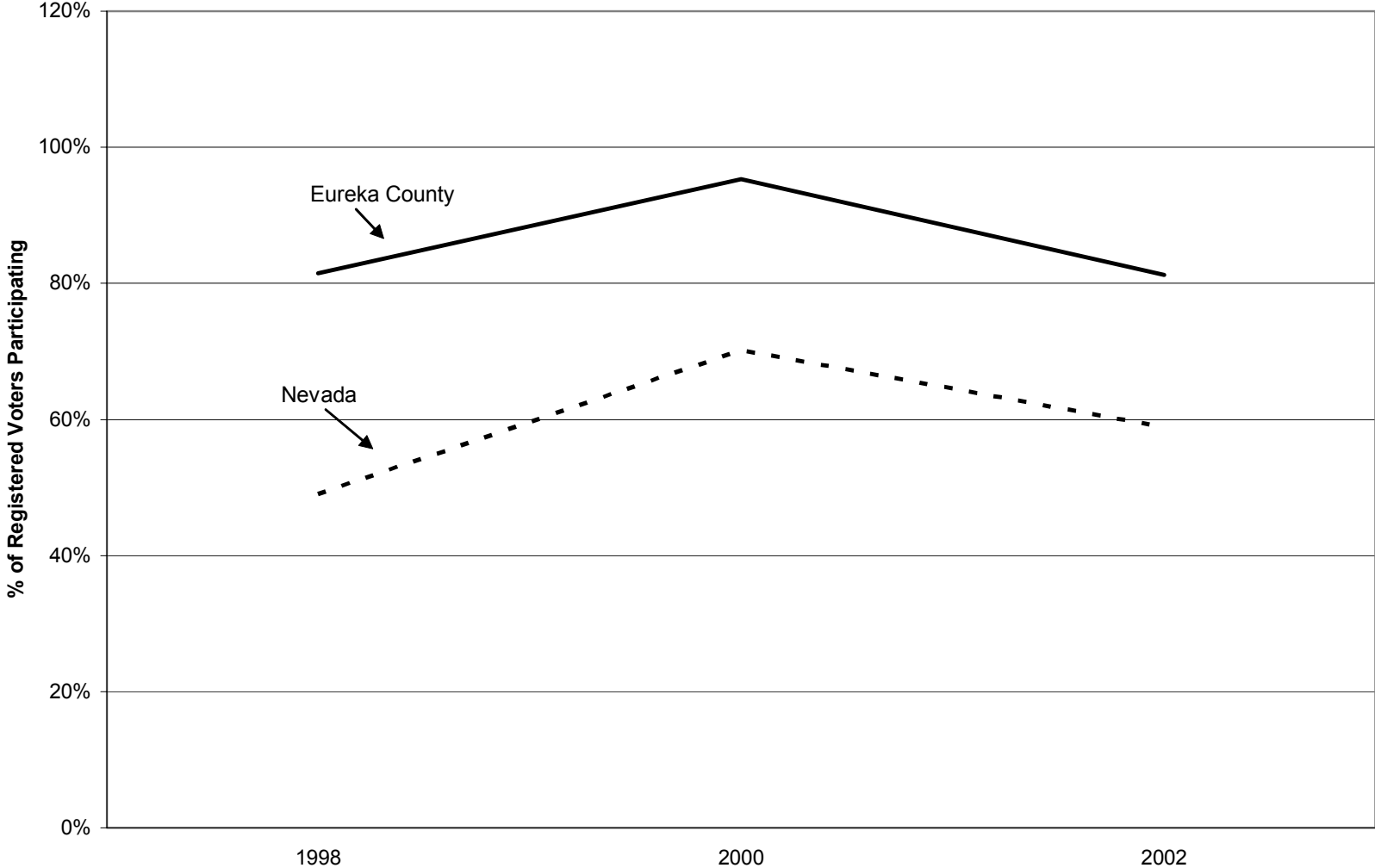
Eureka County Voting Statistics for 1998, 2000 and 2002 General Elections

Year	% of Eureka County Total Population Voting	Total Registered Voters	Number Voting in General Election	% of Eureka County Registered Voters Participating	% of Nevada Registered Voters Participating
1998	35.83%	833	679	81.50%	49.01%
2000	51.06%	884	843	95.36%	70.15%
2002	52.82%	900	731	81.22%	58.91%
SOURCE:	Nevada Secretary of State, Elections Division, <i>Official General Election Results</i>				

As the table above and the line graph on the following page show, voter turnout in Eureka County is very high. Voter turnout in the last three general elections averaged 86%, while in Nevada as a whole the percentage of registered voters who voted averaged only 59%.

