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White Pine County is a largely rural, mountain county along the central eastern boundary of the U.S.

state of Nevada. As of the 2010 census, the population was 10,030.^[1] Its county seat is Ely.^[2] The name "(Rocky Mountain) white pine" is an old name for the limber pine (Pinus flexilis), a common tree in the county's mountains. The county boasts dark skies, clean air and millions of acres of unspoiled public land. It is the home of Great Basin National Park, one of America's most remote and least visited national parks. It is also

home to no less than 14 federally designated wilderness areas, offering an abundance of terrain available to explore for hikers, backpackers, skiers, hunters and anglers. The Ely Shoshone Indian Reservation is located in the county, on the south side of the City of Ely.

The reservation has a land area of 104.99 acres (0.4249 km²) and a 2000 census official resident population of 133 people.

History [edit]

European settlement in White Pine County began with mining exploration, activity generated by the Pony Express Trail (which passes through the county), and farming.

The county was established by the Nevada legislature in 1869 from Lander County and named after the heavy growth of limber pine trees in the area, which were then called white pine. Hamilton was the first county seat from 1869 to 1887, when it was replaced by Ely after a fire.

Geography [edit]

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 8,897 square miles (23,040 km²), of which 8,876 square miles (22,990 km²) is land and 21 square miles (54 km²) (0.2%)

Several sections of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest exist within the county, within the Snake

Range, Egan Range, White Pine Range, Ruby Mountains, and Schell Creek Range. The county also contains Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park and Cave Lake State Park. In the southeastern part of the county within Great Basin National Park lies 13,065 ft (3982 m)

Wheeler Peak, the tallest independent mountain within Nevada and the second-highest point within the state (the highest point being Boundary Peak).^[4] It is also the most topographically prominent peak in the county and the second-most prominent peak in Nevada (after Mount Charleston).

Major highways [edit]

• 6 U.S. Route 6 • **50** U.S. Route 50

• 93 U.S. Route 93 ALT

93 U.S. Route 93 Alternate

State Route 318

State Route 487

State Route 488 State Route 490

• State Route 892 • State Route 893

• State Route 894 State Route 895

Wilderness [edit]

White Pine County is home to a number of designated wilderness areas. They were created by Congress on

December 20, 2006, by the "White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006." [5] About half are integral parts of Humboldt National Forest. The rest are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. One is shared between the two agencies. Some extend into neighboring counties, as indicated.

- Bald Mountain Wilderness (Humboldt NF) Becky Peak Wilderness (BLM) • Bristlecone Wilderness (BLM)
- Currant Mountain Wilderness (Humboldt NF) partly in Nye County, NV Goshute Canyon Wilderness (BLM)
- Government Peak Wilderness (BLM) High Schells Wilderness (Humboldt NF) Highland Ridge Wilderness (BLM)
- Mount Grafton Wilderness (BLM) partly in Lincoln County, NV Mount Moriah Wilderness (Humboldt NF / BLM)
- Red Mountain Wilderness (Humboldt NF) partly in Nye County, NV Shellback Wilderness (Humboldt NF)
- South Egan Range Wilderness (BLM) partly in Lincoln County, NV; Nye County, NV • White Pine Range Wilderness (Humboldt NF)
- Adjacent counties [edit]
- Elko County north
- Tooele County, Utah northeast/Mountain Time Border

• Juab County, Utah - east/Mountain Time Border • Millard County, Utah - southeast/Mountain Time Border

Eureka County - west

Great Basin National Park

• Lincoln County - south Nye County - southwest

- National protected areas [edit]
- Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (part) Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge (part)

Demographics [edit] White Pine County's population grew rapidly in the early part of the 20th Century in response to mining activity,

and has remained relatively stable at around 9,500 residents since about 1950. Although mining has been a major employer throughout the county's history, tourism and services related to outdoor recreation are beginning to account for a larger share of jobs in the region.

2000 census [edit] As of the census^[11] of 2000, there were 9,181 people, 3,282 households, and 2,159 families living in the county. The population density was 1.0 people per square mile (0.40/km²). There were 4,439 housing units at an average density of 0.50 per square mile (0.19/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 86.35% White, 4.14% Black or African American, 3.29% Native American, 0.78% Asian, 0.24% Pacific Islander, 3.09% from other races, and 2.10% from two or more races. 10.98% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 3,282 households, out of which 31.20% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 51.80% were married

couples living together, 9.3% had a female householder with no husband present, and 34.2% were non-families. 29.6% of all households were made up of individuals, and 11.5% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.42 and the average family size was 3.01.

