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Eureka County, Nevada

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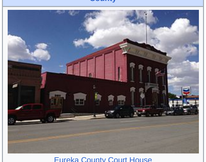
Coordinates: 39.98°N 116.27°W

Eureka County is a county in the U.S. state of Nevada. As of the 2020 census, the population was 1,855,[1] making it the second-least populous county in Nevada. Its county seat is Eureka.[2]

Eureka County is part of the Elko Micropolitan Statistical Area.

Eureka County
County



Eureka County Court House

Location within the U.S. state of Nevada

Nevada's location within the U.S.
Coordinates: 39°59'N 116°16'W

Country	United States
State	Nevada
Founded	1873; 150 years ago
Named for	Eureka
Seat	Eureka
Largest city	Eureka
Area	
• **Total**	4,180 sq mi (10,800 km²)
• **Land**	4,176 sq mi (10,820 km²)
• **Water**	4.3 sq mi (11 km²) 0.1%
Population (2020)	
• **Total**	1,855
• **Density**	0.44/sq mi (0.17/km²)
Time zone	UTC−8 (Pacific)
• **Summer** (DST)	UTC−7 (PDT)
Congressional district	2nd
Website	co.eureka.nv.us

History [edit]

Eureka County was established in 1873 and formed from Lander County after silver was discovered more than 100 miles (160 km) east of Austin. The new mining camp's residents complained Austin was too far to go for county business and a new county was created. It was named for the ancient Greek term, *Eureka*, meaning, "I have found it."[3] This term was used earlier in California and other locations. Eureka has always been the county seat.

Geography [edit]

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has an area of 4,180 square miles (10,800 km²), of which 4,176 square miles (10,820 km²) is land and 4.3 square miles (11 km²) (0.1%) is water.[4]

The county's highest point is the 10,631 ft (3240 m) summit of Diamond Peak in the Diamond Mountains along the border with White Pine County.[5]

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Elko County - northeast
- White Pine County - east
- Nye County - south
- Lander County - west

National protected area [edit]

- Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (part)

Major highways [edit]

- Interstate 80
- U.S. Route 50
- State Route 278
- State Route 306
- State Route 766
- State Route 781

Demographics [edit]

2000 census [edit]

At the 2000 census there were 1,651 people, 666 households, and 440 families living in the county. The population density was 0.39 people per square mile (0.15/km²). There were 1,025 housing units at an average density of 0.25 per square mile (0.09/km²).[11] Of the 666 households 33.00% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 56.50% were married couples living together, 5.00% had a female householder with no husband present, and 33.90% were non-families. 29.10% of households were one person and 9.90% were one person aged 65 or older. The average household size was 2.47 and the average family size was 3.08.

The age distribution was 27.80% under the age of 18, 5.20% from 18 to 24, 28.60% from 25 to 44, 25.90% from 45 to 64, and 12.40% 65 or older. The median age was 38 years. For every 100 females, there were 106.60 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 113.20 males.

The county's median household income was $41,417, and the median family income was $49,438. Males had a median income of $45,167 versus $25,000 for females. The county's per capita income was $18,629. 12.60% of the population and 8.90% of families were below the poverty line. Out of the people living in poverty, 11.70% are under the age of 18 and 16.40% are 65 or older.

HVAC transmission towers crossing Crescent Valley east of State Route 306

2010 census [edit]

At the 2010 census, there were 1,987 people, 836 households, and 495 families living in the county.[12] The population density was 0.5 inhabitants per square mile (0.19/km²). There were 1,076 housing units at an average density of 0.3 per square mile (0.12/km²).[13] The racial makeup of the county was 89.3% white, 2.4% American Indian, 0.9% Asian, 0.1% black or African American, 5.1% from other races, and 2.2% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 12.0% of the population.[12] In terms of ancestry, 43.3% were American, 14.8% were German, 11.4% were Irish, 7.3% were English, and 6.9% were Italian.[14]

Of the 836 households, 27.3% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 51.6% were married couples living together, 4.2% had a female householder with no husband present, 40.8% were non-families, and 33.0% of households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.38 and the average family size was 3.07. The median age was 42.4 years.[12]