Average Eureka County Voter Turnout is Very High

Voter Turnout in Recent General Elections



Public Safety in Eureka County

Reported Crime in Eureka County and Nevada by Category, 2001

2001	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Total	Rate per 1000 Population
Eureka County	-	-	1	15	8	12	1	-	37	24.57
Nevada	186	883	4,932	6,337	17,710	45,072	14,703	536	90,359	42.37
Source: State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, <i>2001 Crime and Justice in Nevada</i>										

The State of Nevada created a uniform crime reporting program in 1991. The Department of Public Safety obtains crime figures from local jurisdictions in Nevada and publishes them in an annual report, *Crime and Justice in Nevada*.

The *2001 Crime and Justice in Nevada* reports that the national trend indicated a 2% increase in the Nation's Crime Index from the 2000 figure. In comparison, Nevada experienced a 5.2% increase in the index crimes composed of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

During this year only 37 "index" crimes were reported in Eureka County. This gives Eureka County a crime rate of 24.57 per thousand population, just over half of the crime rate for the state as a whole.

Traffic Crashes in Eureka County, 1998 - 2001

	Property Damage Only	Injury	Fatal	Total
1998	105	39	3	147
1999	76	33	4	113
2000	58	27	3	88
2001	82	34	3	119
SOURCE:	Nevada Department of Transportation, 1998 - 2001 <i>Nevada Traffic Crashes</i>			

Traffic crashes in Eureka County in 2001 totaled 119, with three fatal crashes. According to the Nevada Department of Transportation *2001 Nevada Traffic Crashes* the principal causes of traffic crashes in Eureka County in 2001 were “speed to fast for conditions” and “inattentive driving.” This is consistent with the causative factors in other rural Nevada counties. Fatal crashes in Eureka County between 1998 and 2001 all took place either on Interstate Highway 80 or on U.S. Highway 50. With a crash rate of 107.45 per 100,000,000 vehicle miles, Eureka County has the fourth lowest crash rate in Nevada counties. The overall Nevada statewide crash rate is 325.29

Eureka County Medical Clinic Visits, 2002

	Number of Patients	Number of Visits	19 years of age and under	65 years of age and older	Female	Uninsured	Medicaid	Medicare
Crescent Valley Medical Clinic	306	626	20%	9%	43%	13%	9%	9%
Eureka Medical Clinic	945	2592	31%	13%	52%	24%	3%	13%

.SOURCE: Nevada Health Centers, Inc

Nevada Health Centers, Inc. operates two clinics in Eureka County, one in the town of Eureka and one in Crescent Valley. The Eureka Clinic was opened in 1987, the Crescent Valley Clinic in 1999. Each clinic is staffed with one physician and one nurse practitioner. The clinics offer family medicine, women’s health services, pediatrics, occupational health, urgent care, family planning, health screenings, well-child care and immunizations, STD/HIV education, lab, X-ray, prescription dispensary, prenatal and newborn care, chronic illness management, and health education. A Medicaid Eligibility Specialist visits each clinic once a month to assist the community with available programs.

For acute care and for medical services not available in the county, Eureka County residents visit hospitals including Elko General Hospital, William Bee Ririe Hospital in Ely, and Reno-area and Salt Lake City hospitals. Eureka County operates an emergency medical system in which patients are transported to hospitals outside the county by helicopter, fixed-wing aircraft, or ground ambulance based upon an evaluation of the patient’s condition and stability.

Eureka County Medical Transport, 2002

Transport Mode	Number of patients
Ground Transports to Hospital	61
Fixed-Wing Transfers of Care	14
Chopper Transfers of Care	4
Refusals of Treatment	7

SOURCE: Deseri Marshall, EMS Coordinator, Eureka County

Eureka County Senior Centers
Nutrition Program, 2002-2003

Number of clients served: Unduplicated count, Eureka and Crescent Valley	
Dining Room (congregate)	66
Homebound	14
Total Meals served	
Eureka	
Dining room (congregate)	5,387
Homebound	3,267
At-risk	2,669
Non-senior	498
Staff	359
Crescent Valley	
Dining room (congregate)	3,434
Homebound	1,593
At-risk	2
Non-senior	472
Staff	684

SOURCE: Millie Orem, Senior Center Director

There are two senior centers in Eureka County, the Eureka Senior Center in the town of Eureka and the Fannie Komp Senior Center in the town of Crescent Valley. Both Senior Centers serve one hot meal five days a week on site, as well as transporting meals to homebound seniors. The senior centers also offer other services to seniors including housekeeping services on a sliding scale, transportation to meal sites and shopping, recreational and social activities, Medicare/Medicaid and Insurance technical assistance, and food assistance.