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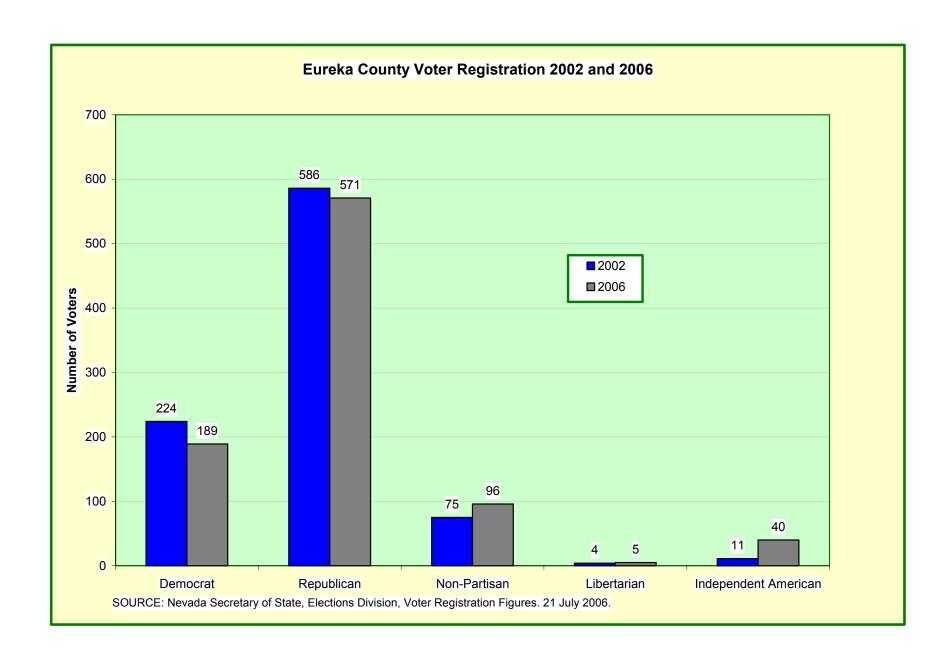
#### **OVERVIEW**

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 county seat, Eureka, 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 access to the southern end of 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.

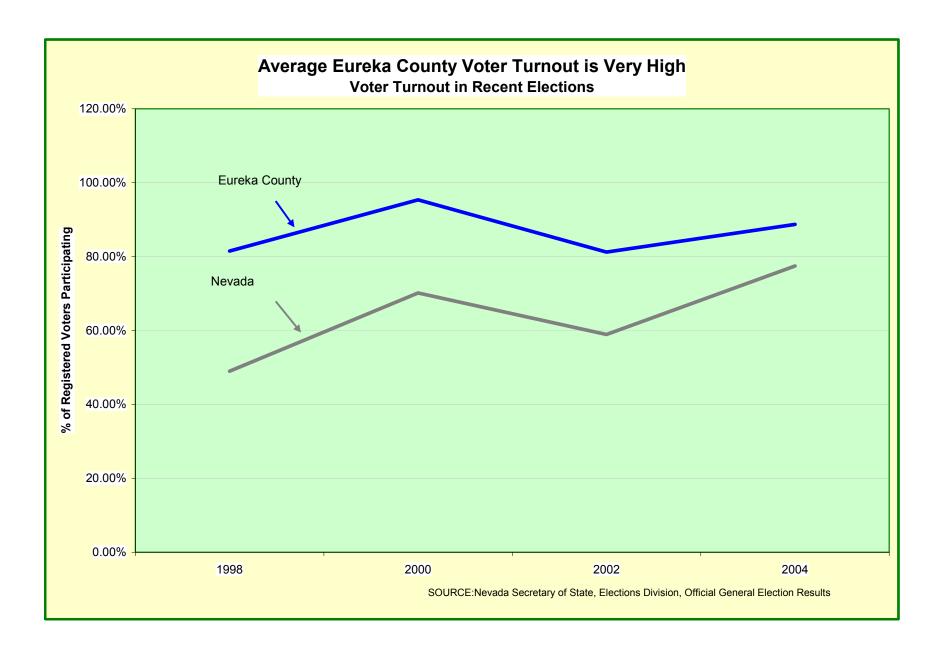
Eureka County Facilities and Services					
Airports	1				
Culture and Recreation					
Libraries	2				
Parks	3				
Swimming Pools	1				
Tennis Courts	1				
Trap range/Sporting clay	1				
Baseball Fields	2				
Rodeo Arenas	2				
Senior Citizen Centers	2				
Fire Protection					
Number of Stations	6				
Number of personnel and officers	70				
Police Protection					
Numer 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	12				
Number of secondary schools	1				
Number of secondary school instructors	13				
Commercial Visitors Services					
Number of eating establishments	8				
Number of gaming and entertainment establishments	5				
Number of motel rooms	88				
Number of RV parks	3				
SOURCE: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, County of Eureka, State Nevada. 30 June 2005.	e of				