The median household income was $61,400 and the median family income was $75,179. Males had a median income of $54,625 versus $42,321 for females. The per capita income for the county was $30,306. About 9.9% of families and 16.2% of the population were below the poverty line, including 23.6% of those under age 18 and 13.9% of those age 65 or over.[15]

Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1880	7,086	—
1890	3,275	−53.8%
1900	1,954	−40.3%
1910	1,830	−6.3%
1920	1,350	−26.2%
1930	1,333	−1.3%
1940	1,361	2.1%
1950	896	−34.2%
1960	767	−14.4%
1970	948	23.6%
1980	1,198	26.4%
1990	1,547	29.1%
2000	1,651	6.7%
2010	1,987	20.4%
2020	1,855	−6.6%

U.S. Decennial Census[6]
1790-1960[7] 1900-1990[8]
1990-2000[9] 2010-2018[1]

Communities [edit]

There are no incorporated places in Eureka County.

Census-designated places [edit]

- Crescent Valley
- Eureka (county seat)

Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Beowawe
- Palisade
- Primeaux

Ghost towns [edit]

- Alpha
- Ruby Hill

Politics [edit]

Background

Eureka County is heavily Republican. This does not, however, have a large effect on elections in the state due to the fact that the majority of Nevada's population live in Clark County and Washoe County.

Summary Of Political Climate

Eureka County is strongly Republican; the last time they voted for a Democratic candidate was in 1964, and the last time a Democratic candidate recorded a quarter of the county's vote was in 1988. The last time a Republican candidate failed to receive a majority of the county's vote was in 1992, when the vote was somewhat split when independent candidate Ross Perot recorded approximately a third of the county's vote.

In 2016, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton received only 8.67% of the vote. In 2020, Donald Trump received nearly 90% of the vote in Eureka County, despite his statewide defeat in Nevada.

United States presidential election results for Eureka County, Nevada[16]
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Year	Republican		Democratic		Third party	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2020	895	**88.00%**	105	10.32%	17	1.67%
2016	723	**84.66%**	74	8.67%	57	6.67%
2012	663	**82.05%**	107	13.24%	38	4.70%
2008	564	**75.70%**	144	19.33%	37	4.97%
2004	571	**77.37%**	144	19.51%	23	3.12%
2000	632	**75.51%**	150	17.92%	55	6.57%
1996	412	**59.88%**	158	22.97%	118	17.15%
1992	330	**47.83%**	129	18.70%	231	33.48%
1988	413	**70.96%**	151	25.95%	18	3.09%
1984	439	**75.95%**	124	21.45%	15	2.60%
1980	430	**76.24%**	103	18.26%	31	5.50%
1976	272	**58.24%**	163	34.90%	32	6.85%
1972	371	**72.75%**	139	27.25%	0	0.00%
1968	277	**56.53%**	149	30.41%	64	13.06%
1964	243	46.02%	285	**53.98%**	0	0.00%
1960	239	**51.73%**	223	48.27%	0	0.00%
1956	330	**64.33%**	183	35.67%	0	0.00%
1952	379	**70.71%**	157	29.29%	0	0.00%
1948	312	**51.74%**	278	46.10%	13	2.16%
1944	317	**59.36%**	217	40.64%	0	0.00%
1940	284	44.58%	353	**55.42%**	0	0.00%
1936	180	31.25%	396	**68.75%**	0	0.00%
1932	136	26.10%	385	**73.90%**	0	0.00%
1928	251	49.02%	261	**50.98%**	0	0.00%
1924	209	**50.00%**	94	22.49%	115	27.51%
1920	313	**63.75%**	157	31.98%	21	4.28%
1916	239	45.96%	263	**50.58%**	18	3.46%
1912	70	16.51%	209	**49.29%**	145	34.20%
1908	224	**46.57%**	218	45.32%	39	8.11%
1904	235	**62.50%**	107	28.46%	34	9.04%

See also [edit]

- National Register of Historic Places listings in Eureka County, Nevada
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External links [edit]

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- Eureka Branch Library

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