In the county, the population was spread out, with 24.2% under the age of 18, 7.6% from 18 to 24, 29.9% from 25 to 44, 24.8% from 45 to 64, and 13.5% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 38 years. For every 100 females there were 128.6 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 138.5 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$36,688, and the median income for a family was \$44,136. Males had a median income of \$36,083 versus \$26,425 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$18,309. About 10.3% of families and 11.0% of the population were below the poverty line, including 11.8% of those under age 18 and 7.6% of those age 65 or over.

2010 census [edit] As of the 2010 United States Census, there were 10,030 people, 3,707 households, and 2,344 families living in the county.^[12]

(0.19/km²).^[13] The racial makeup of the county was 85.5% white, 4.2% American Indian, 3.9% black or African American, 1.0% Asian, 0.1% Pacific islander, 2.8% from other races, and 2.5% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 13.2% of the population. [12] In terms of ancestry, 26.9% were American, 11.3% were English, 11.2% were German, 10.4% were Irish, and 5.6% were Italian.^[14] Of the 3,707 households, 28.6% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 48.2% were married couples living together, 8.8% had a female householder with no husband present, 36.8% were non-families, and 30.2% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size

was 2.37 and the average family size was 2.94. The median age was 40.8 years. [12] The median income for a household in the county was \$48,545 and the median income for a family was \$62,946. Males had a median income of \$51,010 versus \$31,453 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$21,615. About 11.7% of families and 15.5% of the population were below the

poverty line, including 22.6% of those under age 18 and 8.6% of those age 65 or over. [15] Economy [edit]

From the late 19th century until near the end of the 20th century, the major industry was mining the region's deposits of copper, silver, and gold. The most notable of these operations included a series of open-pit copper mines near the town of Ruth, and a copper smelter in McGill, run by the Kennecott Utah

Copper Corporation. The decline of mining has meant the loss of area jobs. Education [edit]

The entire county is served by the White Pine County School District. [16]

Communities [edit] City [edit]

 Ely (county seat) Census-designated places [edit]

 Baker Lund McGill

 Preston Ruth

Unincorporated communities [edit] Cherry Creek

 East Ely Lages Station

 Riepetown Schellbourne Strawberry

Majors Place

Ghost towns [edit] Aurum Eightmile

- Hamilton Hobson
- Kimberly Lages Station Osceola
- Pleasant Valley Regan Strawberry
- Treasure City Tungstonia
- Veteran

Ward

Ely State Prison, the location of Nevada's death row for men and the state execution chamber, is located in the county. Politics [edit]

Government and infrastructure [edit]

A swing county for much of the 20th century, White Pine County has become powerfully Republican like the rest of rural Nevada since the 1980s. The last Democrat to carry a majority in the county was Jimmy Carter in 1976. The most recent Democratic win in the county was a 36% plurality by Bill Clinton in 1992; Clinton went on to lose the county in 1996 by just 2 votes. Donald Trump received over 70% of the county's vote in both 2016 and 2020.

Regional offices of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service are located in Ely.

See also [edit]

[hide] • National Register of Historic Places listings in White Pine County, Republican **Democratic** Third party Nevada Year No. ♦ No. **\$** % No. **\$** % ♦

United States presidential election results for White Pine County, Nevada^{[17][18]}