## **VOTING**

Eureka County Voting Statistics for 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 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%			
2004	49.80%	833	739	88.72%	77.44%			
SOURCE: Nevada Secretary of State, Elections Division, Official General Election Results								

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 four general elections averaged 86.7%, while in Nevada as a whole the percentage of registered voters who voted averaged only 64%.



#### **HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN EUREKA COUNTY**

Reported Crime in Eureka County and Nevada by Category										
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
2005	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Total	Rate per 1000 Population
Eureka County	-	-	-	4	7	7	-	-	18	12.12
Nevada	210	1,015	4,709	8,727	23,458	51,983	26,934	777	117,813	46.77
Source: State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, 2005 Crime and Justice in Nevada.										

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*.

During 2005 only 18 "index" crimes were reported in Eureka County. This gives Eureka County a crime rate of 12.12 per thousand population, just over one quarter of the crime rate for the state as a whole of 46.04.

Traffic crashes in Eureka County in 2002 totaled 115, with four fatal crashes. According to the Nevada Department of Transportation 2002 Nevada Traffic Crashes the top three contributing factors to traffic crashes in Eureka County were were "speed too fast for conditions," "animal in roadway (deer)" and "inattentive driving." This is consistent with the causative factors in other rural Nevada counties. Of the four fatal crashes in Eureka County in 2002, two took place on Interstate 80; one took place on U.S. Highway 50; and one took place on State Route 278. Between 1998 and 2001 all fatal crashes took place either on Interstate Highway 80 or on U.S. Highway 50.

Traffic Crashes in Eureka County, 1998 - 2002								
		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			
2002		81	30	4	115			
SOURCE: Nevada Department of Transportation, 1998 - 2001 and 2000 - 2002 Nevada Traffic Crashes								

In 2002 Eureka County had 0.18% of the statewide total crashes. With a crash rate of 106.24 per 100,000,000 vehicle miles, Eureka County has the fifth lowest crash rate in Nevada counties, behind Esmeralda, Humboldt, Mineral and Pershing Counties. The overall Nevada statewide crash rate is 323.82

<b>Eureka Count</b>	ty Medical Clinic Visits, 2002 and 20	004
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	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								
2002	306	626	20%	9%	43%	13%	9%	9%
2004	262	662	24%	13%	56%	20%	8%	15%
Eureka Medical Clinic								
2002	945	2592	31%	13%	52%	24%	3%	13%
2004	904	2287	30%	15%	49%	9%	3%	15%

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, Eureka County residents visit hospitals in nearby counties including Elko General Hospital, William Bee Ririe Hospital in Ely, and Reno-area hospitals.



SOURCE: Nevada Health Centers. Inc.

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There is an Update every year

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While NDOT attempts to prepare Traffic Crash Reports every year, the agency is 3 years behind at this time.

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