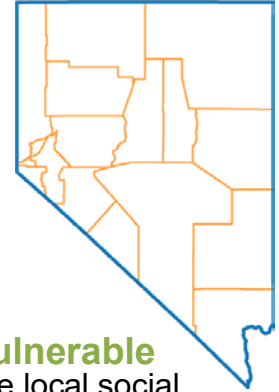


# We Are Counties



## Nevada Counties Provide:

Nevada's counties are directly responsible for providing over 20% of the State's Medicaid budget. Counties also fund care for Medicaid patients in over 85% of the State's free-standing nursing homes.

### Services to Our Most Vulnerable

In many ways counties are the local social safety net for Nevadans in need. All counties support or provide human services including senior services, child protective services, and services to the homeless. Counties also support health care to the indigent and county hospitals that provide emergency and trauma care, clinical services, and cancer and cardiac care. Collectively Nevada's counties invest more than **\$993 million** in health, human services and hospitals.

### Emergency Response & Public Health

Nevada's counties will continue to coordinate the local emergency response to COVID-19 including standing up facilities for quarantine, working to protect the homeless and supporting local health districts and the State with testing and contact tracing. During any pandemic or emergency it is counties who coordinate regional emergency response including police, fire and EMS.

### Transportation

Counties in Nevada maintain nearly **75 percent** of the state's roads. They also operate or help fund many of the state's transit and paratransit systems and help administer **19** of Nevada's 49 airports.

Counties provide basic public infrastructure including sewer, water, wastewater, and flood control systems.

Clark County operates our State's largest public hospital: UMC; as well as the McCarran International Airport, which served a record 51 million passengers in 2019.

### Justice & Public Safety

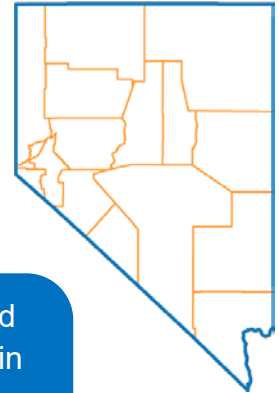
Counties keep communities safe by providing law enforcement, 911 systems and county detention facilities. District and justice courts, district attorneys, public defenders, court clerks, and coroners are all provided by counties.

### Employment

Counties are an important part of our State's economy, employing nearly **23,000** Nevadans statewide.



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## Community Services

Counties provide vital services to all Nevadans, from issuing birth certificates and marriage licenses to providing meals to seniors. Counties also build and maintain parks, swimming pools, libraries, and community centers. In 2019 they invested over **\$384.9 million** statewide in building and maintaining parks and recreational facilities. These county services ensure healthy, safe and vibrant communities for Nevada's residents and businesses.

Washoe County invested over 12.3 million dollars in 2019 to construct and maintain parks and open space.

In Mineral County, 80.7 percent of land is PILT entitlement land and with total tax revenues of just \$10,339,966 in 2019, the county provides all county services including those on public lands.

## Public Lands & Recreation

Nevada is the state with the largest percentage of public land in the country, and counties provide important public services on BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands including maintaining roads, providing law enforcement and emergency medical response, and creating local land use plans in accordance with FLPMA.

## Fund & Conduct Elections

Counties are responsible for running elections, including presidential, state and local contests. Counties in Nevada fund and oversee over **1,000** polling places and coordinate nearly **4,500** poll workers each election cycle.

Nevada's 17 counties range in population from 982 residents in Esmeralda County to 2.3 million people in Clark County. The largest Nevada county is over 18,000 square miles, and the smallest is 157 square miles. While many residents live in urban areas, where hospitality and business services lead Nevada's economy. Rural counties contribute to the state's economy through mining, manufacturing, ranching and agriculture.