References [edit]	2020	3,403	77.89%	859	19.66%	107	2.45%
1. ^ a b "State & County QuickFacts" ☑. United States Census Bureau.	2016	2,723	72.17%	707	18.74%	343	9.09%
Archived from the original ♂ on December 14, 2015. Retrieved	2012	2,601	70.22%	983	26.54%	120	3.24%
September 23, 2013.	2008	2,440	63.51%	1,230	32.01%	172	4.48%
2. ^ "County Explorer" ☑. National Association of Counties. Retrieved June 7,	2004	2,604	68.49%	1,082	28.46%	116	3.05%
2011.	2000	2,234	63.05%	1,069	30.17%	240	6.77%
3. ^ "2010 Census Gazetteer Files" . United States Census Bureau. August				·			
22, 2012. Retrieved December 20, 2014.	1996	1,399	40.03%	1,397	39.97%	699	20.00%
4. ^ "Wheeler Peak, Nevada" . Peakbagger.com.	1992	1,206	32.33%	1,354	36.30%	1,170	31.37%
5. ^ Fast facts about America's wilderness ☑ - Wilderness.net6. ^ "U.S. Decennial Census" ☑. United States Census Bureau. Retrieved	1988	1,774	53.31%	1,351	40.59%	203	6.10%
December 20, 2014.	1984	1,917	57.90%	1,276	38.54%	118	3.56%
7. ^ "Historical Census Browser" ☑. University of Virginia Library. Retrieved	1980	1,896	54.77%	1,181	34.11%	385	11.12%
December 20, 2014.	1976	1,543	41.27%	2,009	53.73%	187	5.00%
8. ^ "Population of Counties by Decennial Census: 1900 to 1990" 2. United	1972	2,446	61.27%	1,546	38.73%	0	0.00%
States Census Bureau. Retrieved December 20, 2014.	1968	1,670	40.65%	2,062	50.19%	376	9.15%
9. ^ "Census 2000 PHC-T-4. Ranking Tables for Counties: 1990 and 2000"	1964	1,174	29.48%	2,809	70.52%	0	0.00%
(PDF). United States Census Bureau. Archived (PDF) from the original on March 27, 2010. Retrieved December 20, 2014.		1					
10. ^ "Population and Housing Unit Estimates" ☑. Retrieved May 18, 2019.	1960	1,552	36.39%	2,713	63.61%	0	0.00%
11. ^ "U.S. Census website" ☑. United States Census Bureau. Retrieved	1956	2,386	51.50%	2,247	48.50%	0	0.00%
January 31, 2008.	1952	2,205	50.25%	2,183	49.75%	0	0.00%
12. ^ a b c "DP-1 Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics:	1948	1,396	36.33%	2,287	59.51%	160	4.16%
2010 Demographic Profile Data" ☑. United States Census Bureau. Archived	1944	1,554	35.59%	2,812	64.41%	0	0.00%
from the original ☑ on February 13, 2020. Retrieved January 21, 2016.	1940	1,568	29.93%	3,671	70.07%	0	0.00%
13. ^ "Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density: 2010 - County" ☑. United	1936	872	23.71%	2,806	76.29%	0	0.00%
States Census Bureau. Archived from the original ✓ on February 13, 2020.	1932	1,352	38.30%	2,178	61.70%	0	0.00%
Retrieved January 21, 2016. 14. ^ "DP02 SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED		1					
STATES – 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates"	1928	1,992	58.50%	1,413	41.50%	0	0.00%
United States Census Bureau. Archived from the original ♂ on February 13,	1924	1,049	44.52%	499	21.18%	808	34.30%
2020. Retrieved January 21, 2016.	1920	1,354	55.58%	902	37.03%	180	7.39%
15. A "DP03 SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS – 2006-2010	1916	948	30.31%	1,922	61.45%	258	8.25%
American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates" ☑. United States Census	1912	254	16.92%	514	34.24%	733	48.83%
Bureau. Archived from the original ☑ on February 13, 2020. Retrieved January 21, 2016.	1908	786	47.84%	722	43.94%	135	8.22%
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County, NV" (PDF). U.S. Census Bureau. Archived (PDF) from the							
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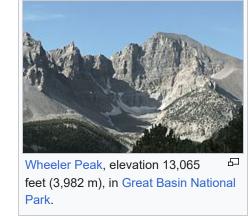


Coordinates: 39°26′N 114°54′W Country United States State Nevada **Founded** 1869; 154 years ago Rocky Mountain white pine Named for Seat Ely Ely Largest city Total $8,897 \text{ sq mi } (23,040 \text{ km}^2)$ 8,876 sq mi (22,990 km²) Water 21 sq mi (50 km²) 0.2% Population (2020) 9,080 Total Density 1.0/sq mi (0.39/km²) UTC-8 (Pacific) Time zone

• Summer (DST)

Website

Congressional district



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Timber Creek in the Schell □ Creek Range







1,721 -35.8% 1,961 13.9% 7,441 279.4% 8,935 20.1% 11,771 31.7% 1940 12,377 5.1% 1950 9,424 -23.9% 9,808 4.1% 10,150 3.5% 8,167 -19.5% 1990 9,264 13.4%

9,181 -0.9% **2010** 10,030 9.2% 2020 9,080 -9.5% U.S. Decennial Census^[6] 1790-1960^[7] 1900-1990^[8] 1990-2000^[9] 2010-2018^[1] The population density was 1.1 inhabitants per square mile (0.42/km²). There were 4,498 housing units at an average density of 0.5 per square mile

Steam excursion train at the East Ely depot

